

14. Philadelphia Flyers

Prospect System Ranking – 14th (Last Year - 16th)

GM: Daniel Brière Hired: May 2023

COACH: TBD

The Philadelphia Flyers have opened a new chapter, headlined by Matvei Michkov. The Russian phenom dazzled in his 2024-25 rookie season, tying for second among NHL rookies with 63 points.

As the franchise's new face, Michkov shapes every move GM Daniel Brière makes, anchoring a rebuild gaining traction. The prospect pool, up to 14th, bolsters this youth movement.

He joins a promising core of Tyson Foerster, Bobby Brink, Cam York, Jamie Drysdale, and newcomer Jakob Pelletier, all under 26. The pipeline is set to grow with an impressive 11 picks in the 2025 draft, including three first-rounders and four second rounders—seven in the top 62. This draft haul allows Brière to accelerate the rebuild through high-end talent or trades.

Leading the prospect pack is Jett Luchanko, a dynamic center poised to vie for an NHL roster spot out of next fall's training camp. Defenseman Oliver Bonk and forward Denver Barkey, both chasing a Memorial Cup with London (OHL), are slated to turn pro next season.

With a new coach yet to be named, the Flyers are trending upward. The rebuild, fueled by Michkov and a prospect pool about to get filled to the brim, is taking shape, though contention may be a few years off. For now, Philadelphia's focus is simple: build around Michkov and let the youth movement drive the Flyers back to relevance.

RNK	PLAYER	NHL	POS	AGE	HT/WT
1	Jett Luchanko	Phi	C	18	5-11/185
ACQUIRED	DFT TM	DFT YR	DFT SELECTED	BIRTHDATE	NATIONALITY
` 24(13th)	Phi	2024	13	21-Aug-06	Canada
TM	GP	G(W)	A(L)	PTS(GAA)	PIM(SPCT)
Guelph (OHL)	46	21	35	56	46

One has to wonder if the Flyers were happy to see Luchanko stick with last place Guelph this year, rather than move to a contender for a long playoff run. On the other hand, this did allow him to finish the year at the AHL level with Lehigh Valley, an approach that worked wonders for a similar prospect and player, Mike Richards, back in the day. Luchanko is your classic hard-working pivot, similar to Richards...although he's a significantly better skater. He competes and is effective in all three zones. He can play any role; his versatility is impressive. He excels as a playmaker, both when he's attacking with speed through the middle or when he slows the pace and operates along the periphery. He already cracked Philadelphia's opening night roster this year and he could do so permanently next season if he has a good offseason. His game is mature enough to handle a middle six role already, without sacrificing upside.

RNK	PLAYER	NHL	POS	AGE	HT/WT
2	Oliver Bonk	Phi	D	20	6-2/175
ACQUIRED	DFT TM	DFT YR	DFT SELECTED	BIRTHDATE	NATIONALITY
` 23(22nd)	Phi	2023	22	9-Jan-05	Canada
TM	GP	G(W)	A(L)	PTS(GAA)	PIM(SPCT)
London (OHL)	52	11	29	40	36

As Bonk plays out his final year in the OHL, it will be interesting to see how his unique skill set translates to the pro level, given the kind of role he took on under Dale Hunter in London. His offensive production is driven by shot slot generation from playing the bumper on the powerplay and from off puck movement. Will he continue to be able to play that role at the next level? I think of Alec Regula as a former Knight who had similar usage, and he's had a tough time transitioning. However, Bonk is more than that. He defends well. He blocks shots. He's a special teams anchor on both sides for London. Given that his on puck play may not translate quite as well, the key for him will be the continued improvement of his defensive game and physical intensity. Realistically, he projects as a jack of all trades #4 who can play a variety of different roles for the Flyers.

RNK	PLAYER	NHL	POS	AGE	HT/WT
3	Emil Andrae	Phi	D	23	5-9/185
ACQUIRED	DFT TM	DFT YR	DFT SELECTED	BIRTHDATE	NATIONALITY
` 20(54th)	Phi	2020	54	23-Feb-02	Sweden
TM	GP	G(W)	A(L)	PTS(GAA)	PIM(SPCT)
Philadelphia (NHL)	42	1	6	7	16

Emil Andrae is a smaller, evasive defenceman who looks ready to graduate to the NHL as a full-time player with the Philadelphia Flyers. He has played quite well with the Lehigh Valley Phantoms, the Flyers' AHL affiliate, over the past two seasons as a defenceman who can play with any partner in any situation. Because of Andrae's flexibility, and his skill with the puck, he looks ready to play bottom-pair NHL minutes with the Flyers in a full-time capacity as soon as next season. However, there are some questions that still remain with regard to Andrae's NHL potential. Is he a power play player at the NHL level? Is he physical enough to handle tough minutes in an NHL playoff series? Both of these questions still remain for the talented defensive prospect, but Andrae has made nice strides over the past couple of years of full-time play in the AHL and has showcased himself well as a player in limited action with the Flyers.

RNK	PLAYER	NHL	POS	AGE	HT/WT
4	Alex Bump	Phi	LW	21	6-0/195
ACQUIRED	DFT TM	DFT YR	DFT SELECTED	BIRTHDATE	NATIONALITY
` 22(133rd)	Phi	2022	133	20-Nov-03	USA
TM	GP	G(W)	A(L)	PTS(GAA)	PIM(SPCT)
Western Michigan (NCHC)	42	23	24	47	14

After an extremely promising freshman campaign a year ago, Bump followed that up with an even more impressive sophomore season year for Western Michigan, emerging as one of the top forwards in collegiate hockey. As such, his prospect status is on the rise; he is one of the biggest risers in our overall affiliated prospect list. Bump is a do it all kind of forward. He's extremely effective at driving play in transition thanks to improved skating, strong protection skill, and a creative approach. He has a wicked shot thanks to a deceptive and quick release. He works hard to earn touches and competes in all three zones making him a versatile player. This is a player who may not need much more seasoning before he's NHL ready; his game is very mature. As of writing this, Bump has yet to sign with Philadelphia suggesting that he could return to Western Michigan for his junior year. If that's the case, expect him to be a serious Hobey Baker candidate next year.

RNK	PLAYER	NHL	POS	AGE	HT/WT
5	Nikita Grebenkin	Phi	RW	21	6-2/185
ACQUIRED	DFT TM	DFT YR	DFT SELECTED	BIRTHDATE	NATIONALITY
T(Tor-3/25)	Tor	2022	135	2-May-03	Russia
TM	GP	G(W)	A(L)	PTS(GAA)	PIM(SPCT)
Tor-LV (AHL)	50	12	16	28	43

Nikita Grebenkin has been impressive as a first-year pro in North America, particularly because he has played well at both the AHL and NHL levels, albeit being traded partway through his first North American pro season. While playing with both the Toronto Marlies and the Lehigh Valley Phantoms in the AHL, Grebyonkin has showcased his speed and skill that make fans salivate about his future full-time NHL potential. Grebyonkin has good speed that allows him to get in quickly on the forecheck, and he's got nice hands in tight that can paralyze goalies. He's even looked good in limited action with the Toronto Maple Leafs (prior being traded to the Flyers), so there's definitely a real player here with top six NHL potential. He obviously still has some room to work on his game, as he could probably shoot more to better utilize his quick release, but he's made great strides this season and may be ready for full-time deployment with the Flyers as soon as next season.

RNK	PLAYER	NHL	POS	AGE	HT/WT
6	Carson Bjarnason	Phi	G	19	6-3/185
ACQUIRED	DFT TM	DFT YR	DFT SELECTED	BIRTHDATE	NATIONALITY
` 23(51st)	Phi	2023	51	30-Jun-05	Canada
TM	GP	G(W)	A(L)	PTS(GAA)	PIM(SPCT)
Brandon (WHL)	40	22	15	2.93	0.913

Carson Bjarnason has been steadily improving throughout his junior career, becoming one of the best goalies in the WHL. Bjaranson is a great skater, very sound positionally, shows a high aptitude for reading the play, and has exceptional explosiveness. His lateral movement is impressive, and he excels in tight play, especially when he's in a butterfly. He takes up a lot of upper net with his size and projects his hands well, which allows him to snag any high shot. He also has fantastic rebound control, displaying great technique in vacuuming up anything that hits his chest. He does tend to play tall and upright when there isn't any reason to do so, particularly given his height advantage. It can sometimes cause him to lag on a shot because his first movement will be setting his stance instead of reacting to the shot. Bjarnason has high-end starter potential and looks very projectable to the NHL. He's a great piece for Philadelphia and will be integral to their rebuild.

RNK	PLAYER	NHL	POS	AGE	HT/WT
7	Spencer Gill	Phi	D	18	6-4/185
ACQUIRED	DFT TM	DFT YR	DFT SELECTED	BIRTHDATE	NATIONALITY
` 24(59th)	Phi	2024	59	17-Aug-06	Canada
TM	GP	G(W)	A(L)	PTS(GAA)	PIM(SPCT)
Rimouski (QMJHL)	51	6	29	35	56

Last summer, Spencer Gill was the first player from the QMJHL to get drafted in the 2024 NHL draft. It may have seemed like a surprise for some as Maxime Massé and Justin Poirier were highly regarded, but there are many reasons why Gill was the first one picked. Not only that he processes the game really well, plays a mature defensive game and is a mobile defenceman that plays actively on the breakout, but also that he loves to help offensively and create scoring chances. Gill may not have scored more points this season than previously, but it was how his points were created this year that is the difference maker. He was more proactive offensively, going more towards the middle of the slot. His mobility helps him to control the puck with ease everywhere on the ice and impacting the game. Gill will need to work on his explosiveness and physicality to be able to crack a spot on the Flyers, as he trends as a top six defender that could eat some minutes in tough situations.

RNK	PLAYER	NHL	POS	AGE	HT/WT
8	Yegor Zavragin	Phi	G	19	6-2/185
ACQUIRED	DFT TM	DFT YR	DFT SELECTED	BIRTHDATE	NATIONALITY
` 23(87th)	Phi	2023	87	23-Aug-05	Russia
TM	GP	G(W)	A(L)	PTS(GAA)	PIM(SPCT)
SKA St. Petersburg (KHL)	37	17	11	2.55	0.912

Yegor Zavragin's development has been going the proper way that you'd want from a Russian pick. Just two years after being drafted, he's already ascended to being a somewhat okay starter in the KHL. While being an early KHL starter is compelling, his skillset isn't as promising. He's a 6-foot-2 goalie who isn't that athletic, not very fast, and isn't an amazing skater. He has good positioning and anticipation of passes, but he also really struggles with engaging early in the play and often makes questionable decisions, such as sliding the wrong way or biting too early. His rebound control also isn't satisfactory, and when you combine the poor decisions with it, along with the lack of skills for adequate recovery, you can have a goalie that can be exploited in the NHL. As it stands, it seems likely that Zavragin ends up as another long-term KHL goalie after either not coming over or having a subpar stint in NA. He is still a young goalie, and being at this level is very impressive. Perhaps it just hasn't left much room for him to showcase his true abilities yet. But as an NHL prospect, Zavragin could use a lot of work.

RNK	PLAYER	NHL	POS	AGE	HT/WT
9	Samu Tuomaala	Phi	RW	22	5-10/175
ACQUIRED	DFT TM	DFT YR	DFT SELECTED	BIRTHDATE	NATIONALITY
` 21(46th)	Phi	2021	46	8-Jan-03	Finland
TM	GP	G(W)	A(L)	PTS(GAA)	PIM(SPCT)
Lehigh Valley (AHL)	46	11	21	32	30

Samu Tuomaala is a good-skating offensive forward with the potential of becoming a future full-time top six forward with the Philadelphia Flyers. Although Tuomaala hasn't taken a huge step forward this year in terms of production with Lehigh Valley, he has a great shot that can stun goalies from afar and in-close. Tuomaala is also a capable playmaker, although it should be noted that his shot is what will make him money as a goal scorer at the NHL level. He has also dealt with an injury bug this season, which is why we have seen a bit of a stagnation in production, but there's still a player here that can develop into a full-time NHL contributor. Tuomaala does still have to work a bit on his defensive game, particularly his positioning in the defensive zone, but he is young and is still building out the rest of his game. If all goes according to plan, he should become a full-time NHL player with the Flyers in the next one or two seasons.

RNK	PLAYER	NHL	POS	AGE	HT/WT
10	Denver Barkey	Phi	C	20	5-8/160
ACQUIRED	DFT TM	DFT YR	DFT SELECTED	BIRTHDATE	NATIONALITY
` 23(95th)	Phi	2023	95	27-Apr-05	Canada
TM	GP	G(W)	A(L)	PTS(GAA)	PIM(SPCT)
London (OHL)	50	25	57	82	22

The heart and soul of the London Knights program the last few years, there are few players in the OHL who work as hard as Barkey does. He's always around the puck. His forechecking pressure is relentless and for a small player, he's really effective along the boards, rarely losing possession. It should come as no surprise that he seems to elevate his offensive play every playoffs. There are going to be a lot of different paths to the NHL for Barkey. It's possible that his offensive production is able to carry over given his work rate and intelligence, making him a potential middle six contributor. However, even if it does not, his relentless motor could play well in a fourth line, penalty kill role. The key for Barkey will be to continue to improve his skating and strength. Neither are poor, but for the kind of way that he needs to play to be successful at the pro level, they need to be well above average. Barkey may take a few years in the AHL before he's ready for an NHL spot.

RNK	PLAYER	NHL	POS	AGE	HT/WT
11	Jack Berglund	Phi	C	19	6-3/210
ACQUIRED	DFT TM	DFT YR	DFT SELECTED	BIRTHDATE	NATIONALITY
` 24(51st)	Phi	2024	51	10-Apr-06	Sweden
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Farjestads (SHL)	17	1	2	3	0

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12	Ethan Samson	Phi	D	21	6-1/195
ACQUIRED	DFT TM	DFT YR	DFT SELECTED	BIRTHDATE	NATIONALITY
` 21(174th)	Phi	2021	174	23-Aug-03	Canada
TM	GP	G(W)	A(L)	PTS(GAA)	PIM(SPCT)
Lehigh Valley (AHL)	69	12	12	24	40

RNK	PLAYER	NHL	POS	AGE	HT/WT
13	Helge Grans	Phi	D	22	6-2/205
ACQUIRED	DFT TM	DFT YR	DFT SELECTED	BIRTHDATE	NATIONALITY
T(LA-6/23)	LA	2020	35	20-May-02	Sweden
TM	GP	G(W)	A(L)	PTS(GAA)	PIM(SPCT)
Lehigh Valley (AHL)	66	8	15	23	42

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14	Alexis Gendron	Phi	RW	21	5-9/175
ACQUIRED	DFT TM	DFT YR	DFT SELECTED	BIRTHDATE	NATIONALITY
` 22(220th)	Phi	2022	220	30-Dec-03	Canada
TM	GP	G(W)	A(L)	PTS(GAA)	PIM(SPCT)
Lehigh Valley (AHL)	63	20	8	28	48

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15	Cole Knuble	Phi	C	20	5-11/175
ACQUIRED	DFT TM	DFT YR	DFT SELECTED	BIRTHDATE	NATIONALITY
` 23(103rd)	Phi	2023	103	1-Jul-04	USA
TM	GP	G(W)	A(L)	PTS(GAA)	PIM(SPCT)
Notre Dame (B1G)	34	12	27	39	12