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STEEL SIGN MACKLIN CELEBRINI TO TENDER AGREEMENT

Top Prospect for 2024 NHL Draft will join Chicago for 2022-2023 season

GENEVA, ILLINOIS — The Chicago Steel announced Wednesday the signing of forward Macklin Celebrini of Shattuck St. Mary's Prep to a USHL tender agreement for the 2022-2023 season.

Celebrini, a 15-year-old forward, totaled 117 points (50G, 67A) in 52 games played for the Shattuck St. Mary's 18U Prep team during the 2021-2022 season.

"We're beyond excited to have Macklin join the Steel next season," said Steel General Manager Mike Garman. "He's a natural leader with the way he plays and relentlessly competes every shift he's on the ice. Matching his work ethic, Macklin has elite hockey sense that allows him to continuously create high quality chances for himself and his teammates.

"Macklin had an exceptional season at Shattuck St. Mary's Prep under Tom Ward, and we're honored and grateful to the Celebrini family for entrusting us to further Macklin's development. Macklin exemplifies our Steel values as both a player and a person, and we can't wait to get him in a Steel uniform this fall."

A native of Vancouver, British Columbia, Celebrini totaled 141 points (51G, 90A) in 50 games in 2020-2021 while playing with the 14U AAA Shattuck St. Mary's club.

"I'm very excited to continue my development with the Steel," said Celebrini. "It's an amazing opportunity. They have great coaches and support staff within their organization. How they develop their players individually and as a team is something I can't wait to be a part of. I am also really excited to join a winning culture, and hopefully contribute to another Clark Cup."

Now in its 11th year, the USHL tender process allows teams to sign up to two 2006 birth year players prior to the 2022 USHL Phase I Draft, which is scheduled to take place in May.

Celebrini is the fifth player to be tendered by Chicago after the team signed forward Robert Mastro Simone in 2017, defenseman Ryan Ufko in 2019, defenseman Jake Livanavage and forward Adam Fantilli in 2020 and forward Jayden Perron in 2021.

Celebrini's signing will take the place of Chicago's first-round pick in the 2022 USHL Phase I Draft. Should the Steel choose to tender a second player, that signing would take the place of a second-round selection in the USHL Phase I Draft. Tendered players are required to play in 55 percent of a team's games during the regular season, notwithstanding injury, illness or suspension.

The Steel are currently in first place in the Eastern Conference with five games remaining in the regular season. Chicago will play its final regular season home game on Friday, April 22 on Fan

Appreciation Night presented by Smithfield. The Clark Cup Playoffs begin April 25, and the Steel have clinched a First Round bye.

The Steel are offering “Pay As We Play” for the 2022 Clark Cup Playoffs, a special ticket offer to secure the same seat for each home playoff game as long as the Steel continue to advance in the postseason. Fans are encouraged to call 855-51-STEEL or email info@chicagosteelhockeyteam.com for more information or fill out the [Pay As We Play form](#).

Steel single-game tickets start at just \$10 and are available in person at the Steel Box Office at Fox Valley Ice Arena, by phone at 855-51-STEEL and online at chicagosteelhockeyteam.com. The Steel offer single-game ticket discounts for kids 12 and under and military.

Steel games may be heard on Mixlr at <http://mixlr.com/chicago-steel/> (AUDIO) and video may be streamed on available devices through HockeyTV at www.hockeytv.com (VIDEO).

For more information, call 855-51-STEEL or visit ChicagoSteelHockeyTeam.com.

Chicago Steel Upcoming Home Games presented by Midwest Orthopaedics at Rush:
Friday, April 22 vs. Muskegon Lumberjacks (7:05 pm CT) Fan Appreciation Night With Jersey Auction presented by Smithfield | GIVEAWAY – Team Photo + Great Prizes

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