



MEDIA INFORMATION

WASHINGTON CAPITALS

2010 WASHINGTON CAPITALS DEVELOPMENT CAMP

Kettler Capitals Iceplex • Arlington, Virginia
July 12-17, 2010



CAPITALS DEVELOPMENT CAMP NOTES

What is it? – Capitals development camp is an annual week-long summer session with on- and off-ice workouts designed to help Capitals prospects improve their games and allow the Capitals to evaluate their progress. This is the fourth straight year that the camp is being held at Kettler Capitals Iceplex; past development camps have been held in Odenton, Md., and Hershey, Pa.

All on-ice sessions, including the three intrasquad games, are free and open to the public.

Who is invited? – Attendees include Capitals prospects who are under contract and recent Capitals draft picks who have not been signed yet.

Saturday's Fest-ivities – The Capitals will host Fan Fest on Saturday, a free-to-the-public celebration that features the team's annual equipment sale, interactive games, autographs, public skating and street hockey.

Media information – Head coach Bruce Boudreau and players will be made available to the media following the final on-ice session of each day (approximate times listed to the right). Players not in the group that is on the ice for the final session will be brought to the interview area upon request. Due to space constraints, the Capitals locker room is closed to the media for the duration of camp.

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CAMP STORYLINES

First things first – Four Capitals first-round draft picks will be in attendance this week: Evgeny Kuznetsov (2010), Marcus Johansson (2009), Anton Gustafsson (2008) and Joe Finley (2005).

Making an impression – Two players who attended last summer's development camp ended up playing for the Capitals in 2009-10. John Carlson (22 regular-season games and all 14 playoff games) and Mathieu Perreault (21 regular-season games)

CAMP SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 11

Players Arrive

Monday, July 12

9:45 a.m.: Group A on ice

2:30 p.m.: Group B on ice

Approx. 3:30 p.m.: Media availability

Tuesday, July 13

9:30 a.m.: Group B on ice

11:45 p.m.: Group A on ice

Approx. 12:45 p.m.: Media availability

Wednesday, July 14

9:45 a.m.: Group A on ice

11:15 a.m.: Group B on ice

3:15 p.m.: Intrasquad scrimmage

Approx. 5:15 p.m.: Media availability

Thursday, July 15

9 a.m.: Intrasquad scrimmage

Approx. 11 a.m.: Media availability

Friday, July 16

9:30 a.m.: Group A on ice

11:15 a.m.: Group B on ice

Approx. 12:15 p.m.: Media availability

Saturday, July 17

Capitals Fan Fest

10 a.m.: Intrasquad scrimmage

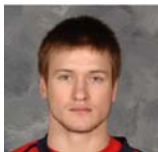
Approx. 12:30 p.m.: Media availability

both saw significant time at the NHL level. Those two and four others – Francois Bouchard, Zach Miskovic, Cody Eakin and Braden Holtby – were significant contributors to the Hershey Bears' AHL Calder Cup championship.

Ring it up – Three members of this year's Hershey Bears are in camp this summer – Cody Eakin, Braden Holtby and Zach Miskovic – highlighting an impressive group of champions from this past winter. Goaltender Philipp Grubauer led Windsor to the Memorial Cup (the Canadian Hockey League championship), while defenseman Patrick Wey was a member of Boston College's NCAA championship team. Dustin Stevenson's La Ronge team won the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League title. Stefan Della Rovere, who the Caps took in the seventh round of the 2008 draft, was a member of Canada's silver-medal winning World Junior Championship team (he won gold in 2009).

18 to 25 – Similar to an NHL roster, there is some age disparity between those attending camp this week. Recent draftee Evgeny Kuznetsov (born May 19, 1992) is 18 and is the youngest player this week. On the flip side is Zach Miskovic, who turned 25 on May 8.

EVERY PLAYER HAS A STORY



Trevor Bruess – Signed with Washington as a free agent on March 20, 2009

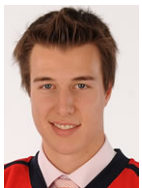
Bruess (pronounced BRISS) split his first professional season between Hershey and South Carolina and will seek to take up more consistent residence in Chocolatetown this winter. The departure of

Kyle Wilson and potential promotion of Mathieu Perreault should open up some opportunities for centers like Bruess in Hershey.



Greg Burke – Selected by Washington in the sixth round, 174th overall, in the 2008 NHL Draft

Burke hails from the small town of Lee, N.H., just five miles west of the Whittemore Center, where he plays for UNH. "I always wanted to play at UNH, there was never any question in my mind," Burke [told the Portsmouth Herald](#) back when he was drafted. After seeing his role grow during his freshman year, the 6'3", 205-pound Burke has a big year ahead of him.



Samuel Carrier – Selected by Washington in the sixth round, 176th overall, in the 2010 NHL Draft

An offensive defenseman who lists Mike Green as one of his favorite players, Carrier had 42 points for Lewiston in the QMJHL in 2009-10, a jump from nine points (4g-5a) the year before.



Stefan Della Rovere – Selected by Washington in the seventh round, 204th overall, in the 2008 NHL Draft

Just a seventh-round draft pick, Della Rovere said on his draft day that he was in attendance more to support his teammates than expecting to be selected. He enters his first pro season, however, with the pedigree of a much higher pick. He medaled on two

Canadian national junior teams and captained the OHL Barrie Colts, playing a classic "love to have him on your team, hate to play against him" abrasive style.

Capitals Top 18 Prospects According to Hockeyfuture.com

1. Semyon Varlamov
2. John Carlson
3. Karl Alzner
4. Michal Neuvirth
5. Mathieu Perreault
6. Marcus Johansson*
7. Andrew Gordon
8. Francois Bouchard
9. Dmitri Orlov*
10. Dmitri Kugryshev*
11. Cody Eakin*
12. Stefan Della Rovere*
13. Braden Holtby*
14. Steve Pinizzotto
15. Chris Bourque
16. Jay Beagle
17. Anton Gustafsson*
18. Zach Miskovic*

* Attending development camp;
compiled prior to 2010 NHL Draft

Capitals Top 9 Prospects According to The Hockey News

1. John Carlson
2. Karl Alzner
3. Michal Neuvirth
4. Marcus Johansson*
5. Mathieu Perreault
6. Braden Holtby*
7. Stefan Della Rovere*
8. Dmitri Orlov*
9. Anton Gustafsson*

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Phil DeSimone – Selected by Washington in the third round, 84th overall in the 2007 NHL Draft

The former USHL Player of the Year, DeSimone's offensive output has climbed each season at UNH to nearly a point per game in 2009-10 (10g-27a in 39 games). After the graduation of his linemate, Hobey Baker Award finalist Bobby Butler, DeSimone will be looked to as one of the Wildcats' offensive leaders this winter.



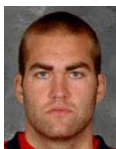
Dan Dunn – Selected by Washington in the sixth round, 154th overall in the 2007 NHL Draft

After quiet freshman and sophomore seasons, there were questions about how much time Dunn could expect to see in the St. Cloud State nets in 2009-10. He answered those and was a third-team All-WCHA selection in arguably the toughest conference in college hockey. He enters his senior season as yet another member of the Capitals' deep, young goaltending corps.



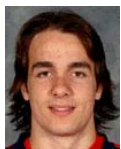
Cody Eakin – Selected by Washington in the third round, 85th overall in the 2009 NHL Draft

In his first season after being drafted by the Capitals Eakin nearly doubled his goal total (to 47, tied for third in the WHL) and ended up playing four games in the Calder Cup finals for the Hershey Bears. While he appears ready for full-time AHL duty, age restrictions will keep him in junior hockey if he doesn't make the Capitals' roster – and with the Swift Current Broncos he figures to be one of the top players in the WHL.



Joe Finley – Selected by Washington in the first round, 27th overall in the 2005 NHL Draft

One of the older prospects in camp, Finley would likely have this week off had it not been for a bizarre hand injury that cost him all but 17 games in his first professional season. He ruptured an artery in his hand in a game in November, and successful surgery and rehab has him cleared to play this week for the first time since then.



Brett Flemming – Selected by Washington in the fifth round, 145th overall in the 2009 NHL Draft

Flemming will have an opportunity in May to do something every Canadian boy dreams of – compete for the Memorial Cup. The championship of Canadian junior hockey, the Memorial Cup has spots for the top teams from the OHL, QMJHL and WHL, as well as the host team, which this year will be Flemming's Mississauga St. Michael's Majors.



Stanislav Galiev – Selected by Washington in the third round, 86th overall, in the 2010 NHL Draft

Galiev's friend, Evgeny Kuznetsov, was Washington's first-round selection in June's draft and as the two had breakfast the morning of the second day of the draft, Kuznetsov predicted that Galiev would join him in the Capitals organization. Sure enough, his name was called, 60 spots behind his friend. Like Dmitry Kugryshev (but unlike Kuznetsov or Dmitri Orlov), Galiev opted to play junior hockey in North America, and figures to be back with Saint John of the QMJHL in the fall.



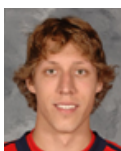
Philipp Grubauer – Selected by Washington in the fourth round, 112th overall, in the 2010 NHL Draft

Washington traded up to grab Grubauer in the fourth round of June's draft to bring the Memorial Cup-winning German-born goaltender into the fold. Grubauer won the Memorial Cup with Windsor but was recently traded to Kingston, which figures to be his third OHL team in two seasons. Capitals goaltender Michal Neuvirth followed a similar path in the OHL, playing for three teams in one year.



Anton Gustafsson – Selected by Washington in the first round, 21st overall in the 2008 NHL Draft

Gustafsson could play his first full season of North American pro hockey this year after getting a couple of tastes of Hershey in 2009-10. He began the year with the Bears but returned to Boras HC in Sweden for the promise of more ice time. He returned in the spring and had two assists in his first career AHL game, setting up Cody Eakin and Alexandre Giroux in a 3-2 Bears win.



Jake Hauswirth – Signed with Washington as a free agent on May 26, 2009

Hauswirth could be the poster boy for development camp. He was a relative unknown when he was invited to attend the Caps' 2008 development camp and now he is under a three-year contract with the club. The 6'5", 210-pound forward finished fifth on the South Carolina Stingrays with 44 points (17g-27a) in his first professional season.



Caleb Herbert – Selected by Washington in the fifth round, 142nd overall in the 2010 NHL Draft

There will be no rushing Herbert's development. Slated to play for Sioux City in the USHL for a year before attending Minnesota-Duluth in the WCHA, the talented playmaker will have an opportunity to grow his game against increasingly difficult levels of competition. He certainly succeeded at his last stop – he scored goals in 20 of the 25 games he played and had 55 points for Bloomington-Jefferson High School, where he was a finalist for Minnesota's Mr. Hockey award.



Braden Holtby – Selected by Washington in the fourth round, 93rd overall in the 2008 NHL Draft

Holtby is the only player in camp to have suited up for an NHL game, having served as the Capitals' backup goaltender five times in 2009-10. The third of Washington's talented young goaltenders under contract (behind Semyon Varlamov and Michal Neuvirth), he led Hershey in wins (24) and led all AHL rookie goaltenders in goals-against average (2.32) and save percentage (.917) and played in the ECHL All-Star Game after a brief stint in South Carolina.



Marcus Johansson – Selected by Washington in the first round, 24th overall in the 2009 NHL Draft

After an impressive season in the Swedish Elite League, Johansson may be the closest of this week's camp participants to a regular NHL job. He signed a three-year entry level contract with Washington in May and will have an opportunity to make the team in training camp in the fall. This will be the first time he takes the ice in a Capitals uniform – obligations to his team in Sweden kept him from participating in development or rookie camp last season.



Dmitry Kugryshov – Selected by Washington in the second round, 58th overall in the 2008 NHL Draft

Kugryshov signed an entry-level contract with Washington March 9 and returns to his third Development Camp hoping to make a positive impression as he enters his first professional season. Like QMJHL alums Francois Bouchard and Mathieu Perreault before him, Kugryshov enters with flashy offensive numbers – he was sixth in the league with 87 points (29g-58a) in 66 games this past season.



Evgeny Kuznetsov – Selected by Washington in the first round, 26th overall, in the 2010 NHL Draft

Identified by one draft guru as possibly one of the five best players in the draft class, the Capitals selected Kuznetsov 26th, adding a center with its first-round selection for the third year in a row. He spent the past season playing against men in the KHL and will have a chance to face players more in his age range this week.



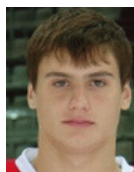
Zach Miskovic – Signed with Washington as a free agent on March 25, 2009

Three undrafted college free agent signees – Keith Aucoin, Jay Beagle and Kyle Wilson – saw action for the Capitals last season and Miskovic was one of four more who played significant roles in Hershey's Calder Cup run. The Capitals are sure to exhaust every avenue to add talent to the system, and Miskovic – who was a first-team All-America after leading all NCAA defensemen with 16 goals in 2009 – is one of the most recent examples.



Garrett Mitchell – Selected by Washington in the sixth round, 175th overall in the 2009 NHL Draft

Mitchell – who plays for his hometown Regina Pats of the WHL – is the type who will do anything his team asks of him. Cited for his energy, speed and willingness to drop the gloves – he has been credited with 31 fights [in his junior career](#) – he may be most comparable to Matt Bradley among current Caps. Off the ice he won the Pats' Mike Kartusch Memorial Award for community service.



Dmitri Orlov – Selected by Washington in the second round, 55th overall in the 2009 NHL Draft

Think Orlov is eager to impress at this, his second Development Camp? He arrived a week early and has been working out at Kettler Capitals Iceplex along with Marcus Johansson. Orlov, who will turn 19 the week after camp concludes (July 23), recently finished his third season skating with Metallurg Novokuznetsk in the KHL, Europe's top professional league.



Dustin Stevenson – Signed with Washington as a free agent on April 5, 2010

One of the more compelling stories of camp, Stevenson was slated to attend St. Lawrence University this fall before the towering (6'5", 220 pounds) defenseman signed a free agent contract with Washington. The top player in the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League in 2009-10, he will be making a bigger jump in terms of level of competition than anyone else at the camp (with the possible exception of Caleb Herbert).



Patrick Wey – Selected by Washington in the fourth round, 115th overall in the 2009 NHL Draft

Wey battled through a freshman season at Boston College that saw him miss time due to a broken collarbone and mononucleosis – including games at Fenway Park and the NCAA title game at Ford Field. Nevertheless, he proved to be one of the Eagles' best defensemen in the 27 games he did play, including the Hockey East championship, and earned valuable minutes from head coach Jerry York (who was also George McPhee's college coach).

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2010 Development Camp Guide

NUMERICAL ROSTER OF CAPITALS PROSPECTS AT CAMP

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2009-10 Team	Acquired (*signed)
29	Brett Flemming	D	5'11"	179	2/26/91	Missisauga (OHL)	Draft '09
31	Philipp Grubauer	G	6'0"	180	11/25/91	Windsor (OHL)	Draft '10
45	Zach Miskovic	D	6'1"	190	5/8/85	Hershey (AHL)	Signed as free agent*
48	Evgeny Kuznetsov	C	6'0"	172	5/19/92	Chelyabinsk Traktor (KHL)	Draft '10
49	Stanislav Galiev	RW	6'1"	178	1/17/92	Saint John (QMJHL)	Draft '10
50	Cody Eakin	C	5'11"	180	5/24/91	Swift Current (WHL)/Hershey (AHL)	Draft '09*
54	Greg Burke	LW	6'3"	205	5/1/90	New Hampshire (NCAA)	Draft '08
59	Joe Finley	D	6'8"	247	6/29/87	South Carolina (ECHL)	Draft '05*
65	Samuel Carrier	D	6'1"	186	4/28/92	Lewiston (QMJHL)	Draft '10
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