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OHL Season Preview

Guelph leads our preseason ranking after a busy summer of additions. This edition covers all 20 OHL clubs, with team outlooks, goaltending questions and 60 player spotlights for the season ahead.

20 teams • 60 player spotlights • Season opens September 17

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The updated league forecast

Guelph has the strongest collection of established OHL scoring in this snapshot. Peterborough, the Soo, Kingston, London and Ottawa form a competitive next group. The order is less certain than a numbered table suggests: several clubs have unresolved returners, and a preseason list can include players who will start elsewhere.

Eastern Conference

Projected rank	Team	Last season points
1	Peterborough Petes	84
2	Kingston Frontenacs	71
3	Ottawa 67's	100
4	Sudbury Wolves	56
5	North Bay Battalion	80
6	Niagara IceDogs	70
7	Barrie Colts	99
8	Oshawa Generals	42
9	Brantford Bulldogs	106
10	Brampton Steelheads	48

Western Conference

Projected rank	Team	Last season points
1	Guelph Storm	61
2	Soo Greyhounds	84
3	London Knights	85
4	Saginaw Spirit	60
5	Flint Firebirds	95
6	Owen Sound Attack	63
7	Kitchener Rangers	101
8	Windsor Spitfires	97
9	Erie Otters	45
10	Sarnia Sting	51

Projected order is a roster-based comparison, not a points forecast or official playoff seeding. Last season points are historical, not projected. Division-winner seeding rules are not applied.

Guelph Storm

League rank	Conference rank	Last season points
1	1	61

Forecast

Projected 1 of 10 in the Western Conference and 1 of 20 overall. The depth of established OHL scoring is the strongest part of Guelph's case. Its leading position survives the alternative availability scenario, although turning a busy summer into a cohesive team remains the on-ice test.

How the team is taking shape

Guelph has assembled an experienced attack around arrivals Ryan Roobroeck, Owen Griffin and Ethan Czata. Tyler Hopkins, Illia Shybinskyi and Jaakko Wycisk add further established production. The immediate task is finding combinations that make use of that depth, with several forwards capable of earning important minutes.

Goaltending outlook

Zach Jovanovski brings a 52-game season, while Ben Hrebik arrives from Barrie after choosing to continue in the OHL. Colin Ellsworth also appears in the preseason group. Experience is a strength here; the division of starts and the support in front of them will determine how much it helps.

Players to know

Player and 2025-26 OHL record	Current evidence
Ryan Roobroeck LW 49 GP 58 PTS	Published preseason roster
Owen Griffin C 66 GP 67 PTS	Published preseason roster
Zach Jovanovski G 52 GP	Published preseason roster

Roster changes

Roobroeck and Czata arrived from Niagara, Griffin from Oshawa and Hrebik from Barrie. Declan McNally went to Barrie in August. These moves give the Storm a substantially different group to bring together.

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Three players to watch

1 Ryan Roobroeck

A scoring threat changes the balance

In 2025-26, Roobroeck recorded 30 goals and 28 assists for 58 points in 49 OHL games. Guelph acquired Roobroeck from Niagara in June, giving its forward group a player who already knows how to finish chances in this league. Ten of his goals came on the power play, making his place in the new special-teams combinations particularly interesting. The Storm have several established scorers to accommodate. Watch whether Roobroeck's arrival helps them create a second dangerous unit as well as a strong first one.

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2 Owen Griffin

The new arrival who can connect the attack

In 2025-26, Griffin recorded 25 goals and 42 assists for 67 points in 66 OHL games. Griffin moves from Oshawa to a Guelph roster with several productive forwards arriving together. His 42 assists offer a useful starting point for understanding the fit: he has already contributed as a creator as well as a scorer. The Columbus draft pick does not need to carry every possession himself here. Finding combinations that use that passing production without reducing his own scoring threat will be an early storyline.

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3 Zach Jovanovski

A familiar goalie faces a new competition

In 2025-26, Jovanovski made 52 OHL appearances with a .890 save percentage. Jovanovski's workload gives him experience of the difficult nights as well as the good ones. Guelph now has Ben Hrebik in its preseason group, so last year's number of appearances should not be read as a promise of this year's starts. The Carolina draft pick has an opportunity to improve within a stronger-looking team. Follow how the coaches divide the crease and whether his consistency improves when the schedule becomes demanding.

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Peterborough Petes

League rank	Conference rank	Last season points
2	1	84

Forecast

Projected 1 of 10 in the Eastern Conference and 2 of 20 overall. The current forward group places Peterborough near the top of this forecast. Goaltending development and Novotny's availability create enough uncertainty that the ranking should be read as an optimistic preseason position.

How the team is taking shape

Cooper Dennis joins a forward group that includes Aiden Young, Adam Levac and Leon Kolarik. Adam Novotny's return after NHL camp remains an important question. The Petes have considerable scoring experience available, but the combinations and responsibilities will look different after the offseason changes.

Goaltending outlook

Easton Rye's departure leaves an opening. Masen Johnston has 12 prior OHL appearances, with Luka Gelinas and Owen Nelson also on the preseason list. The forwards offer a stronger established record than the crease, making the first sustained run of starts particularly worth following.

Players to know

Player and 2025-26 OHL record	Current evidence
Cooper Dennis RW 68 GP 74 PTS	Published preseason roster
Aiden Young C 62 GP 58 PTS	Published preseason roster
Masen Johnston G 12 GP	Published preseason roster

Roster changes

Peterborough acquired Dennis from Brantford in exchange for Kaden McGregor, then added defenceman Jacob Xu from London in September. The club now has a more experienced scorer up front and another defensive option.

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Three players to watch

1 Cooper Dennis

The scorer acquired for the next push

In 2025-26, Dennis recorded 34 goals and 40 assists for 74 points in 68 OHL games. Peterborough sent Kaden McGregor to Brantford in the deal that brought Dennis to the Petes. That is a clear exchange of a younger prospect for an established OHL scorer. Only six of Dennis's 74 points came on the power play in the historical table, making his contribution outside that unit especially relevant. The Petes need that production to travel with him as they build new combinations around their returning forwards.

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2 Aiden Young

A returning forward with more to give

In 2025-26, Young recorded 23 goals and 35 assists for 58 points in 62 OHL games. Young gives Peterborough continuity alongside the arrival of Cooper Dennis. His scoring was spread between goals and assists, with seven goals on the power play providing another route into important minutes. The former Saginaw first-round selection now has a substantial OHL season to build on. Watch whether he becomes a more frequent creator when games are tight and whether his partnership with new teammates holds up against stronger opposition.

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3 Masen Johnston

A hometown opportunity in the crease

In 2025-26, Johnston made 12 OHL appearances. The departure of Easton Rye creates a different opportunity for the Peterborough native. Johnston has played enough to know the league, but his previous workload offers only a limited guide to a starting season. Luka Gelinas and Owen Nelson also appear in the preseason group. For Johnston, the meaningful early signs will be earning consecutive starts, responding after difficult outings and giving the Petes dependable minutes while the coaching staff settles its plans.

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Soo Greyhounds

League rank	Conference rank	Last season points
3	2	84

Forecast

Projected 2 of 10 in the Western Conference and 3 of 20 overall. Returning scoring supports a high position, but the crease is less settled than that ranking might suggest. Reliable goaltending would help the Hounds turn their forward depth into a strong regular season.

How the team is taking shape

Quinn McKenzie, Travis Hayes, Jordan Charron and Jeremy Martin give the Soo several returning sources of offence. The departures of Brady Martin and Chase Reid leave important work to redistribute. The Hounds have experienced forwards to help carry that transition, rather than relying entirely on newcomers.

Goaltending outlook

Carter George is moving to the AHL. David Vermirovsky arrives from Czech junior hockey, while Landon Miller and William Camputaro also appear on the preseason list. The club has different options to assess; establishing a dependable rotation is one of its main early tasks.

Players to know

Player and 2025-26 OHL record	Current evidence
Quinn McKenzie C 65 GP 51 PTS	Published preseason roster
Travis Hayes RW 63 GP 40 PTS	Published preseason roster
David Vermirovsky G	Published preseason roster

Roster changes

The Greyhounds acquired veteran defenceman Lukas Moore from Kingston on September 8. Drew Bannister returns as head coach, giving the club a familiar figure behind the bench as it adjusts after last season's playoff push.

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Three players to watch

1 Quinn McKenzie

An arrival who quickly became a contributor

In 2025-26, McKenzie recorded 21 goals and 30 assists for 51 points in 65 OHL games. McKenzie appears on the Soo roster as a 2025 free-agent addition, and his first substantial OHL record already offers both goals and assists. New Jersey selected him in the seventh round of the 2026 NHL Draft. With established forwards leaving the Hounds, that production becomes more valuable. Watch how much of the attack now runs through him and whether he can sustain his contribution while opponents give him greater attention.

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2 Travis Hayes

More responsibility after the playoff push

In 2025-26, Hayes recorded 16 goals and 24 assists for 40 points in 63 OHL games. Hayes returns to a Soo forward group with important minutes available. The Pittsburgh draft pick produced most of his points outside the power play, which makes his everyday contribution worth following as new combinations form. A larger role could bring more opportunity, but it also brings tougher assignments. The next step is to make his influence visible throughout a game, including stretches when the Greyhounds are protecting a lead or chasing one.

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3 David Vermirovsky

A Czech goalie begins his OHL test

Vermirovsky posted a .904 save percentage in 27 regular-season games with Dynamo Pardubice U20 in 2025-26. The Greyhounds selected the Pardubice native in the first round of the 2026 Import Draft. His Czech junior record gives the club something to evaluate, but a different league brings different traffic, shooters and travel. Landon Miller and William Camputaro also appear in the preseason group. Vermirovsky's opening weeks will show how quickly he adjusts and how much responsibility the coaches are prepared to give him as the crease takes shape.

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Kingston Frontenacs

League rank	Conference rank	Last season points
4	2	71

Forecast

Projected 2 of 10 in the Eastern Conference and 4 of 20 overall. Kingston's mix of returning scoring and experienced goaltending supports a competitive Eastern Conference outlook. Progress from the younger forwards could help the Frontenacs move beyond last season's first-round exit.

How the team is taking shape

Alex McLean, Nolan Snyder and Aleks Kulemin provide younger scoring options around an experienced group. Kingston has explicitly confirmed the returns of overagers Vann Williamson, Landon Wright and Tomas Pobezal. That mix gives the Frontenacs a stronger foundation than older college-departure labels suggested.

Goaltending outlook

Gavin Betts and Matthew Minchak bring substantial OHL experience back to the crease. Betts appeared in 43 games and Minchak in 30 last season. Kingston has a more familiar goalie picture than many rivals; the opportunity is to turn that continuity into more consistent team results.

Players to know

Player and 2025-26 OHL record	Current evidence
Alex McLean LW 57 GP 45 PTS	Published preseason roster
Nolan Snyder RW 68 GP 33 PTS	Published preseason roster
Gavin Betts G 43 GP	Published preseason roster

Roster changes

Kingston added Brody Cook from London on September 10 after moving Lukas Moore to the Soo two days earlier. Its confirmed overage returners are retained in this edition rather than treated as autumn college departures.

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Three players to watch

1 Alex McLean

A creator in a balanced forward group

In 2025-26, McLean recorded 11 goals and 34 assists for 45 points in 57 OHL games. McLean's 34 assists account for most of his scoring, giving Kingston a forward whose contribution extends beyond finishing chances. The former Guelph first-round pick is part of a group with several established options rather than a single obvious source of offence. Watch which combinations help him create regularly. If the Frontenacs spread their scoring across more than one line, his ability to keep teammates involved could become particularly useful.

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2 Nolan Snyder

A late-round pick earns a full-season role

In 2025-26, Snyder recorded 16 goals and 17 assists for 33 points in 68 OHL games. Kingston selected Snyder in the eighth round of the 2025 OHL draft, yet he went on to appear in all 68 regular-season games. That is a substantial first-year opportunity for the Pittsburgh native. His goals and assists were almost evenly divided, offering more than one route to a larger contribution. Watch whether another year of experience helps him turn that regular place in the lineup into more frequent scoring chances.

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3 Gavin Betts

A returning goalie with real experience

In 2025-26, Betts made 43 OHL appearances with a .905 save percentage. Betts gives Kingston a useful foundation in a league where many teams are changing their crease. Matthew Minchak is also back in the preseason group, so the Frontenacs have experience to share rather than one established option alone. Betts's next task is to sustain his level as opponents become more familiar with him. Watch how the workload develops and whether the tandem can help Kingston turn competitive games into a steadier stream of wins.

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London Knights

League rank	Conference rank	Last season points
5	3	85

Forecast

Projected 3 of 10 in the Western Conference and 5 of 20 overall. London combines substantial returning offence with a strong prior team record. Its position changes when uncertain returners elsewhere are included, so the early forecast leaves room for a crowded Western Conference race.

How the team is taking shape

Ryan Brown, Jaxon Cover and Henry Brzustewicz give London established offence at forward and defence. Carson Harmer's arrival changes the combinations just before opening night. The Knights have several useful attacking pieces; building balance around them matters as much as choosing the top line.

Goaltending outlook

Aleksei Medvedev enters with 36 appearances from last season and an opportunity created by Sebastian Gatto's move to college. Brian Cooke, Charlie Weiss and Kobe Nadalin are also listed in the preseason group. Medvedev's experience provides a starting point as the workload is established.

Players to know

Player and 2025-26 OHL record	Current evidence
Ryan Brown LW 67 GP 63 PTS	Published preseason roster
Henry Brzustewicz D 59 GP 54 PTS	Published preseason roster
Carson Harmer C 66 GP 44 PTS	September 13 trade

Roster changes

Harmer arrived from Saginaw on September 13 as Braidy Wassilyn went the other way. London also moved Jacob Xu to Peterborough, Brody Cook to Kingston and Linus Funck to Oshawa in September.

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Three players to watch

1 Ryan Brown

Production that gives London options

In 2025-26, Brown recorded 22 goals and 41 assists for 63 points in 67 OHL games. Brown's 41 assists and 26 power-play points make him an important part of London's returning attack. The Dallas draft pick is surrounded by several other forwards with substantial scoring records, which gives the Knights different ways to assemble their lines. The question is how effectively those pieces work together. Watch whether Brown continues to find productive combinations when opponents pressure the power play and force London to generate more at even strength.

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2 Henry Brzustewicz

A defenceman opponents must account for

In 2025-26, Brzustewicz recorded 19 goals and 35 assists for 54 points in 59 OHL games. Nineteen goals from the blue line give London an attacking dimension that many teams would welcome. Nine came on the power play, and Brzustewicz also recorded 231 shots. Those numbers explain why his offensive role matters without settling every part of his game. The Los Angeles first-round pick will be worth watching when the Knights need both a goal and sound defensive decisions from the same shift late in a close contest.

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3 Carson Harmer

A late trade opens a different role

In 2025-26, Harmer recorded 18 goals and 26 assists for 44 points in 66 OHL games. London acquired Harmer from Saginaw on September 13 in the exchange that sent Braidyn Wassilyn the other way. Harmer brings two full OHL seasons: 50 points as a rookie, followed by 44 last year. He is joining a team with established scoring options, so his eventual role is the interesting part. Watch where he fits in the opening combinations and whether London's approach helps him recover some of his earlier scoring pace.

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Ottawa 67's

League rank	Conference rank	Last season points
6	3	100

Forecast

Projected 3 of 10 in the Eastern Conference and 6 of 20 overall. Ottawa remains among the stronger projected clubs because of its prior results and returning production. Sustaining its defensive standard through the goalie transition is central to the case for another high finish.

How the team is taking shape

Nic Whitehead and Filip Ekberg give Ottawa established forward production, while Kohyn Eshkawkogan and Ondrej Ruml contribute from defence. Brock Chitaroni is another young player to follow. The challenge is sustaining the progress of a 100-point season while important roles change around that returning group.

Goaltending outlook

Ryder Fetterolf has moved on to college, giving Jaeden Nelson an opportunity for a larger role. Nelson posted a .915 save percentage across 29 appearances last season. Noah LaGambina is also listed. Ottawa has an experienced option, though the distribution of starts is changing.

Players to know

Player and 2025-26 OHL record	Current evidence
Nic Whitehead C 64 GP 63 PTS	Published preseason roster
Kohyn Eshkawkogan D 68 GP 53 PTS	Published preseason roster
Jaeden Nelson G 29 GP	Published preseason roster

Roster changes

Ottawa added Jaiden Newton from Barrie and sent Chase Petrova to Brantford during the summer. Fetterolf's departure is the most consequential change to the goalie picture following last season's strong defensive results.

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Three players to watch

1 Nic Whitehead

A familiar source of Ottawa offence

In 2025-26, Whitehead recorded 25 goals and 38 assists for 63 points in 64 OHL games. Whitehead gives Ottawa an established forward to build around after its 100-point season. His production included 22 power-play points, but there was substantial scoring away from that unit as well. That balance matters when the club is trying to sustain success through personnel changes. Watch whether he can keep creating against the stronger defensive attention that comes with a prominent role and help younger teammates become reliable contributors alongside him.

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2 Kohyn Eshkawkogan

The attack starts farther back

In 2025-26, Eshkawkogan recorded 8 goals and 45 assists for 53 points in 68 OHL games. Eshkawkogan supplied 45 assists while appearing in every regular-season game. His 24 power-play points show how much Ottawa already trusted him to contribute with the puck. A second strong season would give the 67's continuity in a demanding position while the rest of the roster changes. Watch the decisions before the assist: how he advances possession, handles pressure near the blue line and helps Ottawa keep an attack alive.

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3 Jaeden Nelson

The understudy gets a larger opening

In 2025-26, Nelson made 29 OHL appearances with a .915 save percentage. Ryder Fetterolf's move to college leaves Ottawa with a new starting-goalie question, and Nelson has a meaningful OHL record of his own. His previous results give the 67's a credible place to start, rather than a guarantee that a larger workload will look identical. The Nepean native will be worth following through back-to-back games and difficult road stretches, when maintaining his level over repeated appearances becomes especially important.

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Saginaw Spirit

League rank	Conference rank	Last season points
7	4	60

Forecast

Projected 4 of 10 in the Western Conference and 7 of 20 overall. Saginaw has enough returning offence to make improvement plausible. Klepov's status is a significant additional variable, while better support for the goalies would help convert that attacking potential into results.

How the team is taking shape

Dima Zhilkin and Levi Harper provide substantial returning production, and Braidy Wassilyn adds another established forward. Nikita Klepov's destination remains unresolved after signing with Anaheim. A return would materially improve the attack, but this edition does not count him as a confirmed member of the opening roster.

Goaltending outlook

Stepan Shurygin handled 59 games last season. Brady Knowling arrives from the US development program, offering another option with a different background. The early interest is in how Saginaw shares the work and whether it can give its goalies more consistent defensive support.

Players to know

Player and 2025-26 OHL record	Current evidence
Dima Zhilkin LW 59 GP 75 PTS	Published preseason roster
Levi Harper D 68 GP 57 PTS	Published preseason roster
Braidy Wassilyn LW 62 GP 46 PTS	September 13 trade

Roster changes

The Spirit acquired Wassilyn from London on September 13 in exchange for Carson Harmer and a draft pick. That transaction supersedes the older London preseason listing. Brendan Taylor takes over as head coach.

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Three players to watch

1 Dima Zhilkin

The scorer at the centre of the next step

In 2025-26, Zhilkin recorded 36 goals and 39 assists for 75 points in 59 OHL games. Zhilkin combined 36 goals with 39 assists and contributed 28 power-play points. That is a substantial attacking record for Saginaw to build around. The Spirit's captain also has a new forward to work with after the arrival of Braidy Wassilyn. Watch whether those options spread the opposition's attention or whether Zhilkin still has to drive too much himself. His ability to sustain production through that adjustment will help shape the season.

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2 Levi Harper

A rookie foundation worth building on

In 2025-26, Harper recorded 12 goals and 45 assists for 57 points in 68 OHL games. Harper recorded 45 assists and appeared in every regular-season game, giving Saginaw considerable production from a young defenceman. The league's preview identifies his season as a Spirit rookie-defenceman scoring record. Repeating the total is only one possible sign of progress. Watch whether he becomes more comfortable making decisions under pressure and whether the Spirit can turn his offensive involvement into longer stretches of possession without opening up chances the other way.

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3 Braidy Wassilyn

A fresh start just before opening night

In 2025-26, Wassilyn recorded 19 goals and 27 assists for 46 points in 62 OHL games. Saginaw acquired Wassilyn from London on September 13, giving the forward a new setting after his productive season with the Knights. The trade report notes that he began strongly in London, recording points in 11 of his first 14 games there. That is background, not a forecast of another immediate surge. His fit beside the Spirit's returning scorers is the story now: watch how quickly the new combinations become comfortable.

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Flint Firebirds

League rank	Conference rank	Last season points
8	5	95

Forecast

Projected 5 of 10 in the Western Conference and 8 of 20 overall. A strong prior season helps Flint's position, but the returning group must now handle different responsibilities. Lombardi's supporting cast and the new goalie arrangement will influence how much of that success carries forward.

How the team is taking shape

Jimmy Lombardi leads the established scoring group, with Darian Anderson providing another experienced forward. Luka Graziano, Dryden Allen and Rylan Fellingner bring returning work on defence. Flint is trying to maintain competitiveness while redistributing responsibility after significant roster turnover.

Goaltending outlook

Trenten Bennett arrives from Owen Sound, while Mason Courville, Peter Chlebowski and Liam Edgcumbe also appear on the preseason list. Bennett's college commitment is for 2027-28 according to the league's preview. The division of starts will be an important early indicator of Flint's plans.

Players to know

Player and 2025-26 OHL record	Current evidence
Jimmy Lombardi C 65 GP 72 PTS	Published preseason roster
Luka Graziano D 62 GP 24 PTS	Published preseason roster
Trenten Bennett G 27 GP	Published preseason roster

Roster changes

Flint added Bennett from Owen Sound and Nick Bogas from Sarnia, sending Landon Pickersgill the other way in the latter deal. The Firebirds also brought in Simon Belohorsky from Guelph during the summer.

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Three players to watch

1 Jimmy Lombardi

The returning scorer with a bigger burden

In 2025-26, Lombardi recorded 36 goals and 36 assists for 72 points in 65 OHL games. Lombardi's goals and assists were split evenly, making him a useful centre of attention for a Flint team replacing important contributors. The Los Angeles draft pick also produced nine power-play goals. His established offence gives the Firebirds a starting point, but he will need support as the lineup changes. Watch how the team distributes its chances around him and whether his production remains steady when opponents focus their strongest matchups on his line.

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2 Luka Graziano

A blue-line role with room to expand

In 2025-26, Graziano recorded 3 goals and 21 assists for 24 points in 62 OHL games. Graziano's 21 assists give Flint an experienced defender who has already contributed to the attack. Only six of his points came on the power play, so there is a broader body of work to follow than specialist minutes alone. The Toronto native now has another opportunity to establish himself as the roster changes. Watch whether he earns more responsibility moving the puck and can help new teammates settle into Flint's defensive structure.

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3 Trenten Bennett

A very different presence in Flint's crease

In 2025-26, Bennett made 27 OHL appearances. Bennett comes from Owen Sound as a New Jersey draft pick with previous OHL experience. The league's preview places his St. Lawrence commitment in 2027-28, an important distinction from a departure this autumn. At 6-foot-8, he will be easy to pick out; the useful question is how effectively he performs in a different team environment. Watch how he shares the workload with Flint's other preseason goalies and responds to repeated starts.

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Sudbury Wolves

League rank	Conference rank	Last season points
9	4	56

Forecast

Projected 4 of 10 in the Eastern Conference and 9 of 20 overall. Returning offence gives Sudbury a route toward improvement. The forecast remains more cautious than the forward totals alone because last season's team results and unsettled goaltending leave work to do.

How the team is taking shape

Jan Chovan and Adam Nemec give Sudbury productive attacking options, with Jean-Cristoph Lemieux and Rowan Henderson adding further experience. Tanner Adams arrives after his September trade from Brampton. The Wolves have scoring to work with, but need more consistent performances across the lineup.

Goaltending outlook

Paolo Frasca, Bjorn Bronas and Owen Leonard all bring previous OHL appearances. Frasca posted a .901 save percentage in his 18-game spell, according to the league's preview. After several goalies shared the crease last season, a steadier arrangement would help the Wolves.

Players to know

Player and 2025-26 OHL record	Current evidence
Jan Chovan C 60 GP 55 PTS	Published preseason roster
Adam Nemec LW 31 GP 35 PTS	Published preseason roster
Paolo Frasca G 18 GP	Published preseason roster

Roster changes

Sudbury acquired Tanner Adams, the third overall pick in the 2026 OHL draft, from Brampton on September 11. He adds a prominent young forward to a group already carrying several established scorers.

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Three players to watch

1 Jan Chovan

A power-play scorer with a wider challenge

In 2025-26, Chovan recorded 28 goals and 27 assists for 55 points in 60 OHL games. Sixteen of Chovan's 28 goals came on the power play, making special teams a major part of his contribution to Sudbury. The Los Angeles draft pick has already shown he can finish opportunities in this league. The next question is whether the Wolves can get more from his line at even strength as well. Watch how opponents defend his preferred opportunities and whether he finds productive answers when that first route is closed.

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2 Adam Nemec

A short season with substantial production

In 2025-26, Nemec recorded 14 goals and 21 assists for 35 points in 31 OHL games. Nemec produced more than a point per game in a 31-game OHL sample. That is an encouraging starting point, though a full season asks a different question from a shorter stretch. Nine of his 14 goals came on the power play, highlighting the importance of that role. The Ottawa draft pick will be worth following as Sudbury tries to turn its attacking talent into consistent results over the entire schedule.

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3 Paolo Frasca

A chance to settle a crowded crease

In 2025-26, Frasca made 18 OHL appearances. Frasca joined Sudbury during last season after playing in the BCHL, according to the league's preview. His OHL sample gives the Wolves something to work with after a year in which several goalies shared the position. It is still a limited basis for predicting a full workload. Watch whether he earns a consistent run of starts and whether Sudbury's defensive support allows him to establish a more dependable rhythm.

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Owen Sound Attack

League rank	Conference rank	Last season points
10	6	63

Forecast

Projected 6 of 10 in the Western Conference and 10 of 20 overall. The Attack have enough returning production to be competitive, with Leenders offering a potential source of stability. Their standing will depend on how effectively the new staff and roster turn those ingredients into a stronger overall game.

How the team is taking shape

Pierce Mbuyi, Harry Nansi and Cole Zurawski give Owen Sound several established scorers. John Banks contributes from defence. The Attack have a productive group to build around under new head coach Keenan Reynolds, with an opportunity to turn that offence into more consistent results.

Goaltending outlook

Ryerson Leenders arrives from Brantford with extensive OHL experience, and Maksim Corovic followed in a separate September trade. Matthew Koprowski is also listed. Leenders offers the longest record; the new group still needs to establish its workload and defensive relationships.

Players to know

Player and 2025-26 OHL record	Current evidence
Pierce Mbuyi LW 68 GP 75 PTS	Published preseason roster
John Banks D 66 GP 43 PTS	Published preseason roster
Ryerson Leenders G 39 GP	Published preseason roster

Roster changes

The Attack acquired Corovic from Brantford on September 11 after adding Leenders earlier in the summer. Caden Taylor moved to Oshawa in August. The changes create a markedly different goalie group entering the season.

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Three players to watch

1 Pierce Mbuyi

A major threat when the Attack have an advantage

In 2025-26, Mbuyi recorded 32 goals and 43 assists for 75 points in 68 OHL games. Mbuyi scored 19 of his 32 goals on the power play. That makes him a central figure when Owen Sound gets an extra skater, and a player opponents must account for. The Pittsburgh draft pick also supplied 43 assists over a full season. Watch whether the Attack can preserve that special-teams threat while creating more chances in ordinary play, where a broader contribution would make him harder to contain.

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2 John Banks

A productive defender takes another turn

In 2025-26, Banks recorded 5 goals and 38 assists for 43 points in 66 OHL games. Banks arrived through Owen Sound's free-agent route and built a season featuring 38 assists. Twenty-four of his points came on the power play, giving the Attack another established contributor to that unit. The challenge is to build on the opportunity without measuring every shift by scoring alone. Watch his decisions when opponents pressure the blue line and whether his contribution helps Owen Sound maintain possession through more of the game.

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3 Ryerson Leenders

Experience arrives from a winning team

In 2025-26, Leenders made 39 OHL appearances with a .910 save percentage. Leenders moves from Brantford with a substantial OHL record and a chance to influence a different defensive environment. The league's preview credits him with 168 career regular-season appearances, so there is much more here than a brief promising sample. Owen Sound also added Maksim Corovic in September. Watch how those options fit together and whether Leenders can give the Attack consistency when games become untidy or the schedule grows congested.

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North Bay Battalion

League rank	Conference rank	Last season points
11	5	80

Forecast

Projected 5 of 10 in the Eastern Conference and 11 of 20 overall. The forecast places North Bay in the competitive middle of the Eastern field. Continued development from its younger scorers and a settled crease would improve the case for another productive season.

How the team is taking shape

Parker Vaughan, Kent Greer, Cam Warren and Ryder Carey are among North Bay's returning players with room for larger roles. Rene Van Bommel and Maximus Crete add experience. The Battalion are replacing several veteran forwards while asking their younger group to carry more of the attack.

Goaltending outlook

Mike McIvor returns for his overage season after an injury-interrupted campaign. Cole Vreugdenhil and several newer goalies also appear on the preseason list. North Bay has experience to start from, but the available names do not establish the final rotation.

Players to know

Player and 2025-26 OHL record	Current evidence
Parker Vaughan RW 68 GP 33 PTS	Published preseason roster
Kent Greer D 58 GP 33 PTS	Published preseason roster
Mike McIvor G 25 GP	Published preseason roster

Roster changes

North Bay added Van Bommel and Crete from London, plus Nikolas Rossetto from Brantford. Quinn Kipfer went to Brantford. The league's preview confirms departures including Ethan Procyszyn, Lirim Amidovski and Nick Wellenreiter.

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Three players to watch

1 Parker Vaughan

A returning forward ready for more

In 2025-26, Vaughan recorded 14 goals and 19 assists for 33 points in 68 OHL games. Vaughan appeared in every regular-season game, giving North Bay a player with a full year's experience to draw on as veteran forwards leave. His 160 shots suggest there were opportunities beyond the goals he finished, although more shots do not automatically mean a scoring breakthrough. Watch the quality of the chances he creates and whether greater responsibility helps him become a more regular source of offence for the Battalion.

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2 Kent Greer

Offence from an experienced young defender

In 2025-26, Greer recorded 10 goals and 23 assists for 33 points in 58 OHL games. Greer reached double figures in goals and added 23 assists, including a substantial contribution on the power play. That gives North Bay a defender with an existing attacking role as the club replaces experienced forwards. His value will also depend on how he manages the other direction of play. Watch whether he can remain involved offensively while helping the Battalion keep games under control when its new combinations are still developing.

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3 Mike Mclvor

A veteran chance to provide stability

In 2025-26, Mclvor made 25 OHL appearances. Mclvor returns for his overage season after an injury interrupted his previous campaign, according to the league's preview. North Bay's preseason list includes several other goalies, so the workload still needs to take shape. His experience gives the Battalion a useful starting point. The early question is whether he can establish a dependable run of appearances and help a changing lineup manage the close games that often decide a playoff race.

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Kitchener Rangers

League rank	Conference rank	Last season points
12	7	101

Forecast

Projected 7 of 10 in the Western Conference and 12 of 20 overall. Last season's results support the forecast, but the returning production is much thinner. Kitchener's position reflects the size of the transition rather than assuming the championship group is coming back intact.

How the team is taking shape

Tanner Lam, Cameron Arquette and Luca Romano become more prominent after the championship roster's turnover. Alexander Bilecki is a defender to follow as experienced teammates leave. Kitchener has established contributors to build around, but considerably different responsibilities to distribute.

Goaltending outlook

Christian Kirsch has moved on, opening the way for Jason Schaubel to seek a larger role. Schaubel made 28 appearances last season. Mason Hriczov and Owen Bresson also appear in the preseason group, with the eventual allocation of starts still to develop.

Players to know

Player and 2025-26 OHL record	Current evidence
Tanner Lam RW 67 GP 48 PTS	Published preseason roster
Alexander Bilecki LD 66 GP 29 PTS	Published preseason roster
Jason Schaubel G 28 GP	Published preseason roster

Roster changes

Departures include Sam O'Reilly, Jack Pridham, Dylan Edwards, Christian Humphreys, Cam Reid and Matthew Andonovski. Jeff Kyrzakos becomes head coach after Jussi Ahokas's move to the AHL. This is a substantial transition after a championship season.

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Three players to watch

1 Tanner Lam

A returning scorer after the championship turnover

In 2025-26, Lam recorded 19 goals and 29 assists for 48 points in 67 OHL games. Lam is one of the forwards Kitchener can look to as it replaces several major contributors. His previous season combined 19 goals with 29 assists, offering a base for a larger role without requiring a completely new source of offence. The Brampton native will face different combinations and expectations. Watch whether he can keep producing when opponents give his line greater attention and fewer experienced teammates are available to share that burden.

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2 Alexander Bilecki

A young defender moves toward the foreground

In 2025-26, Bilecki recorded 9 goals and 20 assists for 29 points in 66 OHL games. Bilecki's nine goals and 20 assists came across nearly a full season. Toronto selected him in the second round of the 2026 NHL Draft, and Kitchener's blue-line departures create an immediate opportunity for more responsibility. The next step cannot be judged only by a higher points total. Watch how he handles longer stretches against strong forwards and whether his decisions with the puck help the Rangers establish their new rhythm.

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3 Jason Schaubel

The next opening in the Rangers' crease

In 2025-26, Schaubel made 28 OHL appearances with a .897 save percentage. Schaubel has already experienced a championship season from inside Kitchener's goalie group. With Christian Kirsch moving on, he now has a chance to make a larger role his own. His previous results are encouraging, but playing more often changes the demands of the position. Watch his response to consecutive starts and difficult nights, especially while a reorganized defence learns to work together in front of him early in the season.

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Windsor Spitfires

League rank	Conference rank	Last season points
13	8	97

Forecast

Projected 8 of 10 in the Western Conference and 13 of 20 overall. Windsor retains some productive players, but the turnover makes another high finish less straightforward. Development from the younger forwards and dependable goaltending are the clearest routes to exceeding this position.

How the team is taking shape

Anthony Cristoforo supplies established offence from defence, while Ethan Garden, Beksultan Makysh and Caden Harvey are forwards with room to become more prominent. Windsor is replacing familiar players and asking a younger group to establish its own sources of scoring.

Goaltending outlook

Michael Newlove has an opportunity for more work following Joey Costanzo's departure. His 23 appearances provide a useful introduction to the league, though a larger workload will be a new test. Jake Windbiel also appears on the preseason list.

Players to know

Player and 2025-26 OHL record	Current evidence
Anthony Cristoforo D 62 GP 62 PTS	Published preseason roster
Ethan Garden C 65 GP 41 PTS	Published preseason roster
Michael Newlove G 23 GP	Published preseason roster

Roster changes

The league's preview confirms that Jack Nesbitt, Ethan Belchetz, AJ Spellacy and Costanzo have moved on. Those changes leave important roles available throughout the lineup after Windsor's deep playoff run.

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Three players to watch

1 Anthony Cristoforo

An attacking anchor on the blue line

In 2025-26, Cristoforo recorded 22 goals and 40 assists for 62 points in 62 OHL games. Cristoforo reached a point per game while scoring 22 goals from defence. That is substantial offence for Windsor to retain as familiar forwards move on. Eight of his goals came on the power play, and his involvement there will be important as new combinations develop. Watch whether he can help younger teammates create without being asked to force the attack himself every time the Spitfires need a goal.

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2 Ethan Garden

A productive young forward inherits an opening

In 2025-26, Garden recorded 16 goals and 25 assists for 41 points in 65 OHL games. Garden gives Windsor a returning forward with a meaningful first OHL scoring record. His 16 goals and 25 assists provide a platform for greater responsibility as the club replaces important players. Being given more minutes does not automatically produce a larger total, particularly when the opposition's best defenders appear more often. Watch whether Garden keeps finding chances through that adjustment and helps the Spitfires establish a dependable new source of offence.

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3 Michael Newlove

A larger test after a year beside Costanzo

In 2025-26, Newlove made 23 OHL appearances. Joey Costanzo's departure changes the opportunity in Windsor's crease. Newlove has OHL experience, but a 23-game season is a different assignment from carrying the position over a longer schedule. The first overall selection in the 2024 OHL U18 draft now has room to establish a bigger role. Watch how his game holds up through consecutive appearances and whether he can help a younger lineup recover quickly after difficult periods.

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Erie Otters

League rank	Conference rank	Last season points
14	9	45

Forecast

Projected 9 of 10 in the Western Conference and 14 of 20 overall. Erie's previous results keep the ranking cautious, but returning scoring and Egorov's arrival offer reasons for improvement. Greater consistency in front of the crease would help turn those changes into a stronger season.

How the team is taking shape

Michael Dec gives Erie a proven scoring option, with Liam Beamish joining Mclean Agrette and the younger forwards. Lucas Ambrosio and Julius Saari provide returning experience on defence. The Otters need that combination to create a more competitive everyday team after a difficult season.

Goaltending outlook

David Egorov arrives from Brantford after a .920 save percentage over 29 appearances. He replaces experience lost with Noah Erliden's departure. Liam Karbowski and Vaughn Barr are also listed; Egorov's strong prior record will now be tested behind a different team.

Players to know

Player and 2025-26 OHL record	Current evidence
Michael Dec RW 62 GP 68 PTS	Published preseason roster
Lucas Ambrosio D 64 GP 20 PTS	Published preseason roster
David Egorov G 29 GP	Published preseason roster

Roster changes

Erie acquired Egorov from Brantford and Beamish from Sarnia. The club also announced the signing of defenceman Colton Cribari on September 14. The arrivals add options as the Otters rebuild their lineup.

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Three players to watch

1 Michael Dec

A late-round pick becomes an offensive reference point

In 2025-26, Dec recorded 28 goals and 40 assists for 68 points in 62 OHL games. Dec's historical total covers his season across Owen Sound and Erie, rather than his Otters games alone. That distinction matters when assessing what Erie already has. The former eighth-round pick gives the club a proven scorer after a difficult year in the standings. Watch whether his established production helps younger forwards settle into useful combinations and whether the Otters can create enough support to avoid depending on one line too heavily.

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2 Lucas Ambrosio

More responsibility behind a modest scoring total

In 2025-26, Ambrosio recorded 1 goals and 19 assists for 20 points in 64 OHL games. Ambrosio's 19 assists account for nearly all of his points, but the league's preview also describes an established special-teams role. Los Angeles selected him in the seventh round of the 2026 NHL Draft. His next season should be judged by more than whether the goal total rises. Watch how he handles important defensive shifts and whether he helps Erie move the puck out cleanly enough to spend less time defending.

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3 David Egorov

A strong record meets a new environment

In 2025-26, Egorov made 29 OHL appearances with a .920 save percentage. Erie acquired Egorov from Brantford to address a major change in goal. His previous numbers are strong, but they were earned behind a different team and should not be transferred unchanged into an Otters forecast. The Ottawa native brings experience and an opportunity for a larger role. Watch whether he can provide consistent minutes while Erie improves its defensive support and learns to turn competitive performances into points.

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Niagara IceDogs

League rank	Conference rank	Last season points
15	6	70

Forecast

Projected 6 of 10 in the Eastern Conference and 15 of 20 overall. Niagara's forecast reflects the loss of major scorers and the work of integrating their replacements. Progress from Edgar and reliable minutes in goal would help the IceDogs outperform that cautious starting position.

How the team is taking shape

Ryerson Edgar becomes a central returning scorer after Ryan Roobroeck and Ethan Czata moved to Guelph. Wil McFadden and Layne Gallacher bring experience in the other direction. The new group has opportunities to distribute, with younger forwards likely to be important to the team's progress.

Goaltending outlook

Vladislav Yermolenko brings a 45-game season and experience from Niagara's playoff series. Connor Haffner has been added to the group, with Alexander Beaupre also listed. Continuity from Yermolenko could help while the skaters and coaching staff establish new combinations.

Players to know

Player and 2025-26 OHL record	Current evidence
Ryerson Edgar C 64 GP 49 PTS	Published preseason roster
Wil McFadden C 62 GP 41 PTS	Published preseason roster
Vladislav Yermolenko G 45 GP	Published preseason roster

Roster changes

The Roobroeck and Czata trades changed the forward group substantially. Recent signings include Tobias Kramer, Miras Zhumabay and Haffner. Dale DeGray and Jake Grimes lead the new hockey-operations and coaching arrangement.

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Three players to watch

1 Ryerson Edgar

The young scorer at the heart of Niagara's reset

In 2025-26, Edgar recorded 23 goals and 26 assists for 49 points in 64 OHL games. Edgar already supplied 23 goals in a substantial first OHL season. With Ryan Roobroeck and Ethan Czata traded to Guelph, there is room for him to become more prominent in Niagara's attack. His earlier production is a useful foundation, not a guarantee of another leap. Watch how he responds when opponents concentrate on his line and whether the IceDogs' new arrivals help him create chances more consistently.

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2 Wil McFadden

An experienced arrival with a different opening

In 2025-26, McFadden recorded 11 goals and 30 assists for 41 points in 62 OHL games. McFadden comes from Guelph in the trade that sent Ryan Roobroeck the other way. His 30 assists make him an interesting addition to a Niagara team assembling new forward combinations. He has already contributed over a substantial OHL schedule, which should help as roles change around him. Watch whether a different opportunity brings more involvement in the attack and whether he can help Niagara's younger scorers find regular chances.

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3 Vladislav Yermolenko

A returning goalie with a season to build on

In 2025-26, Yermolenko made 45 OHL appearances with a .896 save percentage. Yermolenko appeared in 45 regular-season games, giving Niagara continuity at a position where many rivals are starting over. The league's preview also notes that he started all five playoff games. That experience matters as the IceDogs change personnel in front of him. Watch whether improved familiarity and support lead to a steadier run of performances, while Connor Haffner's arrival adds another name to the competition for minutes.

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Sarnia Sting

League rank	Conference rank	Last season points
16	10	51

Forecast

Projected 10 of 10 in the Western Conference and 16 of 20 overall. The roster contains more attacking potential than last season's record alone suggests. The ranking is sensitive to availability assumptions, while improvement in the crease would help the Sting turn development into a playoff challenge.

How the team is taking shape

Easton Walos, Alessandro Di Iorio and Matthew Manza give Sarnia young forwards with existing OHL production. Cole Emerton adds an attacking option on defence. The Sting have a foundation to develop, but need that experience to translate into more complete and consistent performances.

Goaltending outlook

Ivan Tkach Tkachenko arrives from Russian junior hockey as a new option in goal. Kale Osipenko brings 15 prior OHL appearances and David Healy is also listed. The adjustment to the league and the distribution of starts will shape the opening months.

Players to know

Player and 2025-26 OHL record	Current evidence
Easton Walos C 68 GP 48 PTS	Published preseason roster
Cole Emerton D 66 GP 31 PTS	Published preseason roster
Ivan Tkach Tkachenko G	Published preseason roster

Roster changes

Sarnia acquired Emerton from Barrie and Landon Pickersgill from Flint, with Nick Bogas moving to Flint. Liam Beamish went to Erie. These changes reshape the defence and leave room for returning forwards to take larger roles.

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Three players to watch

1 Easton Walos

A late-round selection becomes a scoring fixture

In 2025-26, Walos recorded 25 goals and 23 assists for 48 points in 68 OHL games. Sarnia selected Walos in the 11th round of the 2024 OHL draft. His subsequent 25-goal season gives the Sting a useful example of development turning into regular production. Seven goals came on the power play, while the full 68-game workload provides a substantial base for comparison. Watch whether he can maintain that availability and become a more frequent threat as opponents pay greater attention to Sarnia's returning scorers.

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2 Cole Emerton

A new defender with an established attacking role

In 2025-26, Emerton recorded 4 goals and 27 assists for 31 points in 66 OHL games. Sarnia acquired Emerton from Barrie during the offseason. His 27 assists and 18 power-play points explain why the Sting would see a way to improve their attack from the blue line. That existing role still has to find its place within new combinations. Watch how quickly he connects with Sarnia's forwards and whether the team can turn his involvement into sustained pressure rather than isolated scoring chances.

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3 Ivan Tkach Tkachenko

A new league and an open opportunity

Tkach Tkachenko recorded a .894 save percentage in 27 games with Ufa Tolpar in 2025-26. Sarnia's first-round selection in the 2026 Import Draft arrives as a Utah draft pick with experience in Russian junior hockey. Those credentials explain the interest, but the OHL will test him in a different setting. Kale Osipenko also brings league experience to the preseason group. Watch how the coaches distribute starts and whether Tkach Tkachenko can give the Sting the dependable goaltending that would help their young lineup progress.

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Profiles checked September 15 2026. Roles remain subject to roster changes.

Barrie Colts

League rank	Conference rank	Last season points
17	7	99

Forecast

Projected 7 of 10 in the Eastern Conference and 17 of 20 overall. This position is based on the current published group, not an assumption that all of last season's stars return. Unresolved player availability and development from the new arrivals could change Barrie's outlook materially.

How the team is taking shape

Luca Testa adds experience to a forward group that includes William Schneid and Eamon Edgar. Lucas Matheson and Declan McNally are young defenders to follow. The published preseason group contains much less established scoring than last season's team, making the redistribution of offence a central question.

Goaltending outlook

Arvin Jaswal brings 24 prior OHL appearances after Ben Hrebik's move to Guelph. Nico Armellin and Hagan Bach are also listed. The opening games should provide a clearer picture of how the Colts intend to share the crease and replace the departed experience.

Players to know

Player and 2025-26 OHL record	Current evidence
Luca Testa C 50 GP 26 PTS	Published preseason roster
Lucas Matheson D	Published preseason roster
Arvin Jaswal G 24 GP	Published preseason roster

Roster changes

Barrie acquired Testa from Brantford, McNally from Guelph and Anthony Figliomeni from Oshawa. Import forward Elias Matousek was signed on September 14. The recent additions broaden the choices available to the coaching staff.

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Three players to watch

1 Luca Testa

Experience joins a changing forward group

In 2025-26, Testa recorded 15 goals and 11 assists for 26 points in 50 OHL games. Barrie acquired Testa from Brantford in August, adding an overage forward to a group with several younger players. His 15 goals in a 50-game season give the Colts an existing scoring record to work with. The Grimsby native now gets a different opportunity as the team assembles its attack. Watch where he fits among the opening combinations and whether that experience helps new teammates become productive more quickly.

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2 Lucas Matheson

A local first-round pick begins the climb

Matheson was selected 17th overall by Barrie in the 2026 OHL Priority Selection and appears on its preseason defence list. The Barrie native enters a different stage of hockey with his hometown club. His draft position explains the attention, but it does not establish an OHL role or a scoring expectation. The Colts have a changing defensive group, which makes his early opportunities worth watching. Follow the kinds of shifts the coaches give him, how he handles pressure and whether his responsibilities grow as he becomes familiar with the league.

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3 Arvin Jaswal

A returning option after the goalie trade

In 2025-26, Jaswal made 24 OHL appearances. Ben Hrebik's move to Guelph creates an opening in Barrie's crease. Jaswal has a previous OHL workload to build on, while Nico Armellin and Hagan Bach also appear in the preseason group. The first task is to turn that experience into dependable performances over a longer stretch. Watch how the starts are shared and whether Jaswal can give a changing Colts lineup enough stability to work through its early adjustments.

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Profiles checked September 15 2026. Roles remain subject to roster changes.

Oshawa Generals

League rank	Conference rank	Last season points
18	8	42

Forecast

Projected 8 of 10 in the Eastern Conference and 18 of 20 overall. Oshawa's prior results and developing roster produce a cautious forecast. Rogowski's scoring, the new defensive additions and progress from the younger players offer the most direct route to improvement.

How the team is taking shape

Brooks Rogowski is an established attacking option around a developing forward group. Linus Funck adds league experience on defence, while first overall pick Kane Cloutier is a prominent newcomer. Oshawa needs its younger players to turn another year of preparation into a more consistent contribution.

Goaltending outlook

Jaden Cholette, Matthew Humphries and Cruz Reznik all appear on the preseason list. Humphries has experience within the organization after last season's move from Niagara. The group still has to establish a dependable rotation as the Generals work on the support in front of it.

Players to know

Player and 2025-26 OHL record	Current evidence
Brooks Rogowski C 46 GP 42 PTS	Published preseason roster
Linus Funck D 65 GP 22 PTS	Published preseason roster
Matthew Humphries G 25 GP	Published preseason roster

Roster changes

Oshawa acquired Funck from London and Caden Taylor from Owen Sound, while Anthony Figliomeni went to Barrie. Owen Griffin's earlier move to Guelph brought Mark Pape and Reznik into the organization.

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Three players to watch

1 Brooks Rogowski

A scorer with room for a fuller season

In 2025-26, Rogowski recorded 15 goals and 27 assists for 42 points in 46 OHL games. Rogowski came close to a point per game over 46 appearances, giving Oshawa a meaningful attacking record to build on. Vancouver selected the Brighton, Michigan native early in the second round of the 2026 NHL Draft. With younger forwards developing around him, his importance goes beyond producing a highlight. Watch whether he can sustain his contribution over a longer schedule and help the Generals create chances more regularly.

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2 Linus Funck

A late defensive addition brings league experience

In 2025-26, Funck recorded 4 goals and 18 assists for 22 points in 65 OHL games. Oshawa acquired Funck from London in September, adding a Colorado draft pick who already has a full OHL season behind him. His 18 assists offer a modest attacking contribution, but the immediate opportunity is broader than that total. A young Generals defence can use experience in ordinary shifts as well as special situations. Watch how he fits the new structure and whether his presence helps the group become more settled.

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3 Matthew Humphries

A familiar crease and a chance to establish himself

In 2025-26, Humphries made 25 OHL appearances. Humphries joined Oshawa from Niagara during last season, so his league-wide appearance total includes a brief spell with the IceDogs. A full year in one setting offers a different opportunity. Jaden Cholette and Cruz Reznik also appear in the preseason group, leaving the distribution of minutes to develop. Watch whether Humphries can turn familiarity with the organization into greater consistency as Oshawa's young lineup looks to improve.

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Profiles checked September 15 2026. Roles remain subject to roster changes.

Brantford Bulldogs

League rank	Conference rank	Last season points
19	9	106

Forecast

Projected 9 of 10 in the Eastern Conference and 19 of 20 overall. Brantford carries the largest gap between its prior results and the production visible in its present roster evidence. This low ranking is particularly provisional: the alternative returner scenario improves it, and unresolved high-impact names require continued attention.

How the team is taking shape

Kaden McGregor, Cullen McCrate and Matthew Hlacar are prominent additions to Brantford's changing group. McGregor's preseason preparation was interrupted by injury. The club has also made explicit junior and U18 assignments, so a preseason appearance should not be mistaken for a settled roster place.

Goaltending outlook

Chase Petrova and Vilmer Salen Forsberg appear in the current preseason group after several goalie transactions. Maksim Corovic was traded to Owen Sound on September 11. Brantford has far less established OHL experience in its published crease than last season's successful tandem provided.

Players to know

Player and 2025-26 OHL record	Current evidence
Kaden McGregor C 39 GP 20 PTS	Published preseason roster
Cullen McCrate D	Published preseason roster
Matthew Hlacar LW 51 GP 12 PTS	Published preseason roster

Roster changes

McGregor arrived in the Cooper Dennis deal; McCrate signed after his rights were acquired from Owen Sound; Hlacar joined as a free agent. Corovic's September trade and recent assignments supersede older camp reports.

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Three players to watch

1 Kaden McGregor

A first overall pick gets a new beginning

In 2025-26, McGregor recorded 7 goals and 13 assists for 20 points in 39 OHL games. Brantford acquired McGregor from Peterborough in the Cooper Dennis trade. The first overall pick in the 2025 OHL draft now has both experience and a different setting to work with. His opening preparation was interrupted by injury; the Bulldogs reported on September 3 that he had been cleared for contact. Watch how he settles into game action and whether his role grows as the club develops its new forward group.

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2 Cullen McCrate

A USHL foundation arrives on the blue line

McCrate recorded 10 goals and 20 assists for 30 points in 61 games with the USHL's Fargo Force in 2025-26. The Bulldogs acquired McCrate's rights from Owen Sound before signing him, and Boston selected him in the seventh round of the 2026 NHL Draft. His previous production comes from the USHL, so it should not be treated as an OHL scoring forecast. Brantford's camp report also documents his opportunity at Bruins camp. Watch how he adapts to his new league and whether the club gives him responsibility in several situations.

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3 Matthew Hlacar

A championship experience in a new room

In 2025-26, Hlacar recorded 6 goals and 6 assists for 12 points in 51 OHL games. Hlacar joins Brantford after winning OHL and Memorial Cup titles with Kitchener. His route included going undrafted to the OHL, earning his way through junior hockey and later being selected by Toronto in the NHL Draft. The Bulldogs are adding experience as well as a forward with room for a different role. Watch how much responsibility he receives and whether he can contribute more offensively while helping a younger group settle.

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Brampton Steelheads

League rank	Conference rank	Last season points
20	10	48

Forecast

Projected 10 of 10 in the Eastern Conference and 20 of 20 overall. The combination of last season's results and limited returning goalie experience keeps Brampton low in this forecast. That leaves room for progress if its younger forwards develop and the new crease settles quickly.

How the team is taking shape

Keaton Ardagh, Nathan Amidovski, Kieran Witkowski and Troy Patton give Brampton returning forwards with OHL experience. The challenge is building more regular offence around that group. Younger arrivals offer possibilities, but the development of established players will matter just as much.

Goaltending outlook

Oskari Ahmajarvi arrives from Finland after a strong U20 season. Neilan Johnson and Kennedy Keung also appear in the preseason group. With little established OHL goaltending in the published list, the early distribution of minutes and adjustment to the league will be important.

Players to know

Player and 2025-26 OHL record	Current evidence
Keaton Ardagh RW 64 GP 25 PTS	Published preseason roster
Nathan Amidovski LW 57 GP 30 PTS	Published preseason roster
Oskari Ahmajarvi G	Published preseason roster

Roster changes

Brampton traded Tanner Adams to Sudbury on September 11. Ahmajarvi was selected seventh overall in the Import Draft. The roster continues to change as the Steelheads develop a new group after missing the playoffs.

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Three players to watch

1 Keaton Ardagh

A full rookie workload creates a starting point

In 2025-26, Ardagh recorded 14 goals and 11 assists for 25 points in 64 OHL games. Ardagh was Brampton's first-round choice in the 2025 OHL draft and went on to play 64 games. Fourteen goals give the Steelheads something tangible to build on as they seek more offence. A second season will bring different expectations and potentially stronger opposition attention. Watch whether he becomes more involved throughout games and whether Brampton's new combinations help turn that first-year experience into a larger, steadier contribution.

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2 Nathan Amidovski

A returning forward with a balanced record

In 2025-26, Amidovski recorded 11 goals and 19 assists for 30 points in 57 OHL games. Amidovski's 11 goals and 19 assists give Brampton another player with established OHL production. The former Ottawa first-round pick does not have to make a spectacular leap to become useful in a growing lineup. More consistent chances and productive partnerships would matter too. Watch how his role develops alongside the Steelheads' younger forwards and whether the team can spread its scoring well enough to make opponents defend more than one line.

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3 Oskari Ahmajarvi

A Finnish arrival takes on a different challenge

Ahmajarvi posted a .910 save percentage and 2.34 goals-against average in 29 games for Kiekko-Espoo U20 in 2025-26. Brampton selected Ahmajarvi seventh overall in the 2026 Import Draft. His Finnish junior results offer a promising background, while his first OHL season will provide a more relevant measure of the fit. The Steelheads need dependable minutes in goal as their young skaters develop. Watch how quickly he adjusts to different shooters and traffic and whether he can help the team stay competitive through the difficult stretches of its schedule.

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What the rankings mean

What the ranking measures

The existing OHL strength index is updated with September 15 roster evidence. It combines prior team points percentage (25%), weighted prior OHL skater points (50%), weighted prior OHL goalie appearances (15%) and a newcomer count (10%). Each input is standardized across the 20 teams before combining. These weights describe an editorial model, not validated probabilities of a final finish.

How availability enters

Published players receive an evidence weight of 0.90, or 0.65 for 2006-born overagers. Combined overage weight is capped at three per team; goalie experience is capped at 68 appearances per team. Five unresolved conflicts between older departure records and current roster listings receive 0.50. Adam Novotny also receives 0.50 because his return is explicitly uncertain. Hrebik, Bennett, Williamson and Wright are restored using newer official evidence.

What remains uncertain

The main ranking uses the current published group, corrected for the London-Saginaw trade and verified Brantford assignments. Other missing players are not declared departed. A second calculation adds earlier, unconfirmed return candidates at no more than half weight. It is a sensitivity check, not a confidence interval. Brantford moves from 19th to 15th in that scenario; other clubs move as competitors gain players.

Limits and source dates

This edition captures 595 published preseason player entries across 20 teams. Club reports supersede those listings when a later transaction is clear. The OHL trade tracker was updated September 14; individual reports and team previews were checked September 15. Historical totals come from the saved 2025-26 OHL tables. The newcomer measure does not translate production from other leagues, and goalie appearances measure experience rather than shot-stopping quality.

Reading the player pages

Historical statistics are labelled by season and league. A goalie who appears in a preseason group is not automatically the starter. Most OHL totals are league-wide, so a traded player may have earned them with another club. Michael Dec's 68 points include both Owen Sound and Erie. The spotlights identify stories to follow, rather than promising a particular role or breakout.

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