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NHL ANNOUNCES 2018-19 ALL-ROOKIE TEAM

LAS VEGAS (June 19, 2019) – The National Hockey League announced today the **2018-19 NHL All-Rookie Team**, including the three players voted as finalists for the Calder Memorial Trophy as the League's top rookie: goaltender **Jordan Binnington** of the St. Louis Blues, defenseman **Rasmus Dahlin** of the Buffalo Sabres and forward **Elias Pettersson** of the Vancouver Canucks.

Also named to the 2018-19 NHL All-Rookie Team are defenseman **Miro Heiskanen** of the Dallas Stars as well as forwards **Anthony Cirelli** of the Tampa Bay Lightning and **Brady Tkachuk** of the Ottawa Senators.

Voting was conducted by the Professional Hockey Writers Association at the end of the regular season. Following is a summary of each NHL All-Rookie Team member's outstanding campaign:

GOALTENDER

Jordan Binnington, St. Louis Blues

The Blues' rise to playoff contention aligned with the first NHL start for Binnington, who burst onto the scene Jan. 7 with St. Louis sitting last in the Western Conference, nine points out of a postseason berth. A third-round selection (87th overall) in the 2011 NHL Draft, Binnington posted a shutout in his first career start and went on to set a franchise record for shutouts by a rookie (5). The 25-year-old Richmond Hill, Ont., native finished the regular season with a 24-5-1 record, led the NHL in goal-against average (1.89) and ranked fourth in save percentage (.927). Binnington – a unanimous selection – is the Blues' first All-Rookie Team representative since defenseman **Colton Parayko** in 2015-16; only one other goaltender in franchise history has earned the honor – **Jake Allen** in both 2012-13 and 2014-15.

DEFENSEMEN (in alphabetical order)

Rasmus Dahlin, Buffalo Sabres

Dahlin, the first overall pick in the 2018 NHL Draft, led first-year defensemen and ranked third among all rookies in points (9-35—44 in 82 GP). His 35 assists placed second among rookies, as did his time on ice per game (21:09). With an assist March 20 vs. TOR, Dahlin passed **Bobby Orr** (38 points in 1966-67) for the second-most points by an NHL defenseman before his 19th birthday. The Lidkoping, Sweden, native notched eight multi-point games this season, tied with Orr for the second-most by an 18-year-old blueliner in League history. Dahlin – also a unanimous selection – is the Sabres' first All-Rookie Team honoree since forward **Jack Eichel** in 2015-16 and the first Buffalo defenseman to make the team since **Tyler Myers** in 2009-10.

Miro Heiskanen, Dallas Stars

Heiskanen, the No. 3 choice in the 2017 NHL Draft, topped all rookies in average time on ice (23:07) while playing in all 82 games. He led first-year defensemen with both 12 goals and 182 shots on goal, while his 33 points ranked only behind Dahlin. Heiskanen also shared third place among all rookies with four game-winning goals, a franchise record for a first-year defenseman. At 19 years, 192 days, Heiskanen became the second-youngest player in Stars/North Stars history to appear in the All-Star Game, behind only **Don Beaupre** (19 years, 144 days). The Espoo, Finland, native is the franchise's fourth All-Rookie Team selection and just second defenseman to make the list, joining current teammate **John Klingberg** (2014-15).

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FORWARDS (in alphabetical order)

Anthony Cirelli, Tampa Bay Lightning

Cirelli, a third-round selection (72nd overall) in the 2015 NHL Draft, ranked second among rookies with five game-winning goals and fifth with 19 total goals to help the Lightning match the League record for victories in one season (62). Cirelli, who played in all 82 games, topped all NHL forwards (rookies and veterans) in shorthanded time on ice (222:39) while sharing first place among rookie skaters – along with teammate **Erik Cernak** – with a +25 rating. The 21-year-old Etobicoke, Ont., native – who accumulated 39 total points – is the Lightning’s fourth All-Rookie Team honoree and first since both **Tyler Johnson** and **Ondrej Palat** were named to the group in 2013-14.

Elias Pettersson, Vancouver Canucks

Pettersson, the No. 5 overall pick in the 2017 NHL Draft, began his career with a five-game point streak (5-3—8) and went on to lead all rookies, and the Canucks team, in goals (28), assists (38) and points (66) in 71 appearances. He also doubled up as the NHL rookie and Vancouver leader in both power-play goals (10) and game-winning goals (7). Pettersson’s 66 points established a Canucks rookie record, besting the previous mark set by **Pavel Bure** in 1991-92 (34-26—60). He tallied multiple five-point games (Nov. 2 vs. COL: 2-3—5, Dec. 9 at STL: 1-4—5), becoming just the sixth rookie in the expansion era (since 1967-68) to accomplish that feat in a single season. Pettersson – a unanimous choice – is Vancouver’s second All-Rookie Team selection in as many years, following current teammate **Brock Boeser** in 2017-18.

Brady Tkachuk, Ottawa Senators

Tkachuk, who was selected fourth overall in the 2018 NHL Draft, ranked second among rookies in both goals (22) and points (45) while playing in 71 games. He also topped first-year skaters with 214 shots on goal, 25 more than the next-closest player, and ranked third in average time on ice among rookie forwards (16:01). Tkachuk scored three game-deciding goals, including the overtime winner March 23 at EDM. He also posted a trio of three-point performances, including Oct. 10 vs. PHI (2-1—3) – his second NHL game. The 19-year-old son of former NHLer **Keith Tkachuk** and brother of Calgary Flames forward **Matthew Tkachuk** is the first member of his family to make the All-Rookie team and the Senators’ first representative since **Mark Stone** in 2014-15.

2018-19 NHL ALL-ROOKIE TEAM

		GP	W	L	OT	GAA	SV%	SO
G	Jordan Binnington, STL	32	24	5	1	1.89	.927	5
		GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	TOI/G	
D	Rasmus Dahlin, BUF	82	9	35	44	-13	21:09	
D	Miro Heiskanen, DAL	82	12	21	33	-14	23:07	
F	Anthony Cirelli, TBL	82	19	20	39	+25	14:51	
F	Elias Pettersson, VAN	71	28	38	66	+3	18:14	
F	Brady Tkachuk, OTT	71	22	23	45	-10	16:01	

2018-19 NHL ALL-ROOKIE TEAM VOTING
(1 point per vote)

FORWARDS

	Points
1. ELIAS PETTERSSON, VAN	171
2. BRADY TKACHUK, OTT	160
3. ANTHONY CIRELLI, TBL	79
4. Andreas Johnsson, TOR	51
5. Andrei Svechnikov, CAR	42
6. Jesperi Kotkaniemi, MTL	7
7. Robert Thomas, STL	2
8. Colin White, OTT	1

DEFENSEMEN

	Points
1. RASMUS DAHLIN, BUF	171
2. MIRO HEISKANEN, DAL	165
3. Marcus Pettersson, PIT	6

GOALTENDERS

	Points
1. JORDAN BINNINGTON, STL	171

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