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# 2021-22 ROSTER



## 2 SAMUEL MAYER

**Position:** D

**Shoots:** L

**H:** 6.02 | **W:** 190

**DOB:** 2003-04-15

L'Original, ON

**Draft:** OHL - PBO

(2020-U18) Round: 1  
(#15)



## 3 STEVIE LESKOVAR

**Position:** D

**Shoots:** L

**H:** 6.03 | **W:** 183

**DOB:** 2004-09-09

Cambridge, ON

**Draft:** OHL - PBO

(2020) Round: 5 (#95)



## 6 KONNOR SMITH

**Position:** D

**Shoots:** L

**H:** 6.04 | **W:** 205

**DOB:** 2004-11-06

Windsor, ON

**Draft:** OHL - PBO

(2020) Round: 9  
(#175)



## 7 SHAWN SPEARING

**Position:** D

**Shoots:** L

**H:** 6.02 | **W:** 189

**DOB:** 2002-07-26

Toronto, ON

**Draft:** OHL - PBO

(2018) Round: 4 (#75)



## 8 RYAN GAGNER

**Position:** C

**Shoots:** L

**H:** 5.09 | **W:** 145

**DOB:** 2004-04-08

Chatham, ON

**Draft:** OHL - PBO

(2020) Round: 6  
(#115)



## 9 BRIAN ZANETTI

**Position:** D

**Shoots:** L

**H:** 6.02 | **W:** 183

**DOB:** 2003-03-15

Lugano, Switzerland

**OHL:** PBO (2020 - Import)

Round: 4 (#35)

**NHL:** PHI (2021) Round:  
4 (#110)





**10 J.R. AVON**

**Position:** C

**Shoots:** L

**H:** 6.00 | **W:** 181

**DOB:** 2003-07-04

Selwyn, ON

**OHL:** PBO (2019)

Round: 1 (#11)

**NHL:** PHI (2019) Free  
Agent



**11 JUSTIN DeZOETE**

**Position:** RW

**Shoots:** L

**H:** 6.00 | **W:** 178

**DOB:** 2004-01-02

Hamilton, ON

**Draft:** OHL - PBO

(2020) Round: 2 (#35)



**12 JOSH KAVANAGH**

**Position:** D

**Shoots:** R

**H:** 6.00 | **W:** 177

**DOB:** 2003-05-06

Hanmer, ON

**Draft:** OHL - PBO

(2019) Round: 5 (#93)



**14 JOE CARROLL**

**Position:** LW

**Shoots:** L

**H:** 6.03 | **W:** 192

**DOB:** 2001-02-01

Carp, ON

**Draft:** OHL - SOO

(2017) Round: 4 (#78)



**15 KEEGAN McMULLEN**

**Position:** LW

**Shoots:** L

**H:** 6.00 | **W:** 181

**DOB:** 2002-03-19

Cambridge, ON

**Draft:** OHL - PBO

(2018) Round: 15  
(#300)



**16 NICK LARDIS**

**Position:** RW

**Shoots:** L

**H:** 5.10 | **W:** 155

**DOB:** 2005-07-08

Oakville, ON

**Draft:** OHL - PBO

(2021) Round: 1 (#6)



## 17 ZACK LEWIS

**Position:** RW

**Shoots:** R

**H:** 6.00 | **W:** 173

**DOB:** 2005-01-25

Guelph, ON

**Draft:** OHL - PBO  
(2021) Round: 3 (#49)



## 18 COLE PATEY

**Position:** RW

**Shoots:** L

**H:** 5.11 | **W:** 166

**DOB:** 2003-02-11

Utterson, ON

**Draft:** OHL - PBO  
(2019) Round: 6  
(#113)



## 19 DONOVAN MCCOY

**Position:** D

**Shoots:** R

**H:** 6.01 | **W:** 201

**DOB:** 2004-11-10

Belleville, ON

**Draft:** OHL - PBO  
(2020) Round: 1 (#15)



## 21 JADEN REYERS

**Position:** C

**Shoots:** L

**H:** 6.02 | **W:** 200

**DOB:** 2004-06-01

London, ON

**Draft:** OHL - PBO  
(2021- U18) Round: 2  
(#28)



## 22 TUCKER ROBERTSON

**Position:** C

**Shoots:** R

**H:** 5.10 | **W:** 187

**DOB:** 2003-06-22

Toronto, ON

**Draft:** OHL - PBO  
(2019) Round: 4 (#72)



## 23 MASON MCTAVISH

**Position:** C

**Shoots:** L

**H:** 6.01 | **W:** 207

**DOB:** 2003-01-30

Carp, ON

**OHL:** PBO (2019)  
Round: 1 (#5)

**NHL:** ANA (2021)  
Round: 1 (#3)



## 24 ARTEM GURYEY

**Position:** D

**Shoots:** L

**H:** 6.03 | **W:** 217

**DOB:** 2003-05-17

Moscow, Russia

**OHL:** PBO (2019)

Round: 2 (#22)

**NHL:** SJS (2021)

Round: 5 (#135)



## 25 EMMETT SPROULE

**Position:** LW

**Shoots:** L

**H:** 5.11 | **W:** 174

**DOB:** 2001-03-19

Collingwood, ON

**Draft:** OHL - ER  
(2017) Round: 1 (#21)



## 26 JAX DUBOIS

**Position:** C

**Shoots:** R

**H:** 6.03 | **W:** 195

**DOB:** 2003-06-18

Ottawa, ON

**Draft:** OHL - PBO  
(2019) Round: 14  
(#273)



## 27 JAMES GUO

**Position:** D

**Shoots:** R

**H:** 6.00 | **W:** 183

**DOB:** 2005-05-02

Woodbridge, ON

**Draft:** OHL - PBO  
(2021) Round: 4 (#74)



## 28 KASPARS ZIEMINS

**Position:** RW

**Shoots:** R

**H:** 6.02 | **W:** 190

**DOB:** 2002-03-11

Riga, Latvia

**Draft:** Import - PBO  
(2020) Round: 2  
(#103)



## 29 SAM ALFANO

**Position:** RW

**Shoots:** R

**H:** 6.04 | **W:** 205

**DOB:** 2004-01-18

Cayuga, ON

**Draft:** OHL - PBO  
(2020) Round: 2 (#23)





**30 TYE AUSTIN**

**Position:** G

**Catch:** L

**H:** 6.05 | **W:** 198

**DOB:** 2002-05-28

Pembroke, ON

**Draft:** OHL - PBO

(2018) Round: 3 (#43)



**31 MICHAEL SIMPSON**

**Position:** G

**Catch:** L

**H:** 6.01 | **W:** 191

**DOB:** 2003-02-09

London, ON

**Draft:** OHL - PBO

(2019) Round: 10

(#193)



**35 LIAM SZTUSKA**

**Position:** G

**Catch:** L

**H:** 6.00 | **W:** 164

**DOB:** 2004-05-01

Mississauga, ON

**Draft:** OHL - PBO

(2020 Round: 5 (#94))



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# GAME DAY ROSTER & STATS

## FORWARDS

#	NAME	POS.	HT./WT.	DOB	NHL	G	A
8	Ryan Gagner	C	5.09/145	2004-04-08	Elig. 2022	0	1
 10	'A' J.R. Avon	C	6.00/181	2003-07-04	PHI '21 FA	10	11
11	Justin DeZoete	RW	6.00/178	2004-01-02	Elig. 2022	3	2
14	Joe Carroll	LW	6.03/192	2001-02-01		6	13
15	'A' Keegan McMullen	LW	6.00/181	2002-03-19		3	3
16	Nick Lardis	RW	5.10/155	2005-07-08	Elig. 2023	9	5
17	Zack Lewis	RW	6.00/173	2005-01-25	Elig. 2023	1	0
18	Cole Patey	RW	5.11/166	2003-02-11		0	0
21	Jaden Reyers	C	6.02/200	2004-06-01		0	3
22	'A' Tucker Robertson	C	5.10/187	2003-06-22	Elig. 2022	15	19
 23	Mason McTavish	C	6.01/207	2003-01-30	ANA '21/3rd	4	0
25	Emmett Sproule	LW	5.11/174	2001-03-19		9	21
26	Jax Dubois	C	6.03/195	2003-06-18		1	5
28	Kaspars Ziemics	RW	6.02/190	2002-03-11		4	3
29	Sam Alfano	RW	6.04/205	2004-01-18	Elig. 2022	2	4

## DEFENCE

#	NAME	POS.	HT./WT.	DOB	NHL	G	A
2	Samuel Mayer	D	6.02/199	2003-04-15		5	7
3	Stevie Leskovar	D	6.03/183	2004-09-09	Elig. 2022	0	0
6	Konnor Smith	D	6.04/205	2004-11-06	Elig. 2023	1	2
7	'C' Shawn Spearing	D	6.02/189	2002-07-26		1	0
 9	Brian Zanetti	D	6.02/183	2003-03-15	PHI '21/110th	0	9
12	Josh Kavanagh	D	6.00/177	2003-05-06		0	0
19	Donovan McCoy	D	6.01/201	2004-11-10	Elig. 2023	0	4
 24	Artem Guryev	D	6.03/217	2003-05-17	SJS '21/135th	0	2
27	James Guo	D	6.00/183	2005-05-02	Elig. 2023	1	0

## GOALTENDERS

#	Name	POS.	HT./WT.	DOB	NHL	GAA	SAV%
30	Tye Austin	G	6.05/198	2002-05-28		3.83	.888
31	Michael Simpson	G	6.01/191	2003-02-09		4.59	.868
35	Liam Sztuska	G	6.00/164	2004-05-01	Elig. 2022	6.00	.806

**Record:** 8-10-1-0 / 5th East Division / 8th Eastern Conference

**Last game:** 3-2 W vs OTT (Nov. 28)

**Top Scorer:** Tucker Robertson – 19GP – 15G – 19A – 34 PTS



**Special Teams:** PP 22.6% (10th), PK 71.8% (19th)







# GAME DAY ROSTER & STATS


## FORWARDS

#	NAME	POS.	HT./WT.	DOB	NHL	G	A
2	Jackson Stewart	LW	6.00/191	2004-06-18		0	1
 8	Martin Chromiak	LW	5.10/192	2002-08-20	LA '20/128th	8	14
9	Gage Heyes	RW	5.11/165	2004-04-21		0	1
10	Christopher Thibodeau	C	5.09/135	2005-10-13		4	2
 13	Francesco Arcuri	LW	6.02/200	2003-06-13	DAL '21/175th	9	13
14	'A' Jordan Frasca	C	6.02/184	2001-07-05		10	12
16	Paul Hughes	RW	6.01/180	2003-02-17		1	0
19	Paul Ludwinski	C	5.11/172	2004-04-23	Elig. 2022	3	9
22	Matthew Soto	RW	5.11/168	2005-08-31		4	10
27	Mitchell Brooks	C	5.09/175	2005-03-23		0	0
27	Lucas Edmonds	RW	5.11/183	2001-01-27		12	23
28	Nathan Poole	C	6.01/197	2004-07-28		1	1
51	'C' Shane Wright	C	6.01/185	2004-01-05	Elig. 2022	9	13
 74	Zayde Wisdom	RW	5.10/201	2002-07-07	PHI '20/94th	-	-
93	Maddox Callens	LW	6.00/180	2003-02-11		6	4

## DEFENCE

#	NAME	POS.	HT./WT.	DOB	NHL	G	A
 5	Braden Haché	D	6.04/205	2003-05-21	FLA '21/210th	1	0
7	Chase Costantino	D	6.03/175	2003-07-28		0	0
23	Duncan Schneider	D	6.01/179	2005-07-05		0	0
24	Thomas Budnick	D	6.00/190	2004-02-14		0	5
41	Quinton Burns	D	6.02/170	2005-04-14		0	1
43	'A' Jake Murray	D	6.03/198	2002-04-11		0	10
44	'A' Lucas Peric	D	6.00/180	2001-01-08		5	4
 55	Ben Roger	D	6.04/205	2002-11-03	OTT '21/49th	0	3

## GOALTENDERS

#	NAME	POS.	HT./WT.	DOB	NHL	GAA	SAV%
1	Mason Vaccari	G	5.11/173	2005-04-29		-	-
30	Aidan Spooner	G	6.05/210	2002-04-30		3.08	0.846
 31	Leevi Meriläinen	G	6.02/160	2002-08-13	OTT '19/71st	3.90	0.866

**Record:** 11-5-3-0 / 2nd East Division / 3rd Eastern Conference

**Last Game:** 5-4 W @ MISS (Nov. 28)

**Top scorer:** Lucas Edmonds - 19GP - 12G - 23A - 35 PTS

**Special Teams:** PP 26.3% (5th), PK 76.7% (15th)

# PREPPING FOR PRO IN THE PATCH: ARTURS KULDA



The Petes have had players from across the globe come to the Patch to play hockey. Hailing from Riga, Latvia is defenceman Arturs Kulda, who donned the maroon and white from 2006 to 2008.

“I would like to come back and visit someday, I had good times there and of course it helped my hockey career,” says Kulda.

Kulda joined the Petes following one of the organization’s most statistically successful seasons and played with the likes of Zach Bogosian, Daniel Ryder, and pal Branislav Rehus.

“My first year was a little tough because I was adjusting to that level of hockey, but my whole second year was really good. Of course, I was friends with other Europeans, Branislav and my driver was Justin Soryal – I was really close with him.”

Although Kulda’s time in Peterborough did not result in any championships, he points to this section of his life as reasons why he was able to enter the pro-level with ease.

“Vince Malette helped me in terms of discipline on the ice because we played very strict hockey and we worked hard, just basic principles of defensive plays. When I moved to professional hockey, I didn’t need

anytime to adjust. The way we played in Peterborough, I think we played a pro-style.”

Before Kulda arrived in Peterborough, he had experienced the thrill of playing in front of thousands of fans as he represented Latvia at the 2006, 2007, and 2008 U-20 World Junior Championships. His initial moment on the international stage took place in Western Canada, where he fell in love with one of Canada’s most beloved franchises.

“For some of us, it was our first time flying overseas and it was unbelievable, we had never stayed at hotels. Even though many people are not that familiar with Latvia, they were cheering for us. The tournament was actually in Kamloops, Kelowna and Vancouver.”

“I remember the first time trying Tim Hortons and being like this is amazing.”

Kulda has represented Latvia at multiple international tournaments including a decade’s worth of IIHF World Championships and the 2014 winter Olympics in Sochi, where Latvia nearly clinched a win over Canada in the quarter-final game.



“It was unbelievable. I think Shea Weber scored seven or eight minutes left in the game. Of course, we are a small country to hold a 1-1 game with Canada and see the NHL stars being very, very nervous and yelling at the referees, it was something else.”

In 2006, Kulda was selected by the Atlanta Thrashers in the NHL Entry Draft, two years ahead of his d-partner Bogosian, however the majority of his time career in North America was spent with the AHL’s Chicago Wolves.

“We ended up winning a Calder Cup [2008] and it was amazing, the team was great, 19 years old winning something was unbelievable. The AHL is really competitive and it was a hard league to play in.

“Chicago was amazing because they had crazy fireworks before every game and of course it was very successful.”

After a season spent with the AHL’s St. Johns IceCaps -a fanbase that he describes as being one of the best in the world of hockey- the Petes



alumnus took his hockey skills to the KHL for nine seasons. Today, Kulda is a member of the Nuernberg Thomas Sabo Ice Tigers of the Deutsche Eishockey Liiga, playing alongside former Pete Eric Cornel. The 32-year-old looks at the impact that on-ice leaders like Chris Chelios had on the early success of his career and desires to model the same leadership for the young guys on his team.

“Of course playing with Chris Chelios, he always told me you have more time than you think. He was my d-partner for a couple of seasons. I was never worried about making my coach mad. I was more worried about making ‘Chelly’ mad, he was three years old than my dad and had a 27 year age difference.”

Kulda recently received his bachelor’s degree in Business, and although his eyes are set on winning championships, he is preparing himself to continue to have success when he says goodbye to the rink.

“I am trying to be developed in multiple areas so I will get my coaching certificate. I will get my master’s degree in sports management, and I will do something on the side business-wise. I can’t put all my eggs in one basket.”

Despite his preparation for life beyond being a professional athlete, Kulda maintains that his focus is on playing hockey as long as he can and winning along the way.

“I’m highly motivated to win something, I hate to lose. Every league I play in I want to achieve something. So far I haven’t won a league championship in quite a long time and it burns in me.”



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