

JOHN TAVARES

London Knights • OHL

6'0" 195 lbs. Center, shoots left

Born: Sept. 20, 1990 in Mississauga, ON

Mid-Term Ranking: 1

North American Skater



QUICK FACTS

- Through the first nine games of the 2009 OHL playoffs, Tavares has 14 points (6-8-14) as his London Knights faced the Saginaw Spirit in the second round.
- In his fourth season in the OHL, Tavares led the league in goals with 58 in 56 games (58-46-104) in 2008-09, including 50 points (32-18-50) in 24 games after being traded to the London Knights. He set a new OHL goal-scoring record, surpassing Peter Lee's 33-year-old record with his 214th goal on Mar. 8, 2009, finishing with a total of 215 career goals (215-218-433) in 247 games.
- On the world stage, he won back-to-back gold medals with Team Canada at the 2008 and 2009 World Junior Championships. With a more prominent role in 2009, he scored eight goals (8-7-15) to bring his World Junior goal total to 12 (12-8-20) -- tying Eric Lindros and Jeff Carter for most goals in a career by a Canadian at the World Junior Championships.
- He was named the 2007 CHL Player of the Year after breaking the OHL record for goals in a season by a 16-year-old with 72 (previously held by Wayne Gretzky). He made his OHL debut the season prior as a 15-year-old, after receiving 'exceptional player' status and was tabbed the CHL Rookie of the Year in 2006.

HE SAID IT

On his will to win: "I think that's part of learning the game early, and having a passion for the game. I remember every day playing hockey and coming home from school and going shooting pucks in my basement, just excited for practice. I just had so much fun. I tried to do my best each and every day and wanted to excel and wanted to be the best at every level and everywhere I played. I think that's what drove me and still drives me today."

On his first thought after winning gold at the 2008 World Juniors: "I'm a world champion. I think, not too many people can say that. There's no greater honor than winning gold for Canada . . . the feeling of overcoming all that adversity, all that hard work we've put into our lives, and now I'll say I'm a world champion, that was amazing."

SCOUTING REPORT

Director of Central Scouting E.J. McGuire

"He is probably better than any other player in the Draft from the top of the circle down at being a threat to score. He's an offensive player who is reliable in his defensive zone and getting better at that, but yet not asked to do that very frequently. He is pure offense and for his first years in the NHL will probably be asked to do just that."

STATISTICS

SEASON	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	P	PIM
2005-06	Oshawa	OHL	65	45	32	77	72
2006-07	Oshawa	OHL	67	72	62	134	60
2007-08	Oshawa	OHL	59	40	78	118	69
2008-09	Oshawa	OHL	32	26	28	54	32
2008-09	London	OHL	24	32	18	50	22



MATT DUCHENE

Brampton Battalion • OHL

5'11" 200 lbs. Center, shoots left

Born: January 16, 1991 in Haliburton, ON

Mid-Term Ranking: 2

North American Skater



QUICK FACTS

- Through the first eight games of his 2009 OHL playoffs, Duchene has 11 points (6-5-11) as Brampton takes on Mississauga in the second round.
- In his second year with Brampton, Duchene was third on the team in scoring with 79 points (31-48-79) in 59 games and was voted the Best Playmaker and Best Stickhandler in the OHL Eastern Conference Coaches Poll.
- His 2008-09 season was highlighted by the 2009 OHL All-Star Classic, the CHL Top Prospects Game and a gold medal as captain of Team Canada at the Under-18 Ivan Hlinka tournament. He won three international gold medals in an eight-month span in 2008, also winning gold at the Under-18 World Championships and at the World Under-17 Challenge with Team Ontario.
- Hockey is in his bloodlines; Duchene's uncle is Anaheim Ducks' assistant coach Newell Brown – a Stanley Cup champion in 2007 and a member of the 1980 Memorial Cup champion Cornwall Royals and his father Vince backstopped the Ontario juvenile champion Minden Monarchs in 1984-85.
- Duchene played on his very first hockey team with the Haliburton Huskies. His current Brampton Battalion teammate, Cody Hodgson, was also a childhood friend, teammate and backyard rink opponent.

HE SAID IT

On his style of play: "I try to be one of the fastest players on the ice. Usually when I'm playing a good game, I'm keeping my feet moving and playing at top speed. I'd say that's probably my biggest asset as a player. Things seem to go better if I'm moving my feet than when I am not."

On his backyard rink: "We have boards. We have fishing line mesh up behind for glass. I made a goalie in shop class a couple years ago out of sheet metal and wood. He stands in there and takes the brunt of Cody (Hodgson) and my shots in the summertime."

SCOUTING REPORT

NHL Central Scouting's Chris Edwards

"Duchene has the ability to dominate a game. He is an excellent all-round skater with great speed, his playmaking, ability to see the ice and move the puck through traffic to create offense are outstanding. He has a very good shot, but I see his best asset as his speed and ability to beat defensemen to the middle or outside."

STATISTICS

SEASON	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	P	PIM
2007-08	Brampton	OHL	64	30	20	50	22
2008-09	Brampton	OHL	57	31	48	79	42



EVANDER KANE

Vancouver Giants • WHL

6'1" 176 lbs. Center, shoots left

Born: August 2, 1991 in Vancouver, BC

Mid-Term Ranking: 3

North American Skater



QUICK FACTS

- Through the first eight games of the 2009 WHL playoffs, Kane has seven points (2-5-7) as his Vancouver Giants take on the Spokane Chiefs in the second round.
- After a successful rookie season of 41 points in 2007-08, including 24 goals in 65 games and a nomination for WHL Rookie of the Year, Kane doubled his goal production (48) and totaled 96 points (48-48-96) in 61 games to rank second in the WHL.
- He won a gold medal with Team Canada at the 2009 World Junior Championships recording six points (2-4-6), including two assists in Canada's 6-5 semi-final win over Russia. Kane was initially cut from the 2009 roster, but joined the team a few days before the tournament, replacing injured forward Dana Tyrell.
- The World Junior gold medal was his second international gold in six months as he was also a member of Canada's Under-18 team that captured gold at the Memorial of Ivan Hlinka tournament in Piestany, Slovakia.
- He was named after professional boxer Evander Holyfield – a favorite boxer of both his dad and grandfather.

HE SAID IT

On his style of play: "I'm a goal-scorer. I like to score goals. That's what I do best. I also like to bring a physical element to my game and try to be a complete player."

On winning the Memorial Cup with Vancouver as a 15-year-old: "It really helped me a lot going into my 16-year-old year. Being able to play in such a big tournament like that as a 15-year-old was obviously a good accomplishment. Playing with players like Milan Lucic and Brett Festerling, you get to learn a lot. It all happened pretty quick, but learning from Don (Hay), getting to know him better, him having more confidence in me was a real key to my success."

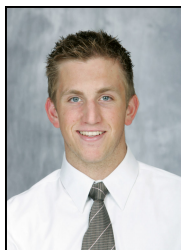
SCOUTING REPORT

NHL Central Scouting's Blair MacDonald

"He has power forward qualities from the blue line in. He's the type of player who doesn't like being denied access to the net. You can almost see when he's got the puck he's going to the net and defying people to stop him. He'll be a 200-pound forward in the National Hockey League. He plays like he's 6-2, 6-3, bigger than his size. He's surprised a lot of people with his strength going to the net."

STATISTICS

SEASON	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	P	PIM
2007-08	Vancouver	WHL	65	24	17	41	66
2008-09	Vancouver	WHL	61	48	48	96	89



JORDAN SCHROEDER

(Pronounced SHRAY-duhr)

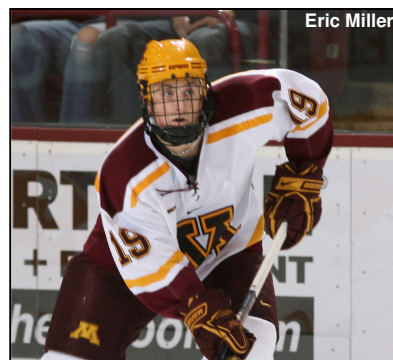
U. of Minnesota Gophers • WCHA

5'8" 175 lbs. Center, shoots right

Born: September 29, 1990 in Burnsville, MN

Mid-Term Ranking: 4

North American Skater



QUICK FACTS

- Schroeder finished second on the Gophers with 45 points (13-32-45) in 35 games in 2008-09, and fourth in the NCAA with a 1.30 points per game average. He was the only freshman in the top 50 in scoring.
- For his successful freshman year, he was named the Western Collegiate Hockey Association's Rookie of the Year, the College Hockey News National Rookie of the Year, the Minnesota Gophers Rookie of the Year and to the All-WCHA Second Team.
- Represented Team USA for the second time at the 2009 World Junior Championships leading the team in scoring with 11 points and tied for second in the tournament with eight assists in six games -- he scored points in each of the six games and became Team USA's all-time World Junior assists leader with 15, surpassing the record of 14 previously held by NY Islanders forward Doug Weight.
- Prior to attending the University of Minnesota, Schroeder competed for the U.S. Under-18 National Team Development Program for two seasons, leading the team in scoring in 2007-08 with 53 points (21-31-53) in 55 games.
- In 2005-06 he played for St. Thomas Academy, helping the team to a 23-5-1 record and the Class A state championship with 62 points in 31 games.
- At the age of four he began playing hockey in the neighborhood and his first organized hockey team was the Lakeville Mites.

SCOUTING REPORT

NHL Central Scouting's Jack Barzee

"He's a dynamic player, a leader and a type of player that has developed into a complete offensive and defensive threat every time he is on the ice. He has a rocket of a wrist shot and he can beat you by putting the puck in the net, going around a defender, or freezing the goaltender and passing it off to one of his wingers. The concern is going to be his overall size, like there was with Scott Gomez, with Brian Gionta and with Patrick Kane, but at the same age he is probably a little thicker and a little bit more compact than they were. He's a great hockey player."

STATISTICS

SEASON	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	P	PIM
2006-07	US U-17	USDP	35	8	16	24	12
2007-08	US U-18	USDP	55	22	31	53	16
2008-09	U of Minn.	WCHA	32	13	27	40	29



BRAYDEN SCHENN

Brandon Wheat Kings • WHL

6'0" 198 lbs. Center, shoots left

Born: August 22, 1991 in Saskatoon, SK

Mid-Term Ranking: 5

North American Skater



QUICK FACTS

- After helping Brandon to a third place finish in the Eastern Conference regular season, Schenn has 11 points (5-6-11), including two game-winning goals, through the first six games of the playoffs.
- For the second consecutive year, Schenn led his team in scoring (7th in the WHL) with 88 points (32-56--88) in 70 games, earning a spot on the WHL Second All-Star Team.
- Is the younger brother of Toronto Maple Leafs defenseman Luke Schenn. WHL opponents in 2007-08 and about 23 months apart in age, Luke was selected fifth overall in last year's NHL Entry Draft.
- He won two gold medals representing Team Canada in 2008, first at the 2008 Under-18 World Championships and the second as an assistant captain at the Ivan Hlinka Memorial Tournament before earning an invite to the 2009 World Junior selection camp.
- Schenn was named the WHL Rookie of the Year (28-43-71) in 2007-08, after teaming up with fellow rookie linemates Scott Glennie (No. 7 ranked) and Matt Calvert (selected by Columbus, 127th overall in 2008) as one of the highest scoring rookie lines in recent WHL history (193 combined points). He became the first 16-year-old rookie since 1971 to lead Brandon in scoring.

HE SAID IT

On his style of play: It's kind of a two-way forward. I like to take care of the defensive zone as well as I like to put pucks in the net. At the same time I like to play the physical role and throw my weight around."

On following in the footsteps of his older brother Luke: "It's a little bit of an advantage for me, him going through the same things I'm going through now. He's always giving me tips. When we were younger, we always competed against each other, pushed each other, made each other better. When he comes back home, we work out together."

SCOUTING REPORT

NHL Director of Central Scouting E.J. McGuire

"Brayden is of the power-forward ilk. He has learned a little about the NHL from his older brother Luke Schenn and he knows how to go to the net. He is a threat to score at all times on the ice and dishes the puck very effectively to his linemates in getting the amount of assists that he does. He takes the puck to the net with the kind of authority that a Jonathan Cheechoo does, yet has puck dishing capacities that maybe a Joe Thornton does. Both are tough players, both are tough to move out in front of the net and Brayden fits that ilk perfectly."

STATISTICS

SEASON	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	P	PIM
2007-08	Brandon	WHL	66	28	43	71	48
2008-09	Brandon	WHL	70	32	56	88	82



JOHN MOORE

Chicago Steel • USHL

6'2" 189 lbs. Defenseman, shoots left

Born: November 19, 1990 in Chicago, IL

Mid-Term Ranking: 8

North American Skater



QUICK FACTS

- After finishing fourth overall in scoring by defensemen with 39 points (14-25-39) in 57 games in 2008-09, Moore was named the USHL Defenseman of the Year and enters the Draft as the highest ranked USHL player by Central Scouting.
- Won a gold medal with Team USA at the 2008 World Junior 'A' Challenge, adding two assists in five games in his first international hockey experience.
- After two seasons with the Chicago Steel, Moore will attend Colorado College in the fall of 2009.
- He has lived and played in Illinois his whole career, skating for the first time at the age of two and playing on his first hockey team in the Winnetka Park District House League. Before playing for the Steel in the USHL, he also played for the Chicago Young Americans and the Chicago Mission.
- Moore's childhood idol was Sergei Fedorov – "I just love the way he played the game and he was fun to watch" and if he could invite any three people to dinner he would choose Washington's Mike Green, Tiger Woods and actor Will Ferrell.
- His pre-game ritual includes: "playing two-touch with the soccer ball before every game. The whole team gets involved and it gets intense".

SCOUTING REPORT

NHL Central Scouting's Jack Barzee

"I watched John Moore as an underage player and I knew he was a must see player for this year; he hasn't disappointed me one bit. His first two strides are like Paul Coffey and he has been labeled as a world-class skater. He is poised with the puck, he gets his shots through to the net and he has gotten a lot stronger this season. He resembles (Calgary Flames) defenseman Jordan Leopold and similar to Leopold at the same age he needs to get a little bit better at playing more aggressive and more physical, but John is going to be a one-two defenseman in the NHL."

STATISTICS

SEASON	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	P	PIM
2006-07	Chicago Mission	NWEHL	60	11	49	60	
2007-08	Chicago	USHL	56	4	11	15	26
2008-09	Chicago	USHL	57	14	25	39	50



VICTOR HEDMAN

MODO • Sweden

6'6" 220 lbs. Defense, shoots left

Born: December 18, 1990 in Ornskoldsvik, SWE

Mid-Term Ranking: 1

European Skater



QUICK FACTS

- In 2008-09 he was a big presence on the blueline in the Swedish Elite League for Modo, recording 21 points (7-14-21) in 43 games to earn Rookie of the Year honors.
- For the second year in a row, he represented Team Sweden at the World Junior Championships, winning a silver medal each year -- in 2008 he was an All-Star selection. Hedman also represented Sweden on the Under-18 team, winning a gold medal at the Ivan Hlinka Memorial tournament and a bronze at the World Championships.
- He was born in Ornskoldsvik, Sweden; a town of less than 55,000 people known for producing star NHL players, including: Peter Forsberg, Markus Naslund, Daniel and Henrik Sedin and Niklas Sundstrom.
- A familiar opponent this season was his brother, Oscar, who plays for Frolunda HC. His oldest brother, Johan, plays for Morrum in the Swedish Elite League Division II. Outside of hockey, he has a love for flying and just like his grandfather, who was a pilot in the military, Hedman hopes to get his pilot's license in the near future.

HE SAID IT

On patterning his game: "(This season) I played with Mattias Timander who is a former NHL player; I really look up to him and try to listen to him. He gives me good advice all the time. That's a player I look up to and try to play like, but of course young defensemen like Tobias Enstrom and (Alexander) Edler, it's good to see that young Swedish defensemen are doing well in the NHL. Of course I would like to follow in their footsteps."

On competing with his older brothers: "It made me tougher because when I was younger I always played in our basement and was always the goaltender. They were always shooting hard and I went up crying all the time, but then the next day I was down doing it again. It really made me tougher. My brothers helped me a lot during all these years so I have a lot of thanks to give them."

SCOUTING REPORT

Director of European Scouting Goran Stubb

"For being that young, he's very mature, and he's big, but moves like a smaller guy. Very mobile, and his puck sense is excellent. Hedman is dominating the game, playing on the first defense pair on MODO. He's playing around 20 minutes per game."

STATISTICS

SEASON	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	P	PIM
2006-07	Modo Jr.	SWE-JR.	34	13	12	25	30
2007-08	Modo	SWEDEN	39	2	2	4	44
2008-09	Modo	SWEDEN	43	7	14	21	52



MAGNUS PAAJARVI-SVENSSON

(Pronounced Pa-YAHR-veh SVEHN-suhn)

Timra • Sweden

6'1" 201 lbs. Left wing, shoots left

Born: April 12, 1991 in Norrkoping, SWE

Mid-Term Ranking: 2

European Skater



QUICK FACTS

- In 2008-09, Svensson-Paajarvi finished with 17 points (7-10-17) in 50 games, competing as a 17-year-old in the Swedish Elite League for Timra. Debuting September 24, 2007 at age sixteen years, five months, and twelve days, he became the fourth youngest player in Elite League history.
- Won back-to-back silver medals with Team Sweden at the World Junior Championships, finishing tied for second on the team with seven points (2-5-7) in six games in 2009. In 2008, he became the youngest Swede to play in the World Junior Championship and the youngest since Sidney Crosby debuted at the 2004 World Juniors. Other 16-year-olds to play in the tournament include: Jason Spezza, Janne Niinimaa, Eric Lindros, Robert Reichel and Wayne Gretzky.
- He is teammates with older brother, Bjorn, on Timra and his father, Gunnar Svensson, also played in the Swedish Elite League and is now a player agent. Magnus credits his dad and brother for having had the most influence on his career and the reason he became a hockey player.
- In 2005, appearing in the Sweden's national tournament TV-Pucken, for the first time, he scored eight goals (8-3-11) in eight games for his home district of Skåne, helping them finish second.

HE SAID IT

On his style of play: "I'm an offensive type of player, a good skater, I want to go to the net and I want to drive to the net and make goals happen – just a pure offensive player."

On developing his skills: "I always played inline hockey outside. We didn't have a lot of snow so we always played inline outside with my brother, his friends and my friends. Always after school and after practice we went out and played inline hockey."

SCOUTING REPORT

Director of Central Scouting E. J. McGuire

"Magnus perhaps is the stereotype of the skilled Swede coming over here in recent years -- outside speed extraordinaire, ability to freeze defenders and make all his good moves work even more effectively. He showed, at the World Junior championships, why the 1980 comparisons to Mats Naslund, Kent Nilsson and more recently a Peter Forsberg will follow him over to his NHL team. He'll be a high draft pick and I'm sure he's going to be a combination of the kind of offensive flare and skills that have made those other three predecessors great NHL players."

STATISTICS

SEASON	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	P	PIM
2007-08	Timra Jr.	SWE-JR.	18	7	15	22	6
2007-08	Timra	SWEDEN	35	1	2	3	2
2008-09	Timra	SWEDEN	50	7	10	17	4