



DET

SEPTEMBER 19, 2018 | 7:30 PM | LITTLE CAESARS ARENA



GOALTENDERS

- 1 CASEY DESMITH
- 35 TRISTAN JARRY

DEFENSEMEN

- 4 JUSTIN SCHULTZ
- 5 ZACH TROTMAN
- 6 JAMIE OLEKSIK
- 50 JUUSO RIIKOLA
- 73 JACK JOHNSON
- 76 CALEN ADDISON
- 83 ANTTI PALOJARVI

FORWARDS

- 12 DOMINIK SIMON
- 17 BRYAN RUST
- 25 TOBIAS LINDBERG
- 36 LINUS OLUND
- 37 SAM LAFFERTY
- 38 DEREK GRANT
- 41 DANIEL SPRONG
- 47 ADAM JOHNSON
- 51 JOSEPH CRAMAROSSA
- 53 TEDDY BLUEGER
- 56 RYAN HAGGERTY
- 61 JUSTIN ALMEIDA
- 80 SAM MILETIC

MANAGEMENT/COACHES

- GM:** JIM RUTHERFORD
- ASSISTANT GMS:** BILL GUERIN, JASON KARMANOS
- HEAD COACH:** MIKE SULLIVAN
- ASSISTANT COACHES:** SERGEI GONCHAR, JACQUES MARTIN, MARK RECCHI
- GOALTENDING COACH:** MIKE BUCKLEY

REFEREES

- REFEREES:** COREY SYVRET, BRIAN POCHMARA
- LINESMEN:** DAVID BRISEBOIS, BRAD KOVACHIK



GOALTENDERS

- 31 HARRI SATERI
- 35 JIMMY HOWARD

DEFENSEMEN

- 2 JOE HICKETTS
- 3 NICK JENSEN
- 21 DENNIS CHOLOWSKI
- 29 VILI SAARIJARVI
- 62 TREVOR HAMILTON
- 65 DANNY DEKEYSER
- 73 MARCUS CRAWFORD

FORWARDS

- 8 JUSTIN ABDELKADER
- 15 CHRIS TERRY
- 17 COLIN CAMPBELL
- 20 JUSSI JOKINEN
- 22 WADE MEGAN
- 27 MICHAEL RASMUSSEN
- 28 LUKE WITKOWSKI
- 39 ANTHONY MANTHA
- 59 TYLER BERTUZZI
- 70 CHRISTOFFER EHN
- 71 DYLAN LARKIN
- 77 MATTHEW FORD
- 90 JOE VELENO

MANAGEMENT/COACHES

- GM:** KEN HOLLAND
- ASSISTANT GM:** RYAN MARTIN
- HEAD COACH:** JEFF BLASHILL
- ASSISTANT COACHES:** DAN BYLSMA, DOUG HOUDA, PAT FERSCHWEILER, ADAM NIGHTINGALE
- GOALTENDING COACH:** JEFF SALAJKO

PITTSBURGH PENGUINS 2018 TRAINING CAMP ROSTER (as of 09/11/2018)

Player	#	Pos.	Shoots	HT	WT	DOB (Age)	2017-18 Club	GP	2017-18 Stats				Status	How Acquired
									G	A	PTS	PIM		
DEFENSEMEN (18)														
Addison, Calen	76	D	R	5-10	179	04/11/2000 (18)	Lethbridge (WHL)	68	11	54	65	53	UDC	Round 2 (53rd overall) 2018 Draft
Birks, Dane	67	D	R	6-2	200	08/29/1995 (23)	W-B/Scranton (AHL)	1	0	0	0	0	NHL	Round 6 (164th overall) 2013 Draft
							Michigan Tech (WCHA)	44	5	13	18	26		
Dumoulin, Brian	8	D	L	6-4	207	09/06/1991 (27)	Pittsburgh (NHL)	80	5	13	18	30	NHL	Trade with CAR (6/22/12)
Elliott, Stefan	24	D	R	6-1	190	01/30/1991 (27)	HV71 (SHL)	34	4	17	21	14	NHL	Signed as FA (7/1/18)
Johnson, Jack	73	D	L	6-1	227	01/13/1987 (31)	Columbus (NHL)	77	3	8	11	22	NHL	Signed as FA (7/1/18)
Letang, Kris	58	D	R	6-0	201	04/24/1987 (31)	Pittsburgh (NHL)	79	9	42	51	56	NHL	Round 3 (62nd overall) 2005 Draft
Maatta, Olli	3	D	L	6-2	206	08/22/1994 (24)	Pittsburgh (NHL)	82	7	22	29	28	NHL	Round 1 (22nd overall) 2012 Draft
Masonius, Joseph	70	D	L	6-0	190	02/17/1997 (21)	UConn (HE)	28	2	14	16	55	AHL	Round 6 (181st overall) 2016 Draft
Oleksiak, Jamie	6	D	L	6-7	255	12/21/1992 (25)	Pittsburgh (NHL)	47	4	10	14	69	NHL	Trade with DAL (12/19/17)
							Dallas (NHL)	21	1	2	3	37		
O'Neill, Will	75	D	L	6-1	190	04/28/1988 (30)	Philadelphia (NHL)	1	0	0	0	0	AHL	
							Lehigh Valley (AHL)	59	6	13	19	14		
Palojarvi, Antti	83	D	L	6-1	176	01/18/1999 (19)	Lukko (Jr. A SM-Liiga)	44	2	10	12	16	UDC	Round 6 (186th overall) 2017 Draft
Prow, Ethan	42	D	R	5-11	180	11/17/1992 (25)	W-B/Scranton (AHL)	40	4	13	17	16	NHL	Signed as FA (3/29/16)
							Wheeling (ECHL)	3	0	0	0	0		
Riikola, Juuso	50	D	L	6-0	189	11/09/1993 (24)	KalPa (SM-Liiga)	59	8	16	24	14	NHL	Signed as FA (5/18/18)
Ruhwedel, Chad	2	D	R	5-11	191	05/07/1990 (28)	Pittsburgh (NHL)	44	2	3	5	16	NHL	Signed as FA (7/1/16)
Schultz, Justin	4	D	R	6-2	193	07/06/1990 (28)	Pittsburgh (NHL)	63	4	23	27	14	NHL	Trade with EDM (02/27/16)
Summers, Chris	55	D	L	6-2	207	02/05/1988 (30)	W-B/Scranton (AHL)	64	1	10	11	51	NHL	Signed as FA (7/1/17)
Taylor, Jeff	52	D	L	5-11	181	04/13/1994 (24)	W-B/Scranton (AHL)	14	0	1	1	8	NHL	Round 7 (203rd overall) 2014 Draft
							Wheeling (ECHL)	28	4	15	19	26		
Trotman, Zach	5	D	R	6-3	217	08/26/1990 (28)	Pittsburgh (NHL)	3	0	0	0	0	NHL	Signed as FA (7/1/17)
							W-B/Scranton (AHL)	49	7	10	17	25		
FORWARDS (32)														
2017-18 Club								2017-18 Stats						
Almeida, Justin	61	C	L	5-9	158	02/06/1999 (19)	Moose Jaw (WHL)	72	43	55	98	10	UDC	Round 5 (129th overall) 2018 Draft
Angello, Anthony	57	RW	R	6-5	210	03/06/1996 (22)	W-B/Scranton (AHL)	2	0	0	0	0	NHL	Round 5 (145th overall) 2014 Draft
							Cornell (ECAC)	33	13	13	26	42		
Aston-Reese, Zach	46	LW	L	6-0	204	08/10/1994 (24)	Pittsburgh (NHL)	16	4	2	6	2	NHL	Signed as FA (3/14/17)
							W-B/Scranton (AHL)	41	9	20	29	49		
Bellerive, Jordy	64	C	L	5-10	195	05/02/1999 (19)	Lethbridge (WHL)	71	46	46	92	82	NHL	Signed as FA (9/16/17)
Blueger, Teddy	53	C	L	6-0	185	08/15/1994 (24)	W-B/Scranton (AHL)	70	21	24	45	43	NHL	Round 2 (52nd overall) 2012 Draft
Brassard, Derick	19	C	L	6-1	202	09/22/1987 (30)	Pittsburgh (NHL)	14	3	5	8	4	NHL	Trade with OTT (2/23/18)
							Ottawa (NHL)	58	18	20	38	30		
Cramarossa, Joseph	51	LW	L	6-0	192	10/26/1992 (25)	W-B/Scranton (AHL)	28	6	6	12	28	AHL	
							Stockton (AHL)	37	3	7	10	38		
Crosby, Sidney	87	C	L	5-11	200	08/07/1987 (31)	Pittsburgh (NHL)	82	29	60	89	46	NHL	Round 1 (1st overall) 2005 Draft
Cullen, Matt	7	C	L	6-1	202	11/02/1976 (41)	Minnesota (NHL)	79	11	11	22	20	NHL	Signed as FA (7/1/18)
Dea, Jean-Sebastien	39	C	R	5-11	175	02/08/1994 (24)	Pittsburgh (NHL)	5	1	0	1	2	NHL	Signed as FA (9/16/13)
							W-B/Scranton (AHL)	70	18	32	50	69		
DiPauli, Thomas	54	LW	L	5-11	188	04/29/1994 (24)	W-B/Scranton (AHL)	58	12	8	20	38	NHL	Signed as FA (8/19/16)
Drozg, Jan	82	RW	R	6-0	174	04/01/1999 (19)	Shawinigan (QMJHL)	61	16	34	50	44	UDC	Round 5 (152th overall) 2017 Draft
							W-B/Scranton (AHL)	1	0	1	1	0		
Grant, Derek	38	C	L	6-3	215	04/20/1990 (28)	Anaheim (NHL)	66	12	12	24	11	NHL	Signed as FA (7/19/18)
Guentzel, Jake	59	LW	L	5-11	180	10/06/1994 (23)	Pittsburgh (NHL)	82	22	26	48	42	NHL	Round 3 (77th overall) 2013 Draft
Hagelin, Carl	62	LW	L	5-11	186	08/23/1988 (30)	Pittsburgh (NHL)	81	10	21	31	28	NHL	Trade with ANA (1/16/16)
Haggerty, Ryan	56	RW	R	6-0	201	03/04/1993 (25)	W-B/Scranton (AHL)	47	16	21	37	22	AHL	
Hayes, Jimmy	11	RW	R	6-5	215	11/21/1989 (28)	New Jersey (NHL)	33	3	6	9	6	NHL	Signed as FA (7/1/18)
							Binghamton (AHL)	3	0	2	2	0		

Hornqvist, Patric	72	RW	R	5-11	189	01/01/1987 (31)	Pittsburgh (NHL)	70	29	20	49	58	NHL	Trade with NSH (6/27/14)
Johnson, Adam	47	LW	L	6-0	174	06/22/1994 (24)	W-B/Scranton (AHL)	70	11	20	31	16	NHL	Signed as FA (7/6/17)
Josephs, Troy	44	LW	L	6-1	183	05/09/1994 (24)	W-B/Scranton (AHL)	4	0	0	0	0	AHL	Round 7 (209th overall) 2013 Draft
							Wheeling (ECHL)	43	16	20	36	55		
Kessel, Phil	81	RW	R	6-0	202	10/02/1987 (30)	Pittsburgh (NHL)	82	34	58	92	36	NHL	Trade with TOR (7/1/15)
Lafferty, Sam	37	C	R	6-1	195	03/06/1995 (23)	W-B/Scranton (AHL)	9	1	2	3	4	NHL	Round 4 (113th overall) 2014 Draft
							Brown (ECAC)	31	8	14	22	34		
Lindberg, Tobias	25	RW	L	6-3	215	07/22/1995 (23)	Chicago (AHL)	64	10	13	23	30	NHL	Trade with VGK (2/23/18)
Malkin, Evgeni	71	C	L	6-3	195	07/31/1986 (32)	Pittsburgh (NHL)	78	42	56	98	87	NHL	Round 1 (2nd overall) 2004 Draft
Miletic, Sam	80	LW	L	6-0	197	05/04/1997 (21)	Niagara (OHL)	28	20	18	38	12	NHL	Signed as FA 9/25/17
							London (OHL)	35	16	38	54	12		
Olund, Linus	36	C	L	6-0	185	06/05/1997 (21)	Brynäs (SHL)	51	8	15	23	4	NHL	Round 5 (155th overall) 2017 Draft
Rust, Bryan	17	RW	R	5-11	192	05/11/1992 (26)	Pittsburgh (NHL)	69	13	25	38	26	NHL	Round 3 (80th overall) 2010 Draft
Sheahan, Riley	15	C	L	6-3	214	12/07/1991 (26)	Pittsburgh (NHL)	73	11	21	32	4	NHL	Trade with DET (10/21/17)
							Detroit (NHL)	8	0	0	0	4		
Simon, Dominik	12	LW	L	5-11	190	08/08/1994 (24)	Pittsburgh (NHL)	33	4	8	12	16	NHL	Round 5 (137th overall) 2015 Draft
							W-B/Scranton (AHL)	21	4	13	17	14		
Sprong, Daniel	41	RW	R	6-0	180	03/17/1997 (21)	W-B/Scranton (AHL)	65	32	33	65	28	NHL	Round 2 (46th overall) 2015 Draft
							Pittsburgh (NHL)	8	2	1	3	0		
Tiffels, Freddie	79	LW	L	6-0	192	05/20/1995 (23)	W-B/Scranton (AHL)	12	2	1	3	2	NHL	Round 6 (167th overall) 2015 Draft
							Wheeling (ECHL)	44	16	17	33	6		
Wilson, Garrett	10	LW	L	6-2	199	03/16/1991 (27)	W-B/Scranton (AHL)	69	17	25	42	139	NHL	Signed as FA (7/1/16)
GOALTENDERS (6)			Catches				2017-18 Club	GP	Record	SO	GAA	SV%		
DeSmith, Casey	1	G	L	6-0	181	08/13/1991 (27)	Pittsburgh (NHL)	14	6-4-1	1	2.40	0.921	NHL	Signed as FA (7/1/17)
							W-B/Scranton (AHL)	27	16-8-3	2	2.73	0.910		
D'Orio, Alex	33	G	R	6-2	209	04/28/1999 (19)	Saint John (QMJHL)	44	9-26-9	0	4.01	0.895	NHL	Signed as FA (9/13/17)
Jarry, Tristan	35	G	L	6-2	194	04/29/1995 (23)	Pittsburgh (NHL)	26	14-6-2	2	2.77	0.908	NHL	Round 2 (44th overall) 2013 Draft
							W-B/Scranton (AHL)	16	9-5-2	0	3.05	0.901		
Murray, Matt	30	G	L	6-4	178	05/25/1994 (24)	Pittsburgh (NHL)	49	27-16-3	1	2.92	0.907	NHL	Round 3 (83rd overall) 2012 Draft
Muse, John	40	G	L	5-11	185	08/01/1988 (30)	Lehigh Valley (AHL)	15	11-2-1	1	2.46	0.919	NHL	Signed as FA (7/1/18)
							Reading (ECHL)	26	19-5-2	3	2.24	0.931		
Peters, Anthony	31	G	L	6-1	196	12/31/1990 (27)	W-B/Scranton (AHL)	24	12-7-3	1	2.71	0.907	AHL	
							Cincinnati (ECHL)	16	10-4-1	1	2.34	0.925		



**PITTSBURGH PENGUINS
PRESEASON GAME NOTES**

PITTSBURGH PENGUINS at Detroit Red Wings

Wednesday, September 19, 2018 • Little Caesars Arena • 7:30 PM

Penguins 2018 Preseason Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Result
Tuesday, September 18	at Buffalo	7:00 PM	*NHL Network	3-2, L
Wednesday, September 19	at Detroit	7:30 PM	NHL Network	
Saturday, September 22	COLUMBUS	3:00 PM	AT&T SportsNet	
Sunday, September 23	DETROIT	3:00 PM	^pittsburghpenguins.com	
Wednesday, September 26	BUFFALO	7:00 PM	^pittsburghpenguins.com	
Friday, September 28	at Columbus	7:00 PM	None	

*Game will not be aired live, but will be re-aired twice

^Streams can only be accessed in the Pittsburgh/AT&T SportsNet region

Times above are all Eastern Time Zone

All Penguins preseason games can be heard on the team's official flagship radio station, 105.9 The X

TONIGHT'S GAME

The Penguins play their second preseason contest against the Detroit Red Wings at 7:30 PM at Little Caesars Arena. Last year the Penguins made a pair of regular-season visits to Little Caesars Arena, although they dropped them both. Pittsburgh won its home game against the Wings, 4-1, on Jan. 14 at PPG Paints Arena. **Tristan Jarry** stopped 29 of 30 shots to record the victory.

Evgeni Malkin was the Pens' leading scorer against Detroit with six points (3G-3A).

The NHL Network will air tonight's game live, picking up the Red Wings' feed. Fans can listen to the game live on the team's official radio flagship, 105.9 The X. **Josh Getzoff** and **Phil Bourque** will call the action.

LATE RALLY FALLS SHORT

Pittsburgh scored twice in the final 4:17 minutes of the third period, but it wasn't enough, as the Buffalo Sabres won, 3-2, in the Pens' preseason opener on September 18 at KeyBank Center.

Defensemen **Will O'Neill** and **Juuso Riikola** tallied for the Penguins in the third period, but it wasn't enough to offset a 3-0 Sabres' advantage. Buffalo received goals from **Vladimir Sobotka** (power play), **Jake McCabe** (even strength) and **Jack Eichel** (shorthanded). **Casey DeSmith** started for the Penguins, stopping 26 of 29 shots. He was at his best in the first period, when he turned away 13 of 14 shots.



PITTSBURGH PENGUINS PRESEASON GAME NOTES

BROADCAST INFO

AT&T SportsNet will broadcast one Pittsburgh Penguins preseason game – the September 22 home game against the Columbus Blue Jackets at 3:00 PM at PPG Paints Arena. **Steve Mears** will handle play-by-play duties for the game alongside color commentator **Bob Errey** and rinkside reporter **Dan Potash**.

The Penguins will stream their other two home games – Sunday, September 23 against Detroit and Wednesday, September 26 versus Buffalo – on pittsburghpenguins.com. Only fans who live in the local Pittsburgh/AT&T SportsNet region will be able to access the stream.

All six Penguins preseason games can be heard on the team's official radio flagship, 105.9 The X. Hall of Fame broadcaster **Mike Lange** will call the "Free Game for Kids" on September 23 against Detroit alongside **Phil Bourque**. **Josh Getzoff** will call the other five games alongside Bourque.

SULLIVAN MOURNS FATHER'S PASSING

Penguins head coach **Mike Sullivan** will not be behind the bench again tonight, as he is away from the team following the passing of his father, **George Sullivan**, on September 15.

The Penguins issued the following statement following George's passing:

The Pittsburgh Penguins offer our deepest sympathy to Mike Sullivan and his family on the passing of Mike's father, George, today.

He was 81. The Sullivans appreciate the excellent care he was given at Cardigan Nursing Home in Scituate, Massachusetts.

Mike will be taking a few days away from the team to be with his family. Assistant coach **Jacques Martin** will oversee the day-to-day duties of the coaching staff during this time.

ROSTER CONTINUITY

When the Penguins announced their 2018-19 training camp roster, it featured 19 players from last season's playoff roster. Captain **Sidney Crosby** headlines the list, as he begins his 14th season coming off of a dominating playoff run that saw him produce nine goals and 21 points in 12 games. Also back are **Evgeni Malkin**, the Penguins' leading scorer during last year's regular season with 98 points, and **Phil Kessel**, who is coming off a career-best 92-point campaign. Also returning are alternate captain **Kris Letang** and goaltender **Matt Murray**.

Of the 19 returning players from last year's playoff roster, 14 have won Stanley Cup championships. Players with three Cups include: Crosby, Malkin, Letang and **Matt Cullen**; those with two are: **Brian Dumoulin**, **Olli Maatta**, **Justin Schultz**, **Carl Hagelin**, **Patric Hornqvist**, **Phil Kessel**, **Bryan Rust** and Murray; and players with one Cup are **Jake Guentzel** and **Chad Ruhwedel**.

NEW FACES

General manager **Jim Rutherford** made a couple of additions to his lineup this summer. The major move was adding blueliner **Jack Johnson**, formerly a member of the Columbus Blue



PITTSBURGH PENGUINS PRESEASON GAME NOTES

Jackets, on a five-year contract. The veteran of 788 career NHL games adds a physical component to Pittsburgh's back end. He was originally drafted by Rutherford with the third-overall pick of the 2005 NHL Draft when Rutherford was GM of the Carolina Hurricanes.

Matt Cullen, who is lacing up his skates for a 21st season this year, returns to Pittsburgh for a second tour of duty. He played last year for his hometown Minnesota Wild. Cullen won Stanley Cups in each of his first two seasons with Pittsburgh in 2016 and '17.

Derek Grant was signed by the Penguins following a breakout season in Anaheim last year that saw him score 12 times and total 24 points in 66 games. Grant and Cullen are two of six centers the Penguins have signed to one-way contracts, giving the team enviable depth down the middle. The other centers are **Sidney Crosby**, **Evgeni Malkin**, **Derick Brassard** and **Riley Sheahan**.

Pittsburgh dipped into the Finnish League SM-liiga to add 24-year-old defenseman **Juuso Riikola** via a one-year contract. Riikola played for Finland at the 2018 World Championship. Among the players Pittsburgh lost from last year were forwards **Conor Sheary**, **Tom Kuhnhackl** and **Carter Rowney**, plus defenseman **Matt Hunwick**. Sheary and Kuhnhackl won back-to-back Cups in '16 and '17, while Rowney was a key depth player on the '17 championship team.

2017-18 RECAP

The Pittsburgh Penguins (47-29-6) used a strong second-half finish to crack the 100-point mark for the 12th time in club history. By doing so, the Pens locked up their 12th-straight playoff berth, setting a new club record in that category.

Pittsburgh's 12-consecutive playoff appearances represents the longest active postseason streak among all NHL teams.

The Pens have now hit the 100-point mark nine times in the 11 full seasons during their playoff streak (excludes the lockout campaign). Since the streak began in 2006-07, the Pens have more wins (561) and points (1,215) than any NHL team. San Jose sits in second place in both categories with 548 and 1,200, respectively.

The Penguins defeated their cross-state rival, the Philadelphia Flyers, 4-2, in the opening round of the playoffs. Pittsburgh saw its franchise-record-tying streak of nine-straight playoff series victories and its back-to-back championship reign come to a close when the Washington Capitals won the Second Round series between the teams, 4-2. The Caps went on to win their first-ever Stanley Cup.

SECOND HALF RUN

The Penguins enjoyed another second-half surge in 2017-18, the third-straight year under head coach **Mike Sullivan** that the Penguins have ranked among the NHL's top teams in the final 41 games. In 2017-18, the Penguins went 27-11-3 in the second half, tying them for the third-highest point total in that span among all NHL teams.



PITTSBURGH PENGUINS PRESEASON GAME NOTES

A chief reason for the improved win-loss record was a return to the Penguins' high-scoring ways. The Penguins scored at least three goals in 33 of the 41 games (27-3-3 when doing so) and they had five or more tallies 17 times (16-1 record).

POWER PLAY SETS RECORD

Knocking **Mario Lemieux** and **Jaromir Jagr** off the top of any list is not easy, but that's exactly what last year's power-play unit did. Led by **Sidney Crosby**, **Evgeni Malkin** and **Phil Kessel**, the Penguins finished the 2017-18 campaign with a league-best 26.2% power-play conversion rate, establishing a franchise single-season record. The previous record of 26.0% was held by the 1995-96 club featuring Lemieux and Jagr.

Since '95-96, only the Washington Capitals have converted at a higher rate (26.8%) during the 2012-13 lockout season. The Pens' 26.2% success rate was the NHL's best figure over a full season since the then-defending Stanley Cup champion Calgary Flames posted a 27.7% success rate in 1989-90.

Kessel quarterbacked the top unit, leading all NHL players with a career-high 42 power-play points (12G-30A). He was followed closely by Crosby (9G-29A) and Malkin (14G-24A), who each finished with 38 power-play points, tying each other for third in the NHL. **Patric Hornqvist** paced the club with a career-high 15 man-advantage tallies, tying him for third in the league.

MALKIN NAMED MVP

Evgeni Malkin enjoyed his healthiest campaign since 2011-12, and the result was one of the best seasons of his NHL career. Malkin ended the regular season ranked fourth in the NHL with 98 points and fourth with 42 goals. He was the only NHL player to finish in the top-five in both categories.

A 40-goal scorer for the third time, Malkin averaged the third-most goals (0.54) and fourth-most points (1.26) in the NHL last year.

Beginning on Jan. 1, Malkin led the NHL with 28 goals, and his 62 points trailed only NHL scoring champ **Connor McDavid**, who had 63. He was the NHL's 'First Star' for January, and the 'Second Star' of February.

Malkin joined the 900-point club with his goal on Feb. 17 against Toronto, then less than a month later, he recorded his 919th point on Mar. 11 versus Dallas to become the fifth-highest scoring Russian of all-time.

Malkin was named the Penguins' team MVP for the fourth time, joining **Mario Lemieux** (12 times), **Sidney Crosby** (7) and **Jaromir Jagr** (4) as the only four-time winners in club history.



PITTSBURGH PENGUINS PRESEASON GAME NOTES



BEST OF THE BEST

Captain **Sidney Crosby** followed up back-to-back Conn Smythe Trophies by maintaining his standing as the top all-around player in the NHL. Pittsburgh's leader at both ends of the rink, Crosby skated in all 82 games for the first time, once again ending the campaign ranked inside the NHL's top-10 scorers.

The Penguins took off as a team in January, and not surprisingly, that's when Crosby hit his offensive stride. Crosby led all NHL players that month in both assists (18) and points (21). He also ran off a career-high 11-game assist streak (Jan. 5-Feb. 2) that ended up being the longest of the season by any player.

Another sign of Crosby's dominance came during a pair of five-game multiple point runs, which equaled the longest multi-point streaks of his career. He first accomplished that feat between Nov. 24-Dec. 2 (6G-6A-12PTS), then he matched it from Jan. 5-17 (3G-10A-13PTS).

Crosby joined the 400-goal club with his tally on Feb. 11 in St. Louis. Three weeks later, he became the 62nd player in NHL history to record 1,100 points when he had three assists at Philadelphia on Mar. 7.

From an all-time franchise perspective, Crosby moved into second place on the Penguins' all-time points list when he notched his 1,080th point on Jan. 25 against Minnesota.

PHIL THE THRILL

Phil Kessel not only ended the regular season ranked inside the NHL's top-10 scorers, but he also produced one of the best seasons by an American-born player in the salary cap era. His 92 points represented a career high, and they allowed him to lead all Americans in scoring. Since 2005-06, only **Patrick Kane** (106 points in 2015-16) and **Zach Parise** (94 points in 2008-09) have produced more points in a single-season among U.S.-born skaters.

Kessel accomplished his career year in a remarkably consistent fashion. He had six point streaks of five or more games on his way to scoring more goals (34), assists (58) and points (92) than each of his previous two seasons in a Penguins sweater. His 58 assists established a career high, besting his total of 47 set last year.

In addition to leading all Americans in points, he finished the year tied for the third-most goals, and also had the third-most assists.

As usual, Kessel was on the ice for his teammates every night, suiting up for all 82 games (692 straight games). He was joined in that feat by **Sidney Crosby**, **Jake Guentzel** and **Olli Maatta**.

That marked the eighth-straight year that Kessel has played in all of his team's games.

FORWARDS

61 – Justin Almeida – C

- *Tallied one assist in three games at the 2018 Prospects Challenge in Buffalo. Also participated in the Penguins' prospect development camp in late June.
- *Had an explosive 2017-18 campaign with the Moose Jaw Warriors of the Western Hockey League, putting up a career-high 98 points (43G-55A) in 72 games. He ranked 10th in the WHL in points and 12th in goals.

57 – Anthony Angello – RW

- *Led the Pens in both shots (4) and hits (3) on September 18 at Buffalo.
- *Suited up for all three games in the 2018 Prospects Challenge in Buffalo.
- *Made his professional debut with the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins at the end of the 2017-18 season. Scored first two professional goals in Game 3 of WBS' playoff game against Charlotte on April 26, 2018.
- *Played for Cornell University for three years and posted a career high of 26 points (13G-13A) during his final season in '17-18. Cornell's leader in goals and points.
- *Earned spots on the '17-18 All-Ivy League Second Team and All-ECAC Hockey Second Team.
- *Captured ECAC Hockey Player of the Month (Jan.) honors after leading the country with nine goals.

46 – Zach Aston-Reese – LW

- *Recorded three shots in 14:54 minutes on September 18 at Buffalo.
- *Made his NHL debut with the Penguins Feb. 3, 2018 against the New Jersey Devils. Finished the season appearing in 16 NHL games with the Penguins, notching six points (4G-2A). Added one assist in nine NHL playoff games. Suffered a season-ending broken jaw in Game 3 against Washington.
- *Put up 29 points (9G-20A) in 41 games with Wilkes-Barre/Scranton at the AHL level in '17-18.
- *Joined the Penguins as a highly-coveted undrafted free agent in March of 2017.
- *Tied for the NCAA lead in points (63) and led NCAA in goals scored (31) in '16-17 when he was a Hobey Baker Award finalist.
- *Put up 148 points (66G-82A) in 145 career games at Northeastern (NCAA).

64 – Jordy Bellerive – C

- *Saw action in his first preseason game on September 18 at Buffalo.
- *Returned to game action at the 2018 Prospects Challenge for the first time since suffering severe burns during a June campfire incident.
- *Served as captain for the Lethbridge Hurricanes of the Western Hockey League during the 2017-18 season, leading the team in goals (46) and points (92). Ranked eighth in goals and 12th in points in the WHL.
- *Contributed 25 points (9G-16A) in 16 playoff games with the Hurricanes in '17-18.

53 – Teddy Blueger – C

- *Collected one assist and went 10-4 (71%) on draws on September 18 at Buffalo.
- *Played in 70 games for Wilkes-Barre/Scranton in 2017-18 season, where he notched 45 points (21G-24A), which ranked third on the team.
- *Played in five games with his homeland of Latvia in the 2018 World Championship, posting three points (1G-2A).
- *Used mainly in a defensive role in his first full professional campaign in 2016-17, but did manage to

finish inside the top-10 in scoring on WBS with 31 points (7G-24A) in 54 appearances.

*Spent 4 seasons playing collegiate hockey at Minnesota State-Mankato.

19 – Derick Brassard – C

*Has missed time at the beginning of training camp due to illness.

*Produced eight points (3G-5A) in 14 games with the Penguins in 2017-18 following his acquisition from Ottawa in the blockbuster three-team trade that included the Vegas Golden Knights.

*Began his '17-18 season with the Ottawa Senators, where notched 38 points (18G-20A) in 58 games.

*His 21 goals combined between Ottawa and Pittsburgh last year were the second-most of his career (27 in 2015-16 with the New York Rangers).

*Appeared in 12 playoff games for the Penguins in 2018, adding four points (1G-3A).

*Has played 10-plus seasons in the NHL with the Columbus Blue Jackets, New York Rangers, Senators and Penguins.

51 – Joseph Cramarossa – LW

*Signed to an AHL contract for this season with the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins.

*Was acquired by WBS at midseason last year from the Stockton Heat. Tallied 12 points (6G-6A) in 28 games with WBS, before adding one goal in three postseason contests.

*Has logged action in 59 career NHL regular-season games with the Anaheim Ducks and Vancouver Canucks, producing 10 points (4G-6A).

87 – Sidney Crosby – C

*Coming off a dominating playoff run in 2018 that saw him produce nine goals, 12 assists and 21 points in just 12 games. Had at least one point in 10 games, and recorded seven multiple-point efforts.

*Passed Mario Lemieux to become the Penguins' all-time playoff points leader with his 173rd point in Game 4 at Philadelphia.

*Became the first Penguins' player, and ninth NHL player all-time, to record 20 or more playoff points on four or more occasions.

*Played in all 82 regular-season games in 2017-18 for the first time in his career. Ranked third on the club with 89 points (29G-60A).

*The three-time Stanley Cup champion and two-time Conn Smythe Trophy winner has been the Penguins' captain since May 31, 2007. He has led the NHL in goals and points twice, and he is a two-time Hart Trophy winner and three-time Ted Lindsay/Lester B. Pearson Award winner.

7 – Matt Cullen – C

*Returns to Pittsburgh for a second tour of duty after spending the 2017-18 season with the Minnesota Wild, where he tallied 22 points (11G-11A).

*A veteran entering his 21st season, he is a three-time Stanley Cup champion, all under Jim Rutherford (2006 with the Carolina Hurricanes, 2016 & 2017 with the Penguins).

*Logged 19:42 minutes, most among Pens' forwards, when the team clinched its second-straight Stanley Cup championship in Game 6 at Nashville in 2017.

*Served as an alternate captain for the Penguins during his first stint with the club.

*Totaled 63 points (29G-34A) in 154 regular-season games, and 15 points (6G-9A) in 49 playoff appearances, during his first stint with the Pens.

39 – Jean-Sebastian Dea – C

*Went 8-4 (67%) on faceoffs on September 18 at Buffalo.

- *Spent the majority of his 2017-18 season with Wilkes-Barre/Scranton. His five NHL games with Pittsburgh included his first NHL goal on Jan. 23, 2018 versus Carolina (GWG).
- *Ranked second on WBS in points (50) and assists (32) in 70 games in '17-18. Both were career highs. Named WBS' team MVP.
- *Was a member of the Penguins' 'Black Aces' taxi squad during the 2016 and '17 playoffs.
- *Made his NHL debut with Pittsburgh in the 2016-17 season finale against the New York Rangers at Madison Square Garden.

54 – Thomas Di Pauli – LW

- *Finished plus-1 with two shots on September 18 at Buffalo.
- *Appeared in 58 games with Wilkes-Barre/Scranton in 2017-18, scoring 12 goals and eight assists.
- *Made his pro debut with WBS in 2016-17, but had his season cut short due to injury. Scored two times in 21 games with WBS.
- *Played in all 37 games of the 2015-16 season with the University of Notre Dame, scoring a career-high 14 goals and 18 assists for a career-high 32 points.
- *Finished his four-year career with Notre Dame with 30 goals, 48 assists and 78 points.
- *Originally drafted by the Washington Capitals in the 4th round (100th overall) of the 2012 NHL Draft at PPG Paints Arena.

82 – Jan Drozg – RW

- *Recorded one assist in three games at the 2018 Prospects Challenge in Buffalo.
- *Completed his first season in North America with the Shawinigan Cataractes of the QMJHL by leading the club in assists (34) and points (50). His 16 goals ranked second on the team.
- *Represented his native Slovenia at the 'B' Division World Junior Championship in 2017-18, where he served as an alternate captain for the bronze medal winners.
- *Named Slovenia's Top Player after leading the team, and ranking fourth overall in the tournament, with nine points (5G-4A) in five games.
- *Rewarded for his strong debut in North America by joining the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins at the conclusion of their season. Recorded an assist in his only AHL game on April 15, 2018 at Hershey.

38 – Derek Grant – C

- *Blocked a team-high (tied) three blocked shots and won the faceoff that led to Juuso Riikola's goal on September 18 at Buffalo.
- *Joined the Penguins this summer as an unrestricted free agent following a breakout campaign with the Anaheim Ducks in 2017-18 with 12 goals, 12 assists and 24 points in 66 games.
- *Named to the AHL All-Star Classic in 2015-16 after setting AHL career highs in goals (27) and points (45) in 36 games with the Stockton Heat.
- *Won an AHL Calder Cup championship with the Binghamton Senators in 2011.
- *Played two seasons of college hockey at Michigan State from 2009-11.

59 – Jake Guentzel – LW

- *Picked up an assist on Juuso Riikola's goal on September 18 at Buffalo.
- *Enjoyed another strong playoff run in 2018, leading the team in goals (10), points (t, 21) and plus/minus (+10) in 12 games.
- *Scored four goals and totaled five points in the Pens' Game 6 series-clinching win in Philadelphia. Became just the third player in NHL history to score four-straight team goals in the playoffs.
- *Joined Mario Lemieux as the only players in NHL history to record double-digit goal totals in each of his first-two playoff appearances.

- *Ranked fifth on the Pens in 2017-18 in goals (22) and assists (26) in 82 regular-season games.
- *Won a Stanley Cup with the Pens in 2017 after leading the club with 13 goals in the playoffs and tying the NHL rookie record with 21 points. His point total is the most ever by an American-born rookie.
- *Led the NHL with five game-winning goals during the 2017 playoffs, which equaled the Penguins' team record set by Lemieux in 1992. His five GWGs established an NHL record for rookies.

62 – Carl Hagelin – LW

- *Reached the 30-point mark for the fifth time in his career with 31 points in 2017-18 (10G-21A).
- *Appeared in nine playoff games, notching three points (2G-1A).
- *Was a part of the Penguins 2017 Stanley Cup winning team, earning his second Cup (Pittsburgh, 2016).
- *Scored Cup-sealing empty-net goal in Game 6 of the 2017 Final.
- *Set playoff career highs for assists (10) and points (16) during Pittsburgh's 2016 championship run.
- *Netted six game-winning goals in the 2015-16 season, the most for any in-season acquisition in Pens team history.

56 – Ryan Haggerty – RW

- *Returns to Wilkes-Barre/Scranton this year to play on an AHL-only deal for the third season.
- *Had his most prolific AHL season in 2017-18, tallying 37 points (16G-21A) in 47 games. Set career highs across the board in goals, assists and points.
- *Played three seasons of college hockey at RPI before turning pro with the Hartford Wolf Pack in 2014-15.

11 – Jimmy Hayes – RW

- *Suited up for his first preseason game on September 18 at Buffalo.
- *Spent his 2017-18 season with the New Jersey Devils, tallying nine points (3G-6A).
- *Has eight years of NHL experience under his belt with the Chicago Blackhawks, Florida Panthers, Boston Bruins, and the Devils, playing in 334 games and producing 54 goals, 55 assists, and 109 points.
- *Enjoyed his best season in 2014-15 with the Panthers when he reached personal highs with 19 goals and 35 points.
- *Won an NCAA national championship in 2010 at Boston College alongside fellow Penguins player Brian Dumoulin.

72 – Patric Hornqvist – RW

- *Ranked fifth on the Penguins during the 2017-18 season in total points with 49, and fourth in goals with 29. His goal total was the second-highest of his career (30 in 2009-10 with Nashville).
- *Tacked on 11 points (5G-6A) in 10 playoff games. Skated alongside Sidney Crosby and Jake Guentzel during the postseason as part of a dominating top line.
- *Rewarded for his consistency, which includes five-straight 20-goal seasons, with a five-year contract extension on Feb. 27, 2018.
- *Notched two goals in the 2018 World Championship to help Sweden bring home the gold medal.
- *Was part of the Penguins 2017 Stanley Cup winning team, scoring the Cup-clinching goal in Game 6 against his former club and home city of Nashville. It was his 2nd Stanley Cup championship (Pittsburgh, 2016).

47 – Adam Johnson – LW

- *Led the Penguins with three goals in three games at the 2018 Prospects Challenge in Buffalo. Scored once in all three contests.

*Wrapped up his first full professional season with Wilkes-Barre/Scranton with 11 goals, 20 assists and 31 points in 70 AHL contests.

*Signed an entry-level contract with Pittsburgh following the team's 2017 prospect development camp.

*Registered 55 points (24G-31A) in 81 career games during two seasons at Minnesota-Duluth.

44 – Troy Josephs – LW

*Suited up for two games for the Pens at the 2018 Prospects Challenge in Buffalo.

*Will play for Wilkes-Barre/Scranton on an AHL contract for the second-straight season.

*Last year he split his campaign between WBS and the Wheeling Nailers of the ECHL. Played the majority of the campaign in Wheeling, where he ranked sixth on the team with 16 goals, and added 20 assists for 36 points in 43 contests.

81 – Phil Kessel – RW

*Enjoyed a career year with the Penguins in 2017-18, setting personal highs for assists (58) and points (92). His point total was tied for seventh-best in the NHL.

*His point total was the third-highest by an American-born player during the salary cap era.

*Helped the Penguins win back-to-back Stanley Cup championships in 2016 and '17. His 18 goals during that span led the NHL.

*Led the Pens in scoring during their 2016 Cup run with 22 points (10G-12A).

*The three-time All-Star has scored 234 goals over his past eight seasons entering 2018-19. That is tied for sixth-most in the NHL during that span.

*Has played in 692 consecutive regular-season games. If you include the playoffs, his streak sits at 760 contests.

37 – Sam Lafferty – C

*Made his professional debut with Wilkes-Barre/Scranton at the end of the 2017-18 season. Totaled three points (1G-2A) in nine games.

*Played four years at Brown University and led the team in assists (14) and points (22) in '17-18, his final season. Named Second-Team All-Ivy for the second-straight season.

*Served as an alternate captain during the '16-17 and '17-18 seasons with Brown.

*Contributed as a multi-sport athlete as a member of the golf team at Brown.

*Grew up in Hollidaysburg, PA, located two hours from Pittsburgh, near Altoona.

25 – Tobias Lindberg – RW

*Embarking on his first full season in the Pittsburgh organization after being acquired last February in the blockbuster three-team deal that saw the Penguins also acquire Derick Brassard.

*Following his acquisition last year, he remained with the Chicago Wolves of the AHL.

*Participated in the Penguins' 2018 prospect development camp in June.

*Played six NHL games with Toronto in 2016, recording his first NHL point/assist in his NHL debut on March 31, 2016 at Buffalo.

*Helped the Oshawa Generals win the 2015 Memorial Cup.

71 – Evgeni Malkin – C

*Was Pittsburgh's leader in both goals (42) and points (98) during the 2017-18 season. His 42 goals were the third-highest total of his career, and his most since tallying a personal-best 50 times in 2011-12.

*Finished fourth in the NHL in both goals and points. He was the only NHL player to rank in the top-five in both categories.

*Was the NHL's 'First Star' for January and 'Second Star' of February. His 62 points from January 1 until the end of the season ranked second in the NHL behind only NHL scoring champion Connor McDavid, who had 63.

*Named the Pens' team MVP.

*The three-time Stanley Cup champion (2009; 2016-17) is a two-time scoring champ, a 2012 Hart Trophy winner and the 2009 Conn Smythe Trophy winner.

*Enters the 2018-19 campaign needing 70 points to join Mario Lemieux, Sidney Crosby and Jaromir Jagr as the fourth player to record 1,000 career points with the team.

80 – Sam Miletic – LW

*Played all three games for the Penguins at the 2018 Prospects Challenge in Buffalo.

*Split the 2017-18 season between the London Knights and Niagara IceDogs, finishing sixth in the OHL in scoring with 92 points (36G-56A).

*His 12 playoff points (4G-8A) with Niagara were tied for the team lead.

*Earned a spot on the OHL Second All-Star Team, and ranked third in Overage Player of the Year voting.

*Scored once in two NHL preseason games with the Penguins in 2017 before signing his entry-level deal.

36 – Linus Olund – C

*Will play in North America for the first time with Wilkes-Barre/Scranton after signing his three-year entry-level contract with Pittsburgh on April 26, 2018.

*Notched one assist in three games for the Penguins at the 2018 Prospects Challenge in Buffalo.

*Posted career highs in games played (51), assists (15) and points (23) in his 2017-18 season with Brynas IF.

*Scored five points (2G-3A) in eight 2018 playoff games to tie for second in points with Brynas IF.

17 – Bryan Rust – RW

*Posted career highs in games played (69), points (38), and assists (25) in the 2017-18 season.

*Ranked seventh on the team in points, sixth on the team in assists, and fourth on the team with a plus-11.

*Was a part of the Penguins 2017 Stanley Cup winning team, finishing the playoffs with seven goals and two assists for nine points in 23 games. This was his 2nd Stanley Cup championship (Pittsburgh, 2016).

*Became the 4th player in NHL history to have each of his 1st three career playoff game-winning goals decide a series (2016 vs. TBL; 2017 vs. CBJ; 2017 vs. WSH).

*Became the second rookie in NHL history to record multiple goals in two series clinching wins (Game 5 vs. NY Rangers and Game 7 vs. Tampa Bay Lightning).

15 – Riley Sheahan – C

*Has missed the beginning of training camp due to a lower-body injury.

*Was acquired by the Penguins last October from the Detroit Red Wings. Went on to tally 32 points (11G-21A) in 73 regular-season games with Pittsburgh. Also played eight games with the Wings before the trade.

*Produced 21 points (8G-13A) in 42 games from Jan. 1 until the end of the regular season.

*Marked the second time in his career he exceeded 30 points (36 in 2014-15).

*Won 54.4% of his draws with the Pens, leading the team.

*Played four-plus seasons with the Detroit Red Wings before being traded to the Penguins.

12 – Dominik Simon – LW

*Recorded two shots in 15:11 minutes on September 18 at Buffalo.

- *Posted career highs in games (33), goals (4), assists (8) and points (12) at the NHL level with the Penguins in the 2017-18 regular season.
- *Scored his first NHL goal on Jan. 14, 2018 against the New York Rangers and had his first two-goal game on Jan. 25 versus Minnesota.
- *Saw action in eight postseason games and put up three assists.
- *Logged significant shifts on the top line next to Sidney Crosby during both the regular season and the playoffs.
- *Tallied 17 points (4G-13A) in 21 AHL contests with Wilkes-Barre/Scranton in '17-18.
- *Was a member of the Penguins' 'Black Aces' taxi squad during the 2017 and '16 playoffs.

41 – Daniel Sprong – RW

- *Assisted Juuso Riikola's goal and fired three shots on goal on September 18 at Buffalo.
- *Developed into one of the most-dynamic offensive performers in the AHL with Wilkes-Barre/Scranton in 2017-18, leading the team in goals (32), assists (33) and points (65). Finished tied for fifth in the AHL scoring race, and second in the goal-scoring race.
- *His 32 goals not only led all AHL rookies, but they were tied for second-most in WBS franchise history (Chris Minard, 34, 2008-09).
- *Named to AHL All-Rookie Team and participated in the 2018 AHL All-Star Game.
- *Participated in eight regular season contests with the Penguins in '17-18, tallying three points (2G-1A). All three points came on Jan. 5, 2018 at the New York Islanders when he played on the top line next to Sidney Crosby.

79 – Freddie Tiffels – LW

- *Skated in all three games for the Penguins at the 2018 Prospects Challenge in Buffalo.
- *Represented Germany at the 2018 World Championship, the second-straight year he has done so. Has scored twice in each of the past two World Championships.
- *Split time in the 2017-18 season with the Wheeling Nailers of the ECHL and the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins of the AHL. Played 44 games with the Nailers, tallying 33 points (16G-17A). He ranked seventh on the team in goals and eighth in points. Also played 12 games with WBS, tallying three points (1G-2A).
- *Wrapped up his three-year collegiate career at Western Michigan by scoring 27 goals, notching 32 assists and totaling 59 points in 105 career games.

10 – Garrett Wilson – LW

- *Made his preseason debut on September 18 at Buffalo.
- *Served as an alternate captain for the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins during his first two seasons with the club.
- *Notched 42 points (17G-25A) in 69 games with WBS in 2017-18.
- *Skated with the Penguins' 'Black Aces' taxi squad during the 2017 NHL playoffs.
- *Split the 2015-16 season between the Florida Panthers and their minor-league affiliate, the Portland Pirates. It was Wilson's first extended NHL action, as he appeared in 29 contests with the Panthers.
- *During the 2016 Stanley Cup playoffs, Wilson suited up for all 6 of Florida's opening-round matchups against the New York Islanders, picking up his first NHL point with an assist on Alex Petrovic's game-winning goal in Game 4.

DEFENSEMAN

76 – Calen Addison – D

- *Scored against Buffalo in the Penguins' final game of the 2018 Prospects Challenge.
- *Attending Hockey Canada's National Junior Evaluation Camp in August. The camp is an evaluation tool to help choose Canada's World Junior Championship team.
- *Was the Pens' top draft pick (2nd round; 53rd overall) in the 2018 NHL Draft.
- *Ranked second in scoring last year on the Lethbridge Hurricanes of the Western Hockey League with 65 points (11G-54A) in 68 games. He trailed only fellow Pens' prospect Jordy Bellerive in scoring on the team.
- *Added 19 playoff points (7G-12A) in 16 playoff contests. His point total ranked second among WHL blueliners.

67 – Dane Birks – D

- *Suited up for all three games for the Penguins at 2018 Prospects Challenge in Buffalo.
- *Made his professional debut with Wilkes-Barre/Scranton at the conclusion of the 2017-18 campaign, dressing against Hershey on April 15, 2018.
- *Played four years at Michigan Tech from 2014-18.
- *Wrapped up his career with seven goals, 23 assists and 30 points with a plus-27 in 117 contests.
- *He wrapped up the '17-18 campaign by setting career highs of five goals, 13 assists, 18 points and a plus-10 in 44 games.

8 – Brian Dumoulin – D

- *Tallied a career high of 18 points (5G-13A) in the 2017-18 season. His five goals were also a career high.
- *Recorded seven postseason points (1G-6A) during the playoffs, all in the First Round against Philadelphia. That set a single-series playoff high.
- *His lone playoff goal in Game 3 against the Flyers came five seconds after Evgeni Malkin scored. That tied the NHL record for the fastest two goals in NHL playoff history.
- *Was a part of the Penguins 2017 Stanley Cup winning team, finishing the playoffs with one goal, five assists and six points in 25 games. It was his second Stanley Cup championship (Pittsburgh, 2016).
- *Skated on Pittsburgh's top defensive pair in the playoffs during both championship runs.

24 – Stefan Elliott – D

- *Blocked a pair of shots on September 18 at Buffalo.
- *Has played the past two seasons in Europe, skating for HV71 of the Swedish Hockey League in 2017-18 and Ak Bars Kazan from Russia's KHL the year prior.
- *He played 34 games with HV71 tallying 21 points (4G-17A), ranking him seventh on the team in points and third in assists.
- *Won an Olympic Bronze Medal in 2018 with Team Canada.
- *He has played 84 games in the NHL with the Colorado Avalanche, Arizona Coyotes and Nashville Predators, netting eight goals, 16 assists and 24 points.

73 – Jack Johnson – D

- *Signed a five-year contract with the Penguins on July 1.
- *Has played 11-plus NHL seasons, including the past six with the Columbus Blue Jackets.
- *Served as the alternate captain for the Blue Jackets in five of his six seasons.
- *He played in 77 games with the Blue Jackets in 2017-18, recording 101 hits and 135 blocked shots.

- *Was the Blue Jackets' top scorer in the 2014 First Round series against the Penguins, when he led his team with seven points (3G-4A) in the six-game series.
- *In 23 career playoff games with the Blue Jackets and Kings, Johnson had 21 points (5G-16A).
- *Since debuting with the Kings late in the 2007 season, Johnson has played in 788 games, recording 278 points (66G-212A).
- *Originally drafted by Jim Rutherford and the Carolina Hurricanes in 2005.

58 – Kris Letang – D

- *Earned 52 points during the 2017-18 season with the Penguins, contributing nine goals and 42 assists in the regular season to earn his fourth All-Star Game berth.
- *Tallied 11 points (3G-8A) in 12 playoff games in the 2018 postseason.
- *During the 2018 postseason, he established franchise records for career points and assists by a defenseman. He had already held the title for most career playoff goals by a D-man.
- *Served as an alternate captain during the '17-18 season.
- *Letang is a three-time Stanley Cup champion (2009; 2016-17) with the Penguins. He scored the Stanley Cup-clinching goal in Game 6 of Pittsburgh's 2016 victory in San Jose. That year, he factored into all four game-winning goals in the Cup Final (1G-3A).

3 – Olli Maatta – D

- *Logged a team-high 22:28 minutes on September 18 at Buffalo.
- *Played 82 games with the Penguins during the 2017-18 season contributing 29 points (7G-22A). It was his first time playing every game. His point total tied his career high originally set as a rookie in 2013-14.
- *Ranked eighth on the team with 22 assists during the '17-18 season.
- *His cumulative career plus-23 during the postseason is the best figure among defensemen in team history, and the third-highest overall.
- *Helped the Penguins win a 2nd-straight Stanley Cup in 2017, the 2nd Cup win of his career (Pittsburgh, 2016).
- *Notched a career-high eight points (2G-6A) in the 2017 playoffs.

70 – Joe Masonius – D

- *Tallied one assist in three games for the Penguins at the 2018 Prospects Challenge in Buffalo.
- *Signed an AHL contract with Wilkes-Barre/Scranton for the 2018-19 season.
- *Ranked third among all University of Connecticut skaters, producing 14 assists in the 2017-18 season. Finished with 16 points overall.
- *Seven of his assists in '17-'18 came on the power play.

6 – Jamie Oleksiak – D

- *Following his acquisition from the Dallas Stars in December, he went on to produce a career year with 17 points (5G-12A) in 68 games.
- *Was plus-13 in 47 games with the Pens after going minus-6 in 21 appearances with Dallas.
- *Totaled career highs of 76 blocked shots and 174 hits during the '17-18 season.
- *2014 AHL Calder Cup Champion with the Texas Stars.

75 – Will O'Neill – D

- *Scored the Pens' first goal of the preseason on September 18 at Buffalo.
- *Signed an AHL contract with Wilkes-Barre/Scranton for the 2018-19 season.
- *Spent last season in the Philadelphia Flyers organization, where he made his NHL debut on November 2, 2017 at St. Louis.

*This will be his second tour of duty in WBS. During the 2015-16 campaign with the club he was named a Second-Team All-Star after producing a career-best 50 points (8G-42A).

83 – Antti Palojarvi – D

*Played for the Penguins at the 2018 Prospects Challenge in Buffalo.

*Participated in the Penguins' prospect development camp in July.

*Has played the past two seasons for Lukko's Under-20 Team in the Jr. A SM-liiga. Improved his offensive numbers across the board last year.

42 – Ethan Prow – D

*Split the past two seasons with Wilkes-Barre/Scranton of the AHL and the Wheeling Nailers of the ECHL.

*Posted 17 points (4G-13A) in 40 games with WBS in 2017-18 season.

*Skated in 59 games with WBS in 2016-17 where he posted 16 points (1G-15A).

*Was finalist for the 2015-16 Hobey Baker Award as the top college hockey player after helping St. Cloud State win the National Collegiate Hockey Conference crown in his senior season.

50 – Juuso Riikola – D

*Scored his first goal of the preseason and played 19:41 minutes on September 18 at Buffalo.

*Signed a one-year entry-level contract with the Penguins on May 18, 2018.

*Represented his homeland of Finland in the 2018 World Championship, where he notched two assists and was plus-4 in eight contests.

*During the 2017-18 campaign, he scored a career-high eight times and added 16 assists for 24 points in 59 games with KalPa of the SM-liiga.

*Scored 26 goals, 63 assists and 89 points in 283 regular-season games with KalPa. He tacked on 10 points (2G-8A) in 31 playoff games.

*Was teammates with Olli Maatta on Finland's 2013 World Junior Championship squad.

2 – Chad Ruhwedel – D

*Finished plus-1 and blocked a team-high (tied) three shots in 21:58 minutes on September 18 at Buffalo.

*Played a career high of 44 games during the 2017-18 season with the Penguins.

*Set career highs in the '17-18 season with 16 penalty minutes, 43 blocked shots and 67 hits.

*Made first ever appearance in the 2017 NHL playoffs (6 GP) with the Pens. Helped the Penguins win the first Stanley Cup of his career.

*Split time between Wilkes-Barre/Scranton and Pittsburgh in the 2016-17 season.

4 – Justin Schultz – D

*Contributed 27 points with four goals and 23 assists during his 63 games played in the 2017-18 regular season.

*Tallied eight points (1G-7A) in 12 playoff games for the Pens in 2018.

*Set career highs during the 2016-17 regular season across the board with 12 goals, 39 assists, 51 points and a plus-27.

*Notched a career-high 13 points (4G-9A) in the 2017 playoffs. He ranked fourth in points among all defensemen in the league.

*Won back-to-back Stanley Cup championships with the Penguins in 2016 and '17.

55 – Chris Summers – D

- *Blocked a pair of shots on September 18 at Buffalo.
- *Served as the alternate captain with Wilkes-Barre/Scranton during the 2017-18 season and as the Hartford Wolfpack's alternate captain during the '16-17 season.
- *Recorded 11 points (1G-10A) in 64 AHL regular-season contests with Wilkes-Barre/Scranton in '17-18.
- *Skated in 70 career NHL games with the Arizona Coyotes and New York Rangers, tallying nine points (2G-7A).
- *Played four seasons of college hockey with the University of Michigan, where he was teammates with Carl Hagelin.

52 – Jeff Taylor – D

- *Split his first full professional campaign in the 2017-18 season with Wilkes-Barre/Scranton, and the Wheeling Nailers.
- *Made his professional debut with WBS at the end of the 2016-17 regular season, logging action in six games.
- *Set career highs in goals (9) and points (33) while earning Second-Team All-ECAC in his senior season with Union College in '16-17.
- *Was an alternate captain as a senior and helped Union advance to the NCAA Tournament.
- *Helped Union win the NCAA national championship as a freshman back in 2014.
- *Finished his four-year collegiate career with 92 points (18G-74A) and a plus-33 in 149 career contests.

5 – Zach Trotman – D

- *Spent 2017-18 with Wilkes-Barre/Scranton where he put up 17 points (7G-10A) in 49 games. Finished the season a plus-24, ranking him first on the team.
- *Added one goal and one assist in three playoff games.
- *Played in three NHL games with the Penguins in 17-18.
- *Originally drafted in the 7th round (210th overall) by the Boston Bruins in 2010.

GOALTENDERS

1 – Casey DeSmith – G

- *Took the loss after stopping 26 of 29 shots in a 3-2 setback on September 18 at Buffalo.
- *Split the 2017-18 season between the Pittsburgh Penguins and the AHL's Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins, playing 14 games with Pittsburgh and 27 games with WBS.
- *At the NHL level, he went 6-4-1 with a .921 save percentage in 14 games. Posted a 35-save shutout of the Ottawa Senators in the regular-season finale.
- *Made his NHL debut in relief on October 29, 2017 at Winnipeg.
- *At the AHL level, he was named to the 2018 All-Star Classic.
- *Named to 2017 AHL All-Rookie team after posting an AHL-best 2.01 GAA, a .926 SVP and 21-5-4 record in 29 games with Wilkes-Barre/Scranton in 2016-17.
- *Combined with Tristan Jarry to win the Harry "Hap" Holmes Award in '16-17 as the AHL goaltending tandem that allowed the fewest goals.

33 – Alex D'Orio – G

- *Started two of the Pens' three games at the 2018 Prospects Challenge in Buffalo.

*Posted career high in games played (44) in the 2017-18 season with the Saint John Sea Dogs, his first season as the full-time starter. The Sea Dogs were rebuilding in '17-18 after winning the QMJHL title and playing in the Memorial Cup the previous year.

*Reached career high in most saves in one game (60) with the Sea Dogs versus Acadie-Bathurst on March 4, 2018.

*Earned himself an entry-level contract with the Penguins after leading the club to the best record at the 2017 Prospects Challenge in Buffalo, where he went 2-0-1 and stopped 74 of 82 shots.

35 – Tristan Jarry – G

*Played 26 games for the Pittsburgh Penguins and 16 games for Wilkes-Barre/Scranton during the 2017-18 season.

*Led all NHL rookies with 14 victories, posting a 14-6-2 record and a team-leading two shutouts.

*Was a member of the Penguins' 'Black Aces' taxi squad during the 2017 and '16 playoffs. Also dressed as the Penguins' backup goalie for multiple postseason contests each year due to injuries to Matt Murray and Marc-Andre Fleury.

*Combined with Casey DeSmith to help Wilkes-Barre/Scranton capture the 2017 Harry "Hap" Holmes Award as the AHL goaltending tandem that allowed the fewest goals.

*Named to the 2017 AHL All-Star Classic after winning 28 games for WBS.

*Made his NHL debut with Pittsburgh in the 2016-17 regular-season finale against the New York Rangers at Madison Square Garden.

30 – Matt Murray – G

*Completed his first season as the Penguins' No. 1 goaltender in 2017-18, going 27-16-3 in 49 games. Prior to last year, he split No. 1 chores with Marc-Andre Fleury during his first one-plus campaigns.

*His 24-save shutout in Game 1 against the Flyers was his third-straight playoff blanking dating back to the 2017 playoffs. He became just the ninth goalie in NHL history to record three-straight shutouts in the playoffs.

*Became the fastest goalie in NHL history to reach 25 playoff wins (36 GP) following a victory in Game 4 at Philadelphia.

*Led the Penguins to a second-straight Stanley Cup championship in 2017, the second Cup of his career (2016). By doing so, he became the first NHL goalie to win the Stanley Cup-clinching game in each of his first two years in the league.

*Recorded shutouts in each of the last two games of the Stanley Cup Final against Nashville. Shut out the Predators over the final 146:26 of the series.

*Set a Pittsburgh rookie record by winning 32 games during the 2016-17 regular season, his first full NHL season. Named to the NHL All-Rookie Team.

*Equaled the NHL rookie record by winning 15 games for Pittsburgh during the 2016 championship run.

40 – John Muse – G

*In the 2017-18 season he split time between the Reading Royals of the ECHL and the Lehigh Valley Phantoms of the AHL.

*Went 11-2-1 with one shutout with the Phantoms and had went 19-5-2 with the Royals.

*Was the ECHL's playoff MVP in '12.

*Muse was originally signed by Jim Rutherford and the Carolina Hurricanes organization as an undrafted free agent in 2011

*Won the 2010 NCAA National Championship at Boston College, where he was teammates that season with Penguins' blueliner Brian Dumoulin.

31 – Anthony Peters – G

*Rewarded for his outstanding fill-in job last season with an AHL-only contract with Wilkes-Barre/Scranton for the 2018-19 season.

*Helped WBS stay afloat amidst constant shuffling between the pipes in 2017-18 by compiling a 12-7-3 record in 24 games with the club.

*Before joining WBS, he began last year playing for Cincinnati of the ECHL.