

## Subban Gives Vegas Depth Between Pipes

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Malcolm Subban is a pretty good alternative.

The backup goalie for the Vegas Golden Knights, Subban had appeared in just two NHL games, both with Boston, heading into the 2017-18 season. Drafted in the first round by the Bruins in 2012, the Toronto native spent most of his first four pro seasons with the Providence Bruins of the AHL.

In 2016-17, Subban went 11-14-1 in 32 games with Providence. He had one shutout, a save percentage of .917, and a 2.41 GAA. During his first season in the AHL (2013-14), Subban was 15-10-5 with one shutout and a 2.31 GAA. His save percentage was .920.

Last year, he was 13-4-2 in 22 games with the Golden Knights. He had a .910 save percentage and a 2.68 GAA.

With veteran Marc-Andre Fleury seeing most of the work in net, Subban, 24, had to capitalize on limited chances. The numbers suggest he did that. Fleury will turn 34 in November - and played in 20 postseason games this spring - so fans may see his understudy play more of a role this year, especially early on.

Maxime Lagace, who's 25, made 16 appearances for Vegas last year. He finished with a 6-7-1 record and a 3.91 GAA. His save percentage was .867. Lagace was 14-5-1 with a 2.84 GAA and a .905 save percentage for Chicago of the AHL. He also made one playoff appearance for the Wolves.

The 6-foot-2 Quebec native, with Subban ahead of him, seems destined for Chicago.

Dylan Ferguson, set to turn 20 in September, played in one game for Vegas last season. Drafted by Dallas in the 2017 NHL Entry Draft, Ferguson went 24-28-3 in 59 games with Kamloops of the WHL. His GAA was 2.95, while his save percentage was .907.

Ferguson came to Vegas, only two days after being picked by the Stars, as part of a trade for defenseman Marc Methot.

