



2025-26 HERSHEY BEARS ROSTER

CALDER CUP CHAMPIONS: 1947, 1958, 1959, 1969, 1974, 1980, 1988, 1997, 2006, 2009, 2010, 2023, 2024



KEY: [C] - Captain, [A] - Alternate Captain, <R> - Rookie, <V> - Veteran, <VE> - Veteran Exempt

#	NAME	POS	CONTRACT	HT	WT	S	DOB	AGE	BIRTHPLACE	DRAFT	2024-25 TEAM(S)	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
2	Cam Allen <R>	D	NHL	6-0	198	R	1/7/2005	20	Toronto, ON	WSH, 5th (136), 2023	Guelph Storm (OHL) London Knights (OHL)	27 22	7 4	18 16	25 20	23 45
4	Nicky Leivermann	D	AHL	5-11	185	L	9/14/1998	27	Eden Prairie, MN	COL, 7th (187), 2017	HERSHEY BEARS (AHL)	37	3	13	16	12
5	Ryan Chesley <R>	D	NHL	6-1	205	R	2/27/2004	21	St. Paul, MN	WSH, 2nd (37), 2022	Univ. of Minnesota (NCAA) HERSHEY BEARS (AHL)	40 4	8 1	12 2	20 3	48 0
7	Louie Belpedio <V>	D	NHL	5-11	196	R	5/14/1996	29	Skokie, IL	MIN, 3rd (80), 2014	Lehigh Valley Phantoms (AHL)	66	5	23	28	88
11	Spencer Smallman <VE>	F	NHL	6-1	198	R	9/9/1996	29	Summerside, PEI	CAR, 5th (138), 2015	HERSHEY BEARS (AHL)	62	10	24	34	44
13	Eriks Mateiko <R>	F	NHL	6-5	208	L	11/18/2005	19	Jelgava, LAT	WSH, 3rd (90), 2024	Saint John Sea Dogs (QMJHL) Rimouski Océanic (QMJHL)	23 24	14 12	5 10	19 22	14 6
15	Jalen Luypen	F	Tryout	5-10	171	L	6/28/2002	23	Kelowna, BC	CHI, 7th (216), 2021	Rockford IceHogs (AHL) Indy Fuel (ECHL)	56 5	8 1	6 2	14 3	12 2
19	Grant Cruikshank	F	AHL	5-11	193	L	7/19/1998	27	Delafield, WI		HERSHEY BEARS (AHL) South Carolina Stingrays (ECHL)	31 12	5 6	2 7	7 13	14 8
20	Andrew Cristall <R>	RW	NHL	5-10	183	L	2/4/2005	20	Vancouver, BC	WSH, 2nd (40), 2023	Kelowna Rockets (WHL) Spokane Chiefs (WHL)	28 29	26 22	34 50	60 72	26 8
22	Luke Toporowski	F	AHL	5-11	180	L	4/12/2001	24	Bettendorf, IA		Iowa Wild (AHL)	53	13	15	28	34
25	Ryan Hofer	F	NHL	6-3	192	L	5/10/2002	23	Headingley, MB	WSH, 6th (181), 2022	HERSHEY BEARS (AHL) South Carolina Stingrays (ECHL)	5 52	0 12	0 14	0 26	4 100
26	Ludwig Persson <R>	F	NHL	6-1	193	L	10/8/2003	22	Göteborg, SWE	WSH, 3rd (85), 2022	Jukurit (Liiga) HERSHEY BEARS (AHL)	52 1	4 0	12 1	16 1	29 0
27	Aaron Ness <V> [C]	D	AHL	5-10	188	L	5/18/1990	35	Roseau, MN	NYI, 2nd (40), 2008	HERSHEY BEARS (AHL)	52	3	9	12	34
32	Justin Nachbaur <R>	F	AHL	6-3	205	L	4/3/2000	25	Cross Lake, MB		HERSHEY BEARS (AHL) South Carolina Stingrays (ECHL)	4 48	0 12	0 16	0 28	24 173
34	Leon Muggli <R>	D	NHL	6-1	173	L	7/9/2006	19	Cham, SUI	WSH, 2nd (52), 2024	EV Zug (NL) HERSHEY BEARS (AHL)	40 2	5 0	6 0	11 0	43 0
37	Dalton Smith <V>	F	AHL	6-2	205	L	6/30/1992	33	Oshawa, ON	CBJ, 2nd (34), 2010	HERSHEY BEARS (AHL) South Carolina Stingrays (ECHL)	30 3	2 0	5 0	7 0	51 5
38	Henrik Rybinski	C	NHL	6-2	187	R	6/26/2001	24	Vancouver, BC	FLA, 5th (136), 2019	HERSHEY BEARS (AHL)	60	10	25	35	22
39	Patrick Thomas <R>	F	NHL	6-0	178	L	8/21/2004	21	Hamilton, ON	WSH, 4th (104), 2023	Brantford Bulldogs (OHL)	66	27	77	104	10
40	Ilya Protas <R>	LW	NHL	6-5	198	L	7/18/2006	19	Vitebsk, BLR	WSH, 3rd (75), 2024	Windsor Spitfires (OHL)	61	50	74	124	34
41	Alex Suzdalev <R>	F	NHL	6-2	176	L	3/5/2004	21	Khabarovsk, RUS	WSH, 3rd (70), 2022	HERSHEY BEARS (AHL) South Carolina Stingrays (ECHL)	3 50	0 15	0 24	0 39	2 8
43	Calle Rosén <V>	D	NHL	6-1	186	L	2/2/1994	31	Växjö, SWE		Colorado Eagles (AHL)	62	10	24	34	24
44	Bogdan Trineyev	RW	NHL	6-3	202	R	3/4/2002	23	Voronezh, RUS	WSH, 4th (117), 2020	HERSHEY BEARS (AHL)	62	14	8	22	23
45	Matt Strome	F	AHL	6-4	206	L	1/6/1999	26	Mississauga, ON	PHI, 4th (106), 2017	HERSHEY BEARS (AHL)	59	9	13	22	43
47	Jon McDonald	D	AHL	6-0	181	L	6/15/1998	27	Livonia, MI		HERSHEY BEARS (AHL) South Carolina Stingrays (ECHL)	31 12	3 2	3 7	6 9	6 0
48	David Gucciardi <R>	D	NHL	6-1	200	L	10/9/2002	23	Toronto, ON	WSH, 7th (213), 2022	Michigan State Univ. (NCAA) HERSHEY BEARS (AHL)	37 2	6 1	10 0	16 1	42 2
92	Graeme Clarke	F	NHL	6-0	190	R	4/24/2001	24	Ottawa, ON	NJ, 3rd (80), 2019	Iowa Wild (AHL)	64	16	21	37	36

Goaltenders

#	NAME	POS	CONTRACT	HT	WT	C	DOB	AGE	BIRTHPLACE	DRAFT	2024-25 TEAM (S)	GP	REC	GAA	SV%
1	Garin Bjorklund <R>	G	NHL	6-2	189	L	5/28/2002	23	Grande Prairie, AB	WSH, 6th (179), 2020	HERSHEY BEARS (AHL) South Carolina Stingrays (ECHL)	2 29	2-0-0 21-4-3	1.49 2.02	0.942 0.927
35	Mitch Gibson	G	AHL	6-2	204	L	6/25/1999	26	Phoenixville, PA	WSH, 4th (124), 2018	HERSHEY BEARS (AHL) South Carolina Stingrays (ECHL)	1 14	1-0-0 12-1-0	2.01 1.75	0.929 0.933

Bears Management & Coaches

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John Lawn	President & CEO, Hershey Entertainment & Resorts
Bryan Helmer	V.P. of Hockey Operations
Derek King	Head Coach
Nick Bootland	Assistant Coach
Patrick Wellar	Assistant Coach
Juha Lehtola	Associate Goaltending Coach
Bill Downey	Video Coach
Kurtis Freter	Strength & Conditioning Coach

Bears Hockey Ops & Support Staff

NAME	TITLE
Shawn Fliszar	Head Athletic Trainer
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Kyle Harris	Team & Equipment Services Administrator
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4	LEIVERMANN, NICKY	LEE-vuhr-MANN
7	BELPEDIO, LOUIE	bell-PEE-dee-oh
13	MATEIKO, ERIKS	mah-TAY-koh, AIR-ihks
15	LUYPEN, JALEN	LIGHP-ihn
19	CRUIKSHANK, GRANT	CROOK-shank
22	TOPOROWSKI, LUKE	toh-pohr-OW-skee
25	HOFER, RYAN	HOH-fuhr
26	PERSSON, LUDWIG	PUHR-suhn
32	NACHBAUR, JUSTIN	NACK-bahrr
34	MUGGLI, LEON	MOOG-lee
38	RYBINSKI, HENRIK	rah-BIHN-skee
40	PROTAS, ILYA	PROH-tiss
41	SUZDALEV, ALEX	SOOZ-dah-lehv
43	ROSÉN, CALLE	ROH-zehn, KAL-ay
44	TRINEYEV, BOGDAN	TRIHN-nay-yev, BAHG-dan
48	GUCCIARDI, DAVID	goo-chee-ARR-dee

STAFF

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