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Ristolainen showing he might be NHL-ready

By John Vogl

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It seems the scouts and draft analysts knew what they were talking about. They said Rasmus Ristolainen was an NHL-ready prospect, someone who might be able to come into his first training camp and earn a roster spot.

Ristolainen is not locked in yet, but he sure looks like he belongs.

Ristolainen, selected eighth overall by the Sabres in June, has brought a mature game to Buffalo's camp. The big defenseman impresses during practice and held his own during his preseason debut Sunday. He'll likely get another chance tonight when the Sabres visit the Columbus Blue Jackets (7 p.m., Radio 550 AM).

If Ristolainen keeps doing well, he could be on the opening-day roster Oct. 2.

"I think I'm ready," Ristolainen said Monday. "I think my style is the kind that I can play right away. That's my goal. I set this goal at the start of summer, and I was working all summer to make the team."

Ristolainen's confidence comes from fitting in immediately. The 18-year-old spent the last two seasons playing professionally in his native Finland. He arrived in Buffalo as a mature adult, not a wide-eyed teen who's just happy to be on the ice.

"He's a man, an 18-year-old man," said defense partner Mike Weber. "He's a big boy, skates pretty well, moves the puck really well. He's smart. It's exciting for Sabres fans to have a big guy like that come in, and we get to see how he looks against other men."

The 6-foot-4, 224-pounder has the size to compete. The skills are a match.

One recent drill by the Sabres featured forwards entering the zone with a three-on-one mismatch. Ristolainen quickly tracked puck-carrier Tyler Ennis, took away his passing options and forced the forward into the boards. He gave Ennis a shove to the back of the head for good measure.

"You can tell just the way he plays out there that he's played pro hockey," coach Ron Rolston said. "He just puts himself in good spots, moves pucks quickly. If there's a guy there, the puck is on his tape. It's a pretty mature game for his age."

Ristolainen's positioning has drawn rave reviews. The rinks are wider in Europe, so defenders who don't take the right angle can look foolish. Ristolainen has quickly adapted to the smaller North American rinks and rarely lets anyone get around him.

“I’ve got a lot of experience that I can use here,” he said. “The speed was OK. It’s not too bad for me.”

About the only thing going against Ristolainen is the Sabres’ crowd on defense.

In addition to the rookie, they have Tyler Myers, Christian Ehrhoff, Weber, Henrik Tallinder, Mark Pysyk, Chad Ruhwedel, Jamie McBain, Alexander Sulzer and Brayden McNabb vying for six starting roles and up to eight roster spots.

“We have 10 defensemen coming into camp that can make the hockey team,” Rolston said. “If we keep eight, there’s going to be two players that are on the outside. There’s a lot of competition, and that’s what we want. We don’t want our young players to be just expecting that they’re going to be the next guy into that next hole.”

Ristolainen hasn’t been intimidated on the ice, and he’s not afraid of the competition.

“There’s a lot of good D, and it’s not easy,” he said. “It’s hard, but I trust myself. I think if everything goes well and I do everything I can then I think I’ve got a chance.”

Rolston will keep giving him chances.

“He’s got to get consistency and just keep doing it,” the coach said. “For all these young guys, they had a good start and have had a good camp so far. It’s just putting those days together.

“We’re going to watch our young players a lot. You’ll get to see those guys a lot. We’re going to try to do as much as we can to give those guys opportunities in the right spots.”

Ryan Miller is expected to start in goal for the Sabres tonight. Matt Hackett, who relieved Jhonas Enroth midway through the opener, will replace Miller during the second period. The Sabres will have some players make their preseason debuts, like Ehrhoff, but the young players like Ristolainen are the ones to watch.

Girgensons retains playoff pace; Sabres don't take kindly to big hits

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The Sabres opened their preseason schedule with a 5-4 shootout victory in Montreal on Sunday night. Among the notable developments:

*Zemgus Girgensons, who had a stellar playoff series for Rochester, picked right up where he left off with two goals.

*Trade acquisition Jamie McBain and tryout hopeful Colton Gillies also scored.

*The Sabres don't take kindly to big, clean hits. The Canadiens' Jarred Tinordi dropped Gillies early, and Buffalo's Cody McCormick earned an instigator and 10-minute misconduct for taking exception.

Later, forward Alex Galchenyuk blasted McBain, and Patrick Kaleta jumped in. Hockeyfights.com doesn't list Galchenyuk as having ever fought before. On a faceoff after Kaleta left the box, fighter Brandon Prust cross-checked the agitator, who was called for diving.

Kaleta delivers an early message to Habs

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The preseason is a time to shake out the cobwebs, get into shape and prepare for the real games. It's also a time to send messages.

Patrick Kaleta didn't even see Jamie McBain get dropped with a clean, hard check in the Sabres' preseason opener. He just knew McBain was a new teammate, and he wanted the defenseman to know that Buffalo players stick up for each other.

"He's a new guy, and he's got to be welcomed on the team," Kaleta said Monday in First Niagara Center. "He's got to know that we have his back."

Kaleta and Cody McCormick went after Montreal players who leveled big hits during the Sabres' 5-4 victory Sunday night. The idea of seeking revenge for clean hits is debatable, but the Sabres' logic for doing it draws little argument.

"We want to establish that we are a team and no one is going to take liberties on old guys, young guys," Kaleta said. "We want to establish that early. We want to be a team that's tough to play against, and you're going to have to go through five of us, not just one."

Kaleta says he might not have challenged mild-mannered Alex Galchenyuk during the regular season, especially during the third period of a tie game.

"It's preseason, so at that point in the game I made the choice to stick up for him," Kaleta said.

The Canadiens, as usual, weren't thrilled with Kaleta's action. Tough guy Brandon Prust later cross-checked Kaleta prior to a faceoff, and both went to the box.

"There's a lot of clean hits," Prust told reporters in Montreal, "so if there's fights for clean hits there's going to be a lot of fights this year."

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Wayne Gretzky made it cool to tuck a jersey into hockey pants while playing. The NHL is making it a penalty.

The league has decided to enforce a long-overlooked rule that states all equipment must be worn under the uniform. Players who disobey will get a warning, followed on the second instance by a two-minute penalty for delay of game.

Washington's Alexander Ovechkin called the rule "stupid," according to the Washington Post, and said the league is stripping stars of their identities.

The jersey of Sabres left wing Tyler Ennis is usually tucked into his pants, but he says it's not intentional and happens naturally during a game.

"It's just my pants come up so high, and I'm not the biggest guy so my jersey is pretty big and when I'm skating I get a little hunched over and my jersey just kind of falls into the pants," Ennis said. "It just happens. I don't know how they're going to prevent that, though. I don't do it on purpose, but how are they going to figure out if it's done inadvertently?"

Why is the league enforcing the rule? One theory is the NHL wants to ensure player safety by covering exposed areas. Another says the league will soon put ads on the bottom of jerseys, and tucked sweaters would prevent the sponsors from being seen.

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The Sabres' training camp numbers have started to drop officially and unofficially.

Buffalo has sent five players back to their junior teams, bringing the roster total down to 56. Justin Bailey, the Williamsville native selected in the second round of the NHL draft, was among those to depart. Joining Bailey were fellow forwards Nicholas Baptiste, Justin Kea and Logan Nelson, and defenseman Connor Boland.

The Sabres also broke their practice sessions into three groups, and one could easily be considered the Rochester Americans. It consisted of Peter Trainor, Jonathan Parker, Johnny McGuire, Alex Lepkowski, Kevin Sundher, Shawn Szydlowski, Colin Jacobs, Eric Locke, Frederick Roy, Matt MacKenzie, Brady Austin and Nick Crawford.

Sabres rookies getting ample opportunity to impress

By Arpon Basu

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MONTREAL -- The Buffalo Sabres got a glimpse into their future as they kicked off their preseason schedule with a 5-4 shootout win against the Montreal Canadiens on Sunday night.

Well actually, they got a whole lot more than a glimpse. Coach Ron Rolston made it so he saw a whole lot.

Included in Rolston's lineup Sunday were the Sabres' last four first-round draft picks: forwards Mikhail Grigorenko and Zemgus Girgensons, both selected at the 2012 NHL Draft, and 2013 draft picks Rasmus Ristolainen and Nikita Zadorov on defense.

Girgensons scored two goals, including a shorthanded beauty that tied the game early in the second period. Grigorenko scored the shootout winner and the two rookie defensemen each logged more than 21 minutes playing on both special teams units.

"They understand the opportunity that they have on this team, and we're going to give them a lot of opportunities," Rolston said. "You saw the ice time and the situations we were putting the young guys in tonight, and I thought they handled it well."

While Rolston considered Girgensons to be one of his best players in the game, it was the play of the two defensemen that may have stood out the most.

Ristolainen was the eighth pick in the draft, Buffalo's highest drafted player since selecting Thomas Vanek fifth in 2003, and he arrives in training camp with two seasons of professional experience under his belt with TPS Turku in his native Finland's SM-liiga. Ristolainen played a team-high 23:22 on a pairing with summer acquisition Jamie McBain, including 5:20 on the penalty kill and 3:54 on the power play. He had two shots on goal, had three other attempts blocked and blocked three shots himself, looking perfectly comfortable the whole time, no matter the situation.

"I'm a two-way defenseman," Ristolainen said. "I'm not a superstar in any one situation; I can play PK, power play, anything. That's my style."

As for Zadorov, he's a 6-foot-5, 221-pound giant drafted No. 16 in June who finished his preseason debut with a plus-3 rating in 21:35 of ice time.

Rolston said Sabres fans had better get used to seeing the two defensemen on the ice often this preseason.

"They're going to play," he said. "I thought they played really well, both guys really weren't fazed by the environment here. Montreal can skate with good pace. Ristolainen's played a couple of years of pro hockey, so he probably had a little bit more mature of a game in terms of his presence. Nikita's got a ton of ability, a lot of poise, he can make plays, and he can really skate and cover ground for his size. We're really happy with both guys tonight."

Girgensons, the 14th pick in the draft last year, showed he has every intention of sticking in the NHL this season after spending last season with the Rochester Americans of the American Hockey League, where he was coached by Rolston before he was promoted to Buffalo after the firing of Lindy Ruff.

"It still matters how we play here, but it's a lot about learning for the regular season," Girgensons said of how much time his team spent killing penalties in the game. "The good thing about being in those situations a lot is that it will help us down the road."

Grigorenko was the 12th pick last year and spent a good chunk of last season in Buffalo, playing 25 games with the Sabres before being sent back to the Quebec Remparts of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League, burning a year of his entry level contract in the process. He played a modest 15:23 in the game and had zeros right across his stat line -- zero points, zero shot attempts, zero hits -- until he went upstairs with a backhand off a nice deke to win it for Buffalo in the shootout.

Rolston said those 25 games spent with the Sabres last season were valuable for Grigorenko, but that he still has work left to do.

"He got the experience in the League and understanding the compete-level on a daily basis, whether it's in practice or in game situations, and just that the time and space is limited out there," Rolston said. "He's got to play with pace and he's got to battle. He's got a ton of talent, you see what he can do on the power play and shootout situations, but he's going to have to continue to improve in other areas."

With the Sabres in the midst of a rebuild, players like Grigorenko and his three fellow first-rounders will get the opportunity to improve, and they may very well get to do it at the NHL level.

"My goal in the first part of summer was to make the team," Ristolainen said. "It's hard, very hard, but I think I have a chance and I have to do everything I can."

Sabres prospect Zemgus Girgensons finally adding offense to repertoire

By Bill Hoppe

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BUFFALO – With 8:12 left in the second period of Sunday's preseason opener, Sabres prospect Zemgus Girgensons grabbed Kevin Porter's pass off the boards at the Montreal blue line and zoomed in down the right wing.

A second later, the tenacious 19-year-old whistled a quick wrist shot past goalie Zachary Fucale's glove from the faceoff dot, the second goal of his NHL preseason debut.

"I was pretty happy with myself," Girgensons, who scored short-handed earlier in the Sabres' 5-4 shootout win, said Monday inside the First Niagara Center. "Probably at the start of last season, the second goal I would've put in the netting up there, given a souvenir to a fan."

Counting three scores in three AHL playoff games, Girgensons has five goals in his last four contests. He had six goals in 61 regular-season games with Rochester last season.

The Sabres traded up to grab the Latvian 14th overall in 2012 because the grit, leadership qualities and natural goal-scoring ability he showcased in junior made him one of the draft's most intriguing talents.

Sabres coach Ron Rolston compares Girgensons to Sabres winger Steve Ott, a hard-hitting, aggressive agitator with strong offensive ability.

Clearly, Girgensons, the AHL's youngest player last season, has carried the confidence he developed during a short-but-dynamic postseason into training camp.

"That playoff round gave me a good boost to get my confidence up about what I can do with those other guys around," Girgensons said. "I think maybe I'm just feeling better about myself."

Rolston, whose club plays tonight in Columbus, noticed "a lot more purpose" to Girgensons' offensive game during the playoffs.

"He was kind of playing with other players, playing off them – give and goes, what holes to jump in," Rolston said. "Where early on it was more open the door and just go around and be physical and do his job. Not as much purpose.

"(Sunday) I saw a little more of that later game, the playoff game. Now, can he continue to do that as we move through the preseason and as these teams get

better lineups? He's going to be able to handle the physical part of things. He's got good details. But can he continue that offensive confidence?"

Many had Girgensons ticketed for Rochester again, at least early on. But more outings like Sunday's could force the Sabres to keep him.

"It just depends how I keep performing," Girgensons said. "If I play like I did last night, it's on the coaches to decide."

Rolston added: "We're finding out a lot about how his game's going to go, just how the ceiling is. He keeps moving. He jumped from juniors to Rochester, started out slower in Rochester offensively, built that up. He's come into camp. He's showed some early signs of offense."

That's no coincidence. Girgensons spent the last few months focusing on his offense.

"I've been working on my shooting this summer," Girgensons said. "It's just about me burying my chances. I've had some problems in the past with that. I think I just have to put that behind."

While the Sabres drafted Girgensons as a center, they believe keeping him on the wing will help him utilize his 6-foot-1, 188-pound frame and create space and make plays.

"The versatility is good, but I think eventually down the road if he's going to be in our top six, it's probably more likely that's going to be at the left wing position than the center position," Rolston said. "But I think there's still time to determine that."

The Sabres love Girgensons' aggressiveness. Rolston said he's an "abrasive player" who's "always attacking, bumping people, rubbing people."

Girgensons drove the net on his first score Sunday. He drove the net again later but was penalized. Rolston didn't mind the penalty, though.

"I think overall he just plays the game hard," Rolston said.

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Many of the players who sat Sunday will play tonight against the Blue Jackets, Rolston said. The Sabres plan to split their goalies for the last time this preseason.

Sabres' Girgensons is doing all he can to stick

By Paul Hamilton

WGR 550

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Buffalo, NY (WGR 550) -- Before the preseason games even started, I was thinking Zemgus Girgensons should make this team.

He started on the left wing with Kevin Porter and Brian Flynn so it didn't look like he was going to get the chance. Johan Larsson was centering Tyler Ennis and Drew Stafford.

The Sabres fourth line will consist of four players working in. They are Corey Tropp, Pat Kaleta, Cody McCormick and John Scott.

Two lines look set in Thomas Vanek, Cody Hodgson and Marcus Foligno as well as Steve Ott, Mikhail Grigorenko and Ville Leino. That leaves the center position between Ennis and Stafford.

With the way last year's number one pick performed in Rochester and the improvement he's shown, he's the type of forward Buffalo desperately needs. He's very strong and solid, he agitates and rarely gets knocked off the puck.

He's a center by trade, but played the wing for most of last season with the Amerks. Ron Rolston said, "He played a lot of center in junior. We feel right now just in terms of his development that left wing's the spot for him. The versatility is good, but I think overall if he's going to be in our top six, probably more likely that's going to be at the left wing." Rolston added, "We're finding out a lot of where his game's going to go and just how high the ceiling is. He jumped from junior, to Rochester. Started off slower in Rochester offensively and built that up. He's come into camp and showed some early signs of offense and we're just seeing just how high that ceiling is." Girgensons of course isn't going to rock the boat, "It depends what the team needs. If it's better for the team to play me at wing, then good for me."

We saw Cody Hodgson struggle mightily with the defensive side of the game last season. Rolston doesn't want that to repeat with Girgensons, "We'd love him to be down low defensively, but for his offensive game and to continue to build that confidence, there's less responsibility out at the point."

Girgensons is built solid and looks more like a NFL linebacker than a NHL forward. He was dedicated to getting better over the summer, "I didn't put on much more muscle, but I'm definitely stronger. The goal's not to be bulky, but be stronger and maintain the same weight." If a hockey player gets too bulky, he loses his quickness. Girgensons said, "That can take everything away if you become like a bodybuilder."

His balance and skating has improved a lot working with skating coach Dawn Braid. Girgensons said, "It's a lot of work with Dawn this summer and that definitely has helped me with puck protection. It's just get better at your technique and your skating stride to get a glide in."

In the game against the Canadians, Buffalo dressed five recent first round picks. Girgensons sent out a warning to the rest of the NHL, "It's a great group of guys and I think down the road it's going to be a pretty good team so other teams should watch out!"

Girgensons wasn't playing a lot of the players that will make up the Canadians on Sunday, but he did score two nice goals. He says it has to do with working on his shot, "I've been working on my shooting this summer. It's just about me burying my chances because I've had some problems in the past with that. I was pretty happy about myself (on his second goal) because at the start of last season I would've hit it into the netting and given a souvenir to a fan."

Confidence Builder for Sabre Rookies

By Pete Gallivan

WGRZ

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MONTREAL, QC - The Buffalo Sabres got off on the right foot Sunday night as they opened their preseason against the Canadiens in Montreal's Bell Centre.

Buffalo came back from four-one goal deficits before sending the game into overtime and ultimately to a shoot-out. Sabres forward Mikhail Grigorenko faked his shot, pulled it to his left and tucked it into the short side to beat Montreal Goalie Zachary Fucale and give the Sabres the win.

Zemgus Girgensons finished the game with two goals. Sabre teammate Cody Hodgson says that for both players, the performances will go a long way.

"I think it helps a lot, confidence is so much in this game, you get off to a good start, things can start rolling from there" said Hodgson. Sabre forward Tyler Ennis echoed the sentiment. "For Grigo and Girgo, it's good that they played well, it will give them a lot of confidence I think."

SABRES OVERCOME PENALTY TROUBLE IN PRESEASON OPENER

By Chris Ryndak

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MONTREAL -- The Buffalo Sabres didn't make it easy on themselves, but they got the job done.

The Sabres prevailed in the shootout, defeating the Montreal Canadiens 5-4 inside a packed Bell Centre on Sunday in their preseason opener. Zemgus Girgensons scored twice in the game and Mikhail Grigorenko netted the decisive goal on a nifty backhand in the shootout.

Defenseman Jamie McBain and camp invitee Colton Gillies also scored for Buffalo.

Matt Hackett was the winning goaltender, taking over midway through the game for starter Jhonas Enroth. Hackett stopped 11 of 12 shots in 35:23. Enroth made 10 saves on 13 shots.

Michael Bournival tallied twice for Montreal. The Canadiens also received goals from Erik Nystrom and Martin St-Pierre.

Before they could reach the shootout however, the Sabres had to successfully kill off two penalties in the third and in the overtime period.

Buffalo didn't hold a lead in the game until the very end and fought back from four one-goal deficits.

"We kind of knew they were going to come out hard here in an exhibition game with the crowd they did. I thought we got better as the game went on," Sabres coach Ron Rolston said. "But I liked a lot of our younger players and the poise that they had in an environment like this for the first time."

Though the Sabres got into penalty trouble, particularly late in the game and in overtime, they killed off four of Montreal's six power plays.

"We had a lot of kills and a lot of double odd-man situations which made it tough, but I think we hung in there," Sabres forward Steve Ott said. "Obviously there's always room for improvement. That was our first real test."

While Rolston and the coaching staff would rather not find themselves in so many shorthanded situations, developing players like Girgensons relished the opportunity to be on the ice during a crucial penalty kill.

“I think it’s really good for the team to be put in such tough situations before the real season because it still matters how we play here, but it’s a lot about learning and getting prepared for the regular season,” Girgensons said. “So I think it’s good putting us in those tough situations. It helps us down the road.”

Girgensons’ first goal came on the penalty kill 0:58 into the second period to tie the game at one. He scored again with 8:09 left in the period to make it 3-3, beating Furcale with a wrist shot from the off wing.

“He changed really the game, the momentum of getting the shorthanded goal and then getting the second goal he had on the short side,” Rolston said. “...I thought [Girgensons] was one of our best players tonight.”

The Sabres lineup Sunday featured heavily touted prospects like Grigorenko, Girgensons, Ristolainen, Nikita Zadorov, Johan Larsson and Mark Pysyk mixed with veterans like Ott, Drew Stafford, Patrick Kaleta, Cody McCormick, Henrik Tallinder and Mike Weber.

Ott was impressed with the grit some of the younger players showed in the game. Ristolainen in particular blocked a hard shot early in the third period.

“The sacrifice is there. The compete is there and those are aspects you can’t teach,” Ott said. “When young guys are doing that and sacrificing themselves, it just shows they want to be on this team. Obviously, it bodes well throughout our lineup and the stable of young prospects that we have. ”

Ott served as captain for the game. Rolston said he will continue to rotate the “C” throughout the season before naming a full-time captain. Tallinder and Stafford served as the alternates.

TRAINING CAMP: MONDAY, SEPT. 16

By Chris Ryndak

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Session One – 10:30 a.m.

The Buffalo Sabres defenseman said he will be one of the players that will suit up in the Sabres' second exhibition game Tuesday night in Columbus. The game can be heard on WGR 550 at 7 p.m. The official lineup has yet to be finalized.

“That’s the fun part about our job, playing the games and I’m definitely looking forward to it,” Ehrhoff said after practice at First Niagara Center on Monday.

Ehrhoff is entering his 10th NHL season and his third with the Sabres. Due to some roster turnover, he’s already one of the longest-tenured Sabres defensemen in training camp.

While rookies like Rasmus Ristolainen and Mark Pysyk have been given opportunities to make the team, the Sabres also brought in veterans like Henrik Tallinder and Jamie McBain.

Ehrhoff aims to set a good example both on and off the ice for the younger players in camp that are vying for roster spots in the NHL.

“I never really set any personal goals, especially not any statistics I want to achieve. It’s more that I want to play a consistent season,” he said. “It’s 82 games. It’s a long season and there are ups and downs. I try to keep the downs as few and as short as possible and just try to play solid for my team.”

Thomas Vanek – Cody Hodgson – Marcus Foligno
Tyler Ennis – Mike Zigomanis – Joel Armia
Tim Schaller – Daniel Catenacci – Corey Tropp
John Scott – Matt Ellis – Jamie Tardif

Christian Ehrhoff – Tyler Myers
Alexander Sulzer – Drew Bagnall
Brayden McNabb – Chad Ruhwedel

Ryan Miller
Nathan Lieuwen

Session Two – 12:45 p.m.

The afternoon group consisted of players that played Sunday night in the team's preseason opener in Montreal. The squad left Quebec with a 5-4 shootout victory.

Steve Ott – Mikhail Grigorenko – Ville Leino
Zemgus Girgensons – Johan Larsson – Drew Stafford
Luke Adam – Kevin Porter – Brian Flynn
Colton Gillies – Cody McCormick – Patrick Kaleta
Philip Varone

Henrik Tallinder – Mark Pysyk
Mike Weber – Rasmus Ristolainen
Nikita Zadorov – Jamie McBain
Jerome Gauthier-Leduc

Jhonas Enroth
Matt Hackett

Off-ice coverage:

Five with ties to WNY on Forbes richest list

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Five people with ties to Western New York appear on the latest Forbes list of the richest people in America.

Warren Buffett, 83, chairman of Berkshire Hathaway and The Buffalo News, is ranked No. 2, with a net worth of \$58.5 billion, up from \$46 billion last year. He is behind Bill Gates, Microsoft founder, with \$72 billion, up from \$66 billion. Buffett is an Omaha, Neb., resident.

Terrance Pegula, 62, former owner of East Resources and the owner of the Buffalo Sabres, is No. 161 with \$3.1 billion, down from No. 132 last year with \$3 billion.

Robert E. Rich Jr., 72, chairman of Rich Products, is No. 166 with \$3 billion, up from No. 190 last year with \$2.4 billion. He is an Islamorada, Fla., resident.

Jeremy Jacobs Sr., 73, chairman of Delaware North Cos. and owner of the Boston Bruins, is No. 193 with \$2.8 billion, down from No. 151, last year with \$2.7 billion. He is an East Aurora resident.

Tom Golisano, 71, chairman of Rochester-based Paychex and former Sabres owner, is No. 296 with \$1.9 billion, up from No. 298 last year with \$1.6 billion. He is a Naples, Fla., resident.

Buffalo's top home sale goes to a Sabre

By James Fink

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two years ago, topped what Myers paid for the 5,600-square-foot, four-bedroom house.

Piscitelli, who built the house in 2010, put the property on the market earlier this year with a \$1.72 million asking price. The house was listed with Michael Hartke from Realty Edge.

Myers was represented by Realty USA's Maureen Flavin, according to public documents.

Myers is the second year of a seven-year, \$38.5 million contract he signed with the Sabres in 2011. He was the team's first round draft pick in 2008 and joined the team for the 2009-2010 season, when he won the National Hockey League's Calder Trophy for rookie of the year.