



# TWELVE LUMBERJACKS HOPEFUL FOR NHL DRAFT

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MUSKEGON, MI– In anticipation of the 2021 NHL Draft, the Muskegon Lumberjacks are preparing for twelve current and former players to take the next step in their young careers.

Jacob Guevin and Thomas Sinclair are two current Lumberjacks in their first year of eligibility. Seven current Lumberjacks are in their second year of eligibility, including Cameron Berg, Alex Gagne, Hank Kempf, Frankie Carogioello, Quinn Hutson, Jack Williams, and Tanner Kelly. Former Lumberjacks Dylan Gratton, David Gucciardi, and Paul Minnehan are in their first year of eligibility.

Cameron Berg, Alex Gagne, and Jacob Guevin have each earned All-USHL honors in the 2020-2021 season. Berg, who was named to the All-USHL Third Team, showcased himself with 27 goals and 58 points. Along with Berg, Gagne also made the All-USHL Third Team and contributed 26 points in 53 games with an astonishing +35 plus/minus, which is a franchise record. Guevin, who made the USHL First Team All-Rookie group had 45 points in 53 games which led all rookie defensemen.

Hank Kempf earned the USHL's All-Rookie honors in the 2019-2020 season with 17 assists, which was third-most of any rookie defenseman. Kempf also showcased his skills in the classroom by being named to the USHL All-Academic Team in 2020 and, alongside Berg, participated in the BioSteel All-American game which featured the top American-born prospects eligible for the upcoming NHL Draft.

Thomas Sinclair was on the NHL's Central Scouting Preliminary Players to Watch List, tallying 4 goals and 14 assists in 37 games this past season. Jack Williams was on the NHL's Central Scouting Preliminary Players to Watch List for the 2020 NHL Draft. Williams finished the season with 18 goals and 20 assists in 52 games.

Frankie Carogioello came to Muskegon in the 2020-2021 season and was acquired by the Lumberjacks from the Fargo Force in a key trade. Carogioello played 25 games with the Lumberjacks and had 1 goal and 3 assists.

Quinn Hutson came to Muskegon in the 2020-2021 season and made an immediate impact on the team. Hutson came from the British Columbia Hockey League, but that was cut short because of COVID-related league rules. The past season, Hutson totaled 16 goals and 26 assists in 45 games with the Lumberjacks.

Tanner Kelly posted 47 points in 53 games. Kelly made his USHL debut in 2018-2019 playing six games. In 2019-2020 Kelly played 42 games in his first full USHL season.

Former Lumberjacks Dylan Gratton, David Gucciardi, and Paul Minnehan are also eligible for the 2021 NHL Draft. Although their time in Muskegon was short, all of them made an impact on the team and we wish them the best in their career.

"This is a culmination of years of hard work from these young men. We take pride in the development of our players and strive to continue Muskegon's tradition of producing elite athletes," said Steve Lowe, President of Hockey Operations.

The Lumberjacks recently published their schedule for the 2021-22 regular season, with a list of promotional theme nights being announced in the coming weeks. Season tickets for the 2021-22 season are now on sale. For more information, please call the Muskegon Lumberjacks Business Office at (231) 799-7000 or email [afranczek@muskegonlumberjacks.com](mailto:afranczek@muskegonlumberjacks.com).

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