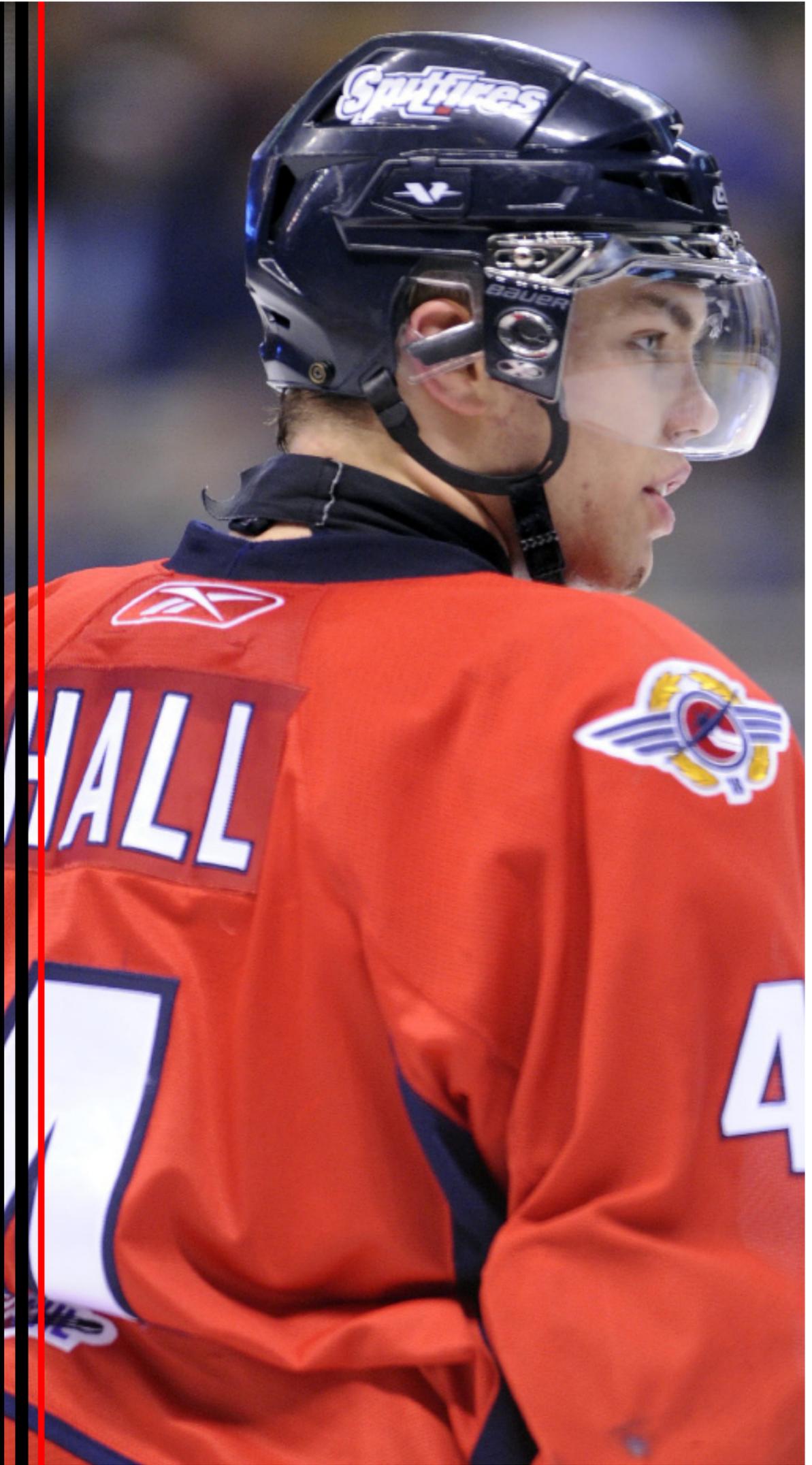




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- 4). LW Brett Connolly, Prince George, WHL, 6'-2", 180 Lbs
- 5). D Erik Gudbranson, Kingston, OHL, 6'-4", 200 Lbs
- 6). D Brandon Gormley, Moncton, QMJHL, 6'-2", 185 Lbs
- 7). RW Nino Niederreiter, Portland, WHL, 6'-2", 205 Lbs
- 8). RW Vladimir Tarasenko, Sibir, KHL, 5'-11", 180 Lbs
- 9). G Jack Campbell, Under-18, NTDP, 6'-2", 185 Lbs
- 10). C Alexander Burmistrov, Barrie, OHL, 5'-11", 160 Lbs
- 11). RW Jeff Skinner, Kitchener, OHL, 5'-10", 190 Lbs
- 12). C Ryan Johansen, Portland, WHL, 6'-2", 195 Lbs
- 13). C Mikael Granlund, HIFK, Finland, 5'-9", 165 Lbs
- 14). C Nick Bjugstad, Blaine, USHS, 6'-4", 185 Lbs
- 15). D Derek Forbort, Under-18, NTDP, 6'-5", 200 Lbs
- 16). RW Emerson Etem, Medicine Hat, WHL, 6'-0", 190 Lbs
- 17). D Jon Merrill, Under-18, NTDP, 6'-3", 195 Lbs
- 18). RW Austin Watson, Peterborough, OHL, 6'-3", 185 Lbs
- 19). D Dylan McIlrath, Moose Jaw, WHL, 6'-4", 215 Lbs
- 20). C/RW John McFarland, Sudbury, OHL, 6'-0", 195 Lbs
- 21). C Quinton Howden, Moose Jaw, WHL, 6'-2", 180 Lbs
- 22). D Mark Pysyk, Edmonton, WHL, 6'-1", 175 Lbs
- 23). G Calvin Pickard, Seattle, WHL, 6'-0", 205 Lbs
- 24). C Brock Nelson, Warroad, USHS, 6'-2", 205 Lbs
- 25). C Jaden Schwartz, Tri-City, USHL, 5'-10", 180 Lbs
- 26). RW Stanislav Galiev, Saint John, QMJHL, 6'-1", 180 Lbs
- 27). C Riley Sheahan, Notre Dame, WCHA, 6'-2", 200 Lbs
- 28). RW Tyler Toffoli, Ottawa, OHL, 6'-0", 180 Lbs
- 29). D Troy Rutkowski, Portland, WHL, 6'-2", 210 Lbs
- 30). D Jarred Tinordi, U-18, USNTDP, 6'-5", 205 Lbs

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- 31). C Evgeny Kuznetsov, Traktor, KHL, 5'-11", 165 Lbs
- 32). C Ryan Spooner, Peterborough, OHL, 5'-10", 175 Lbs
- 33). RW Beau Bennett, Peterborough, BCHL, 6'-0", 175 Lbs
- 34). C/LW Kirill Kabanov, Moncton, QMJHL, 6'-2", 175 Lbs
- 35). D Alexander Petrovic, Red Deer, WHL, 6'-4", 195 Lbs
- 36). LW Jason Zucker, U-18, USNTDP, 5'-11", 175 Lbs
- 37). C Tyler Pitlick, MS-Mankato, WCHA, 6'-2", 195 Lbs
- 38). C Joey Hishon, Owen Sound, OHL, 5'-10", 165 Lbs
- 39). D Stephan Silas, Belleville, OHL, 6'-0", 185 Lbs
- 40). RW Charlie Coyle, South Shore, EJHL, 6'-2", 200 Lbs
- 41). C Jordan Weal, Regina, WHL, 5'-9", 160 Lbs
- 42). D Brock Beukeboom, Sault Ste. Marie, OHL, 6'-1", 205 Lbs
- 43). RW Teemu Pulkkinen, Jokerit, Finland, 5'-10", 170 Lbs
- 44). D Justin Faulk, NTDP U18, USHL, 6'-0", 195 Lbs
- 45). C Steven Shipley, Owen Sound, OHL, 6'-2", 205 Lbs
- 46). C Brad Ross, Portland, WHL, 6'-0", 175 Lbs
- 47). C Ivan Telegin, Saginaw, OHL, 6'-2", 195 Lbs
- 48). D Stephen Johns, U-18, USNTDP, 6'-3", 215 Lbs
- 49). C Michael Bournival, Shawinigan, QMJHL, 5'-11", 180 Lbs
- 50). LW Ludvig Rensfeldt, Brynas Jr., Sweden, 6'-3", 195 Lbs
- 51). LW Justin Shugg, Windsor, OHL, 5'-11", 185 Lbs
- 52). G Maxime Clermont, Gatineau, QMJHL, 6'-0", 195 Lbs
- 53). C Calle Jankrok, Brynas, Sweden, 5'-10", 155 Lbs
- 54). LW Kevin Hayes, Nobles, USHS, 6'-2", 205 Lbs
- 55). C Devante Smith-Pelly, Mississauga, OHL, 5'-11", 215 Lbs
- 56). C Gregg McKegg, Erie, OHL, 6'-0", 190 Lbs
- 57). LW Maxim Kitsyn, Novokuznetsk, Russia, 6'-3", 180 Lbs
- 58). C Jared Knight, London, OHL, 5'-11", 185 Lbs
- 59). D Julian Melchiori, Newmarket, CCHL, 6'-3", 190 Lbs
- 60). LW Jakub Culek, Rimouski, QMJHL, 6'-3", 185 Lbs

Third Round

- 61). D Brandon Archibald, Sault Ste. Marie, OHL, 6'-4", 200 Lbs
- 62). D Jerome Gauthier-Leduc, Rouyn-Noranda, QMJHL, 6'-1", 175 Lbs
- 63). D Matt MacKenzie, Calgary, WHL, 6'-1", 190 Lbs
- 64). G Mark Visentin, Niagara, OHL, 6'-2", 185 Lbs
- 65). C Connor Brickley, Des Moines, USHL, 6'-0", 190 Lbs
- 66). LW Curtis Hamilton, Saskatoon, WHL, 6'-3", 205 Lbs
- 67). RW Tom Kuhnhackl, Landshut, Germany 2, 6'-2", 180 Lbs
- 68). LW Johan Larsson, Brynas Jr., Sweden, 5'-10", 195 Lbs
- 69). C Ryan Martindale, Ottawa, OHL, 6'-3", 185 Lbs
- 70). RW Petr Straka, Rimouski, QMJHL, 6'-1", 180 Lbs
- 71). RW Mark Stone, Brandon, WHL, 6'-2", 180 Lbs
- 72). LW Dalton Smith, Ottawa, OHL, 6'-2", 205 Lbs
- 73). D Mark Alt, Cretin-Derham, USHS, 6'-3", 200 Lbs
- 74). C Louis-Marc Aubry, Montreal, QMJHL, 6'-4", 195 Lbs
- 75). LW Max Gardiner, Minnetonka, USHS, 6'-3", 180 Lbs

- 76). C Andrew Yogan, Erie, OHL, 6'-3", 205 Lbs
- 77). LW Marek Hrivik, Moncton, QMJHL, 6'-1", 185 Lbs
- 78). G Kent Simpson, Everett, WHL, 6'-3", 180 Lbs
- 79). D Justin Holl, Minnetonka, USHS, 6'-2", 170 Lbs
- 80). RW Joe Basaraba, Shattuck St. Mary's, USHS, 6'-2", 190 Lbs
- 81). LW Mike Pereira, Avon Old Farms, USHS, 5'-11", 170 Lbs
- 82). D Patrik Nemeth, AIK, Sweden, 6'-3", 205 Lbs
- 83). LW Bill Arnold, Under-18, NTDP, 5'-11", 200 Lbs
- 84). D Martin Marincin, Kosice, Slovakia, 6'-4", 180 Lbs
- 85). RW Victor Ohman, Malmo, Sweden, 6'-1", 205 Lbs
- 86). C Jonathan Johansson, Frolunda Jr., Sweden, 6'-3", 190 Lbs
- 87). C Kevin Sundher, Chilliwack, WHL, 6'-0", 190 Lbs
- 88). D Austin Madaisky, Kamloops, WHL, 6'-2", 185 Lbs
- 89). C Adam Pettersson, Skelleftea Jr., Sweden, 6'-0", 185 Lbs
- 90). RW Christian Thomas, Oshawa, OHL, 5'-9", 160 Lbs

Fourth Round

- 91). C Freddie Hamilton, Niagara, OHL, 6'-1", 185 Lbs
- 92). D Kevin Lind, Chicago, USHL, 6'-3", 200 Lbs
- 93). RW Brett Blumer, Kelowna, WHL, 6'-2", 175 Lbs
- 94). C Oscar Lindberg, Skelleftea Jr., Sweden, 6'-0", 185 Lbs
- 95). G Joel Vienneau, Kingston, OJHL, 6'-3", 190 Lbs
- 96). D Joey Leach, Kootenay, WHL, 6'-3", 195 Lbs
- 97). D John Ramage, Wisconsin, WCHA, 6'-0", 185 Lbs
- 98). D Danny Biega, Harvard, ECAC, 6'-0", 190 Lbs
- 99). RW Yasin Cisse, Des Moines, USHL, 6'-1", 195 Lbs
- 100). LW Ken Agostino, Delbarton, USHS, 5'-11", 190 Lbs
- 101). C Max Reinhart, Kootenay, WHL, 6'-1", 180 Lbs
- 102). G Zane Gothberg, Thief River Falls, USHS, 6'-1", 180 Lbs
- 103). RW Philip Lane, Brampton, OHL, 6'-2", 195 Lbs
- 104). D Nick Mattson, Indiana, USHL, 6'-1", 190 Lbs
- 105). G Louis Domingue, Quebec, QMJHL, 6'-1", 180 Lbs
- 106). D Radko Gudas, Everett, WHL, 5'-11", 195 Lbs
- 107). LW Jason Clark, Shattuck St. Mary's, USHS, 6'-1", 180 Lbs
- 108). C Matthew Bissonnette, Moncton, QMJHL, 6'-3", 180 Lbs
- 109). D Geoffrey Schemitsch, Owen Sound, OHL, 6'-1", 180 Lbs
- 110). RW Joonas Donskoi, Karpat, Finland, 5'-11", 170 Lbs
- 111). G Philipp Grubauer, Belleville, OHL, 5'-11", 165 Lbs
- 112). RW Brandon Hynes, Victoriaville, QMJHL, 5'-8", 175 Lbs
- 113). D Eamonn McDermott, Fargo, USHL, 5'-10", 175 Lbs
- 114). C Luke Moffatt, Under-18, NTDP, 5'-11", 185 Lbs
- 115). C Charles Inglis, Saskatoon, WHL, 6'-0", 180 Lbs
- 116). RW Bryan Rust, U-18, USNTDP, 5'-11", 190 Lbs
- 117). RW Guillaume Asselin, Montreal, QMJHL, 5'-10", 175 Lbs
- 118). C Sam Carrick, Brampton, OHL, 5'-11", 170 Lbs
- 119). D Mathieu Brisson, Omaha, USHL, 6'-1", 190 Lbs
- 120). RW Jesper Fasth, HV 71 Jr., Sweden, 5'-11", 165 Lbs

Fifth Round

- 121). D Pat McNally, Milton Academy, USHS, 6'-2", 180 Lbs
- 122). D Nikita Zaitsev, Sibir, KHL, 6'-1", 175 Lbs
- 123). D Morgan Ellis, Cape Breton, QMJHL, 6'-1", 200 Lbs
- 124). C Michael Chaput, Lewiston, QMJHL, 6'-1", 195 Lbs
- 125). D Johan Alm, Frolunda Jr., Sweden, 6'-2", 195 Lbs
- 126). C Brooks Macek, Tri-City, WHL, 5'-11", 180 Lbs
- 127). D Samuel Carrier, Lewiston, QMJHL, 6'-0", 185 Lbs
- 128). RW Patrick Cehlin, Djurgarden, Sweden, 5'-11", 175 Lbs
- 129). D Brandon Davidson, Regina, WHL, 6'-1", 190 Lbs
- 130). D Austin Levi, Plymouth, OHL, 6'-3", 195 Lbs
- 131). C Craig Cunningham, Vancouver, WHL, 5'-10", 180 Lbs
- 132). D Alex Theriau, Everett, WHL, 6'-1", 190 Lbs
- 133). D Alexei Marchenko, CSKA, Russia, 6'-0", 165 Lbs
- 134). RW Christian Isackson, St. Thomas, USHS, 5'-11", 175 Lbs
- 135). RW Jordan Messier, Tri-City, WHL, 6'-2", 190 Lbs
- 136). C Michael Sgarbossa, Saginaw, OHL, 5'-10", 170 Lbs
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- 140). G Sam Brittain, Canmore, AJHL, 6'-3", 215 Lbs
- 141). D Joe Rogalski, Sarnia, OHL, 6'-1", 195 Lbs
- 142). LW Casey Thrush, Maryland, USMAAA, 6'-1", 175 Lbs
- 143). LW Darren Achibald, Barrie, OHL, 6'-3", 195 Lbs
- 144). D Viktor Svedberg, Frolunda Jr., Sweden, 6'-9", 225 Lbs
- 145). D Ryan O'Connor, Saginaw, OHL, 5'-9", 170 Lbs
- 146). G Scott Wedgewood, Plymouth, OHL, 6'-1", 195 Lbs
- 147). D Petter Granberg, Skelleftea Jr. Sweden, 6'-3", 200 Lbs
- 148). D Luke Curadi, Peterborough, BCHL, 6'-5", 250 Lbs
- 149). D Tim Heed, Sodertalje, Sweden, 5'-11", 165 Lbs
- 150). C Jesse Beamish, St. Michaels, CCHL, 6'-1", 165 Lbs



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Welcome to the 2010 NHL Entry Draft



Ah, the NHL Entry Draft.

In the prospect world, is there any bigger event in the hockey season? Players eligible spend their lives dreaming of draft day. An organization can reshape its direction in the matter of two days. One draft, one player has the ability to restructure an organization instantly. The Pittsburgh Penguins and Washington Capitals can certainly attest to that. The Edmonton Oilers, who have the first overall pick at this year's draft, will be hoping to say the same soon.

The realization of a dream for players and the hope of a better tomorrow for fans are what fuels the excitement surrounding draft day.

Having been around the world of prospects for the better part of a decade, it is always the players in their draft year that are the most interesting to talk to.

Each one will swear up and down that they put the draft in the back of their minds yet at the same time have that special date circled on the calendar at home. A mere mention of the draft will see some fire flicker in the eyes of 17 and 18-year-olds hoping to accomplish his next big goal along the journey of playing professional hockey for a living. Certainly a great story.

And the draft is all about great stories.

This draft features what can only be as the biggest debate between two players in recent years, simply because they are both forwards. Taylor vs. Tyler has been ongoing since November and whether the two like it or not, they'll be linked throughout their careers going forward.

With a strong push from Erik Gudbranson will it be he, Brandon Gormley or Cam Fowler, ranked ahead of his peers all season, who goes first among defensemen?

Will Jack Campbell's golden season be enough to make him the first goaltender taken in the draft or will a team who likes Calvin Pickard step up and help him earn the honour?

Though a sensitive subject for some clubs, the 2010 draft class is ripe with talented Russians. As always, there's a big 'but' involved. How committed are these Russians going to be coming to North America? How will nationality affect the likes of Alexander Burmistrov, Vladimir Tarasenko and Evgeni Kuznetsov?

Perhaps the most surefire of them to come to North America is already here, but Kirill Kabanov has certainly raised some eyebrows while others raise questions about his character. Once seen as a top-five pick, there isn't a prospect in his draft year that has had more negative press about him. Which team takes the chance?

Bloodlines again play an interesting part of the draft, with some familiar names like Tinordi and Beukeboom, Pickard and Gardiner. NHL fathers are watching their sons chase the same dream. Big brothers are watching their little brothers follow in their footsteps, already showing them the way and ready to take them the rest of the way.

Will this be a defining draft for any particular team?

Will this be a draft that teams and fans alike can look back on and say in full confidence it was the one which propelled them to raising Lord Stanley's Cup?

It all starts here.

That's the beauty of the draft. The draft is the start, not the end, of a new journey, one that players, coaches, general managers, media and fans alike will follow until the final player from the 2010 NHL Entry Draft skates his last shift.

Enjoy.

Aaron Vickers
Managing Editor
Future Considerations

360° of Taylor Hall

By Dan Stewart

Born on November 14, 1991 in Calgary, Ab. to Steve and Kim, the Hall's would have no idea that their son would grow up to be a nationally recognized name and potentially the top draft prospect for the 2010 NHL Entry Draft.

His mother laced up young Taylor's skates for the first time at the age of three and it was evident early on that he'd inherited his father's athletic genes. Hall started playing hockey with the Properties Sports Association in Calgary when he was 5 years old. His father would build an ice rink in the family's back yard every year, helping the younger Hall refine his developing skills.

Steve was drafted in 1983 by the Edmonton Eskimos of the Canadian Football League and played for Winnipeg, Ottawa and Calgary as well as Edmonton during his short-lived professional football career. After football, Steve turned to bobsledding and hoped to participate in the 1988 Olympic Games, in Calgary no less. A wrist injury, though, caused him to miss the event.

The Hall family moved to Kingston, On. from Calgary when Taylor was 13-years-old in an attempt to be closer to Kim's family. Steve found a job as a trainer, working with young athletes.

Steve would take his young son to work on leg strength at the Olympic bobsled facility in Calgary and he still believes that building leg strength is vital to achieving success in any sport. One only has to watch Taylor tearing up the OHL this season and admire his speed and power to see that father knew best in this case.

Hall has garnered much media attention as the projected top draft selection in 2010. From popular CBC Hockey Night in Canada personality Don Cherry to a one-page article in the U.S. based Sports Illustrated magazine a few years ago, the Windsor Spitfires forward has been in the spotlight, intensifying at each step as the event approaches.

He has been able to use the knowledge and character his parents instilled in him when he was younger to take all the attention, whether good or bad, in stride.

The 2nd overall selection of the Windsor Spitfires in the 2007 OHL Priority Selection was able to move from Minor Midget with Greater Kingston to the OHL's faster game without as much as a hiccup in his play.

Hall has been Future Considerations' top prospect for 2010 since the draft class has been tracked at the beginning of the 2007/08 season and has shown steady growth in his overall game from the time he entered the OHL when he won CHL rookie of the year.

Spitfires head coach Bob Boughner, an ex-NHL player himself, remembers seeing Hall while playing Midget and knowing that he was going to be a special player. His growth in the two plus seasons he has

played in Windsor has already re-affirmed Boughner's belief.

"Taylor has matured and improved as a player each season that he's been with our team. He's come back each season and become a stronger, more rounded player," said Boughner.

He'd have to become stronger to carry all the awards and accolades he's received in his young career.

In his rookie season as a 16-year-old, he took home the OHL and CHL rookie of the year awards after posting 45 goals in only 63 games.

In his second season, the highly talented winger won the OHL and Memorial Cup MVP awards as his Spitfires were crowned Memorial Cup champions. He added six more points to his totals from his rookie season and was also able to bring along a solid two-way game at the same time.

His international resume has been solid with two gold medals in his trophy case earned at the 2008 Ivan Hlinka Memorial Tournament and the 2008 IIHF World Under-18 Championship.

This year, Hall also helped Canada earn a silver medal at the 2010 World Junior Championship in Saskatchewan and was named one of Canada's top three players in the tournament. His Windsor club again won the OHL and Memorial Cup, the second time in as many years.

At every level he has played, Hall has earned accolades, and perhaps none more important than the positive words from those organizations he has been associated with.

"He can shoot in stride and make plays at high speed. He's a very dangerous player and a player who's always a threat to score every shift out there," noted Hockey Canada head scout Al Murray.

The 6-foot-1, 190-pound forward plays the game at a fast pace with his blazing speed and intensity along with a goal scorers touch that have many comparing his game to that of 'The Russian Rocket' Pavel Bure.

While the comparison is a bit on the loose side, he does have some similar attributes to the former NHL superstar that have NHL scouts drooling. A similarity to one of the NHL's young stars, Tampa Bay's Steven Stamkos, is likely a more accurate comparable.

"I know of more than a couple scouts who would have selected Taylor Hall over both John Tavares and Victor Hedman last season if he were available in the ('09 draft) class," noted one Eastern Conference NHL scout. "He has the potential to be a 40-50 goal winger that is also defensively responsible".

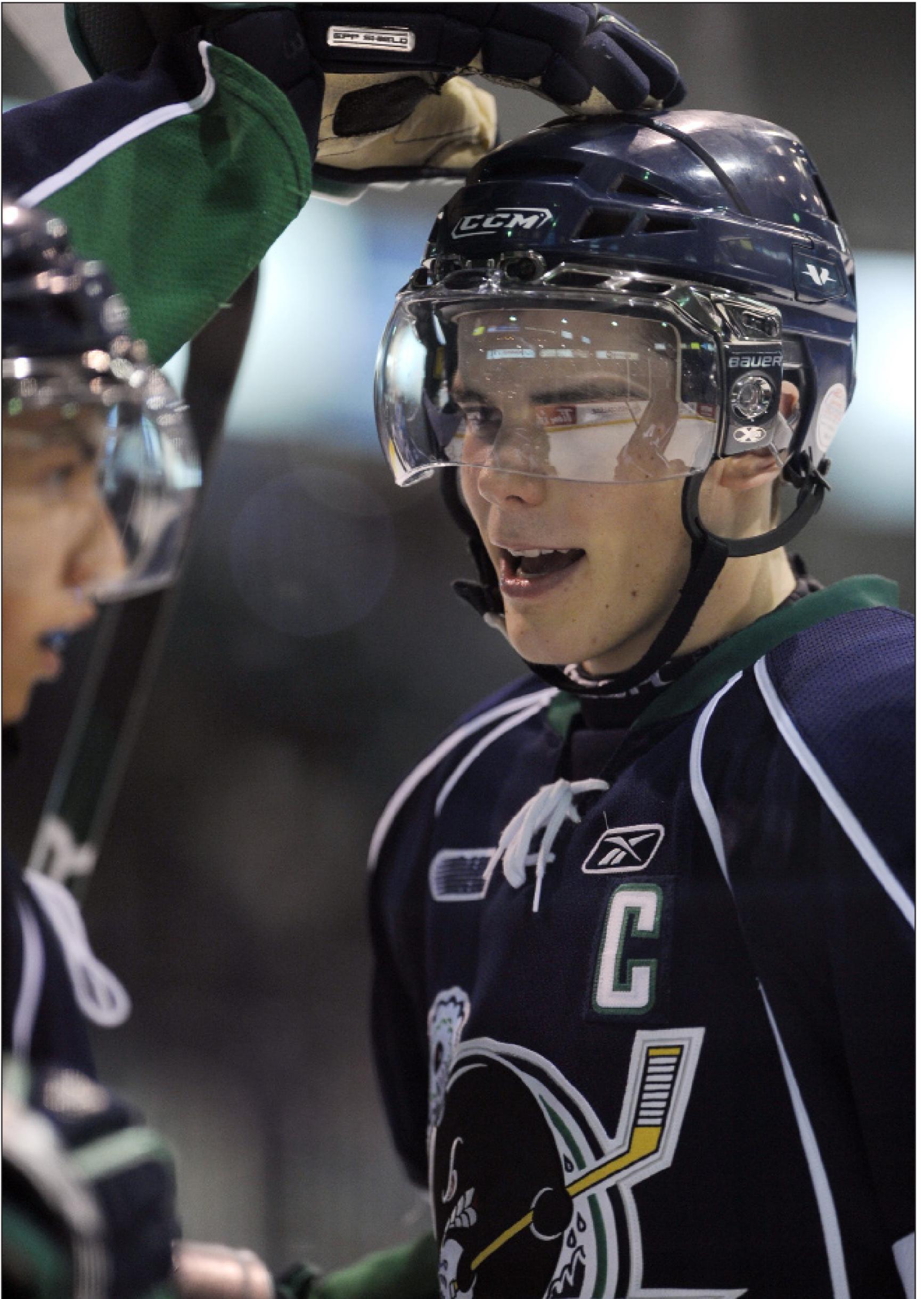
While his position at the top of the draft class is no sure, thing with the likes of Plymouth Whaler centre Tyler Seguin putting on an offensive display and his own teammate Cam Folwer turning heads, he is assured one thing; the work Hall put in at a young age with his father Steve is about to pay off in a big way.



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360° of Tyler Seguin

By Dan Stewart

Tyler Seguin grew up in Brampton, Ont. and knew one thing very early on: he would follow his father Paul's footsteps in the good ol' Canadian game of hockey.

Paul Seguin was at one time a very good NCAA hockey player and roommate of former NHLer John LeClair at the University of Vermont.

The way father and son would end up playing the game, however, would be nothing alike.

Paul was a tough defender who would not hesitate to drop the gloves, never scoring more than nine points in a single season over the course of his four-year college career.

Tyler on the other hand, has always been a high scoring, offensively-minded forward who plays a solid overall game.

"He's an exceptional talent who sees the ice very well," Plymouth Whalers head coach Mike Vellucci said. "He's not just a playmaker or just a goal scorer or just a good defensive player. He puts all three of those ingredients together."

"His skill is second to none, but his desire is what separates him from other guys. He's the ultimate competitor that wants to be a great player," added Vellucci.

And that is where the Steve Yzerman comparisons have come in.

Yzerman was renown as a intense leader with an unmatched desire to be the best and win at all cost as displayed best during the 2002 run to the Stanley Cup when the Detroit Red Wings captain insisted to continue to play on an injured knee that was so painful he needed crutches off the ice.

After the season was over Yzerman required surgery to shave off bone in the knee in an attempt to realign the joint.

Seguin has yet to face adversity of that nature in his young career but the desire, intensity and will to win are evident.

"You just see a lot of the same mannerisms and the way he carries himself off the ice and on the ice," described Vellucci.

Off the ice this past summer, Seguin dedicated himself to a workout regiment that most professionals would shy away from. It paid dividends.

"This summer I think I put on about 15 pounds of muscle," said Seguin of his regiment. "I was in the gym four to five days a week. One of the things I wanted to do was not get off to a slow start."

Seguin did get off to a great start as he represented Canada at the 2009 Ivan Hlinka Memorial tournament in August and led the tournament in scoring in the process.

He then proceeded to rip apart the OHL during the first two months to the tune of two-points per game all the while making his teammates better and leading by example.

He never slowed.

Twice Seguin was named OHL Performer of the Month. He was also named OHL player of the week twice as well.

Those that crowned Taylor Hall the

king of the 2010 NHL Entry Draft were quickly sent backpeddling by Seguin's early season performance. The centre quickly established himself as a contender for the first overall selection on draft day at the Staples Center in Los Angeles.

The OHL sophomore continued to light up the league en route to being named the league's most outstanding player of the year, edging out Hall in the process.

Both put up 106 points. Seguin had eight more goals.

"I'm just going to go out there and work my hardest, do the best I can and let the scouts decide where I fall. That's all I can do," Seguin said.



Taylor Hall and Tyler Seguin CHL Images

The great Edmonton Oilers debate

Taylor *Tyler*

Nothing about this season has been easy for the Edmonton Oilers.

Taylor Hall is trying to ease the pain.

For the second consecutive year, Hall has led his Windsor Spitfires to the Memorial Cup championship, the first team to accomplish back-to-back titles since the Kamloops Blazers in the mid-1990's.

Hall is the first to take home back-to-back most valuable player hardware. In fact, he's the first to capture two Stafford Smythe Memorial trophies in his career.

The Oilers perscribe to the idea that they need to draft who they think is better, or who is a better fit in their lineup?

To steal a line from another scribe – Seguin is a question mark. Hall is the exclamation mark.

Which would then beg the question. Is one in the hand worth one in the bush? It would certainly seem as though Hall is the one who is more proven, and who has proven more in his short career.

Hall has shown what he'll bring to the NHL. He is already a professional who happens to be too young to play pro. Seguin, on the other hand, is the more intriguing prospect as it pertains to development.

The argument goes along the lines of the Oilers already having a pile of depth on the wings and have lacked a true franchise centre since the days of the dynasty. Seguin, the OHL's player of the year, would more than certainly give them that.

In fact, some project that Seguin – while currently not as talented as Hall but certainly no slouch – has better potential and will actually develop into a superior player than the Spitfires' standout.

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Those who strike last are freshest in the memory.

Unfortunately for Plymouth Whalers centre Tyler Seguin, it was Taylor Hall and the Windsor Spitfires competing in the Memorial Cup.

What a show Hall put on en route to earning his second consecutive Memorial Cup and grabbing the Stafford Smythe Memorial award as tournament MVP for back-to-back honours, Seguin has largely been forgotten in the race of rights to be named first overall in the 2010 NHL Entry Draft.

But because he's gone, by no means is he forgotten.

After all, Seguin is the one who captured OHL player of the year honours, edging out Hall for the title after both finished with 106 points, one shy of the CHL lead held by Los Angeles Kings prospect and Calgary Hitmen forward Brandon Kozun.

And perhaps Seguin's biggest advantage to taking the pole position lies in the position he plays – centre.

While Hall has played centre in the past, he's a natural winger and his skill set best compliments that.

Seguin is a natural centre, far and away the best centre available in the draft and on par with Hall in terms of talent and potential.

With an embarrassment of riches on the wings, isn't it time for Edmonton to re-affirm their centre position. What better way to do so then by adding a franchise centre to the organization for the first time in the better part of 20 years, with apologies to Jason Arnott and Doug Weight.

No one in the draft had more points this past year than Seguin's 106 nor did anyone score more than his 48 goals. Both feats were accomplished with a supporting staff in Plymouth that paled in comparison to the embarrassment of riches Hall had at his disposal in Windsor.

Many have – and will – point to the fact that Hall made Canada's World Junior entry while Seguin stayed in Plymouth as a defining point of debate as well.

It just so happened that Canada happened to be a little deep at the position already and not many players make the elite team in their second year of Major Junior action. It didn't seem to impede NHL Calder Trophy candidate Matt Duchene, who was taken third overall in 2009 and outscored top pick John Tavares this season.

The CHL prospect of the year certainly has the accolades to go with the talent and potential to justify being the first overall pick.



Calvin Pickard CHL Images

Pickard Family Ties

Big brother Chet preps Calvin for pressures of NHL draft

By Aaron Vickers

If bloodlines count for anything at the 2010 NHL Entry Draft, Calvin Pickard won't be sitting in his seat long on June 25th at the Staples Center in Los Angeles.

The Seattle Thunderbirds netminder has an impressive pedigree, to say the least.

That's because his brother, Chet, was drafted in the first round, 18th overall, in the 2008 NHL Entry Draft by the Nashville Predators. There's a good chance brother Calvin could be taken even earlier this year.

While many would assume a large shadow would be cast from having a former first round pick as a brother, Calvin wouldn't have it any other way.

"I knew coming up and seeing that he did well I knew I would always get the questions asked about my brother," Chet admitted. "It gets a little tiring sometimes but it's unbelievable to have that brother who has gone through it and has given you the heads up different things."

Different things like the entry draft process.

Calvin, like Chet, was his club's starting goaltender entering his draft season. Chet played 64 of 72 games for the Tri-City Americans over the course of the 2007/08 season. Calvin, like his brother, saw the majority of the netminding duties with the Thunderbirds, suiting up for 62.

But as an exhausting season on a difficult club for the younger Pickard came to a close, Calvin's draft journey was just starting up.

Pickard, who played for Team Cherry at the 2010 CHL Top Prospects Game, was invited to join Team Canada at the World Under-18 Championship. Soon, he'll be off to the grueling combine before taking in the draft itself.

It's a grind Chet helped prepare his little brother for.

"We talked about that quite a bit," Calvin said. "He talked to me about it this summer. He knew and he told me even if the season is over the season isn't over. There are a lot of things coming up. Don't get caught

in the different stuff that happens and to be yourself every day and handle everything calmly."

It's a mantra the mentally tough goaltender followed closely. Despite winning just 16 games this year with Seattle, the Winnipeg, MB. native recorded a 3.09 goals against average and a .914 save percentage. Along the way he was considered to play for Canada at the World Junior Championship in Saskatchewan over Christmas – just as his brother had in 2009.

"It was a really good year for facing a lot of shots and facing all kinds of different situations," admitted Calvin. "Just being in net on a tough team you have to look at the positives."

And while mental toughness, among other things, are characteristics shared by the brothers, Calvin warned he isn't quite a clone of his brother between the pipes, due largely to a discrepancy in size between the two.

"I wouldn't call us similar goalies," Calvin warned. "He's three inches taller than me so we're forced to play different styles

because of size. He's a little more technical and is a bigger goalie."

That size helped Chet in head to head contests against Calvin last year. In three contests between the two brothers, Chet bested Calvin in three affairs.

"We played against each other three times during the year, all in Tri City because I think he was too scared to come play me in Seattle," said Calvin, the second ranked goaltender heading into the draft. "He got the better end of me all three times. Looking down at the other end it was so weird. To play against him last year it was cool."

Calvin still does have some bragging rights over his brother, though.

"I played against him in exhibition. We both played the second half of the game and I ended up beating him 3-1 and lot of people don't know because it only happened in exhibition."

Calvin could very well end up topping Chet on draft day as well.

Regardless, it will be all smiles from the Pickard brothers once again on draft day.

-With files from The Pipeline Show.

Chet Pickard Tri City Americans/Brad Lindsay



Nothing stopping Campbell Campbell stopping everything

By Aaron Vickers

They couldn't stop him from being a goaltender. In turn, he's stopped everyone else.

In a calendar year, American goaltender Jack Campbell can lay claim to three gold medals, two at the World Under-18 Championship and another at the 2010 World Junior Championship. If friends and family had their way a decade ago, he likely wouldn't be near as decorated.

"I wanted to be a goalie since I was seven years old," declared Campbell. "My dad, uncle and hockey coach tried talking me out of being a goalie and I was seven years old at the time and we had a big meeting with them. I stormed out of the room just bawling my eyes out telling them I was going to be a goalie no matter what."

Luckily for Campbell and the United States National Team Development Program, he got his way. He's become their golden child between the pipes for the last three major tournaments and most recently when Team USA won gold in Belarus this April.

The Americans cruised to the gold medal. Along the way Campbell posted a 0.83 goals against average, .965 save percentage and three shutouts.

"It was quite the ride over there," Campbell said. "Fortunately I didn't have to do too

much with the great team I had in front of me. My defense, anyone that knows hockey and has seen our roster knows that we have quite the defensive group this year and they did an unbelievable job. I was fortunate enough to do my part and help those guys out and win a gold medal."

Campbell said it was the best he's played since, well, the last time he represented the Stars and Stripes at the same event last season in Fargo, ND.

"I'd say it's the best since last year," Campbell said. "Last year in the Under-18 tournament I was fortunate to put up some pretty great numbers. Both years I had a really great team in front of me."

In five games, Campbell posted an impressive 0.75 goals against average and .967 save percentage to accompany two blankings.

Canadian fans do not need to be reminded the job Campbell did at the World Juniors in Saskatchewan just five months ago, but they will get a good opportunity to see him as a member of the Windsor Spitfires, to whom he's committed for next season.

His decision wasn't without controversy, though.

A Port Huron, MI. native, Campbell originally committed to the University of Michigan before opting instead to join Windsor for the 2010/11 season.

Why the decision?

"First and foremost Michigan is

an unbelievable hockey program and University," Campbell said. "When it came down to it Windsor just fit my personality better and what I want to do and achieve my goals."

And just as Michigan is a first class program, Campbell is a classy individual.

Instead of opting to pick up the phone and calling head coach Red Berenson and assistant coaches Mel Pearson and Billy Powers, Campbell instead met with the trio face-to-face to explain his decision.

"I just felt Michigan made a big commitment to me and I owed it to them to be as first class as I possibly could even though its going back on my word which isn't anything I wanted to do," explained Campbell. "Going in and talking to all three coaches in person is the only way to handle it and that's what I did."

That said, Campbell is excited to pull on a Spitfires jersey.

"I'm a hockey player and I'm so passionate about hockey I can't even put it into words," he said. "A place like Windsor fits that personality to a tee. To be able to surround myself with other players like that it makes it a great choice for me."

And with the Spitfires organization, there may be no stopping Campbell.

-With files from The Pipeline Show.

McIlrath fighting for respect



Dylan McIlrath Moose Jaw Warriors/Cory Kerr

By Aaron Vickers

A quick survey of WHL forwards will yield you a consensus.

Its best not to mess with Dylan McIlrath.

The Moose Jaw Warriors rearguard has amassed 271 minutes in penalties in his two seasons in the Western Hockey League and his in-your-face attitude isn't about to change any time soon.

It is, after all, his meal ticket to the NHL.

Ranked among the top defencemen available in the 2010 NHL Entry Draft, McIlrath's reputation is firmly rooted in the physicality he brings when he jumps over the boards.

"I bring that physical element," McIlrath said.

That'll happen when you spend the previous offseason learning to drop the mitts.

"Last summer I took a few hockey fight lessons, boxing lessons with Neil Barker, Cam Barker's dad," admitted the bruising blueliner. "He taught me the ins and outs of fighting. It really benefited me this year."

It did. Just ask Colten Teubert, who was the victim of a one-punch affair with McIlrath. McIlrath quickly named it his most memorable tussle of the season.

"I remember all my fights

pretty well. I take pride in them, but probably fighting a guy like Colten Teubert because of his status was memorable."

But don't confuse McIlrath for just another pugilist.

"My puck moving skills are underrated," the Winnipeg, MB. native reveals. "I can skate well for a big man. I think I do have some offensive abilities I can bring to the table."

Those skills squeaked out every once and a while for the Warrior. McIlrath had seven goals and 24 points in 65 games this season, proving his hands aren't made entirely of stone and best served upside someone's head..

In fact at one point in his career, McIlrath's hands were as soft as pillows. It's an element to his game that McIlrath will be looking to expand on next season. He has some training in the area already, he admitted.

"Being a forward all through minor hockey through my midget year I have always been a playmaker and I want to bring that to the WHL level," he said.

Until he's comfortable doing that, McIlrath will continue to do what he does best.

"I like the fights and the punching guys."

Oppositions can certainly attest to that.

-With files from The Pipeline Show



Jack Campbell Phillip MacCallum

Brett Connolly Prince George Cougars

Can't keep Connolly down

Cougar high in draft rankings despite injury-riddled year

By Aaron Vickers

You can't keep a good man down. At least, according to draft rankings.

Despite managing to draw into just 16 games this season, Prince George Cougars standout Brett Connolly not only maintained his high draft profile this season, but managed to move up the rankings in time for the 2010 NHL Entry Draft in Los Angeles.

By the time his season came to a close, Connolly had tallied 10 goals and 19 points. Scouts saw enough of him – combined with an impressive showing in his 16-year-old season – to rank him the fourth best prospect available in the draft.

Still, the Prince George, BC, native would've preferred to earn his lofty position on the ice.

"It's definitely an advantage for the other guys to get to play in front of the scouts all year and for me to be sitting at home not doing anything definitely hurts," Connolly said. Seeing the rankings come out and I haven't dropped

too much and actually went up a spot, you think about it. Hopefully it doesn't affect it too much."

But Connolly's season was littered with disappointments all the way. After injuring his hip flexor at the Ivan Hlinka Memorial Tournament, Connolly never did get back to 100 per cent. With one hip flexor nagging him, the other flared up.

"The other one was overcompensating for the other one and doing more work than it should have been," he admitted.

When Connolly was finally able to draw into the Cougars lineup, the team's season was all but lost. The injury also kept him out of the CHL Top Prospects Game.

"It's disappointing," Connolly admitted of missing the event that pits the top prospects against one another in exhibition action. "The only time I can go to the Top Prospects' game and I can't go."

If it wasn't Connolly's strong finish to the WHL season that saw him register three goals and six points in four games, perhaps it was his 16-year-old season that has

made him so attractive. Last year, Connolly became the first player since Seattle Thunderbird Patrick Marleau to score 30 goals at age 16. Marleau went on to be drafted second overall the following season.

Connolly believes he is even better now, a thought that has NHL clubs salivating and WHL goalies shaking in their crease.

"I felt great this year too," Connolly said. "I got a lot stronger this year. I felt one year under my belt from last year really helped out. It's just too bad I had to get an injury like I did. I felt good. I had a lot of confidence and to get injured like that sucks."

If Connolly has his way, the injury woes are long behind him.

"Hopefully this span of injuries is all I'll have for my career," Connolly remarked. "I don't think that it will be an issue down the road."

Nor does the team that will gamble on him with a top pick.

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Puzzling Kabanov - more questions than answers

By Aaron Vickers

Kirill Kabanov started the 2009/10 season unable to play with the Moncton Wildcats.

Strangely enough, that's how it ended as well.

Needing IIHF intervention to be legally cleared to play with the Wildcats after a dispute with his KHL club team, Kabanov's September start was sidetracked.

Fast forward eight months, and as it turns out Kabanov was no longer welcome in Moncton.

Eight months must seem like a lifetime to Kabanov.

After earning his right to play for the Wildcats, Kabanov managed just 11 games before missing three months, needing surgery to correct a wrist injury suffered while the Moscow native was with Spartak last season.

The injury forced Kabanov to miss the World Junior Championship in Saskatchewan, not that he would've been invited by Russian head coach Vladimir Plyushev. Plyushev, Kabanov has suggested, views the talented 17-year-old as a traitor for leaving Russia to continue his hockey pursuit in North America.

Which makes Kabanov's move in April all the more

puzzling. With his Wildcats entrenched in the battles of the QMJHL playoffs, Kabanov requests his release to join Russia at the World Under-18 Championship in Belarus.

Before he could suit up, Kabanov was sent back to Moncton by Russian head coach Mikhail Vasiliev.

Only this time, Moncton didn't want the distraction. A move, in retrospect, that may have helped the Wildcats capture the QMJHL title and a berth in the Memorial Cup.

Instead of staying in Moncton, Kabanov instead went to Calgary to continue his training.

What a ride eight months can be.

In October, Kabanov was ranked third in Future Considerations' 2010 NHL Entry Draft rankings. Come May, Kabanov couldn't be found among the top 30 vying to have their names called from the stage at the Staples Centre in Los Angeles in late June.

It is just misunderstanding after misunderstanding according to Kabanov. To others, it's a giant red flag.

So in a season where one expects to find more answers about players in their draft year, Kabanov has people asking many questions, none more important than:

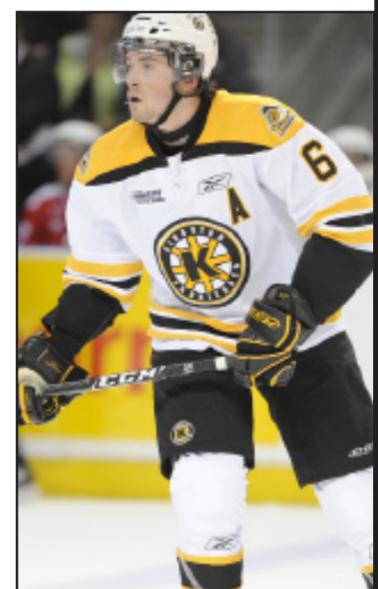
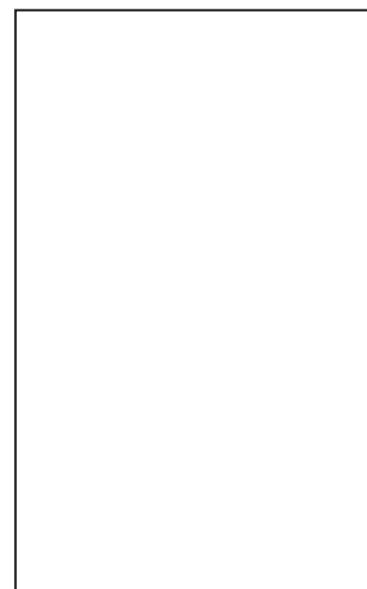
What's eating Kirill Kabanov?



Kirill Kabanov Daniel St. Louis



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1. TAYLOR HALL

Left Wing/Centre **Position**
 Left **Shoots**
 Windsor Spitfires – OHL **Team**
 November 14, 1991 **Born**
 6'-0.5", 185 lbs **Vitals**
 57 GP 40 G 66 A 106 PTS 56 PIM **Stats**



Strengths: An amazing set of wheels and a top end shot highlight his main strengths. Possesses great first step explosive acceleration. Skating is similar to that of a speed skater when he is really going as he bends almost 90 degrees at the waist with a wide stride which allows him to gain maximum push. Bag of dekes and quick lateral moves allow him to get to the dangerous areas of the ice with the puck on his stick. Very solid offensive creativity and better than average on-ice vision. Playmaking abilities are underappreciated by many who see him as purely a goal scorer at the NHL level however he has the ability to set-up his linemates with a nice tape-to-tape pass. Speed and positional awareness also allow him to be effective as a defensive backchecker in breaking up offensive attacks from behind. Has great athleticism and the ability to move laterally with the puck is extremely troublesome for defenders.

Weaknesses: While a solid competitor, does not carry that compete level into every shift. Has moments where you would like to see him take the puck and drive to the net for a scoring opportunity but instead he opts for the lower percentage passing play or outside shot. Though strong in his legs needs to add some upper body strength to be at his highest effectiveness at the next level. Some merit to immaturity.

Notes: Hall had an impressive tournament at the IIHF World Junior Championship against the best players in his age group where he was not only one of Team Canada's top performers but one of the tournament's best, producing six goals and 12 points in six contests, good for third overall and highly impressive for a underage participant.

NHL Potential: Top line goal scoring winger

2. TYLER SEGUIN

Centre **Position**
 Right **Shoots**
 Plymouth Whalers – OHL **Team**
 January 31, 1992 **Born**
 6'-1", 185 lbs **Vitals**
 63 GP 48 G 58 A 106 PTS 54 PIM **Stats**



Strengths: Skates very well and has an elusiveness on the ice which helps him stay away from that big hit and protect the puck from defenders while attacking the offensive zone. Stays alert to what is going on around him and shows a very advanced on-ice vision in picking up his linemates and defenders positioning simultaneously. Plays with a good arsenal of weapons as he can shoot and make outstanding passing plays as well. Is smart with and without the puck and more often than not is in the correct position on the ice. Plays a solid two-way game and is far from a one-dimensional offensive force. Has some spunk to his game and is not about to be walked. Has some leadership qualities that in time should develop into captain material at the next level.

Weaknesses: While a solid competitor, Seguin does not carry that compete level into every shift. Also has his moments where you would. Contrary to some opinions, is not NHL ready as of yet and could use another year of continued development against his peers. Physically needs to gain more strength and become mentally stronger.

Notes: Seen by many as 1B in the race for top spot in this draft and could end up developing into the better forward of the top two prospects.

NHL Potential: Top line goal scoring winger

3. CAM FOWLER

Defense **Position**
 Left **Shoots**
 Windsor Spitfires – OHL **Team**
 December 6, 1991 **Born**
 6'-2", 195 lbs **Vitals**
 55 GP 8 G 47 A 55 PTS 14 PIM **Stats**



Strengths: A smart and sizable defender with outstanding overall mobility and fluid skating stride. Possesses excellent positioning. Moves effortlessly and brings visions of Scott Niedermayer to mind when you dissect his skating ability. Pivots and transitions are flawless. Has outstanding speed and can turn on a dime. Has smarts and really thinks the game well which allows him to maintain great positioning in all zones. Has great vision and sees all of his outlets well. Passing ability is pin point accurate and he creates a lot of chances from behind the play because of it.

Weaknesses: Does not play the game with a shred of physicality. Rarely applies the body even when the situation calls for it but rather uses his other assets like an active stick and positioning to make plays instead. Has a need to work on strengthening his point shot and shortening his wind-up if he is to become a truly high end NHL powerplay quarterback. Has a tendency to overplay the puck and makes some defensive gaffs because of it. Has shown that his aggressiveness is not always ramped up to where some would like.

Notes: Fowler started the year strong in Windsor and at the World Junior Championship but seemingly ran into the brick wall as the season wore on and became less flashy and impressive although he continued to provide solid top four minutes en route to the Memorial Cup.

NHL Potential: Top pairing two-way defender

4. BRETT CONNOLLY

Position Right Wing
Shoots Right
Team Prince George Cougars – WHL
Born May 2, 1992
Vitals 6'-2", 185 lbs
Stats 16 GP 10 G 9 A 19 PTS 8 PIM

Strengths: Skates well with good all-encompassing mobility and decent top end speed. Handles the puck well at a high rate of speed and through traffic. Has very impressive vision and hockey sense that can not be taught. Competes and has a high work rate which leads to his impressive leadership characteristics. Makes his team around him better and uses his vision and nice playmaking ability to reward his linemates with setting them up in positions to succeed. Plays a defensively responsible game where he comes back, backchecking the rush and supporting his defense. Skill is extremely high but it is all the other intangibles that he brings that make him a potential NHL all-star. Is as complete a player as available in the draft.

Weaknesses: Injuries and lack of physical strength are areas of concern. Year was lost in terms of his development as he missed all but 16 games and suffered through injuries to both hips. Even with a clean bill of health some teams might wonder if he will have chronic problems down the road.

Notes: Injuries to both his hips during the last 10 months have led Conolly to playing only a handful of games which means he suffered from a lack of exposure. Brett has the potential to be the draft's top forward in five years if he can stay healthy and move along in his development. Did nothing to boost his stock at the U18's.

NHL Potential: Top line goal scoring winger



5. ERIK GUDBRANSON

Position Defense
Shoots Right
Team Kingston Frontenacs – OHL
Born January 7, 1992
Vitals 6'-4", 205 lbs
Stats 41 GP 2 G 21 A 23 PTS 68 PIM

Strengths: A right-handed shooting defenseman with impressive size and plays with a physical edge who can also contribute offensively and is effective in his own zone. Skates well especially for his size with good overall mobility. Has some nice leadership abilities and is a hard worker. Plays the body and punishes attackers with solid checks and will drop the gloves without hesitation if it will help his team. Offensively leads the rush, has outstanding passing abilities and a cannon of a point shot. Sees the ice well and makes the safe steady play more often than not. Defensively, maintains strong gaps and eliminated attackers with solid body positioning and an active stick. Has the best overall potential of all the defenders in the 2010 draft class.

Weaknesses: Is still extremely raw and will need time to add strength and polish his overall game. Does not have great retreating speed and can get beat by faster attackers who slip their way past his check. Has also been overwhelmed in his own zone trying to do too much and getting himself caught out of position at points this season.

Notes: A sting of bad luck hit Gudbranson at the worst possible time as he suffered a knee injury and then was hit with a bad case of mononucleosis which led to the towering blueliner only seeing action in 41 games this season. Many compare his game once fully developed to that of Philadelphia Flyers star and former Norris Trophy winner Chris Pronger.

NHL Potential: Top pairing physical two-way defender



6. BRANDON GORMLEY

Position Defense
Shoots Left
Team Moncton Wildcats – QMJHL
Born February 18, 1992
Vitals 6'-2", 190 lbs
Stats 58 GP 9 G 34 A 43 PTS 54 PIM

Strengths: Extremely consistent and even keeled defender gives you steady two-way minutes in a top pairing role game in and game out. Smooth mobility and moves laterally very well, maintaining solid gap control on attackers. Uses an active stick and occasional body contact to effectively strip attackers from the puck. Offensively has many high end skills needed to contribute. Passing and on-ice vision are highly impressive as he makes solid outlet passes and accurate tape-to-tape plays to streaking forwards. Shows good poise and little-to-no panic when being pressured on the point. Has a decent shot that he gets off quickly and shows an ability to open up shooting lanes with his mobility. Is one of the most NHL ready prospects in the draft because of his on ice maturity.

Weaknesses: The fact that he is not as flashy offensively as Fowler and not as physical as Gudbranson are what really pushes him behind those two in rankings. Also needs to add more strength to his projectable frame. Is not overly speedy as he has just over average speed.

Notes: Gormley was said to be a Nicklas Lidstrom clone by his head coach Bob Bougner at the Ivan Hlinka Tournament last summer.

NHL Potential: Top pairing two-way defender



7. VLADIMIR TARASENKO

Right Wing *Position*

Left *Shoots*

Sibir – Russia *Team*

December 13, 1991 *Born*

5'-11", 195 lbs *Vitals*

42 GP 13 G 11 A 24 PTS 18 PIM *Stats*

Strengths: An offensively gifted winger who at first glance leaves much to be desired but once he jumps over the boards and onto the ice his skill and natural gifts take over and he shows his explosiveness. Skates well although does not have great high end speed but it is his quick acceleration and lateral movements that make his overall mobility a strength. Is blessed with an absolute rocket of a wrist and gets it off in minimal time and space. Can handle the puck and carry it through traffic using deft moves and solid positioning to protect it. Is a shoot first player but can make nice passing plays because of incredible vision and anticipation. Drives to the net despite the punishment awaiting and will work hard to score. Strong on his skates as is built short and stalky. Very elusive forward who generates loads of scoring chances. Has shown some defensive responsibility to his game.

Weaknesses: The Russian factor will likely come into play as his intentions are to finish out his KHL contract before thinking of moving across the Atlantic. Is short and can get thrown off his game when too much physicality is thrown his way. Needs to improve his defensive play as it is inconsistent at best.

Notes: Tarasenko put up impressive numbers in a league playing against men, some twice his age, and getting just over 12 minutes of ice time per game. Questions abound as to his desire to make a career in the NHL or if he would be just as content to play for big money at home making him an unknown commodity. Chances are he will not divulge much at the combine meaning he is a true wildcard.

NHL Potential: Top six goal scoring winger



8. NINO NIEDERREITER

Left Wing *Position*

Left *Shoots*

Portland Winterhawks – WHL *Team*

September 8, 1992 *Born*

6'-2", 205 lbs *Vitals*

65 GP 36 G 24 A 60 PTS 68 PIM *Stats*

Strengths: Hard working and strong with a nice blend of size and skill. Skates decent enough for someone his size and style of game and he has no problem imitating a bull in china shop to get to a loose puck. Never stops moving his feet and generates good speed. Is gritty and willing to throw his weight around. Shot is accurate as well as being an absolute rocket and he discises the release well. Is defensively responsible and plays a solid three zone game. Is as rugged as any forward available in the draft.

Weaknesses: Acceleration is slow. His first few steps need refinement as he is rather slow off the mark. Game is not as well rounded than some of the other high end draft eligibles as his playmaking ability is not considered an asset.

Notes: Niederreiter's real breakout moment was not the the 2010 IIHF World Junior Championship where in front of a nation he put the entire Swiss team on his back and took them on a ride. His moment where many scouts first notice the power forward was at the IIHF U18's in Fargo North Dakota. Dazzled at the Top Prospects game skills competition with a breakaway goal for the ages. Represented Switzerland at the World Championship in Germany, becoming the second-youngest player to ever participate in the tournament at 17 years, eight months.

NHL Potential: Top six two-way power forward



9. JACK CAMPBELL

Goaltender *Position*

Left *Catches*

NTDP U18 – USHL *Team*

January 9, 1992 *Born*

6'-2", 175 lbs *Vitals*

11 GP 2.21 GAA .917 SP *Stats*

Strengths: An athletic goalie that plays a reflexive style that allows him to make the big flashy saves at the big moments in the game. Has great side-to-side lateral mobility and gets up and down very quickly. Controls his rebounds well with quick but soft pads and by angling heavy shots to the corner. Has a very quick and flashy glove hand that takes away most of the upper portion of net. Tracks the puck well through traffic and shows a very high level of focus. Is mature beyond his years as he quickly puts bad plays behind him and focuses on the upcoming play. Is a competitor in the mold of Patrick Roy was and that along with his work ethic will help as he strives for an NHL job. In-game decision making and reactions are what will make him an NHL goaltender in a few seasons.

Weaknesses: Has a tendency to be either hot or cold and when he is cold he gets caught flopping around his crease too much. Consistency needs to be worked on. Could use some fine tuning on his fundamentals as he often relies too much on his outstanding reflex and not enough on angles play or positional puck stopping.

Notes: Campbell is one of the best stories from the 2010 Draft class as he made the World Junior team as a backup and ended up stealing a gold medal for the Americans, robbing Canada with timely saves and showing many that he is a true big game goalie. Played strong at the Spring U18's in net for the US. Will be taking his game to Windsor of the OHL next season after earlier indicating he would play at Michigan.

NHL Potential: Starting goaltender



10. ALEXANDER BURMISTROV

Position Centre
Shoots Left
Team Barrie Colts – OHL
Born November 21, 1991
Vitals 5’-11.5”, 170 lbs
Stats 62 GP 22 G 43 A 65 PTS 49 PIM

Strengths: Flashy and ultra skilled, especially with his stickhandling ability. Makes defenders look foolish when he weaves in and out of traffic with the puck like it is taped to his stick. Has outstanding vision, hockey sense and offensive creativity which enable him to control the tempo of the offensive attack. Is a playmaker in the same mold as Igor Larionov but with a more feisty attitude and better hands. Is a faceoff ace who utilizes his quick hands and reflexes to win the majority of draws he takes and is smart enough to realize that he needs to play a two-way game to make the biggest impact on his team. Provides strong backpressure and uses his quick stick to pick-pocket ‘al a Pavel Datsyuk’ from behind. Skates very well with a water bug type dartiness on the ice. Has nice top end speed and the ability to change gears and throw defenders while maintaining possession of the puck.

Weaknesses: Small size is an issue as he is tiny and looks much smaller in his street clothes. Needs strength badly as his weaknesses all stem from this problem. Shot is also low velocity as he lacks the arm strength. Some games he has slipped into the old Russian “do it by myself” mentality and forgets he has teammates to pass to and with his weak shot he rarely succeeds when he plays that game.

Notes: Some rumors are floating around that Burmistrov has a contract back home in Russia with Kazan, a KHL squad, that would see him leave North America and the CHL to fulfill those obligations, a scenario that will scare some NHL teams. He was able to continue his strong showing in the playoffs for Barrie.

NHL Potential: Top six two-way playmaking forward



11. JEFF SKINNER

Position Centre
Shoots Left
Team Kitchener Rangers – OHL
Born May 16, 1992
Vitals 5’-10.5”, 195 lbs
Stats 64 GP 50 G 40 A 90 PTS 72 PIM

Strengths: A highly intense competitor who loves to score goals. Skates well with nice lateral quickness and change of pace ability. Has a nonstop motor and works his tail off everytime on the ice. Despite his lack of size he fights to get to tough areas on the ice and works hard in all three zones. Has a pro-style shot with a deceptive release. Plays with intensity and chippiness to his game but also knows when to reel the emotions in as to not put his team down a man. Comes back consistently in his own zone to provide backpressure and support his defenders. Has uncanny anticipation and the puck seems to follow him around whenever he is on the ice. Has nice on-ice vision and is a real underrated playmaker because of his other prevalent strong suits. A dangerous goal scorer with a high compete level.

Weaknesses: Size and unwillingness to play like his size would dictate are a concern that may hold him back. Does not have that elusiveness you want in a little forward either. A true high risk/potential high reward type prospect.

Notes: Skinner’s solid balance while skating comes from a figure skating background. His style and goal scoring accumen might be better suited for the wing at the next level. Was the top postseason scoring threat in the OHL playoffs and had many re-evaluating his draft stock.

NHL Potential: Top six goal scoring forward



12. RYAN JOHANSEN

Position Centre
Shoots Right
Team Portland Winterhawks – WHL
Born July 31, 1992
Vitals 6’-3”, 180 lbs
Stats 71 GP 25 G 44 A 69 PTS 53 PIM

Strengths: Skates well for a big guy with a long fluid stride. Does not have blazing speed but gets to where he needs to be in good time. Playmaking ability is outstanding as he has great vision and offensive creativity. Has an underrated shot that is getting better which should see him become more of a dual offensive threat. Willing to take a hit and throw them as well. Battles along the wall and uses his long reach to protect the puck or dig it out. You can see his smarts and hockey sense with the way he approaches each situation on the ice and quickly dissects what to do. The sky is the limit for the big centre if his development trajectory continues as it did this season.

Weaknesses: Needs to add considerable strength especially to his legs which look like toothpicks when he lengthens out his stride. Needs to continue to round out his game as all his abilities are still rather raw at this point. Is also a bit of an unknown commodity as you hope this past season is just the beginning of his development and not his peak. Still catching up to his growth rate as he has looked uncoordinated at times on the ice.

Notes: Johansen spent the 08-09 season with the Penticton Vees of the British Columbia Hockey League where he had just five goals and 12 assists for 17 points in 47 regular season games. Because of those pedestrian numbers and ice time on the third line he was a surprise to many who saw the big playmaker early in Portland this season. Finished the year strong as he was Portland’s top offensive threat in the WHL postseason.

NHL Potential: Top six playmaking power centre



13. MIKAEL GRANLUND

Left Wing / Centre **Position**
 Left **Shoots**
 HIFK – Finland **Team**
 February 26, 1992 **Born**
 5'-10", 175 lbs **Vitals**
 43 GP 13 G 27 A 40 PTS 2 PIM **Stats**



Strengths: Possesses vision and offensive creativity in abundance. A deft passer who can thread the needle and set-up his teammates in prime scoring areas. Skating is fine as he does get to where he needs to be in ample time. Has agile and quick feet and which makes him elusive to hit or check. Has off the charts hockey sense and is smart knowing how to draw defenders to himself before dishing to an open teammate. Has equally quick hands that can finish with a quick, accurate shot but will always look to pass first and shoot second. Plays a defensively responsible game and regularly comes back to provide defensive pressure on attackers.

Weaknesses: Size is his main weakspot as he tends to get pushed around at times and despite a willingness to battle larger opponents. Lacks the strength to truly compete in a more physical environment. Does lack explosive acceleration.

Notes: Granlund had a very offensively productive season playing in the highest men's league in Finland, the SM-Liiga, but when it came time to display his abilities on the largest international stage for draft eligible prospects, the IIHF World Junior Championship, he fell well short of expectations by putting up a dismal performance.

NHL Potential: Top six playmaking forward

14. NICK BJUGSTAD

Centre **Position**
 Right **Shoots**
 Blaine – MNHS **Team**
 July 17, 1992 **Born**
 6'-4", 185 lbs **Vitals**
 25 GP 29 G 31 A 60 PTS 24 PIM **Stats**



Strengths: Possesses great size and looks monstrous compared to opponents in Minnesota High School action. Is athletic and an extremely hard worker which lend well to him making an NHL impact one day. Reach and willingness to outwork the other guy make him a beast on the wall or in front of the opposition net. Overall skill set, although raw, is impressive especially when you factor in his size and speed. Has the ability to give that extra burst of speed which allows him to beat opponents on the outside or the emence size to go through them to the inside. Shot is solid and he has shown some solid vision on the ice. Has many of the intangibles that can't be taught such as leadership, humility and strong hockey sense. Also has soft hands but a willingness to play it physical.

Weaknesses: Questions about his upside and how far his skills will take him. Level of competition was weak this year so a better projection on his future can be made once he moves on to the college ranks. Lack of strength is an area that should take care of itself at College.

Notes: Bjugstad's uncle is ex-NHL player Scott Bjugstad. Shocking to most that he was not on the U18 squad in Belarus that played at the IIHF U18 tournament in April. Was the winner of the prestigious Minnesota Mr. Hockey award which is annually awarded to the top high school hockey player in the state. Committed to play for the University of Minnesota Golden Gophers next season.

NHL Potential: Top six two-way power centre

15. DEREK FORBORT

Defense **Position**
 Left **Shoots**
 Under-18 – USNTDP **Team**
 March 4, 1992 **Born**
 6'-4.5", 195 lbs **Vitals**
 56 GP 5 G 20 A 25 PTS 40 PIM **Stats**



Strengths: Athletic, big and a smooth skater. Skates well for his size and has good overall mobility, agility and balance on his blades. Moves the puck well as he can either make a solid outlet pass or carry the puck himself. When he does have the puck his long reach and swooping stride make getting it from him extra difficult. Game is ultra raw but he is a high character kid who is willing to put in the work to get better. Has one of the highest upsides in the entire draft.

Weaknesses: Is still gangly and needs to grow into his frame as his defensive zone mobility need improvement against faster forwards. Some wonder about his decision making as he often runs himself out of options and throws shots and passes into closed lanes. Needs to fill out his frame and better condition himself to the pro game. An element that is missing in the six-foot-five defenders game is the physical play you would like to see in him.

Notes: Forbort played for Duluth East High School last season as a junior and after just one season with the U18 squad of the U.S. National Team Development he will be off to College ranks at the University of North Dakota next season.

NHL Potential: Top four two-way defenseman

16. EMERSON ETEM

Position Right Wing
Shoots Left
Team Medicine Hat Tigers – WHL
Born June 16, 1992
Vitals 6'-0.5", 190 lbs
Stats 72 GP 37 G 28 A 65 PTS 26 PIM

Strengths: Great skater with explosive speed, an extra gear and powerful two step acceleration. Skating stance does not look pretty but it gets him to where he is going just fine. Has a goal scorers shot that blends velocity with pin-point accuracy along with a deceptive release. Hands are exceptionally quick and coupled with his nose for the net and vision on the ice make him a very dangerous player in the offensive zone. Is solid on the penalty kill with his speed and overall quickness.

Weaknesses: Big boom or bust potential as he lacks the drive on many nights to succeed. Looks disinterested on many instances and some question whether he has the smarts and hockey sense needed to make the jump to the next level. Is seen as a potential one-trick-pony with his speed and goal scoring ability but not much else which may make him fall on draft day. Needs added strength and to compete more in traffic as he can be shy to physical play at time while other times he is a willing combatant. Lack of consistency is another area in his game that will need to be ironed out. Rarely come back to help out defensively and tends to always be thinking offensive.

Notes: Etem, the California native, moved to Medicine Hat from the US National Team Development Program where he played with the U17 squad last season. Some scouts say he has a ways to go because he is still playing like a Bantam hockey player and his game is very immature.

NHL Potential: Top six goal scoring forward



17. JON MERRILL

Position Defense
Shoots Left
Team Under-18 – USNTDP
Born February 3, 1992
Vitals 6'-3.5", 200 lbs
Stats 47 GP 5 G 25 A 30 PTS 14 PIM

Strengths: One of the top US National Development Teams defenders as he is one of the 'Towers of Power' playing in Ann Arbor, Michigan this season. Has displayed a real solid defensive game. Has good overall mobility which helps him maintain solid positioning on attackers and is skilled at eliminating chances with an active stick and closing off lanes. Is a smart defender who does not make that many flashy or physical plays but rather uses his size, reach and defensive awareness to nullify attackers. Is a safe defender in all three zones on the ice. While he will not throttle a guy into the boards or throw many devastating open-ice hits, he does use his strength well when it comes to eliminating threats around his net. Offensively has shown loads of potential with flashes of Alex Pietrangelo type offensive plays. Makes consistently strong, accurate outlet passes, joins the rush and can carry the puck up ice well.

Weaknesses: Has been on the scouting radar for a few years now and as a 15-year-old prodigy had many thinking he would develop into a real dominant force at both ends by his draft year. While he has taken a step in the right direction offensively this season he still has not lived up to those lofty expectations and many see him as a non-physical defensive defender which does not excite those who thought he would be more. Will need to add more of a physical element to his game, concentrate on upping his offensive production and work on improving his speed in college before he should try to make the jump to the pro level. Got himself into some trouble with underage drinking.

Notes: Merrill will attend the University of Michigan in the fall after committing at the age of 14.

NHL Potential: Top four two-way defender



18. AUSTIN WATSON

Position Left Wing
Shoots Right
Team Peterborough Petes – OHL
Born January 13, 1992
Vitals 6'-3.5", 185 lbs
Stats 52 GP 20 G 34 A 54 PTS 22 PIM

Strengths: A dominating two-way player who will fill any role the team needs him to play. Has the drive and work ethic to be a shut down defensive forward and the offensive skills to be a top line offensive forward. His size at six-foot-three and skating ability aid in his defensive prowess and his willingness to drop down and block a shot is second to none in the draft class. Is smart and anticipates well what the offensive player will do which allows him to close down lanes and disrupt the attack. Strong forechecker who battles for every inch of ice. Can handle the puck and has absolutely no fear of physical repercussions when going into dirty areas. Skating wise he has a long fluid stride that generates good speed and nice agility. Is more of a finisher than a playmaker with a good hard shot and willingness to drive the net. Plays a high energy game. A coaches favorite because of his willingness to do whatever is asked of him.

Weaknesses: Vision and creativity on the ice is not one of his strengths and might hold him back from taking his offensive game to the next level. Has loads of raw potential but needs to start performing on a consistent basis offensively or risk being type cast as a defensive specialist.

Notes: Watson broke his ankle blocking a shot during the CHL/NHL Top Prospects Game in January and missed a good chunk of games but when he came back he was on fire for the Petes, scoring at a two points per game clip to end the year. His scoring heroics however ended in the playoffs where he seemed to struggle.

NHL Potential: Top six two-way power winger



19. DYLAN MCILRATH

Defense *Position*
 Right *Shoots*
 Moose Jaw Warriors – WHL *Team*
 April 20, 1992 *Born*
 6'-4", 215 lbs *Vitals*
 65 GP 7 G 17 A 24 PTS 169 PIM *Stats*



Strengths: A huge, tough beast of a defenseman. Has really improved this season and added other facets to his already impressive game. While skating is not going to win him any races, he is also not a pylon as he maintains solid positioning and gaps on attackers. Shows a little offensive play to his game and looks to have a little upside in that regard. A feared WHL heavyweight fighter. Intimidates and his physicality does not stop at fisticuffs as he has the ability and aggressiveness which has earned him a reputation as a feared open-ice hitter as well. Uses his reach well with an active stick and massive wingspan to really close off his side of the ice. Has a hard point shot and has shown some nice passing skills especially when he needs to get the puck out of his own zone and start a rush. Does not overplay the puck but instead keeps everything simple. Plays with a strong physical edge consistently and will have NHL forwards thinking twice about engaging him when he gets to the show.

Weaknesses: Is not going to be confused as the next Mike Green and really his puck handling skills leave much to be desired. Although he has improved his lateral mobility and transition from backward to forwards, he still has a bit of a lumbering stride and if he is not reading the approaching play carefully, can get beaten with outside speed.

Notes: McIlrath, the 'Monster from Winnipeg' as he has been called by fans in Moose Jaw, is the premier fisticuffs prospect for the 2010 NHL draft.

NHL Potential: Physical defensive defenseman

20. JOHN MCFARLAND

Left Wing *Position*
 Right *Shoots*
 Sudbury Wolves – OHL *Team*
 April 2, 1992 *Born*
 6'-0.5", 195 lbs *Vitals*
 64 GP 20 G 30 A 50 PTS 70 PIM *Stats*



Strengths: An athletic and skilled forward who has solid wheels and strong balance on his blades. Has the demeanor to be aggressive, gritty and will fight through checks. Has a great pro ready shot that is one of the OHL best and the ability to get it off quickly, even in heavy traffic. Shows a willingness to consistently get back to help out on the defensive side of things. Can be hard to play against when he is going hard on the forecheck and playing the body. Has an outstanding vision of the ice and can make strong tape-to-tape passes. Is strong on the puck and handles it well moving it up ice quickly on the rush. Has shown that he will stand up for himself or teammates by dropping the gloves.

Weaknesses: Consistency is a glaring issue as he has all the skill in the world but often times lacks the heart or drive to be a difference maker. His interest in the game wanes from contest to contest. Gives up too much on offensive chances in the name of retreating for 'defensive play'. When he gets back he often is a spectator who does not engage the opposition strong enough. He reminds of Dan Cleary when drafted by the Chicago Blackhawks. Game really has not progressed much from his 16-year-old season.

Notes: The top pick of the 2008 OHL Priority Selection, McFarland has failed to live up to the expectations that many place on a prospect of his pedigree and skill. He has a tendency to play his best when the chips are on the line, putting up outstanding performances internationally in the past, but not so much during the Wolves games. Tried to enter the OHL a year early ala John Tavares but was not granted 'exceptional player' status.

NHL Potential: Skilled top six two-way forward

21. QUINTON HOWDEN

Centre *Position*
 Left *Shoots*
 Moose Jaw Warriors – WHL *Team*
 January 21, 1992 *Born*
 6'-2", 185 lbs *Vitals*
 65 GP 28 G 37 A 65 PTS 44 PIM *Stats*



Strengths: One of the best big man skaters in the draft. Has good acceleration and nice top end speed. Handles the puck well and has a very impressive, hard and accurate shot which he can get off mid-stride. Size at just over six-foot-two helps him create space for not only himself but also his linemates and his speed allows him to create separation from defenders. Seems to always have his feet moving or at least ready to go and is constantly looking to go offensively. Willing to drive the puck to the net but is ultimately a better shooter from around the hashmarks. Has the ability to play a solid role on the penalty kill with his speed and reach and is a threat to create shorthanded offense.

Weaknesses: For such an impressive physical presence he plays with very little jam of physical presence. Offensive upside is still unknown as he does not excel at any one aspect or skill. Seems like he projects out to be more of a second / third line complimentary player at the next level. Hockey sense and offensive creativity are questionable as he tends to float around aimlessly at times.

Notes: As a child, Howden broke his femur and was told that he would never be able to play sports because it would affect the growth of the bone. Also won the top prospects shooting accuracy challenge back in January.

NHL Potential: Top six power forward

22. MARK PYSYK

Position Defense
Shoots Right
Team Edmonton Oil Kings – WHL
Born January 11, 1992
Vitals 6'-1", 175 lbs
Stats 48 GP 7 G 17 A 24 PTS 47 PIM

Strengths: A strong skater with good balance, agility and nice pivots. Has solid overall mobility and doesn't get beat because of his skating but rather uses it as a tool to angle off attackers to the perimeter and forcing a low percentage shot or nullifying a chance altogether. Plays strong positionally and uses his stick and body to disrupt the puck carrier. Can carry the puck up ice himself or has the vision and ability to consistently make solid outlet passes. Uses outlets well and is effective in organizing a breakout from his own end.

Weaknesses: Is far too passive and needs to play with more intensity and desire. Plays with no physicality at all and is often overpowered by even smaller forwards on the boards. Questions about his upside persist as he has not yet been able to dominate against Major Junior competition.

Notes: Injuries have been prevalent this season as Pysyk suffered a concussion at the beginning of the year which led to him missing some games and then his season ended prematurely as he broke his foot in February.

NHL Potential: Top four defensive defenseman



23. CALVIN PICKARD

Position Goaltender
Catches Left
Team Seattle Thunderbirds – WHL
Born April 15, 1992
Vitals 6'-0.5", 195 lbs
Stats 62 GP 3.09 GAA .914 SP

Strengths: An impressive employer of positional play and using his body to block shots more so than play a reflex based game is the style that Pickard utilizes. That is not to say the decent sized tender can not recover or make second and third saves as he does have good recovery ability, just that he does so in such a compact way with little wasted or unrequired movements. A calm but confident demeanor and worker like attitude that allows him to stay focused and maintain composure. Sees the puck through traffic well and rarely gets out of position. Maintains strong angles and is always square to the shooter. Technical skills are A+. Level of play has been consistently strong all season for a team that was very weak defensively.

Weaknesses: Needs to take his conditioning to the next level. His athleticism does not look as strong as say Jack Campbell or Max Clermont in this draft class but his technical skills are far superior than anyone else in the draft. Does not have the quick flashy glove and his lateral mobility needs to improve.

Notes: Pickard is younger brother to Chet Pickard, a Nashville Predators first round pick in 2008 who also has NHL starting goaltender potential.

NHL Potential: Starting goaltender



24. BROCK NELSON

Position Centre
Shoots Left
Team Warroad – MNHS
Born October 15, 1991
Vitals 6'-2.5", 205 lbs
Stats 25 GP 39 G 34 A 73 PTS 38 PIM

Strengths: A big power centre who can fill the net. Skates very well for such a big guy and has real good strength behind his stride. Has good balance and can carry defenders on his back to the net. Shot is very powerful and is one of his primary assets along with his vision and offensive creativity. Tries to play a good two-way game as he comes back deep into the defensive zone and is an ace in the faceoff circle. Primarily a finisher with the ability to make accurate passes but will look to score first and foremost. Also has the hands to carry the puck up ice and not only enter the zone and get a shot off but also take the puck right to the net and convert on in-close chances.

Weaknesses: Has come along way in a short period of time and because of that his skills are still very raw and underdeveloped. Will need time to round out his game, figure out the defensive side of the game against better competition and add strength.

Notes: Nelson has rich family history behind him as his Grandfather is Billy Christian, a Minnesota hockey legend who won Gold at the 1960 Olympics, and his uncle is ex-NHLer Dave Christian, who played a key role on the 1980 USA Olympic 'Miracle on Ice' Gold Medal win at Lake Placid NY. Will attend the University of North Dakota in the fall.

NHL Potential: Top six goalscoring power forward



25. JADEN SCHWARTZ



Centre **Position**
 Left **Shoots**
 Tri-City Storm – USHL **Team**
 June 25, 1992 **Born**
 5-10.5", 185 lbs **Vitals**
 60 GP 33 G 50 A 83 PTS 18 PIM **Stats**

Strengths: A small highly energetic forward with loads of offensive creativity and skill. Skating is strong as he is blanced and agile darting around the ice. Is primarily a playmaker but also has a decent shot especially in close. Protects the puck well with his body and a quick stick while buying time for this linemates to get into scoring areas. Despite his small size he is a feisty guy and will be the first to go into the corners and battle. Has incredible smarts and hockey sense which is an ingredient you can not teach. Has the hands you want in someone running your offensive and the vision needed to optimize his effectiveness. Possesses a bag of moves that allows him to carry the puck and back off defenders. His game though is not all offensive as he is a solid defensive contributor who is willing to block shots or engage on the backcheck.

Weaknesses: Size is really the only question that many will be going over at the draft. Will he become another St.Louis or Gomez or will he fade like so many other smallish offensive wizards who just can't take the physicality of the pro leagues.

Notes: Schwartz broke scoring records held by Vincent Lecavalier and Brad Richards while at Notre Dame Prep of the Saskatchewan Midget AAA Hockey League with 39 goals and 111 points in 44 games. Schwartz has committed to Colorado College for the fall of 2010.

NHL Potential: Top six two-way forward

26. STANISLAV GALIEV



Right Wing **Position**
 Right **Shoots**
 Saint John Sea Dogs – QMJHL **Team**
 January 17, 1992 **Born**
 6'-1", 175 lbs **Vitals**
 67 GP 15 G 45 A 60 PTS 38 PIM **Stats**

Strengths: A talented and flashy skater with moves to burn. Is a stickhandling wizard with great individual skills. A playmaker by nature, he loves the puck on his stick as he enters the zone and uses his vision and quickness to open up options for his linemates. Skates very well with impressive lateral agility and loads of explosive spunk in his step. Weaves in and out of traffic with the puck and pushes many defenders back on their heels because of his overwelling speed and skill. Is not all offense all the time as he uses his quickness and smarts to play solid defensively in his own zone as well. He utilizes a quick stick to strip attackers and create a quick transition. A dangerous forward who is always a risk to create a scoring oportunity every time he touches the puck.

Weaknesses: Shot is weak and that with all his skills he often comes out of games with little to show production wise. Has a penchant for disappearing when physical checking gets too heavy.

Notes: Galiev played last season with the USHL's Indiana Ice who won the Clark Cup at league champions.

NHL Potential: Top six playmaking forward

27. RILEY SHEAHAN



Centre **Position**
 Left **Shoots**
 Notre Dame Fighting Irish – NCAA **Team**
 December 7, 1991 **Born**
 6"-1.5", 195 lbs **Vitals**
 37 GP 6 G 11 A 17 PTS 22 PIM **Stats**

Strengths: A big body that plays a very intelligent two-way game. Skates very well with a smooth fluid stide which generates a good amount of speed but looks as though he is not moving very fast, he lulls opponents into a false sense of slowness then blows by you. Is also strong and balanced on his skates which allows him to protect the puck and his drive to the dirty areas. A natural playmaker, he has great vision and anticipation but it is his overall three zone smarts and always knowing what to do next that make him special. Makes strong accurate passes but also has a decent enough shot that he is not one-dimensional. Has soft hands and can carry the puck up ice and the moves to make it tough for defenders in one-on-one situations. Is just as effective in the offensive zone as he is in the defensive zone. Consistently comes back and supports his defense and physically engages in battles for loose pucks or tying up a streaking forward. Is mature for his age and is coachable as he picks things up quickly.

Weaknesses: Needs to add additional strength to be a consistent physcial threat as even though he has decent size he does get outmuscled by kids three or four years his senior. Some wonder if he will end up being just a solid third line type player or if he has the offensive upside to become a poor man's Rick Nash. Needs to iron out some aspects like shooting the puck more and being stronger on faceoffs along with being more involved physically.

Notes: Sheahan took a regular shift as a top six forward and on both the PP and PK units as a true freshman. Reportedly was arrested along with fellow Irish forward Kyle Palmieri for public intoxication this past April.

NHL Potential: Top six two-way playmaking forward

28. TYLER TOFFOLI

Position Centre
Shoots Right
Team Ottawa 67's – OHL
Born April 24, 1992
Vitals 6'-0", 175 lbs
Stats 65 GP 37 G 42 A 79 PTS 54 PIM

Strengths: A skilled forward with good quickness and elusiveness that can both finish and set-up plays. Is constantly looking to contribute offensively and has the vision, offensive instincts and creativity to do so at the pro level. Has a very good shot and an extremely quick release that catches many goalies off guard. Hands are soft and can handle the puck very well. Scores many goals from just on top of the hashmarks but also has the willingness to take it to the net and look for rebound goals.

Weaknesses: Skating or at least willingness to keep his feet moving is an area that needs addressing as he far too often looks slow and glides too much around the ice. Consistency in effort level is another area that scouts would like to see improve dramatically. Defensively is non-committal and not aggressive enough as in many instances he leaves his defensive mark untouched and dangerously active in his own zone. Size and strength is also just average.

Notes: Toffoli has had a pretty solid season this year despite a poor showing at the CHL Top Prospects game and start to his OHL campaign. Started off hot at the Ivan Hlinka tournament playing on the top line with fellow draftees Seguin and McFarland and then proceeded to have a solid campaign down the OHL stretch and into the playoffs. When asked who in the NHL he would compare his game to, Toffoli said that he thinks his game best resembles Dany Heatley of San Jose but with more playmaking ability.

NHL Potential: Top six offensive forward



29. TROY RUTKOWSKI

Position Defense
Shoots Right
Team Portland Winterhawks – WHL
Born April 29, 1992
Vitals 6'-2", 205 lbs
Stats 71 GP 12 G 31 A 43 PTS 70 PIM

Strengths: A big bodied offensive minded rearguard who moves the puck up ice well. Skating is impressive as his overall mobility is an asset which aids in his defensive presence. May not be a Scott Niedermayer or Cam Fowler skating wise but he moves very well out there and generates a good amount of power and speed. Vision and offensive creativity are first rate and he has a somewhat heavy point shot. Uses a quick stick to walk the blueline and open up shooting lanes before delivering a hard low shot/pass from the point. Makes solid tape-to-tape passing plays and consistently sees his open options when skating out a breakout. Uses his passing ability and instincts to turn a quick transition game. Has grown by leaps and bounds in his understanding of his defensive responsibilities in his own zone from last year to this year.

Weaknesses: Defensive game, despite coming up with some gems, needs to be more consistent overall. Added instruction in defensive gap control and reading the play is needed.

Notes: Rutkowski as one of Future Considerations' favorites at the CHL Top Prospects Game as he showed both offensive skill and defensive smarts. Made the best defensive play during a five on three PK situation during that game.

NHL Potential: Top four offensive defenseman



30. JARRED TINORDI

Position Defense
Shoots Left
Team Under-18 – USHL
Born February 20, 1992
Vitals 6'-5.5", 205 lbs
Stats 52 GP 4 G 8 A 12 PTS 81 PIM

Strengths: A towering, stay-at-home defender who skates well and is willing to play physical. Skating is solid and is blessed with impressive all-encompassing mobility which aids his defensive play in keeping up with the more agile forwards. Is long and lean and uses his huge wingspan with his active stick to contain opposition. Plays with an aggressive edge to his game and is a true leader, which is why he was the US National Development U18 Team captain this year and the U17 captain for the second half of last year. Is patient, smart and looks to make that bruising open ice hit without pulling himself too far out of position. Offensively, has a good point shot and can make a solid outlet pass. Main strength is his defensive zone positioning and reads of coming offensive attacks.

Weaknesses: Is a true defensive defenseman and will likely be nothing more as his offensive skills as not high end. While he does make a solid outlet pass and has a strong point shot he will never be a point producer at the next level. Has yet to grow into his frame but once he does he will be a physical force. Needs to always keep in check his aggressiveness as he has a high intensity level which can get the best of him at times.

Notes: Tinordi's father is long time NHL stay-at-home defenseman Mark Tinordi who played for the Rangers, North Stars, Stars in Dallas and the Capitals when they made it to the Cup Finals in 1998. Is committed to the University of Notre Dame for next Fall.

NHL Potential: Top four physical defensive defenseman



31. EVGENI KUZNETSOV

Centre **Position**
 Left **Shoots**
 Chelyabinsk – Russia (KHL) **Team**
 May 19, 1992 **Born**
 6'-0", 170 lbs **Vitals**
 35 GP 2 G 7 A 9 PTS 10 PIM **Stats**



Strengths: A skinny yet highly explosive offensive talent who creates scoring chances whenever he is on the ice. A shifty skater who generates a good amount of speed and has the lateral agility needed to pull off electrifying one-on-one moves. Has soft hands which allow him to carry and protect the puck through traffic. Has a nice shot that when he gets off mid-stride is very elusive for goalies to track. Outstanding natural instincts and knows where to be on the ice for his chances. Has that dynamic 'pull you out of your seat' talent.

Weaknesses: Small and easily muscled off the puck by larger opponents. Needs to add 15-20 pounds of muscle. Has the 'Russian Factor' to overcome which is the biggest reason he is not a first round selection. Has intensity and compete level inconsistencies as one game his feet never stop moving and the other times he barely gets his engine going. Defensively needs much work and coaching.

Notes: After a disappointing IIHF U20 World Junior Championship in Saskatoon with an underachieving Russian squad, Kuznetsov has been able to push his draft stock up with dominating performances at both the 6-Nations Tournament in February and the IIHF U18 World Championship this past April. Signed a two-year extension on his contract with Chelyabinsk in May.

NHL Potential: Top line scoring winger

32. RYAN SPOONER

Centre **Position**
 Left **Shoots**
 Peterborough – OHL **Team**
 January 31, 1992 **Born**
 5'-10.25", 170 lbs **Vitals**
 47 GP 19 G 35 A 54 PTS 12 PIM **Stats**



Strengths: Possesses an abundance of speed and elusiveness. Skates very well with a nice top end speed and agility on his skates. Shows good vision and reads the developing offensive play well. Is a playmaker who makes solid tape-to-tape passes to his linemates but also has the pedigree of a finisher as he is blessed with soft, quick hands and a nice shot. The type of forward who plays with a good level of intensity and is always around the play because he is constantly moving with the offensive flow. Hard to get the puck off of one-on-one because of his shifty puck skills. Occasionally shows that, despite his lack of size, will drive the puck to the net and pay the price. A hard worker with good character who has shown a willingness to improve his overall game.

Weaknesses: Size is an issue but with his speed that is not as bad as some other talented prospects who are slower or less dynamic. Needs to add some muscle nevertheless as he gets pushed around by bigger opposition. Consistency is an area that hounds him as he can disappear for stretches at a time. Defensive play is raw at best as he is just learning that aspect after years of being a pure offensive force.

Notes: Spooner suffered a broken collarbone this season that might have hurt his draft stock as NHL talent evaluators like the smaller prospects to at least be durable.

NHL Potential: Top six offensive centre

33. BEAU BENNETT

Right Wing **Position**
 Right **Shoots**
 Peterborough – BCHL **Team**
 November 27, 1991 **Born**
 6'-1.5", 175 lbs **Vitals**
 56 GP 41 G 79 A 120 PTS 20 PIM **Stats**



Strengths: A strong skater although possessing just slightly above average speed. Is a pure goal scorer. Stride is nice and will get better and more balanced as he adds strength to his slight but projectable frame. Best asset is his blistering shot and ability to find open space where his teammates can get the puck to him for a quick one-timer or a pin-point accurate wrister to the top corner. Shot release is lightning quick and has amazing offensive instincts. Is a sniper without questions but he also shows good vision and can make some impressive passing plays when his space gets taken away. Is dynamic and makes his linemates better because of his skill level and willingness to use them in his goal to create scoring chances.

Weaknesses: Is really thin and seemingly gets pushed off the puck by a stiff wind. While he does have some height and a frame to carry future weight he does not have the disposition to play the physical game. Also has a ways to go in rounding out his game as his defensive game is lacking.

Notes: Bennett's a late season riser in the draft as his consistent offensive production all year has not gone unnoticed by NHL talent evaluators. Will suit up for Denver University in the fall.

NHL Potential: Top six offensive forward

34. KIRILL KABANOV

Position Left Wing
Shoots Right
Team Moncton Wildcats – QMJHL
Born July 16, 1992
Vitals 6'-2", 175 lbs
Stats 22 GP 10 G 13 A 23 PTS 34 PIM

Strengths: A nice blend of size, skill and offensive creativity. Has great vision and playmaking ability although is equally gifted at finishing off plays with a hard, accurate shot. Has a whole bag of tricks when it comes to stickhandling and can beat defenders one-on-one with a head fake and then a quick lateral move. Possesses the speed and skating ability that also make him extremely hard to contain for defenders. Personality is lighthearted and carefree but he has shown the willingness to put in hard work during practice.

Weaknesses: Attitude is his biggest downfall. Isn't as willing to play both sides of the puck. Questionable work ethic.

Notes: Kabanov has had the season from hell for any draft eligible prospect. He was sidelined to start the season due to a dispute over whether or not he could suit up for Moncton which eventually required IIHF involvement. Then after a handful of games came a wrist injury that robbed him of most of the season. Then came reports of his unhappiness playing a secondary role with the deep Wildcats. During the playoffs, Kabanov and the Wildcats split. Despite his talent, Kabanov will likely not hear his name called early and could even slip further down draft lists than many are forecasting.

NHL Potential: Top six offensive forward.



35. ALEXANDER PETROVIC

Position Defense
Shoots Right
Team Red Deer – WHL
Born March 3, 1992
Vitals 6'-4", 195 lbs
Stats 57 GP 8 G 19 A 27 PTS 87 PIM

Strengths: A big, strong defensive defenseman who is at his best when he plays a simple and safe game eliminating offensive chances by the opposition and making that one strong, accurate pass out of his zone. Can play in every situation and uses his solid skating and gigantic reach to eliminate plays on the penalty kill and also has good enough vision, passing skills and point shot to be effective on the powerplay. Defensive positioning is solid and he skates very well with nice overall mobility and agility for a big guy. Is a presence in front of his own net as he clears bodies with his size, strength and willingness to be involved physically. Is willing to drop the gloves and take care of himself or teammates. Is mature for his age and shows solid character both on and off the ice.

Weaknesses: Upside is really as a stay-at-home defender who will not see much offensive opportunity at the next level. Can at times try to do more than his skill set is capable of and it negatively affects his entire game. Is not as thick as he should be to fully take advantage of his size, he can get stronger. Also does not have the aggressive demeanor to fight as many others with his size and talent package do.

Notes: Petrovic made a name for himself by challenging the 2010 NHL Entry Draft's top heavyweight fighter in Moose Jaw Dylan McIlRath during the CHL Top Prospects Game despite giving up 20 pounds.

NHL Potential: Top four physical defenseman



36. JASON ZUCKER

Position Left Wing
Shoots Left
Team Under-18 – USHL
Born January 16, 1992
Vitals 5'-11", 175 lbs
Stats 47 GP 22 G 16 A 38 PTS 41 PIM

Strengths: A gritty and wiry competitor who has some decent skills and plays an intense two-way game. Skates well with nice two-step acceleration and balance. Despite not being the fastest his quickness makes him dangerous. A tenacious forechecker who hounds the puck carrier and creates chances off of his hard work. Has a decent shot and nice touch around the net. Prides himself on being the first one into the corners in battling for loose pucks. Is smart defensively and willing to block shots or take a hit. Is a timely scoring threat as his goals seem to come at big times. A competitive force who does not mind physical play and does many of the little things right.

Weaknesses: Offensive upside looks as though it has some limits as he does not have the vision or creativity to consistently create plays. Size is also on the smallish side and you wonder if his style will get him hurt against bigger opposition. Tends to run himself out of options and tries to bowl ball his way through defenders where his lack of hand skills is noticeable rather than making a pass to open teammates.

Notes: Zucker is one of only two draft eligible prospects who have been golden as both Zucker and Goalie Jack Campbell have been part of the U.S. victories at the IIHF 2009 U18's, IIHF U20 World Junior Championship this past January and at this past April's 2010 IIHF U18's in Belarus. Zucker is scheduled to play at the University of Denver in the fall.

NHL Potential: Third line two-way forward



37. TYLER PITLICK



Centre **Position**
 Right **Shoots**
 Minnesota State – WCHA **Team**
 November 1, 1991 **Born**
 6'-1.5", 195 lbs **Vitals**
 35 GP 10 G 8 A 18 PTS 27 PIM **Stats**

Strengths: A gritty and strong hard working agme coupled with some nice offensive skills and a pro-ready shot. Plays the game hard and is always looking to make a difference whether it be on the score sheet or in a hard fought battle along the wall. Is far from a one-trick pony and will do anything asked of him by his coaches. Is a very good skater with nice agility, healthy top speed, strong balance and explosive two-step acceleration. Protects the puck well with his long limbs, strong core and nice positioning but also has the hands to maneuver through traffic and make defenders look foolish. Has shown that he has the smarts and hockey sense to make it as a solid contributor at the next level. Plays the game with a nice blend of finesse and physicality.

Weaknesses: Skills, although solid, are not top end and his offensive abilities have a limit at the next level. Needs to add more strength and improve on his defensive play as he tries to be a factor in his own zone but needs to be taught the finer points of positioning and reading the play like most Minnesota high school products do when they first graduate.

Notes: Pitlick is the nephew of former NHLer Lance Pitlick who played for Florida and Ottawa over eight years. There have been rumors of his plan to leave Minnesota State-Mankato and join the WHL's Medicine Hat Tigers for next season.

NHL Potential: Third line two-way forward

38. JOEY HISHON



Centre **Position**
 Left **Shoots**
 Owen Sound – OHL **Team**
 October 20, 1991 **Born**
 5'-10", 170 lbs **Vitals**
 36 GP 16 G 24 A 40 PTS 26 PIM **Stats**

Strengths: Outstanding speed and explosive acceleration aid his offensive attack and make him nearly impossible to control for slower defenders. Is a strong playmaker who sees the ice very well and distributes the puck like a wizard. Shot has a quick release and he has soft hands which allow him to be dangerous around the net. Has displayed good smarts and offensive awareness which allow him to be in the play most of the time. Despite his lack of size, plays with heart and is willing to battle it out with bigger opponensts. Defensively is an asset as he uses his speed well in penalty killing situations and is smart on closing off lanes and using his positioning well.

Weaknesses: Consistency issues. Is small and weak which shows through almost every night in the OHL. Needs to pack on considerable strength to both his legs and core if he is going to handle the rigors of the pro game. Has been tagged as a prospect who needs to use his linemates better and one that some games tries to do too much on his own. Needs more originality in his game as defedners have become wise to his tendencies.

Notes: Hishon missed two months time this season with a broken foot which hurts his stock because he was already seen as a small forward and now he has the durability question as well.

NHL Potential: Top six playmaking forward

39. STEPHAN SILAS



Defense **Position**
 Left **Shoots**
 Belleville – OHL **Team**
 June 26, 1992 **Born**
 6'-0.5", 185 lbs **Vitals**
 66 GP 4 G 45 A 49 PTS 61 PIM **Stats**

Strengths: A solid two-way defenseman who plays a consistent game at both ends of the ice. Is not overly flashy but makes plays on both sides of the puck. Skates well with a smooth effortless stride that gets him to where he needs to be. Lateral agility helps him close space and close gaps on would be attackers. Moves the puck well especially in transition to his forwards with well timed and accurate passes. Handles the puck well and carries it with the intent to open up additional passing options. Knows when to pinch or join the rush at proper times. Defensively has a strong active stick which he uses to disrupt plays as well as having solid defensive positioning. Is smart and reads the oppositions play well which helps him break up passing plays again with his stick and positioning. Physically gets involved and has made some solid checks and even dropped the gloves a couple times this year. Engages in battles in front of the net or along the boards and uses his body to separate the opposition from the puck effectively despite not being the biggest defender. Has a cool, calm on-ice demeanor to him when he is at his best.

Weaknesses: Is not a big guy and some times he can get overmatched by some of the bigger OHL power forwards. Is a jack-of-all-trades type defender who does most things well but nothing great. Upside is not as high as some of the other more flashy defenders in this draft class.

Notes: Silas has been slipping under most peoples radars this season but all it takes is one NHL team to really like him and he could be a first rounder. Played well at the CHL top prospects game in January.

NHL Potential: Top four two-way defenseman

40. CHARLIE COYLE

Position Centre
Shoots Right
Team South Shore – EJHL
Born March 2, 1992
Vitals 6'-1.5", 200 lbs
Stats 42 GP 21 G 42 A 63 PTS 50 PIM

Strengths: A big body forward with good wheels and a high skill level. Is not a individualistic player but has a rather low key quiet personality who leads his team by just being one of the guys despite his superior skill set. Has good speed and agility with the ability to carry the puck and make multiple moves to beat opponents. Can do it all from make plays with his outstanding on-ice vision and passing skill sas well as finish with a strong accurate shot. Plays the game with a solid amount of physicality and is willing to run oponents over if they get in his way. Is a tireless worker who does all the little things despite his obvious offensive skills. Is smart and has outstanding offensive anticipation.

Weaknesses: Level of competition is sub-standard when compaired to most of the other top end NHL draft prospects. Is seen as a long term project pick because his all-round game is rather raw. Has a good shot but seems to always look pass first which will be quickly read at a higher level. Upside has a ceiling as he lacks the flash and upside of some of the more offensively gifted draft prospects.

Notes: Coyle is cousins with ex-Chicago Blackhawk and ex-Ranger scoring winger Tony Amonte. Has committed to Boston University.

NHL Potential: Second line two-way centre



41. JORDAN WEAL

Position Centre
Shoots Right
Team Regina – WHL
Born March 3, 1992
Vitals 5'-9", 165 lbs
Stats 72 GP 35 G 67 A 102 PTS 54 PIM

Strengths: A pint sized pivot with incredible vison and playmaking abilities. Skates well although his top speed is only average. Is quick, shifty and elusive. Is smart and anticipates defenders and what they will do next which allows him to create offensive chances for him and his linemates. Is a fiery competator and does not lack spark as he plays with loads of heart and much larger than his size would dictate. Has a good, quick shot that alows him to be a threat to not only make plays but to also finish them off.

Weaknesses: Produced some incredible statistics this season but questions of if he can produce on his own. Skill is unquestionable but severe lack of size makes NHL talent evaluators doubt his game transitions well to a faster and tougher league.

Notes: Weal was one of only a couple prospects who did not hurt their draft stock playing for a disappointing Canadian entry at the 2010 IIHF U18's in Belarus this past April. He was one of the team's main offensive catalysts and leaders. If Weal adds two inched and 20 pounds over the next two years he could be one of the biggest steals of the draft.

NHL Potential: Top six offensive forward



42. BROCK BEUKEBOOM

Position Defense
Shoots Right
Team Sault Ste. Marie – OHL
Born April 1, 1992
Vitals 6'-1", 205 lbs
Stats 66 GP 7 G 19 A 26 PTS 64 PIM

Strengths: A strong balanced two-way defender who likes to play it physical and use his size to his advantage. Is a good skater with rangy mobility and a smooth stride. Plays with a constant physical edge and makes attackers think twice while he is on the ice. Shot is hard, low and accurate and he has a short backswing which allows him to get it off through open lanes and on net consistently. Has solid defensive positioning and eliminates would be attackers along the boards by pinning them and moving the puck to his partner or other defensive support. Is ultra aggressive and always competing. At his best when he keeps it simple and plays a strong physical defense first game.

Weaknesses: While he has good two-way skills, a blistering point shot and makes solid outlet passes his offensive upside is not expected to be very high at the NHL level. Has a tendency to take the hitting/physical play too far which has led to some badly timed penalties and suspensions. Needs to close his gaps sooner as he often drifts back into the zone too far offering up a quality shot to faster forwards. Can get caught out of position when he goes for the big hit. Has some other defensive issues that need refining as he matures in his development.

Notes: Beukeboom's father is long time hard hitting former NHL defenseman Jeff Beukeboom, who enjoyed a succesful career with Edmonton and the Rangers which saw him win the Stanley Cup four times. Won the hardest shot competition at the CHL Top Prospects game with a couple shots of 92.4 MPH. Is only the second season he has played defense as he played forward all the way up through Midget.

NHL Potential: Top four two-way physical defenseman



43. TEEMU PULKKINEN



Left Wing **Position**
 Right **Shoots**
 Jokerit Jr. – Finland **Team**
 January 2, 1992 **Born**
 5'-11", 180 lbs **Vitals**
 17 GP 20 G 21 A 41 PTS 41 PIM **Stats**

Strengths: An offensive juggernaut as he is slick with the puck and has a wicked shot release. Gets his shots off so quick and without needing much space that he is near impossible to stop. Successful defenders just try to get in his lane and block or deflect his shot. Has the natural instincts of where to go where the puck will be for the best possible change to bury one of his accurate wristers.

Weaknesses: Has neither the size, the skating ability, nor the work rate to be sure that he will make the jump to the next level. Injuries have left many durability questions in the minds of NHL talent evaluators. Is a high risk boom or bust prospect in that if he makes it to the NHL, it will be as a high end scorer who plays little to no defense or he will not make it at all.

Notes: Pulkkinen broke his arm mid-way through this season and coupled with other injury issues last season had many wondering about his durability. His tournament leading performance at the IIHF U18 World Championship in April answered many questions as he proved that when healthy he is a dominant offensive force.

NHL Potential: Top six offensive forward

44. JUSTIN FAULK



Defense **Position**
 Right **Shoots**
 Under-18 – USHL **Team**
 March 20, 1992 **Born**
 5'-11.5", 195 lbs **Vitals**
 47 GP 17 G 7 A 24 PTS 41 PIM **Stats**

Strengths: A very strong, balanced skater with outstanding pivots and agility who moves the puck well and has an absolute cannon from the point. Has a lower body build with a low centre of gravity and really strong legs which generates an abundance of power. Booming shot is a major asset and will be a strong contributor on the power play at the next level, especially since he is a right hand shot. Is strong defensively often times outmuscling larger college age forwards. Uses an active stick to disrupt plays and turn a quick transition. Shows flashes of strong defensive positioning and reads as well as closing his gaps quickly.

Weaknesses: Size is definitely a concern for the next level but he has proven that he is strong and capable of playing against bigger competition at his level. A perceived lack of hockey sense is also an area that some NHL talent evaluators have voiced questions about. Consistency in his play is an area that most stress as an areas tht needs improvement.

Notes: Despite all the hype regarding the NDTP defensemen this season, Faulk has received little attention by the media. He led the US defense corp in goal scoring this season as well as intensity on most nights. Is headed to the University of Minnesota-Duluth in the fall.

NHL Potential: Top four offensive defenseman

45. STEVE SHIPLEY



Centre **Position**
 Left **Shoots**
 Owen Sound – OHL **Team**
 April 22, 1992 **Born**
 6'-2.5", 205 lbs **Vitals**
 68 GP 23 G 40 A 63 PTS 32 PIM **Stats**

Strengths: A big body who has some nice offensive skills. Skates decent enough for his size with balance and strength and has even shown some nice speed bursts from time to time. Has a good shot and nice hands in tight to the net where he can do most of his damage. Shows that he can play a strong two-way game and use his size and reach well on the PK. Has shown some strong board play and a willingness to block shots back in his own zone. Has good playmaking skills, vision and the ability to draw defenders to himself before making accurate passes.

Weaknesses: Is another one of those prospects whose upside is questionable. Is an unknown commodity in that he plays a strong two-way game one night, has a highlight reel worthy offensive gem the next and then other nights you would be hard pressed to notice that he was even dressed. Consistency and his need to find and make an identity for himself will be in the back of NHL scouts minds at the draft. Needs to improve his effort level game in and game out as he takes far too many shifts and even games off. Does not play with much if any physical edge and really plays with the demenor of a five-foot-10 forward. Lack of foot speed is an area that will need improvement if he is to make the jump to the next level.

Notes: Shipley has played all over this season with Owen Sound. He has been primarily a centre but has also played some games on the wing and even point on the powerplay. Looked best as a strong winger who can use his size and strength to compliment a playmaking centre.

NHL Potential: Top six two-way winger

46. BRAD ROSS

Position Left Wing
Shoots Left
Team Portland – WHL
Born May 28, 1992
Vitals 5'-11.5", 175 lbs
Stats 71 GP 27 G 41 A 68 PTS 203 PIM

Strengths: Fierce competitor who loves the physical aspect of the game and uses it to get his opponent off their game. Throws his body around, runs his mouth and displays a nasty disposition to intimidate opponents. Is a decent skater who gets to where he is going but lacks that extra gear. Strong and balanced on his skates allow him to be a dangerous hitter. Drops the gloves and does so often with solid results. Brings energy and grit as a top line compliment and has enough offensive talent that he is also a productive option for a skilled centre. Shows dedication to a two-way game and will take a hit or block a hard shot to help the team. Opens up time and space for his linemates because of his physical play and does so without taking bad penalties. Has a tenacious, take no prisoners attitude on the ice.

Weaknesses: Seen as more of a complimentary player than a first line guy at the next level. Size and the style he plays leave some wondering about how he will stand up to the bigger and stronger competition.

Notes: Ross had a real good showing at the CHL top prospects game where he was even going after Portland teammate Nino Niederreiter with the body and talking smack.

NHL Potential: Third line agitator



47. IVAN TELEGIN

Position Left Wing
Shoots Left
Team Saginaw – OHL
Born February 28, 1992
Vitals 6'-2.5", 195 lbs
Stats 51 GP 26 G 18 A 44 PTS 20 PIM

Strengths: Has great size and strength which he uses especially when he gets going towards the net. Is hard to control for defenders and even if they think he is wrapped up he gets his stick open because of his long reach and weiry strength. Has good hand-eye coordination and uses that skill to deflect point shots effectively. Displays a solid two-way game as he often came back deep in his own zone to disrupt the offensive flow. Seems to see the ice well and can make some pretty impressive passes through traffic. Uses size well and skates well with a long fluid stride which generates a good amount of speed. Has a nice shot that is accurate and has good velocity. Shows leadership qualities and is a positive influence on teammates with the Spirit.

Weaknesses: Struggles with consistency. Questions of conditioning arose after struggling in second half of the season. Can look lost at times in his own end.

Notes: Telegin is a typical boom or bust player. Invisible at the IIHF World Juniors Championship and sent packing from the Spring U18 Championships because of alleged attitude issues.

NHL Potential: Top six two-way centre



48. STEPHAN JOHNS

Position Defense
Shoots Right
Team Under-18 – USHL
Born April 18, 1992
Vitals 6'-3.25", 215 lbs
Stats 49 GP 3 G 11 A 14 PTS 51 PIM

Strengths: A big bodied meat and potatoes kind of defensive defenseman who plays a strong physical game. Skates very well and has nice agility and mobility especially for his size. Foot speed is nice and allows him to stay with the smaller, quicker forwards in the defensive zone. Likes to engage in the physical side of things and is a solid open ice hitter. Strong on rubbing out his man along the boards and moving bodies from the crease. Uses his strong defensive positioning and large frame to get into lanes and block shots. Makes strong outlet passes. Can handle the puck well and move it out of his zone by either pass or carrying it out himself.

Weaknesses: Tends to play with an over abundance of aggressiveness which can cause him to make questionable decisions and some errors in his defensive play. Likes to make the big hit which sometimes pulls him out of defensive position in doing so. Will likely not be much of a point producer at the NHL level because he lacks the creativity and hockey sense to do so.

Notes: Johns is committed to the University of Notre Dame for the fall of 2010. His CHL rights are owned by the powerhouse Windsor Spitfires and there has been conversation between the parties. Might have seen his draft stock fall slightly as he was not relied upon much at the U18's this past April.

NHL Potential: Top six physical defensive defenseman



49. MICHAEL BOURNIVAL



Strengths: A hard working competitor who will go through the wall to make a play on both sides of the puck. Has a sloppy stride but gets to where he is going. Smarts and hockey sense are off the charts which makes him dangerous offensively and disruptive defensively. Has the vision and playmaking abilities to make those around him better. Keeps his feet moving constantly and has a non-stop motor, never giving up on a play. Is always coming back on defense and making himself an outlet to get the puck going back the other way. Has a very underrated shot that is both accurate and quick of his stick and has nice puck protection abilities.

Weaknesses: Lacks the size that strength to be as effective as he could be. Can get caught trying to do too much on his own which usually fails. Skating has many concerned as he does generate good speed.

Notes: Bournival, a Shawinigan native, is one of the very few CHL players who are lucky enough to be drafted by their hometown teams.

NHL Potential: Third line two-way winger

Left Wing	Position
Left	Shoots
Shawinigan – QMJHL	Team
May 31, 1992	Born
5'-11", 180 lbs	Vitals
58 GP 24 G 38 A 62 PTS 37 PIM	Stats

50. LUDVIG RENSFELDT



Strengths: Size at just over six-foot-three also helps but it is his Johan Franzen like potential that has many really excited. Is a strong force to try and defend with incredible puck skills and that skates very well. Shot is an asset with good velocity and solid accuracy. Is balanced and uses his big frame to protect the puck, work the boards and or power his way towards the net. Has soft hands which allow him to handle the puck and move through traffic. Shows strong leadership qualities and is willing to get his nose dirty from time to time although he will never be considered a bruiser.

Weaknesses: Defensive positioning in his own zone needs work and he will need to round out other aspects of his defensive game. Consistency in his effort level from shift to shift varies enough, especially in the defensive zone, that you would like to see improvement.

Notes: Rensfeldt was a dominating force for the Swedish entry at the IIHF U18 World Championships this past April where he put up 12 points in six games.

NHL Potential: Top six two-way power forward

Left Wing	Position
Left	Shoots
Brynas Jr. – Sweden	Team
January 29, 1992	Born
6'-3", 195 lbs	Vitals
39 GP 21 G 29 A 50 PTS 37 PIM	Stats

51. JUSTIN SHUGG



Scouting report: A smallish puck wizard who is creative and smart in the offensive zone. Plays with a bit of grit and is always willing to be first into the corner after a puck. Has a very good shot with a nice release. Has soft hands and can make plays in tight to the net. Possesses strong vision and can distribute the puck well. Has a wide, balanced stance which allows him to be strong on the puck. Willing to throw his body around. Needs to work on bringing a consistent effort every game. Skating needs some improvement. Really picked up his play and led Windsor during the absence of Tyler Hall, Ryan Ellis, Greg Nemisz and Cam Fowler.

NHL Potential: Top six offensive forward

Left Wing	Position
Right	Shoots
Windsor – OHL	Team
December 24, 1991	Born
5'-11", 185 lbs	Vitals
67 GP 39 G 40 A 79 PTS 43 PIM	Stats

52. MAXIME CLERMONT

Position Goaltender
Catches Left
Team Gatineau – QMJHL
Born December 31, 1991
Vitals 6''-0.5'', 190 lbs
Stats 59 GP 2.81 GAA .897 SP

Scouting report: Athletic, quick butterfly goaltender who has ultra quick reflexes and a solid technical game. Has good size and is the type of tender who makes himself look even bigger than he is. Uses his reflexes to make saves that he has no business making. Plays his best in the big game. Has a tendency to fall too far back into his crease. Could use some positional fine tuning. Sometimes overplays a shot and leaves himself out of position for rebounds. Needs to work on his rebound control.

NHL Potential: Starting goaltender



53. CALLE JARNKROK

Position Centre
Shoots Right
Team Brynas – Sweden (Elite)
Born September 25, 1991
Vitals 5'-11.75'', 160 lbs
Stats 33 GP 4 G 6 A 10 PTS 2 PIM

Scouting report: A very good skater that is both fast and agile. An offensive force with good quick hands. Has the ability to pull you out of your seat with a great offensive play. Has outstanding on-ice vision and hockey sense. Seems to be think the game a step ahead of others his age group. Has a good hard working, high complete level. Good shot and even better passing ability. Has the talent to be a strong two-way player. Lacks the size and strength to play a consistent physical style although he tries. Needs to sustain his level of play as he was hot and cold at the beginning of the year before catching fire towards the end of his season.

NHL Potential: Top six offensive forward



54. KEVIN HAYES

Position Right Wing
Shoots Left
Team Nobels - USHS
Born May 8, 1992
Vitals 6'-2.5'', 205 lbs
Stats 28 GP 25 G 42 A 67 PTS 8 PIM

Scouting report: A big body who skates well, with good speed and has decent offensive skills. Protects the puck well and drives it through traffic to the net. Has a very good accurate wrist that he gets off quickly and hard slap shot. Willing to play physical and actually relishes it. Can handle the puck and can make defenders miss one-on-one. Higher skill level than brother Jimmy drafted by Toronto in 2008. Plays in both offensive and defensive zones. Hockey sense and smarts have been questioned and some wonder about his offensive upside at the NHL level.

NHL Potential: Top six two-way power forward



55. DEVANTE SMITH-PELLY

Position Right Wing
Shoots Right
Team Mississauga – OHL
Born June 14, 1992
Vitals 5'-11.5'', 215 lbs
Stats 60 GP 29 G 33 A 62 PTS 35 PIM

Scouting report: A hard working two-way winger that outworks everyone else on the ice. Has great character and is a real team first guy in the locker room. Strong forechecker who disrupts many breakouts with his non-stop motor. Finishes his checks and plays with a strong physical edge. Strong skater with incredible balance and leg strength. Might not be the fastest skater but has explosive acceleration. Has some nice offensive abilities as his numbers can attest to but his offensive contributions at the next level are in question because of a lack of creativity and vision.

NHL Potential: Top nine checking forward



56. GREGG MCKEGG



Centre **Position**
 Left **Shoots**
 Erie – OHL **Team**
 June 17, 1992 **Born**
 6'-0", 195 lbs **Vitals**
 67 GP 37 G 48 A 85 PTS 32 PIM **Stats**

Scouting report: Offensively creative playmaker who has good on-ice vision and smarts. Has good strength although not overly big. Possesses soft hands and a nose for the net. Protects the puck well and can move it through traffic. Not the most effective skater as he has an awkward stride, lacks acceleration and has slow foot speed. Has the ability to sneak behind defense. Strong on the cycle and plays in both ends of the ice. Has a good compete level and is willing to do what is needed to win. Plays with a good dose of physicality and shows strong offensive awareness. Makes strong accurate passes and can finish as well. Lacks any kind of flash to his game. Needs to improve skating difficulties is the one major areas that may hold him back.

NHL Potential: Top six offensive forward

57. MAXIM KITSYN



Left Wing **Position**
 Right **Shoots**
 Novokuznetsk – Russia (KHL) **Team**
 December 24, 1991 **Born**
 6-2, 195 lbs **Vitals**
 21 GP 1 G 1 A 2 PTS 12 PIM **Stats**

Scouting report: A big body who skates well and has some nice offensive abilities. Hard to stop when he keeps his feet moving and takes the puck to the net. Willing to play in the dirty areas and take abuse. Goes to the net without the puck looking for rebounds. Needs to shoot the puck more as he has a very good shot. Some wonder about his hockey sense. Skates well with nice balance and has a very good frame to build upon. Needs to learn to use at size more more to his advantage. Could use an upgrade on his foot speed.

NHL Potential: Top six power forward

58. JARED KNIGHT



Centre **Position**
 Right **Shoots**
 London – OHL **Team**
 January 16, 1992 **Born**
 5'-11.5", 185 lbs **Vitals**
 63 GP 36 G 21 A 57 PTS 39 PIM **Stats**

Scouting report: An intense competitor who plays a strong physical game that blends goal scoring and a hard working attitude. Skates well enough to be effective but could use some improvement in his acceleration. Undersized but plays like he is much larger. Willing to make or take a hit and will drop the gloves as well. Extremely effective on the forecheck and in the corners with his tenacious style. Drives the net and relishes playing in traffic. Has a very good shot that he gets off quickly. Needs to add more strength and a potential move to the wing at the next level.

NHL Potential: Second line physical forward

59. JULIAN MELCHIORI



Defense **Position**
 Left **Shoots**
 Newmarket – CCHL **Team**
 December 8, 1991 **Born**
 6'-3", 185 lbs **Vitals**
 39 GP 7 G 16 A 23 PTS 16 PIM **Stats**

Scouting report: Good size and uses it with a strong, although inconsistent physical game. Needs to add strength but watch out when he does. A great skater with outstanding mobility. Uses his great foot speed and acceleration to cover a lot of ground in his own zone which makes him a very effective penalty killer. Has nice offensive awareness and reads the play developing and when to pinch or join the rush. Makes life hard for attacking forwards down low around the end boards. Has made some outstanding open ice hits this year. Likes to rush the puck and contribute offensively but knows his responsibility is defense first. Has the raw talent to become a strong two-way force once he fully develops. Committed to UMass-Lowell for next season.

NHL Potential: Top six two-way defenseman

60. JAKUB CULEK

Position Left Wing
Shoots Left
Team Rimouski – QMJHL
Born September 7, 1992
Vitals 6'-3", 185 lbs
Stats 63 GP 13 G 34 A 47 PTS 54 PIM

Scouting report: A big bodied presense on the wing who has a real powerful stride. Does not have high end speed or quickness. Has great vision on the ice and makes strong passes. Has loads of untapped potential and could be a steal if he develops up to his abilites. Willing to play a physical brand and drive to the net. Hard to stop once he gets moving and protects the puck with his size and strength. Has a decent set of hands. Looks to have good smarts and reads the play well. Consistency is a negative as when he is on he is dominant and when he is not you hardly notice him on the ice. Needs to learn the defensive aspects as the game are not just a part time duty.

NHL Potential: Top six offensive forward



61. BRANDON ARCHIBALD

Position Defense
Shoots Right
Team Sault St. Marie – OHL
Born March 31, 1992
Vitals 6'-3.5", 205 lbs
Stats 68 GP 5 G 28 A 33 PTS 81 PIM

Scouting report: A big physical defender who plays his best when he keeps it simple. Uses size and strength to eliminate attackers, keeping them to the outside and clearing the crease area. Has good mobility and closes gaps well. Needs to improve his defeenive positioing at times. Has the ability to make solid outlet passes and supports his defense partner well. Willing physical combatant. Could gain a step of quickness. Has a hard point shot but will likely not be much of an offensive contributor at the next level. Has some hockey sense question marks.

NHL Potential: Top six physical defensive defenseman



62. JEROME GAUTHIER-LEDUC

Position Defense
Shoots Right
Team Rouyn-Noranda – QMJHL
Born July 30, 1992
Vitals 6'-1.5", 175 lbs
Stats 68 GP 20 G 26 A 46 PTS 16 PIM

Scouting report: A fluid skating defender with ample offensive skills. Has a cannon of a shot that his 20 goals this season can attest to. One-times the puck real well. Moves around the ice well with good speed but could use added strength to help his balance. Shows some nice vision and ability to pick-up linemates with a strong pass. Is weak up top and needs to gain strength to be more effective in one-one-one battles for the puck. Needs improvement in defensive zone positioning and gap control. Willingness to improve will be key to this talented defenders future success as the skilled defender has many holes to fill.

NHL Potential: Top six two-way defenseman



63. MATT MCKENZIE

Position Defense
Shoots Right
Team Calgary – WHL
Born October 15, 1991
Vitals 6'-1.5", 190 lbs
Stats 64 GP 6 G 34 A 40 PTS 62 PIM

Scouting report: A hard working defensive defenseman who skates well and plays with a physical edge. Has a never give up work ethic and makes many game defining plays. Maintains solid defensive positioning most of the time and keeps attackers to the outside and away from his crease. Uses his stick and long reach to disrupt and has the offensive skills to turn a quick transition. Can make a strong outlet pass and carry the puck but his forte is in his own zone. Needs to add extra muscle and strength as he has the demeanor to play it rough but not always the strength to do so. Shows good smarts on when to pinch and add that extra element to the offensive. Has a nice point shots. Game needs further refinement in most areas, especially foot speed and acceleration, before he makes the jump.

NHL Potential: Top six two-way defenseman



64. MARK VISENTIN



Goaltender *Position*
 Left *Catches*
 Niagara – OHL *Team*
 August 7, 1992 *Born*
 6'-1.5", 185 lbs *Vitals*
 55 GP 2.99 GAA .911 SP *Stats*

Scouting report: A smooth, no wasted movement type of goaltender who utilizes strong positional play and his physical attributes to make the save. Shows some good athleticism and the ability to scramble when needed. Not a flashy tender but efficient and calm. Shows a willingness to put in the time to improve. Reads the developing plays well. Finds pucks well through traffic. Needs work on his rebound control. When on he looks very good but he is prone to having off games so consistency is an area that needs to be addressed. Shows an above average glove hand.

NHL Potential: Starting goaltender

65. CONNOR BRICKLEY



Centre *Position*
 Left *Shoots*
 Des Moines – USHL *Team*
 February 25, 1992 *Born*
 5-11.5", 190 lbs *Vitals*
 52 GP 22 G 21 A 43 PTS 68 PIM *Stats*

Scouting report: A hard working, team first, character forward with some complementary skills. Plays with heart on his sleeve. Shows his teammates how to battle on every shift. Throws his body around and is relentless on the forecheck creating turnovers. Skates very well and has tremendous speed. Great smarts and willingness to take a beating but also will turn around and dish it right back. Has some skill as well as his shot is effective but could use improvement. Hockey sense really makes him effective in the offensive zone as a quick strike option. Has a bad tendency to take penalties because of his take no prisoners style of play. Committed to the University of Vermont.

NHL Potential: Third line energy forward

66. CURTIS HAMILTON



Left Wing *Position*
 Left *Shoots*
 Saskatoon – WHL *Team*
 December 4, 1991 *Born*
 6'-2", 210 lbs *Vitals*
 26 GP 7 G 9 A 16 PTS 6 PIM *Stats*

Scouting report: A big western Canadian boy who plays with a good amount of skill. Skates well and has nice speed and agility for his size. Has some injury history with a couple broken collar bones this season. Shows a good shot and is primarily a finisher but can make a pass as well. Has some solid hockey sense and soft hands to handle the puck. Uses his nice size to his advantage with solid puck protection and muscling his way into the scoring areas. Shows some glimpses of high energy and intensity in his game but needs to play that way more consistently. Questions about how much development time he lost and if his injury problems are something that will haunt him at the next level.

NHL Potential: Top six power winger

67. TOM KUHNHACKL



Right Wing *Position*
 Right *Shoots*
 Landshut 2 – Germany *Team*
 January 21, 1992 *Born*
 6'-2.5", 175 lbs *Vitals*
 38 GP 12 G 9 A 21 PTS 38 PIM *Stats*

Scouting report: A gifted winger with outstanding bloodlines and the skills to fill the net. Has impressive skating ability and physical frame but needs to add strength. Can dominate at times but lacks the intensity to maintain that high level of play. Has a very good shot and vision to make strong plays. Offensive creativity is a strength. Has a history of injury problems and that raises some flags as well as his perceived lacklustre attitude towards conditioning. Has displayed a silver spoon mentality as his father was the greatest German hockey player of all time, Erich Kuhnackl. Will be coming to Windsor of the OHL next season.

NHL Potential: Top six offensive forward

68. JOHAN LARSSON

Position Left Wing
Shoots Left
Team Brynas Jr. – Sweden
Born July 25, 1992
Vitals 5'-10", 205 lbs
Stats 40 GP 15 G 19 A 34 PTS 80 PIM

Scouting report: A strong two-way player who can add an element of offense to the squad. Had an amazing U18 tournament in Belarus this past April. Shows strong attention to detail and on-ice smarts. Balanced and hard to knock off the puck and uses his size to protect the puck and win puck battles along the boards. Skating is getting better but is still in need of improvement. Has a good compete level and leads by example. Has a very good accurate shot that he gets off quickly. Sees the ice well and makes strong passes. Hockey sense that is off the charts. Has a bit of clutch in him as he is the guy who seems to come up with the big play when needed. Plays a strong three-zone game and reads the defensive aspect better than most. Has a limited offensive upside at the next level.

NHL Potential: Third line two-way forward



69. RYAN MARTINDALE

Position Centre
Shoots Left
Team Ottawa – OHL
Born October 27, 1991
Vitals 6'-3", 195 lbs
Stats 61 GP 19 G 41 A 60 PTS 37 PIM

Scouting report: A big, rangy playmaking centre who sees the ice well. Has a decent stride but needs to add strength and lengthen his stride in order to improve his so-so speed. Uses his size to protect the puck and make room for himself. Has a nice release on his wrist. Has soft hands and can maintain the puck while linemates get open. Shows that he can play a solid two-way game but does not do so consistently. Takes shifts off every game. Needs to fill out and ramp up the intensity in his game. Does not use his size enough. Often times leaves you wanting more out of the package he has been given.

NHL Potential: Second line playmaking centre



70. PETR STRAKA

Position Right Wing
Shoots Left
Team Rimouski – QMJHL
Born June 15, 1992
Vitals 6'-0", 185 lbs
Stats 62 GP 28 G 36 A 64 PTS 54 PIM

Scouting report: A strong forward who plays a pretty good all-round game. Is primarily a finisher who compliments a playmaking centre well. Skates well and has nice lateral agility. Not afraid to get his nose dirty and go to those dirty areas on the ice. Quick release on a very good shot lets him be a difference maker. Learning to play a sound defensive game as well. Handles the puck well and can work the boards although he needs to compete harder in that area more consistently. Some question his work ethic. Adjusted very well to the North American style in his first season.

NHL Potential: Top six offensive forward



71. MARK STONE

Position Right Wing
Shoots Right
Team Brandon – WHL
Born May 13, 1992
Vitals 6'-2", 190 lbs
Stats 39 GP 11 G 17 A 28 PTS 25 PIM

Scouting report: A big body who uses his size well and plays a strong power winger game. Hard to contain once he gets going. Impossible to control in front of the net and tough, hard worker along the boards. Willing to stand in front of the goalie looking to deflect point shots and reduce visibility. Can fill the net using a nice shot with quick release and the ability to find the areas on ice where he will get an offensive chance. Has good hockey sense and uses high energy to create momentum shifts in a game with a hard hitting shift. Injury concerns, skating deficiencies and a lack of high end skill limit his upside at the next level.

NHL Potential: Top six offensive forward



72. DALTON SMITH



Left Wing *Position*
 Left *Shoots*
 Ottawa – OHL *Team*
 June 30, 1992 *Born*
 6'-2", 205 lbs *Vitals*
 62 GP 21 G 23 A 44 PTS 129 PIM *Stats*

Scouting report: A power forward who uses his size and strength to his advantage. Skating is an area that needs help as he has slow feet. Generates enough speed once he gets going. Plays the game in all the dirty areas and plants himself in front of the opposition's net. Has a decent shot especially in close. Loves to deliver the hit and will drop the gloves. Enjoys causing trouble and engaging in physical battles on the ice. Works hard and uses his solid hockey sense to play a strong two-way game. Lack of acceleration limits effectiveness on the forecheck but he tries. Still growing into his body and needs to add more strength to reach his full effectiveness at the next level. Needs to improve his effort level consistency from shift to shift.

NHL Potential: Third line power forward

73. MARK ALT



Defense *Position*
 Right *Shoots*
 Cretin-Derham – USHS *Team*
 October 18, 1991 *Born*
 6'-3", 200 lbs *Vitals*
 22 GP 6 G 9 A 15 PTS 12 PIM *Stats*

Scouting report: A solidly built defensive defenseman with impressive mobility. Skates very well with outstanding speed for his size. Has great agility and balance on his blades. Great athleticism. Covers a lot of ground in his own zone. Has nice size and uses it well. Shows good smarts and defensive zone awareness. Has a good level of compete and is a real team player. Does not have much to offer offensively although his shot is decent. Handles the puck like a hot potato at times. Needs to work on his puck skills and passing. Has the ability to develop into a strong defensive shutdown defenseman at the University of Minnesota. Son of ex-NFL lineman John Alt who played as a six-foot-seven and 280-pound offensive lineman.

NHL Potential: Top six defensive defenseman

74. LOUIS-MARC AUBRY



Centre *Position*
 Left *Shoots*
 Montreal – QMJHL *Team*
 November 11, 1991 *Born*
 6'-3.5", 185 lbs *Vitals*
 66 GP 15 G 18 A 33 PTS 69 PIM *Stats*

Scouting report: A very big guy with decent wheels and skill. Lack of overall agility and balance show that he is not used to his newly found size as he has grown six inches in his time with Montreal. Smart and reads the play well. Has some good hockey sense and willingness to use his size. Extremely raw in his abilities and has loads of untapped potential. Willing to make and take the body. Makes solid passes and has an underrated shot that will get better but desperately needs to add strength to his frame. Is willing to work along the boards and play a strong two-way game.

NHL Potential: Third line two-way power centre

75. MAX GARDINER



Centre *Position*
 Left *Shoots*
 Minnetonka – USHS *Team*
 May 7, 1992 *Born*
 6'-2.5", 175 lbs *Vitals*
 17 GP 17 G 26 A 43 PTS 14 PIM *Stats*

Scouting report: A big guy who really has gotten by on his raw talent so far. Skates well with really strong balance but lacks the breakaway speed his brother and Anaheim first rounder Jake possesses. Plays a physical, hard working game. Hard along the boards and uses his reach and athleticism well to win puck battles. Is smart and sees the offensive play developing well. Lacks the soft hands you want in a prospect of his ilk. Makes life tough for defenders when he uses his size to drive into the zone. Game is full of inconsistencies and his skill level is really not that high. Will have time to work on adding strength and learning how to play a better defensive game at the University of Minnesota next season.

NHL Potential: Third line two-way centre

76. ANDREW YOGAN

Position Centre
Shoots Left
Team Erie – OHL
Born December 4, 1991
Vitals 6'-3", 205 lbs
Stats 63 GP 25 G 30 A 55 PTS 97 PIM

Scouting report: A big body with some offensive skill. Has a great frame and uses it but not consistently. Has soft hands that allows him to handle the puck in traffic and create offensive chances out of nothing. Has a very good shot. Seems to lack the hockey sense and awareness needed to continue his development as an offensive player. Better at finishing than playmaking but for some reason he tries to play the role of the passer instead of going with his strengths. Looks as though he may make it as a complementary power forward who can score the odd goal and drop the gloves. Does not take his defensive responsibilities seriously and more often floats back into his zone. Leaves a lot to be desired in the compete level but the raw talent is unquestionable.

NHL Potential: Top six power forward



77. MAREK HRIVIK

Position Left Wing
Shoots Left
Team Moncton – QMJHL
Born August 28, 1991
Vitals 6'-1", 185 lbs
Stats 66 GP 26 G 29 A 55 PTS 14 PIM

Scouting report: A strong offensive minded winger who will not hurt you in the defensive zone either. Was an integral piece on a very deep Wildcats squad this season. Has decent size and balance. Skates well and generates a health amount of speed. Shoots the puck very well with a quick deceptive release and follows his shot to the net looking for rebounds. Has a great compete level and is a strong character type. Not a vocal leader but one that teammates just want to follow because of his on-ice high energy play. Might not make the NHL as a offensive player but has many other intangibles to his game. A re-entry into the draft. Leaves you wondering why no one took a shot on him last June.

NHL Potential: Top nine character winger



78. KENT SIMPSON

Position Goaltender
Catches Left
Team Everett – WHL
Born March 26, 1992
Vitals 6'-2.5", 190 lbs
Stats 34 GP 2.26 GAA .925 SP

Scouting report: A very nice sized goaltender who gets his body in front of pucks. Is not overly flashy but effective. Uses strong positioning and strong angles play, staying at the top of his crease to block shots. Is quick and has a high compete level. Brings his best stuff for the big games. Fundamentals are sound but needs to work on his rebound control slightly. Has shown a little problem with picking up the puck in traffic. Not overly strong when it comes to making that desperation save as his game is positional. Seems to be pretty poised and focused in the crease.

NHL Potential: Starting goaltender



79. JUSTIN HOLL

Position Defense
Shoots Right
Team Minnetonka – USHS
Born January 30, 1992
Vitals 6'-2", 170 lbs
Stats 25 GP 17 G 14 A 31 PTS 8 PIM

Scouting report: An offensive rearguard who moves the puck well but also shows an understanding of when to play it safe defensively. Shows strong intelligence on the ice and good vision as well. Skates very well with nice all-encompassing mobility and a health amount of speed. Transitions look smooth and does so extremely fast. Has soft hands and can carry the puck but also shows the ability to make accurate outlet and touch passes. Needs to concentrate on improving his defensive positioning. Added strength will also improve the velocity on his already accurate point shot. Strength will need to be added while at the University of Minnesota. May never play with any amount of physicality.

NHL Potential: Top six offensive defenseman



80. JOE BASARABA



Right Wing *Position*
 Right *Shoots*
 Shattuck St. Mary's – USHS *Team*
 May 2, 1992 *Born*
 6'-2", 190 lbs *Vitals*
 52 GP 24 G 22 A 46 PTS 39 PIM *Stats*

Scouting report: A strong physical presence who also blends some skill and size to the mix. Skates well and moves real well for a guy with his frame. Shoots the puck like a pro with strong velocity and a deceptive release point. Shows some nice hands and carries the puck well although not overly gifted with offensive creativity. Works hard and shows good character. Real team player who does not look for individual glory. Finds the open ice and scoring areas in the offensive zone. Has ability to develop into a real complete play at the University of Minnesota-Duluth.

NHL Potential: Second line power winger

81. MIKE PEREIRA



Left Wing *Position*
 Left *Shoots*
 Avon Old Farms – USHS *Team*
 November 24, 1991 *Born*
 5-11", 170 lbs *Vitals*
 29 GP 28 G 36 A 64 PTS 8 PIM *Stats*

Scouting report: A speedy winger who is creative with the puck and possesses strong offensive instincts. Moves around the offensive zone with the puck on his stick as if it were attached. Has good vision and makes consistently accurate passes. Also has a very strong shot. Not finisher nor a playmaker but instead can do it all well. Draws defenders to himself instinctively. Shows a grittiness and willingness to work the corners against bigger strong competition despite knowing he will take punishment. Needs to improve his strength and defensive play. Is committed to the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

NHL Potential: Top six scoring forward

82. PATRICK NEMETH



Defense *Position*
 Left *Shoots*
 AIK Jr. – Sweden *Team*
 February 8, 1992 *Born*
 6'-3", 200 lbs *Vitals*
 38 GP 1 G 19 A 20 PTS 120 PIM *Stats*

Scouting report: A big physical defensive defenseman who plays a tight defensive game. Has great mobility and moves with strong balance and agility. Seems to really love the physical aspect and making opponents pay a price for venturing into dirty areas around the net and in the corners. Lacks offensive upside or creativity. Makes a strong first pass but will never be a big point guy at the NHL level. Shows smarts and strong defensive zone awareness. Uses his size well to nullify attackers whether it be with his reach and stick or by pressing them against the boards as well as clearing the crease. Does not get beat much one-on-one and maintains good gap control.

NHL Potential: Top six defensive defenseman

83. BILL ARNOLD



Centre *Position*
 Right *Shoots*
 Under-18 – USHL *Team*
 May 13, 1992 *Born*
 5'-11.5", 220 lbs *Vitals*
 51 GP 14 G 24 A 38 PTS 40 PIM *Stats*

Scouting report: A hard working character forward who enjoyed some offensive production. Has solid size and strength but more importantly he uses every ounce he has to play a honest gritty game and forecheck hard. Has a good stride but lacks top end speed. Willing to hit anything that moves. Shoots the puck well but is most dangerous down low and around the crease. Displays strong leadership qualities and defensive smarts. Has a great work ethic and is very coachable. Has a committed to Boston College.

NHL Potential: Bottom six character winger

84. MARTIN MARINCIN

Position Defense
Shoots Left
Team Slovakia U20 – Slovakia
Born February 18, 1992
Vitals 6'-4", 185 lbs
Stats 35 GP 2 G 4 A 6 PTS 71 PIM

Scouting report: A very tall but reed thin blueliner that has some nice offensive skills. Skates well but lacks foot speed which likely will develop better as he adds strength to his skinny legs. Moves the puck well and shows some impressive passing ability and vision, but does not do so consistently. Defensive zone positioning is either on or not depending on the game. Likes to carry the puck up ice and make plays. Mobility is an area that needs some attention as he can get caught on the turn by some quicker forwards who then blow right by him onroute to the net. Has a great reach and uses it well to disrupt plays and protect the puck. Very slight and needs to add considerable mass to be effective at the next level.

NHL Potential: Top six two-way defenseman



85. VICTOR OHMAN

Position Centre
Shoots Left
Team Malmo Jr. – Sweden
Born April 7, 1992
Vitals 6'-1", 205 lbs
Stats 21 GP 17 G 10 A 27 PTS 14 PIM

Scouting report: Has the size and the skill to dominate. Shows nice vision and playmaking abilities. Has had his size longer than most his peers so he is more adept at using it. Works the boards well and shows a strong compete level when engaged. Size and speed make him hard to contain in the attacking zone. Balanced and agile on his feet but lacking in acceleration. Shoots the puck well with a strong shot that is usually on its mark. Soft hands and a willingness to play in dirty areas. Does not shy away from physical play but also does not go out of his way to get his nose dirty. Shows good smarts but lacks in the intensity department on many nights.

NHL Potential: Third line power winger



86. JONATHAN JOHANSSON

Position Centre
Shoots Left
Team Frolunda Jr. – Sweden
Born June 30, 1991
Vitals 6'-3.25", 195 lbs
Stats 31 GP 18 G 12 A 30 PTS 14 PIM

Scouting report: Improved skating has led to many NHL teams taking a second look at the two-way pivot since he was passed over last June. Has great size and uses it effectively without taking needless penalties. Plays the game hard and has good intensity. A heady player who has good hockey sense. A playmaker in the offensive zone. Sees the ice well and reads the play. Still needs to work on his foot speed and acceleration. Put up some good points but needs to be more consistent in his effort level from shift to shift. Strong defensively and has made a commitment to his own zone.

NHL Potential: Top nine two-way forward



87. KEVIN SUNDHER

Position Centre
Shoots Left
Team Chilliwack – WHL
Born January 18, 1992
Vitals 6'-0", 190 lbs
Stats 72 GP 25 G 36 A 61 PTS 101 PIM

Scouting report: Speed to burn, explosive acceleration and more strength make defending this guy a more difficult task this year. Still a little lacking on the shot but it is getting better. Makes some good offensive plays off his speed. Much more willing to jump into the physical battles and dig for the puck. Has impressive vision and offensive creativity with the puck. Makes nice passes but still needs to improve that shot to take his game to the next level. Strong understanding of the three zone game but needs to up his intensity level and commitment to backchecking. Added some good weight over the summer but more is needed before he moves to the pro ranks.

NHL Potential: Top six two-way forward



88. AUSTIN MADAI SKY



Defense	Position
Right	Shoots
Kamloops – WHL	Team
January 30, 1992	Born
6'-2", 185 lbs	Vitals
65 GP 7 G 20 A 27 PTS 74 PIM	Stats

Scouting report: Has a big frame and skates well for his size. Plays a safe defensive first game and uses his size, speed and strength to contain attackers. Moves well with nice lateral agility. Plays with a healthy dose of physical play but will not go out of his way or pull himself out of position to do so. Shows some offensive abilities and utilizes the situations he is put in with his strong point shot and good offensive awareness. Needs to work on getting his shot on net more consistently and adding strength to his slight frame. Has some good upside in both ends if he reaches his full potential.

NHL Potential: Top six defenseman

89. ADAM PETTERSSON



Centre	Position
Left	Shoots
Skelleftea Jr. – Sweden	Team
January 13, 1992	Born
6'-0", 185 lbs	Vitals
37 GP 11 G 20 A 31 PTS 40 PIM	Stats

Scouting report: A solid skating playmaker with high end vision. Skates well, but has only average speed but has good change of pace, agility and balance on his feet. Not scared of the rough play but is not going to start much of it either. Handles the puck well and can protect it through traffic. Has a decent shot and can finish off plays himself. Vision and creativity are what make him special. Has the ability to place a pin-point pass on a linemates stick mid-stride. Not much defensive consistency to his game at this stage, although he does venture into his own zone but still has trouble identifying his marks. Playmaking is what will get him to the NHL if he makes the jump.

NHL Potential: Project playmaking forward

90. CHRISTIAN THOMAS



Right Wing	Position
Right	Shoots
Oshawa – OHL	Team
May 26, 1992	Born
5'-9", 165 lbs	Vitals
64 GP 41 G 25 A 66 PTS 27 PIM	Stats

Scouting report: A small but intense competitor who takes after his father Steve Thomas. Will go to war despite his size and has a feisty attitude. Has better wheels than his father. Goal scorers shot and ability to create something out of nothing. Elusive on the ice and dodges the big hits. Willing to play physical but lacks size to be effective in that area. Consistently keeps his feet moving. Goes to the net and battles for the puck along the wall. Skates with strong balance and hard to knock off the puck.

NHL Potential: Top six goal scoring winger

91. FREDDIE HAMILTON



Centre	Position
Right	Shoots
Niagara – OHL	Team
January 1, 1992	Born
6'-1", 185 lbs	Vitals
64 GP 25 G 30 A 55 PTS 12 PIM	Stats

Scouting report: A two-way character forward who is seen as more of a complimentary offensive contributor. Plays a strong defensively responsible game that incorporates hard work and relentless puck pursuit. Has good hockey sense and knows his positioning well. Has a nice shot with pin point accuracy. Has good hands and can handle the puck in tight. Works hard and competes with high intensity. Has a complete yet plain game. Has a low offensive upside at the next level. Good character who teammates look up to. Needs to improve his skating speed to cover more area defensively.

NHL Potential: Bottom six checking centre

92. KEVIN LIND

Position Defense
Shoots Left
Team Chicago – USHL
Born March 31, 1992
Vitals 6'-2.5", 205 lbs
Stats 55 GP 6 G 10 A 16 PTS 76 PIM

Scouting report: Has very good size and the raw skills to play a solid two-way game from the backend. Doesn't mind playing physical and has some good offensive skills as well. Joins the rush often and has a good shot. Skates very well and uses his speed to gamble offensively and then be able to quickly retreat defensively. Needs to work on his handling of the puck as he tends to throw it away when he senses any type of pressure. Still has lots to learn about all aspects of the game. Committed to the University of Notre Dame.

NHL Potential: Top six defenseman



93. BRETT BULMER

Position Right Wing
Shoots Right
Team Kelowna – WHL
Born April 26, 1992
Vitals 6'-2.5", 180 lbs
Stats 65 GP 13 G 27 A 40 PTS 95 PIM

Scouting report: A big guy who is just starting to utilize his skill and size. Came out of nowhere late in the season after getting off to a mediocre start. Bulls his way to the net and through defenses with the puck despite having limited strength. Has good on-ice vision and makes strong passes especially when given time and space. Protects the puck well and works the boards hard. Has a good compete level and frame to grow into but severely lacks the strength to play his game at the next level. Looks lost in the defensive zone. Has a good shot but that will also improve with added strength.

NHL Potential: Top nine power winger



94. OSCAR LINDBERG

Position Centre
Shoots Left
Team Skelleftea Jr. – Sweden
Born October 29, 1991
Vitals 6'-0", 185 lbs
Stats 30 GP 14 G 23 A 37 PTS 44 PIM

Scouting report: A strong, gritty two-way forward with some complimentary offensive skill. Skates very well and gets to where he needs to be on the ice. Gets involved physically despite possessing only average size. Strong on the face-off circle and is the type of forward you want to play the last minute of a close game. Lacks the high end talent to be a top six contributor at the next level. Does have soft hands and can handle the puck but does not have the vision or creativity to be a consistent offensive threat.

NHL Potential: Third line checking centre



95. JOEL VIENNEAU

Position Goaltender
Catches Left
Team Kingston – OJHL
Born January 18, 1992
Vitals 6'-3", 190 lbs
Stats 35 GP 2.16 GAA .928 SP

Scouting report: Extremely talented but raw. Has great size and uses it well to cover the net. Has great athleticism and reflexes which have been enough to make him get noticed in the league he played in this season but lacks many technical skills and needs to be taught the fundamentals of positioning, angles play and footwork. Has a quick glove and has the ability to carry a team with the big game. Shows a willingness to learn and make himself better. Has loads of potential and the long term project could develop into a real gem.

NHL Potential: Project goaltender



96. JOEY LEACH



Defense *Position*
Left *Shoots*
Kootenay – WHL *Team*
January 29, 1992 *Born*
6'-4", 190 lbs *Vitals*
70 GP 3 G 23 A 26 PTS 77 PIM *Stats*

Scouting report: A towering blueliner who takes care of his own zone but also has some offensive abilities as well. Skates very well especially for his size with a fluid and long leg stride and has no trouble getting from 'point A' to 'point B'. Gets back in position quickly and is always seemingly in sound defensive positioning. Can handle the puck and makes solid outlet passes. Reads the play well and has good reach which allows him to deflect many shots off the rush out of play. Not overly physical but does use his size to his advantage while eliminating attackers along the wall. Does not have much upside offensively nor the demeanor to be aggressive physically.

NHL Potential: Top six defensive defenseman

97. JOHN RAMAGE



Defense *Position*
Right *Shoots*
University of Wisconsin – WCHA *Team*
February 7, 1991 *Born*
6'-1", 190 lbs *Vitals*
33 GP 2 G 9 A 11 PTS 45 PIM *Stats*

Scouting report: Plays a reliable safe game defensively and also has some strong passing abilities. Works hard and never gives up on the play. Smart and makes great defensive reads. Skates well enough but lacks top end speed. Has heavy feet at times but is usually in proper defensive positioning. Uses his body and an active stick to defend and maintains strong gap control. Has limited offensive abilities but makes strong passes. Is poised and calm on the ice. Uses his size to his advantage along the wall. Shows some sound leadership qualities that will likely one day see him be a valuable veteran.

NHL Potential: Top six defensive defenseman

98. DANNY BIEGA



Defense *Position*
Right *Shoots*
Harvard – ECAC *Team*
September 29, 1991 *Born*
6'-0", 190 lbs *Vitals*
30 GP 5 G 3 A 8 PTS 45 PIM *Stats*

Scouting report: A great skater from the Biega school of competitiveness. A fluid skater. Possesses vision and defensive awareness. Uses his stick to work the boards but will also use his body. Can move the puck up ice and make a strong outlet pass. Not afraid to make a hit or take a hit to move the puck. Meat and potatoes type of defender. Works hard and has a high intensity level on the ice. Lacks many of the offensive abilities that would translate to the next level. Playing at Harvard with his two brothers, Alex and Michael.

NHL Potential: Top six defensive defenseman

99. YASIN CISSE



Right Wing *Position*
Right *Shoots*
Des Moines – USHL *Team*
March 11, 1992 *Born*
6'-3", 215 lbs *Vitals*
18 GP 13 G 6 A 19 PTS 16 PIM *Stats*

Scouting report: A big power forward who loves to score goals. Suffered an injury that basically scrapped his draft year. Has a powerful shot with very quick release. Not afraid to go to the net and does so with and without the puck. Skates well with a strong stride and good acceleration. Lacks the balance you want in such a big body. Forechecks hard and finishes his checks. Hard along the wall. Plays well in a defined role defensively. Needs to improve his stride slightly and play up to his abilities on a more consistent basis. Has good hands and can move the puck around in close. Leaves some questions regarding his vision and hockey. Committed to Boston University next fall.

NHL Potential: Top nine power winger

100. KEN AGOSTINO

Position Left Wing
Shoots Left
Team Delbarton – USHS
Born April 30, 1992
Vitals 5'-11", 190 lbs
Stats 27 GP 50 G 33 A 83 PTS 40 PIM

Scouting report: A tireless worker. Plays hard each and every shift. Skates well but could use some more footspeed. Competitive and always willing to dig in the corner or cycle. Despite not having the prototypical size he is willing to play physical. Plays the game in all three zones and shadows his check effectively. Has a very good shot but is not one to hog the puck. Smart selection with the puck. Makes teammates better. Is a clutch goal scoring team first guy. Will need to take his game to the next level at Yale next season.

NHL Potential: Top six scoring winger



101. MAX REINHART

Position Centre
Shoots Left
Team Kootenay – WHL
Born February 4, 1992
Vitals 6'-1", 180 lbs
Stats 72 GP 21 G 30 A 51 PTS 38 PIM

Scouting report: A two-way playmaking centre with good smarts and vision. Skates very well with impressive speed and agility. Improved his defensive play greatly this season. Wins battle for loose pucks. Plays with sound positioning in both the offensive and defensive zones. Has a long way to go to be a well rounded player but is working towards it. Needs to add more strength and bring a consistent level of play each and every night. Son of former NHLer Paul Reinhart.

NHL Potential: Third line centre



102. ZANE GOTHBERG

Position Goaltender
Catches Left
Team Thief River Falls – USHS
Born August 20, 1992
Vitals 6'-1", 175 lbs
Stats 27 GP 1.84 GAA .922 SP

Scouting report: A positionally strong goaltender. Plays the puck well. Has good quickness and reflexes but typically uses his frame to make the first save. Is aggressive and will challenge shooters instead of playing deep in his crease. Picks up the puck well in traffic and controls his rebounds. Questionable competition at the high school level but it helps that he is unquestionably the best of that level of play. Will play at North Dakota next fall.

NHL Potential: Project goaltender



103. PHILIP LANE

Position Right Wing
Shoots Right
Team Brampton – OHL
Born May 29, 1992
Vitals 6'-2", 195 lbs
Stats 64 GP 18 G 14 A 32 PTS 52 PIM

Scouting report: A power forward who creates havoc around the oppositions net. Uses his size to his advantage in the corners or in front of the oppositions net. Likes to throw the body around and will drop the gloves on occasion. Hard on the forecheck. Not the best hands and doesn't have the most effective shot. Skates well enough for his size but lacks some acceleration. Plays with good intensity and willingness to get his nose dirty. Willing to pay a price to make a play. Does a great job on the cycle and protecting the puck deep in the offensive zone. Limited offensive upside.

NHL Potential: Third line power winger



104. NICK MATTSON



Defense **Position**
 Left **Shoots**
 Indiana – USHL **Team**
 October 25, 1991 **Born**
 6'-1", 190 lbs **Vitals**
 51 GP 5 G 14 A 19 PTS 14 PIM **Stats**

Scouting report: Plays with patience and poise with and without the puck. Does not get pressured into making mistakes. Uses his smarts to be consistently effective. Transitions the puck well. Skates well and has good all-encompassing mobility. Plays an effective game that lacks any flash. Not physical at all which is to his detriment. Needs to be more aggressive as he tends to play the game with a lower intensity level. Will attend the University of North Dakota next fall.

NHL Potential: Depth defenseman

105. LOUIS DOMINGUE



Goaltender **Position**
 Right **Shoots**
 Quebec – QMJHL **Team**
 March 6, 1992 **Born**
 6'-2.5", 180 lbs **Vitals**
 41 GP 2.68 GAA .906 SP **Stats**

Scouting report: A quick butterfly style goaltender who does a good job of taking the lower half of the net away. Has quick pads and excellent recovery abilities. Reflexes are high end. Has issues with rebound control but shows a willingness to learn and improve. Plays angles well. Moves around the crease well as he has quick feet. Has nice size and aggressively challenges shooters. Very raw but has some impressive tools and could go much earlier than most have him. Learning from one of the best goaltenders to ever play the game in Patrick Roy.

NHL Potential: Project goaltender

106. RADKO GUDAS



Defense **Position**
 Right **Shoots**
 Everett – WHL **Team**
 June 5, 1990 **Born**
 5'-11", 195 lbs **Vitals**
 65 GP 7 G 30 A 37 PTS 151 PIM **Stats**

Scouting report: A physically thick two-way defender who loves to make opposition pay a price. Loves to throw the body around and lay out guys and is even willing to back it up with the fists from time to time. Strong in the defensive zone and makes attackers think twice about venturing to his side of the ice. Skates with a choppy stride but seems to generate enough speed with it. Has some decent puck skills although his hockey sense is questionable.

NHL Potential: Top six defensive defenseman

107. JASON CLARK



Centre **Position**
 Left **Shoots**
 Shattuck St, Mary's – USHS **Team**
 February 27, 1992 **Born**
 6'-1.5", 185 lbs **Vitals**
 54 GP 23 G 23 A 46 PTS 80 PIM **Stats**

Scouting report: A jack-of-all-trades type of forward. Has the skill to contribute offensively on occasion but not regularly. Has the size and physical strength to go to war on the boards or in front of the net. Has the defensive awareness to play a strong two-way game and plays with good intensity. Shows some good smarts and decision making with and without the puck. A heart and soul type player that all teams need to win with.

NHL Potential: Third line centre

108. MATTHEW BISSONETTE

Position Centre
Shoots Left
Team Lewiston – QMJHL
Born January 16, 1992
Vitals 6'-4", 185 lbs
Stats 56 GP 16 G 33 A 49 PTS 39 PIM

Scouting report: A towering playmaking centre with strong playmaking skills from the perimeter. Started to play more in the dirty areas towards the end of the year. Has some good offensive skills like soft hands and impressive vision. Skates well for this size and gets to where he needs to be. Had some off ice issues that saw him move around a bit this year.

NHL Potential: Third line forward



109. GOEFFREY SCHEMITSCH

Position Defense
Shoots Right
Team Owen Sound – OHL
Born April 1, 1992
Vitals 6'-1", 1 lbs
Stats 62 GP 4 G 36 A 40 PTS 24 PIM

Scouting report: A skinny puck distributing machine. Has some defensive upside but plays too inconsistent in his own zone. Skates fine and has nice pivots and overall mobility. Can make some pretty impressive stretch passes. Needs to add strength and round out his game as rarely the same player night after night. Struggles with mental consistency from game to game. Makes a lot of errors with the puck and in his own zone which make you question his smarts. Shows flashes of being a strong power play point man. Needs to consistently be stronger on the opposition in his own zone.

NHL Potential: Project two-way defenseman



110. JOONAS DONSKOI

Position Right Wing
Shoots Right
Team Karpat Jr. – Finland
Born April 13, 1992
Vitals 6'-0", 170 lbs
Stats 18 GP 14 G 15 A 29 PTS 2 PIM

Scouting report: A fast and explosive skater who is a good complimentary player. Does everything well but lacks the offensive creativity and talent to be the lead man. Has a good set of hands and a decent shot. Handles the puck well and can move the puck through defenders. Has a good work ethic and plays a solid two-way game but needs to be more consistent in that area. Doesn't have a lot of strength and needs to get more solid.

NHL Potential: Project offensive forward



111. PHILIPP GRUBAUER

Position Goaltender
Catches Left
Team Windsor – OHL
Born November 25, 1991
Vitals 6'-0.5", 180 lbs
Stats 50 GP 2.86 GAA .911 SP

Scouting report: An average size athletic goalie who uses quickness and reflex to stop the puck. Covers a lot of the lower net with good flexibility and quick pads. Focused and able to shake off a bad goal or entire outing. Finds the puck in traffic. Does not subscribe to a specific style and plays loose a game technical game. Impressive last year but seemed to stall in development this season. Raw but full of potential if a team is willing to wait for him to develop. Has a good trapper that protects much of the upper portion of net. Started off slowly in Belleville but really seemed to play better with a better squad in front of him in Windsor.

NHL Potential: Backup goaltender



112. BRANDON HYNES



Right Wing *Position*
 Right *Shoots*
 Victoriaville – QMJHL *Team*
 September 14, 1992 *Born*
 5'-8", 175 lbs *Vitals*
 68 GP 41 G 34 A 75 PTS 65 PIM *Stats*

Scouting report: A dangerous goal scorer with a wicked shot release. Loves to have the puck on his stick and loves to shoot it. Lacks both size and speed. Handles the puck well and gets into battles for loose pucks but is often outmuscled. Has a good compete level and the desire to work on his issues. Sees the ice well and makes some nice passes. Disinterested in his own zone.

NHL Potential: Top six goal scoring forward

113. EAMONN MCDERMOTT



Defense *Position*
 Right *Shoots*
 Fargo – USHL *Team*
 December 17, 1991 *Born*
 5'-10", 175 lbs *Vitals*
 44 GP 2 G 23 A 25 PTS 56 PIM *Stats*

Scouting report: A smart smooth skating puck handling defender. Lack of size and strength but makes up for it with speed and hockey sense. Doesn't have a booming shot but uses what he does have and gets it on net regularly. Has great vision and moves the puck with authority. Makes himself a viable option for his linemates and always keeps moving. Shows strong poise with the puck and makes plays at the proper time. Uses positioning to angle off attackers in his own zone but cannot finish them. Has shown a willingness to play the body with mixed results. Committed to Colorado College next year.

NHL Potential: Project top six two-way defenseman

114. LUKE MOFFATT



Centre *Position*
 Right *Shoots*
 U18 USNTDP – USHL *Team*
 June 11, 1992 *Born*
 6'-0.5", 185 lbs *Vitals*
 52 GP 13 G 16 A 29 PTS 34 PIM *Stats*

Scouting report: An offensively skilled forward who does many little things needed to win. Works hard with and without the puck. Digs in the corners and always seems to be in the right position where the puck finds him. Has a good shot but composure and smarts are questionable as he often makes the wrong play at the wrong time. Seems to read the play well at other times and anticipates well. Willing to get his nose dirty and shows some solid character. Plans to attend Michigan in the fall.

NHL Potential: Third line two-way forward

115. CHARLES INGLIS



Centre *Position*
 Left *Shoots*
 Saskatoon – WHL *Team*
 May 7, 1992 *Born*
 5'-11", 185 lbs *Vitals*
 64 GP 19 G 18 A 37 PTS 62 PIM *Stats*

Scouting report: A hard working in-your-face type player. Skates very well and uses that speed and agility to play the body every chance he gets. Possesses great acceleration and foot speed. Has a good quick shot that he uses to finish off plays. Willing to battle with anyone on the ice. Hard on the cycle and uses his feet well to protect the puck. Not the most offensively gifted but works hard for his space. Likes to attack the opposing defenders. Has great character and team first attitude. Had some bad luck with injuries at the start of the year.

NHL Potential: Fourth line checking centre

116. BRYAN RUST

Position Right Wing
Shoots Right
Team U18 USNDTP – USHL
Born May 11, 1992
Vitals 6'-0", 190 lbs
Stats 52 GP 18 G 18 A 36 PTS 18 PIM

Scouting report: A strong two-way player. Not blessed with the most skill but plays with a lot of heart. Willing to mix it up physically. Has a good shot and is smart with and without the puck. Has good hands and can carry the puck into the zone. Strong on the cycle and hard on the forecheck. A high character forward with some offensive abilities. Skates well straight forward but could use better acceleration. Knows where to be on the ice and doesn't float. Displays some good defensive abilities and willingness to charge back in his own zone. Committed to Notre Dame for next season.

NHL Potential: Third line forward



117. GUILLAUME ASSELIN

Position Right Wing
Shoots Right
Team Montreal – QMJHL
Born September 9, 1992
Vitals 5'-10", 185 lbs
Stats 66 GP 19 G 23 A 42 PTS 37 PIM

Scouting report: A high character forward who is a solid playmaker. Willing to take a hit to make a play. Has hockey sense that is off the charts. Skates well but lacks a high gear that you normally want in a smaller forward. Works hard in all three zones and is well liked by his teammates. Makes outstanding seeing eye passes and has a very quick, effective shot. Is smart and knows where to be on the ice. Displays strong defensive positioning and a strong leadership characteristics. Lacks high end offensive skills to be a top line player at the next level but has many other intangibles needed to play on the bottom three lines.

NHL Potential: Project offensive forward



118. SAM CARRICK

Position Centre
Shoots Right
Team Brampton – OHL
Born February 4, 1992
Vitals 6'-0", 185 lbs
Stats 66 GP 21 G 21 A 42 PTS 96 PIM

Scouting report: A sound, two-way forward with a decent all-round game. Not flashy at all but does have some good skills. Has a real good shot and release. Willing to play physical but needs to incorporate it in his shift to shift play. Keeps his feet moving and is hard on the forecheck. Cycles the puck well and is strong in the faceoff circle. Protects the puck well. Skating is average but he does show some explosive acceleration on the forecheck. Willing to play the whole ice surface and not just looking offence. Has just average size.

NHL Potential: Third line centre



119. MATHIEU BRISSON

Position Defense
Shoots Left
Team Omaha – USHL
Born March 9, 1992
Vitals 6'-1.5", 190 lbs
Stats 55 GP 5 G 17 A 22 PTS 55 PIM

Scouting report: A big body who plays a strong two-way game. Shows strong offensive instincts and skates well with nice all-encompassing mobility. Strong on the blueline with regards to holding the puck in the zone. Sees the ice well and makes nice tape-to-tape passes. Has a good shot that he needs to work on getting to the net more effectively. Needs work on consistently playing in his own zone as he goes through stretches of bad positional play. Has good raw talent but lacks refinement in the defensive zone. Committed to Cornell University.

NHL Potential: Project two-way defenseman



120. JESPER EASTH



Scouting report: A very fast skater with amazing acceleration and agility. Has great speed and uses it to create offensive chances and push defenders back on their heels. Shows good hands and can handle the puck well. Not the biggest competitor and does not play with much physicality. Has a good shot and offensive creativity but severely lacks strength and gets pushed off the puck far too often. Not much for the rough stuff. Not overly excited about getting his nose dirty but instead plays on the perimeter too often. Not the best finisher.

Right Wing	Position
Right	Shoots
HV 71 Jr. – Sweden	Team
December 2, 1991	Born
5'-11", 165 lbs	Vitals
37 GP 23 G 26 A 49 PTS 10 PIM	Stats

NHL Potential: Third line checking forward

FC's 2010 Mock Draft

Prospect guru Dan Stewart shakes down the first two rounds



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There is not many things in the Prognosticator business more difficult than determining the top talents in any particular draft year but one and that is determining which NHL team will be selecting which prospect.

One teams trash is another teams treasure is an understatement as one organization might have a prospect rated as a first rounder while another might consider that same prospect as a fourth or fifth rounder at best.

We do our best to determine who each team will be picking in our annual two round mock in which we take many intangibles such as team needs, drafting tendencies, rumors from the rink, etc into consideration.

What will happen on draft day? It remains to be seen, but one thing is for sure:

Expect the unexpected.

Enjoy!

Dan Stewart
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Future Considerations





1. Taylor Hall

Born: November 14, 1991
 Vitals: 6'-0.5", 185 lbs
 Stats: 57 GP 40 G 66 A 106 PTS 56 PIM

Why?: Edmonton takes the speedy gifted goal scorer Taylor Hall with the first overall pick based on a couple reasons. Many lobbied for Tyler Seguin as he is said to be a better fit but Hall is the most offensive dynamic NHL ready talent available and he fills a hole in Edmonton as they lack that star player with which the franchise can be identified with.



2. Tyler Seguin

Born: January 31, 1992
 Vitals: 6'-1", 185 lbs
 Stats: 63 GP 48 G 58 A 106 PTS 54 PIM

Why?: Boston, currently one of the strongest franchises, gets a no-brainer gift with Tyler Seguin as the Toronto trade pays dividends. Seguin fills a void that will surely open up once Marc Savard is done in 'B' town. A trade is also looked at with this pick as Carolina, who holds multiple picks, is a good partner and have ties to Plymouth, but Boston uses the BPA approach with this pick and takes the future top line centre.



3. Brett Connolly

Born: May 2, 1992
 Vitals: 6'-2", 185 lbs
 Stats: 16 GP 10 G 9 A 19 PTS 8 PIM

Why? Despite having Cam Fowler in-hand as a replacement to Jay Bouwmeester, Florida goes with the oft injured but highly skilled Brett Connolly. Offense has been mandated throughout the organization as a need that must be addresses in this draft and they select the next best offensive prospect is the Prince George native.



4. Cam Fowler

Born: December 6, 1991
 Vitals: 6'-2", 195 lbs
 Stats: 55 GP 8 G 47 A 55 PTS 14 PIM

Why? Columbus lacks scoring talent coming through the pipeline at the forward position and would like to take a step to remedy that with this selection but Cam Fowler's upside is too appealing to pass up. With David Savard, Cody Goloubef and John Moore the blue line looks solid for years to come.



5. Erik Gudbranson

Born: January 7, 1992
 Vitals: 6'-4", 205 lbs
 Stats: 41 GP 2 G 21 A 23 PTS 68 PIM

Why? Garth Snow has fallen in love with the big Erik Gudbranson and fortunately for the Islanders he is just what the franchise is lacking on the blueline. Their talent pool is full of skilled puck movers but they lack that potential physical element who can play in their top four and keep opponents honest.



11. Derek Forbort

Born: March 4, 1992
 Vitals: 6'-4.5", 195 lbs
 Stats: 56 GP 5 G 20 A 25 PTS 40 PIM

Why? Dallas goes for defensive help as mandated by general manager Nieuwendyk with the full of potential and sizable Derek Forbort. With the trade of prospect Ivan Vishnevskiy during the season, the graduation of young NHL defenders Niskanen, Daley, Fistic and Grossman to the NHL ranks and the tendency in the past few drafts to select as many skilled forwards as possible; the cupboard has become bare on the backend.



12. Emerson Etem

Born: June 16, 1992
 Vitals: 6'-0.5", 190 lbs
 Stats: 72 GP 37 G 28 A 65 PTS 26 PIM

Why? Anaheim needs help on the goal scoring front with veteran Teemu Selanne likely retiring as well as help on the backend with Scott Niedermayer ready to exit as well but both positions cannot be filled with one pick. The Ducks look to the California product Emerson Etem as a future goal scoring machine and snap him up with this selection.



13. Nick Bjugstad

Born: July 17, 1992
 Vitals: 6'-4", 185 lbs
 Stats: 25 GP 29 G 31 A 60 PTS 24 PIM

Why? With no glaring need in Phoenix's organizations pipeline, they go with who they think will become the best NHLer in the long run. The Coyotes think that Bjugstad's upside is similar to St. Louis Blues power forward David Backes. Bjugstad also adds some size to the organizations prospect pool.



14. Jeff Skinner

Born: May 16, 1992
 Vitals: 5'-10.5", 195 lbs
 Stats: 64 GP 50 G 40 A 90 PTS 72 PIM

Why? Finding a pure goal scorer is the organizational goal for the Blues at the 2010 NHL Draft. The goal scoring exploits of Jeff Skinner are just what they need in St. Louis as they have some nice playmakers but lack a true finisher of Skinners ilk on the roster or in the system.



15. Jon Merrill

Born: February 3, 1992
 Vitals: 6'-3.5", 200 lbs
 Stats: 47 GP 5 G 25 A 30 PTS 14 PIM

Why? Again a trade is sought for immediate help with scoring woes without bearing fruit and the Bruins stick to their BPA approach. They see Jon Merrill as the prospect with the highest upside on the board and snap him up. Just so happens the two-way rearguard also fills a need of defensive help.



21. Brock Nelson

Born: October 15, 1991
 Vitals: 6'-2.5", 205 lbs
 Stats: 25 GP 39 G 34 A 73 PTS 38 PIM

Why? With many skilled but undersized forwards in the system and a good balance of prospects at all other positions the Wings grab Brock Nelson, a big centre that has both the skill and hockey sense that they covet at the draft. Nelson has some seasoning to do before his is NHL ready but that suits the Red Wings just fine who are most comfortable with drafting talent and letting time mature them.



22. Vladimir Tarasenko

Born: December 13, 1991
 Vitals: 5'-11", 195 lbs
 Stats: 42 GP 13 G 11 A 24 PTS 18 PIM

With their second pick in the first round Coyotes are willing to take a risk and gamble on the smallish but highly skilled goal scorer Vladimir Tarasenko. Phoenix either have a top-five talent at the tail end of the first round if he crosses the Atlantic or a wasted pick if he chooses to stay and play in Russia.



23. Dylan McIlrath

Born: April 20, 1992
 Vitals: 6'-4", 215 lbs
 Stats: 65 GP 7 G 17 A 24 PTS 169 PIM

Why? The Sabres organizational mantra of 'draft big or go home' from the previous two years remains in effect in LA. They grab another hulking defender in Dylan McIlrath, the "Monster from Winnipeg", this time one with a physical side that will one day compliment Tyler Myers beautifully on the Sabres backend.



24. Mark Pysyk

Born: January 11, 1992
 Vitals: 6'-1", 175 lbs
 Stats: 48 GP 7 G 17 A 24 PTS 47 PIM

Why? The Thrashers add an all purpose defender to the fold in Mark Pysyk. The Thrashers shop the pick but like everyone else find that the asking price for a quality NHL player is far too high to part with. Pysyk adds depth and talent to a position that needs restocking.



25. Jarred Tinordi

Born: February 20, 1992
 Vitals: 6'-5.5", 205 lbs
 Stats: 52 GP 4 G 8 A 12 PTS 81 PIM

Why? The weakest area of the development system for the Canucks is the backend as both the forward and goaltending position each has at least one blue-chipper coming down the pipe. Jarred Tinordi adds a reliable and physical presence to the Canucks future backend.



6. Brandon Gormley

Born: February 18, 1992
Vitals: 6'-2", 190 lbs
Stats: 58 GP 9 G 34 A 43 PTS
54 PIM

Why? A need is still there for Tampa Bay to add to the backend and that is exactly what the GM-less Lightning do with this pick. Brandon Gormley adds that do-it-all presence and while he is likely not going directly to the NHL the lightning add some strong talent for the future.



7. Alexander Burmistrov

Born: November 21, 1991
Vitals: 5'-11.5", 170 lbs
Stats: 62 GP 22 G 43 A 65 PTS
49 PIM

Why? Carolina needs to add some offensive talent to the fold and Alexander Burmistrov, although being Russian, is arguably the most talented forward left on the board. His quick hands and relentless work ethic makes him a strong candidate to become a first line scoring NHL centre one day.



8. Nino Niederreiter

Born: September 8, 1992
Vitals: 6'-2", 205 lbs
Stats: 65 GP 36 G 24 A 60 PTS
68 PIM

Why? Offensive help is Atlanta's goal for the 2010 draft and they like the World Junior hero for Switzerland. Niederreiter gives them a NHL-ready power winger with a high compete level and good work ethic which is something they are hoping they can build around alongside Evander Kane.



9. Mikael Granlund

Born: February 26, 1992
Vitals: 5'-10", 175 lbs
Stats: 43 GP 13 G 27 A 40 PTS
2 PIM

Why? The top playmaker left on the board, the Wild are also looking for offensive talent in this draft and find it with the small Finnish centre Mikael Granlund. With many calling for them to take a homegrown talent in Blaine High Schools Nick Bjugstad, they have proven to have better success with the Finns over the Minnesota talent in past drafts.



10. Jack Campbell

Born: January 9, 1992
Vitals: 6'-2", 175 lbs
Stats: 11 GP 2.21 GAA .917
SP

Why? Jack Campbell gives the Rangers the best goaltending prospect since 'King Henrik' whom Campbell aims to replace in a few years. The debate at the table heats up as they look at Kitcheners Jeff Skinner since they also need a goal scorer. Depth at all positions in the franchise except goaltender means that they have a future core that will be able to grow together and possibly win together in the not-to-distant future.



16. Austin Watson

Born: January 13, 1992
Vitals: 6'-3.5", 185 lbs
Stats: 52 GP 20 G 34 A 54 PTS
22 PIM

Why? Ottawa wants to add skill to the forward ranks at the 2010 NHL Entry Draft and are all too happy to select a future power winger in Austin Watson. Ottawa looks at trading this pick to add immediate help on the backend but finds no takers willing to pay their price. Watson easily becomes the top forward prospect in the system has some nice untapped offensive potential.



17. Ryan Johansen

Born: July 31, 1992
Vitals: 6'-3", 180 lbs
Stats: 71 GP 25 G 44 A 69 PTS
53 PIM

Why? For a young talented Avalanche squad that will be counting upon support from its development system the pipeline is scarce when it comes to high end offence. Colorado's management team knows this to well and tries to address the issue at the draft with Ryan Johansen. The six-foot-three playmaker is a welcome addition to a system that has seen many recent graduates.



18. John McFarland

Born: April 2, 1992
Vitals: 6'-0.5", 195 lbs
Stats: 64 GP 20 G 30 A 50 PTS
70 PIM

Why? For a system lacking little the Predators look strictly to the BPA method for this pick and snatch up the underachieving John McFarland. Some see him as a definite bust while other talent evaluators see his potential. Lump Nashville in with the later, McFarland gives them some high end skill on the wing.



19. Evgeny Kuznetsov

Born: May 19, 1992
Vitals: 6'-0", 170 lbs
Stats: 35 GP 2 G 7 A 9 PTS 10
PIM

Why? One of the NHL organizations that have multiple high-end talents at each position, the Kings can afford to trade this pick for an immediate upgrade. They try to land a prime offensive contributor but decide that the other pieces required in a package for some of the NHL talent being shopped around is too much to part with. They take a boom or bust type prospect in Evgeny Kuznetsov with this pick.



20. Ryan Spooner

Born: January 31, 1992
Vitals: 5'-10.25", 170 lbs
Stats: 47 GP 19 G 35 A 54 PTS
12 PIM

Why? Despite having some fine talent throughout their system, the Penguins are lacking a strong finisher and they go off the board a bit with picking Ryan Spooner because they think he has the tools to develop into a front line scorer at the next level. Pittsburgh doesn't expect the diminutive forward to make the jump right a way but Sidney Crosby or Evgeni Malkin will be ready to have him on their wing once he does.



26. Stanislav Galiev

Born: January 17, 1992
Vitals: 6'-1", 175 lbs
Stats: 67 GP 15 G 45 A 60 PTS
38 PIM

Why? More skill is the goal going into the draft for the Capitals and they find it in super skilled Sea Dog winger Stanislav Galiev. Washington has good depth everywhere but in the skilled forward department as they have stockpiled more physical or two-way forwards in the past couple drafts.



27. Alex Petrovic

Born: March 3, 1992
Vitals: 6'-4", 195 lbs
Stats: 57 GP 8 G 19 A 27 PTS
87 PIM

Why? The Ducks used their first pick to add some scoring talent and now look to add future help on the blue line in the smooth skating Alex Petrovic. Petrovic will likely not pick up much of the offensive slack that a retiring Niedermayer will leave behind but he will play a solid minute munching top four role once ready.



28. Calvin Pickard

Born: April 15, 1992
Vitals: 6'-0.5", 195 lbs
Stats: 62 GP 3.09 GAA .914
SP

Why? The one major question mark on Chicago is also the one area in the feeder system that needs to be upgraded. The Blackhawks are lucky the talented Chet Pickard is still on the board as he has great potential as a pro.



29. Quinton Howden

Born: January 21, 1992
Vitals: 6'-2", 185 lbs
Stats: 65 GP 28 G 37 A 65 PTS
44 PIM

Why? Montreal is looking for two things in this draft: size and skill. Montreal's lack of size is evident all throughout their forward corps and they aim to address that deficiency in the future. Quinton Howden is a six-foot-two power forward in the making that is likely to get even bigger before he makes an impact for Le Bleu-Blanc-et-Rouge.



30. Tyler Toffoli

Born: April 24, 1992
Vitals: 6'-0", 175 lbs
Stats: 65 GP 37 G 42 A 79 PTS
54 PIM

Why? Going back to the well where current Sharks Logan Couture and Jamie McGinn played their junior hockey and where they have made five selections from in the past five years the Sharks grab the talented Tyler Toffoli. Toffoli give the Sharks an instant shot in the arm of talent at the forward position, an area in dire need of help.



31. Riley Sheahan

Born: December 7, 1991
 Vitals: 6'-1.5", 195 lbs
 Stats: 37 GP 6 G 11 A 17 PTS
 22 PIM

Why? Edmonton uses their second pick to add the big two-way Riley Sheahan, the largest need in the organization. With many holes needing to be filled it can be hard to know where to start so the Oilers go with who they see as the BPA but also with an eye towards the organizations needs. They see the big Irish forward as a potential Jordan Staal clone for the franchise down the road.



32. Beau Bennett

Born: November 27, 1991
 Vitals: 6'-1.5", 175 lbs
 Stats: 56 GP 41 G 79 A 120 PTS
 20 PIM

Why? The Bruins add another high end scoring forward with their first of the second round in Beau Bennett. Bennett will need much time to add size, strength and continue to round out his game but the B's are more than willing to wait for another top line contributor down the line.



33. Teemu Pulkkanen

Team: Jokerit Jr. – Finland
 Born: January 2, 1992
 Vitals: 5'-11", 180 lbs
 Stats: 17 GP 20 G 21 A 41 PTS
 41 PIM

Why? The Panthers are in desperate need of offensive help both now and in the future. With the Brett Connolly pick and in selecting Teemu Pulkkinen, Florida thinks they have taken a huge step in addressing this organizational weakness. They are not done yet taking high end offensive forwards as more depth is needed at the centre position.



34. Jaden Schwartz

Born: June 25, 1992
 Vitals: 5-10.5", 185 lbs
 Stats: 60 GP 33 G 50 A 83 PTS
 18 PIM

Why? With the addition of Cam Fowler in the first round and now Jaden Schwartz with this pick the Blue Jackets feel as though they have added two very high end offensive future contributors. This pick also fills a hole at the centre position where graduation has left them with little high end offensive talent.



35. Joey Hishon

Born: October 20, 1991
 Vitals: 5'-10", 170 lbs
 Stats: 36 GP 16 G 24 A 40 PTS
 26 PIM

Why? The Islanders have a few prospects that they seem to have fallen in love with out of this draft crop and Joey Hishon looks to be another one of them. Hishon provides them with a strong offensive presence down the middle and could develop into the clubs second line centre over time.



41. Jason Zucker

Born: January 16, 1992
 Vitals: 5'-11", 175 lbs
 Stats: 47 GP 22 G 16 A 38 PTS
 41 PIM

Why? Dallas adds to a depleted left wing position coming through the development pipeline and brings an element of grit and heart to the system. A capable offensive contributor and a big game player is what excites the Stars most of all about Jason Zucker.



42. Charlie Coyle

Born: March 2, 1992
 Vitals: 6'-1.5", 200 lbs
 Stats: 42 GP 21 G 42 A 63 PTS
 50 PIM

Why? The Ducks are in full blown re-tooling mode with a roster that has aging vets and has seen some assets moved due to one reason or another. They take the BPA on their board here and that is Charlie Coyle. Anaheim adds some size, character and skill with this pick.



43. Andrew Yogan

Team: Erie – OHL
 Born: December 4, 1991
 Vitals: 6'-3", 205 lbs
 Stats: 63 GP 25 G 30 A 55 PTS
 97 PIM

Why? The Blackhawks snag a potential power forward in Andrew Yogan and someone who they think could be hard to play against once he develops more strength. Yogan will likely be moved to the wing at the NHL level.



44. Petr Straka

Born: June 15, 1992
 Vitals: 6'-0", 185 lbs
 Stats: 62 GP 28 G 36 A 64 PTS
 54 PIM

Why? St. Louis adds another offensive prospect mid-way through the second round with Petr Straka. Straka gives them another potential offensive contributor down the road when the current core starts to get older and more expensive.



45. Kevin Hayes

Born: May 8, 1992
 Vitals: 6'-2.5", 205 lbs
 Stats: 28 GP 25 G 42 A 67 PTS
 8 PIM

Why? Boston elects for the homegrown talent in Massachusetts native Kevin Hayes who just happens to be the next best available on their board. His size and offensive upside make him an intriguing prospect that many other teams had high on their lists.



51. Justin Faulk

Born: March 20, 1992
 Vitals: 5'-11.5", 195 lbs
 Stats: 47 GP 17 G 7 A 24 PTS
 41 PIM

The Wings go back to their ways of drafting defenseman early in the NHL Entry Draft with Justin Faulk. Faulk adds a future power play point man with a booming shot for when both Brian Rafalski and Nicklas Lidstrom are both gone.



52. Connor Brinkley

Born: February 25, 1992
 Vitals: 5'-11.5", 190 lbs
 Stats: 52 GP 22 G 21 A 43 PTS
 68 PIM

Why? The Coyotes are sure that they have found a gem with this selection as they see Connor Brinkley as a Shane Doan type of forward with a little less offensive potential but even more grit than the long time Phoenix captain.



53. Steven Shipley

Born: April 22, 1992
 Vitals: 6'-2.5", 205 lbs
 Stats: 68 GP 23 G 40 A 63 PTS
 32 PIM

Why? Carolina adds some needed size and skill to the roster with this pick as Steven Shipley has both along with untapped offensive potential. Carolina has used this draft to retool their entire system with some high quality prospects.



54. Ludvig Rensfeldt

Born: January 29, 1992
 Vitals: 6'-3", 195 lbs
 Stats: 39 GP 21 G 29 A 50 PTS
 37 PIM

Why? The Thrashers add much needed size to the forward corps as well as some offensive ability with Ludvig Rensfeldt. Rensfeldt really sold himself to the Thrashers while dominating at the U18's in Belarus this past April.



55. Marek Hrivik

Born: August 28, 1991
 Vitals: 6'-1", 185 lbs
 Stats: 66 GP 26 G 29 A 55 PTS
 14 PIM

Why? A bit of a surprise pick this early as Marek Hrivik, a draft re-entry Hrivik, did everything possible to impress with his play in the playoffs and the hard work has paid off with a late second round selection. He gives the Blue Jackets some skill with heart.



36. Kirill Kabanov

Born: July 16, 1992
Vitals: 6'-2", 175 lbs
Stats: 22 GP 10 G 13 A 23 PTS
34 PIM

Why? It was only a matter of time before a club with multiple picks stepped up to grab the troubled yet highly skilled Kirill Kabanov. The situation is perfect for Florida with multiple second round picks and with Kabanov filling a need if he changes his attitude and eventually pans out. The Panthers gamble on players with questions but big reward value.



37. Troy Rutkowski

Born: April 29, 1992
Vitals: 6'-2", 205 lbs
Stats: 71 GP 12 G 31 A 43 PTS
70 PIM

Why? The Hurricanes add to their defensive depth with this pick as they see Troy Rutkowski as the best player left on the board. With the graduation of Jamie McBain he now becomes the organizations top defensive prospect.



38. Maxime Clermont

Born: December 31, 1991
Vitals: 6"-0.5", 190 lbs
Stats: 59 GP 2.81 GAA .897 SP

Why? The Devils finally add some depth to their goaltending as before they had all their chips in on Jeff Frazee. They are not expecting another Martin Brodeur but do like the athleticism and battling mentality that Maxime Clermont shares with the current NHL superstar.



39. Tyler Pitlick

Born: November 1, 1991
Vitals: 6'-1.5", 195 lbs
Stats: 35 GP 10 G 8 A 18 PTS
27 PIM

Why? The strong power centre Tyler Pitlick adds an element to the Wild system that they were lacking in size with skill. Minnesota grabs who they consider to have the highest offensive upside but yet plays a game that will fit into the system they have created. Also he is a home grown talent which boads well for his popularity in the 'state of hockey'.



40. Calle Jarnkrok

Born: September 25, 1991
Vitals: 5'-11.75", 160 lbs
Stats: 33 GP 4 G 6 A 10 PTS
2 PIM

Why? After taking a goaltender with a high first rounder, the Rangers know they need to focus on adding offensive help to the forward ranks. Calle Jarnkrok plays a skilled game but is also defensively capable and this pick has Christer Rockstrom's finger prints all over it.



46. Stephan Silas

Born: June 26, 1992
Vitals: 6'-0.5", 185 lbs
Stats: 66 GP 4 G 45 A 49 PTS
61 PIM

Why? Carolina further shores up their future blueline with Stephen Silas and continue to reshape their prospect pool. A back-end prospect pool that once was a question mark is quickly becoming an organizational strength.



47. Kent Simpson

Born: March 26, 1992
Vitals: 6'-2.5", 190 lbs
Stats: 34 GP 2.26 GAA .925 SP

Why? This pick, at first, looks like a wasted opportunity as they already have some decent goaltending prospects in the system but the Avalanche really like Kent Simpson and think that he has been hidden playing for Everett, the best defensive squad in the WHL this season, and that his potential far outweighs his general draft ranking.



48. Brandon Archibald

Born: March 31, 1992
Vitals: 6'-3.5", 205 lbs
Stats: 68 GP 5 G 28 A 33 PTS
81 PIM

Why? With graduation of some prospects, the Oilers' backend prospect depth has become rather weak and is in need to of attention. Edmonton uses the pick they traded for in the Denis Grebeshkov move to select a big physical defender in Brandon Archibald.



49. Devante Smith-Pelly

Born: June 14, 1992
Vitals: 5'-11.5", 215 lbs
Stats: 60 GP 29 G 33 A 62 PTS
35 PIM

Why? The Kings start looking at prospects who can play on their future third and fourth lines, ones with character and good work ethics and find a gem in Devante Smith-Pelly. The bowling ball on skates is the new Mike Grier but with more offensive skill.



50. Jakub Culek

Born: September 7, 1992
Vitals: 6'-3", 185 lbs
Stats: 63 GP 13 G 34 A 47 PTS
54 PIM

Why? Florida continues to add offensive forwards to their talent pool with Jakub Culek. Although Culek is not the most polished prospect, he does have very good size and upside as a power play-maker. The Panthers now look to strengthen their backend with their remaining picks.



56. Stephen Johns

Born: April 18, 1992
Vitals: 6'-3.25", 215 lbs
Stats: 49 GP 3 G 11 A 14 PTS
51 PIM

Why? The Wild use their second of two second round picks on a defensive defender in Stephen Johns after going offensive forward with their first two selections. Johns gives them a reliable defender with good size on a team that is shifting to a more offensive based system.



57. Brock Beukeboom

Born: April 1, 1992
Vitals: 6'-1", 205 lbs
Stats: 66 GP 7 G 19 A 26 PTS
64 PIM

Why? With no mandated goal for this draft but to take the BPA, the Kings select a physical defender in Brock Beukeboom who has some nice potential and bloodlines to follow. Beukeboom could develop into a solid shut-down pairing along with Colten Teubert within the next few seasons for the young Kings squad or at worse case add some depth to the backend.



58. Brad Ross

Born: May 28, 1992
Vitals: 5'-11.5", 175 lbs
Stats: 71 GP 27 G 41 A 68 PTS
203 PIM

Why? Chicago continues to add grit and physical players to their system with this pick but Brad Ross is not just a one-trick pony as he also has some offensive ability to provide secondary scoring.



59. Ryan Martindale

Born: October 27, 1991
Vitals: 6'-3", 195 lbs
Stats: 61 GP 19 G 41 A 60 PTS
37 PIM

Why? Going against recent history where they harvest from NCAA feeder leagues, the Canadiens take their second consecutive CHL prospect by selecting Ryan Martindale. Montreal continues in their goal to add size and skill up front with another big body in Martindale.



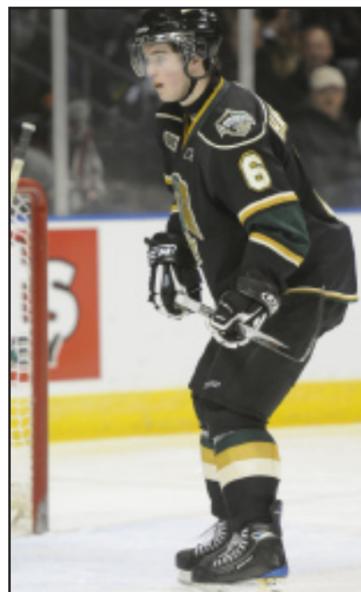
60. Mark Visentin

Born: August 7, 1992
Vitals: 6'-1.5", 185 lbs
Stats: 55 GP 2.99 GAA .911 SP

Why? The Islanders take Mark Visentin with their extra pick in the second round as the team is strong in all other developmental areas but the goal crease. Visentin has very good potential and provides a high end future tender with a bit more depth as well as to the prospect pool.



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ADAM LARSSON



Defense	<i>Position</i>
AIK - SEL	<i>Team</i>
6'-2", 210 lbs	<i>Vitals</i>

Scouting report: Showed that he is a very poised, mature defender while playing with men in the Swedish Elite League. Has good speed but could use improvement in footwork. Plays a safe yet well rounded game. Shows good situational smarts and hockey sense. Angles attackers using solid body positioning. Plays using his size and strength well. Handles the puck well. Knows when to jump into the attack. Sees the ice well and makes solid outlet passes. Willing to play strong against more physical opponents. Has good offensive potential.

SEAN COUTURIER



Centre	<i>Position</i>
Drummondville - QMJHL	<i>Team</i>
6'-5", 200 lbs	<i>Vitals</i>

Scouting report: A big powerful guy who uses his reach and physical abilities well. Has a strong, smooth and long skating stride that builds up considerable speed. Plays a power forward game driving to the net. Comes off the boards with authority. Sees the ice well but is more of a 50-50 guy than either a playmaker or finisher. Has a hard shot with quick release. Willing to take the hacks and whacks in front of the net to get a garbage goal or deflection. Smart and dominating in the offensive zone. Has very soft hands and can make multiple moves to get the puck to prime shooting areas. Needs to round out his game further and play in all three zones with the same compete level. A potential Joe Thornton who shoots more in the making.

RYAN NUGENT-HOPKINS



Centre	<i>Position</i>
Red Deer - WHL	<i>Team</i>
6'-0", 175 lbs	<i>Vitals</i>

Scouting report: A complete package type of prospect. Has a solid skating stride which generates good speed. Accelerates in two to three steps to full speed. Has a good accurate shot with a quick release. Has the hands to control the puck through traffic. Willing to play it any way the opponent wants, finesse or physical. Underrated playmaker who can really thread the needle. Just needs to continue to round out his game and gain more strength.

BRANDON SAAD



Right Wing	<i>Position</i>
U18 - NTDP	<i>Team</i>
6'-2", 195 lbs	<i>Vitals</i>

Scouting report: A big body with outstanding wheels for a guy his size. Great mobility and decent acceleration. A goal scoring, power forward type of pro upside. Plays the game hard and uses his physical abilities to his advantage. Hard to stop and draws a lot of penalties. Can steam roll defenders when driving the net. Great release on a hard, accurate shot. Good hands and can handle the puck at high speed. Protects the puck well with his body...can set-up line mates but is primarily a goal scorer. Smart and sees his options well. Gets to open ice swiftly. Hard on the forecheck. Reads the play and help his teammates.

BOONE JENNER



Centre	<i>Position</i>
Oshawa - OHL	<i>Team</i>
6'-2", 195 lbs	<i>Vitals</i>

Scouting report: Has an impressive frame to fill out and build strength upon. Is a balanced skater. Good stride that will only get better with added strength. Hard to knock off the puck. Protects the puck well. Can use high skill or physical ability to beat defenders. Handles the puck well. Possesses good offensive creativity. Sees the ice well. Compete level is high. Wants the puck on his stick. Has a very good shot that he gets off in a hurry. Willing to muck it up. High reward type with big upside.

MATT PUEMPEL

Position Centre
Team Peterborough - OHL
Vitals 6'-1", 190 lbs

Scouting report: A smart offensive playmaker with good size. He skates well and has very good balance. Can get up to a pretty good speed in open ice. Has a great shot but is unselfish and will usually make the high percentage play, shot or pass. Has high hockey sense and anticipation. Uses his size on the wall and in front of the net but does not through his body around. Not overly physical. A hard working honest forward. Has good hands and a quick release to his shot. Can really thread the needle when passing the puck through traffic. Dangerous down low and around the crease with a nose for the net. Needs to add strength.



SETH AMBROZ

Position Right Wing
Team Omaha - USHL
Vitals 6'3", 200 lbs

Scouting report: A very impressive sized power forward prospect. Takes the puck hard to the net. Has soft hands and a quick, pro type shot. Strong along the wall and down low in the attacking zone. Dangerous around the crease. Has the ability to make highlight type checks. Needs to work on improving foot speed. Plays a solid three-zone game. Willing to block shots. Can drop the gloves when required and fairs well against some tough opponents. Comes back deep into the defensive zone to break up plays. A very raw prospect with loads of potential.



SHANE MCCOLGAN

Position Centre
Team Kelowna - WHL
Vitals 5'-11", 175 lbs

Scouting report: High intensity forward who competes hard every shift like it was his last. Is a heart and soul type of player that oozes leadership. Plays an offensive game and has the high skill level to compliment his work ethic. Skates well with good balance. Has soft hands and can make plays at full speed. Has a rocket shot with a lightning quick release. Is smart and reads the play well. Knows were to be on the ice. Has a temper and will drop the gloves with much bigger opponents. Needs to add strength and overall mass to increase his effectiveness. Needs to focus on rounding out his game and competing hard in his own zone not just creating offence.



DUNCAN SIEMENS

Position Defense
Team Saskatoon - WHL
Vitals 6'-3", 195 lbs

Scouting report: A big guy who likes to use his size to lay out attackers. Skates well with good overall mobility. Plays hard along the wall and clears the crease with authority. Uses his body, stick and smarts in his own zone to defender effectively. Gets his big body into shooting and passing lanes. Shows some offensive upside, how much is yet to be seen. Has a decent shot and can see the ice well. Makes good outlet passes. Looks to be more of a shut down defender at the pro level. Needs to continue to round out his game and add strength to an impressive frame. At his best when he keeps it simple.



RYAN MURPHY

Position Defense
Team Kitchener - OHL
Vitals 5'-10", 165 lbs

Scouting report: A smallish offensive juggernaut type of defender. Skating is solid. Strong and balanced on his feet. Extremely creative with the puck. Sees the ice well and is consistent in joining or leading the rush. Opens up ice for his teammates because his creativity is so respected. Has end-to-end puck rushing ability. Can place a solid hip check at this level. Smarts and anticipation allow him to defend effectively at this level. Needs to get a lot stronger to defender effectively at the next level. Is poised and has a low panic threshold when pressured. Makes great seeing eye passes and really distributes the puck like a top pro.



ROCCO GRIMALDI



Scouting report: Tiny but highly skilled forward with non-stop motor. Skates very well with exceptional agility and speed. Is tenacious and relentless in his puck pursuit. Balanced and strong on his skates help him win battles against much larger opponents. Has a great shot and sees the ice so well. Can really handle the puck and like it on his stick. Is a talented playmaker. Has a high work rate and consistent effort level. Is determined to not let his size hold him back. Leads by example and by building up his teammates. Some teams will likely be turned off with his lack of size, but it should be noted the size of his heart and that he will not be out worked.

Centre	Position
U18 - NTDP	Team
5'-6", 160 lbs	Vitals

GABRIEL LANDESKOG



Scouting report: A good sized offensively skilled winger. Plays with intensity and drive. Skates well and creates good amount of speed with a long stride. Has good hockey sense and sees the ice well. Has a decent shot and likes to finish. Not likely to pass the puck as he likes to shoot it himself which he will need to adjust to improve effectiveness down the line. Defensively shows an ability to get into lanes and disrupts attackers. Willing to play physical and has dropped the gloves on some occasions this season.

Left Wing	Position
Kitchener - OHL	Team
6'0", 200 lbs	Vitals

COLIN JACOBS



Scouting report: A big bodied power forward with skill and spunk. Skates extremely well for a young guy with his size. Uses his size to his advantage. Plays with a good level of intensity. Can get nasty when tough, physical play arises. Looks like he likes the rough stuff. Displays a good shot with nice velocity. Can handle the puck well through traffic. Sees the ice well and is a solid playmaker as well as being able to fill the net. Has the work rate and grit to play either a top six or bottom six forward spot. Is very effective deep in the offensive zone. Needs to add strength and fill out. Still raw in his overall play, making some mistakes here and there and needs further refinement.

Centre	Position
Seattle - WHL	Team
6'-2", 200 lbs	Vitals

ROBBIE RUSSO



Scouting report: A solid two-way defender with good overall mobility. Has a fluid skating stride with good pivots. Is poised with or without the puck and has a high panic threshold. Likes to be involved offensively and set-up his teammates. Sees the ice well and makes sharp, accurate outlet passes. Has the smarts and skill to slow things down and control the games tempo. Uses his good skating ability and solid positioning to defend. Plays the point on the PP and identifies his options quickly. Willing to play physical with using his body to take away attackers space.

Defense	Position
U18 - NTDP	Team
6'-1", 185 lbs	Vitals

SCOTT HARRINGTON



Scouting report: A smooth skating, smart two-way defender that exudes confidence and leadership. Skating is solid and allows him to gamble a little offensively as he has the ability to skate back into position. Is balanced and strong on his skates. Plays a solid defensive game using an active stick, solid positioning and good overall mobility to corral attackers away from his net. Joins the attack effectively and has the vision to set-up teammates when and where they have a scoring chance. Controls the tempo of the game with his composure. Lets his play lead by example. Decent size but will get better and more effective once he adds more strength and fills out.

Defense	Position
London - OHL	Team
6'-1", 190 lbs	Vitals

MATTHEW NIETO

Position Centre
Team U18 - NTDP
Vitals 5'-11", 185 lbs

Scouting report: A high energy and highly skilled forward. Skates well with strong, quick strides. Has good lateral quickness. Can handle the puck and cut through traffic at his speed. Drives to the net and into high traffic situations without a second thought. High compete level both on the attack and on the forecheck. Is more of a playmaker than finisher as his shot is below average right now. Has good on-ice vision. Good at picking up garbage goals around the crease. Plays with no fear and a bit of a reckless abandon. Will need to add strength and improve his shot.



JESSE FORSBERG

Position Defense
Team Prince George - WHL
Vitals 6'-0", 195 lbs

Scouting report: A tough two-way defender with loads of grit. Has a powerful skating stride that generates good speed. Has a good frame to build strength upon. Is balanced and strong on his skates. Drives his checks through the boards. Has good offensive skills that allow him to create offense from the backend. Is considerably raw yet but has a lot of nice tools. Makes a very good outlet pass. Sees the ice well and has a high hockey IQ. Willing to drop the gloves and stand up for himself or a teammate. Has a hard point shot but needs to get it on net more consistently.



LUCAS LESSIO

Position Left Wing
Team St. Michaels - OJHL
Vitals 6'-1", 195 lbs

Scouting report: Skilled winger with loads of offensive creativity and skill. In the mold of a power forward but with a smaller forwards quickness and skill set. Skating could use some improvements. Has the size potential, physical ability and demeanor to be a high end power forward type pro. Hard to stop once he gets his drive going. Has lapses in his game when he is not as effective, usually when he doesn't play with enough physicality. Displays solid understanding of two-way game. Sees the ice well and is a solid playmaker. Can also finish off plays especially around the oppositions net. Looks to be going the NCAA route.



TY RATTIE

Position Right Wing
Team Portland - WHL
Vitals 6'-0", 170 lbs

Scouting report: A big guy who likes to use his size to lay out attackers. Skates well with good overall mobility. Plays hard along the wall and clears the crease with authority. Uses his body, stick and smarts in his own zone to defender effectively. Gets his big body into shooting and passing lanes. Shows some offensive upside, how much is yet to be seen. Has a decent shot and can see the ice well. Makes good outlet passes. Looks to be more of a shut down defender at the pro level. Needs to continue to round out his game and add strength to an impressive frame. At his best when he keeps it simple.



DAVID MUSIL

Position Defense
Team Vancouver - WHL
Vitals 6'-3", 195 lbs

Scouting report: A young defender with impressive bloodlines. Skates decent enough but looks a little lanky and needs to add strength to his legs which will in turn improve his stride. Has great size and will only get bigger. Shows a good understanding of defensive positioning. Reads the play before it develops. Hockey smarts are off the chart. Uses his an active stick to poke pucks away from attackers and close down lanes. Sees the ice very well. Makes very good outlet passes and creates plays for his forwards. Needs to work on his point shot although it is not bad.



ALEXANDER KHOKHLACHEV



Scouting report: An amazingly agile skater with loads of offensive talent. Has a great change of pace and lateral ability that allow him to make defenders look foolish. Is highly creative offensively. Sees the ice well and is a solid playmaker making his line mates better but is more of a natural goal scorer. Has soft, quick hands and can dangle the puck through high traffic areas. Despite being weak physically he is not afraid to engage in the corners or in the crease. Has a quick release that makes him dangerous around the crease. Needs to add strength and round out his overall game some.

Right Wing **Position**
Spartak Moscow – MHL **Team**
5'-9", 170 lbs **Vitals**

MICHAEL ST. CROIX



Scouting report: Is a competitive bundle of energy who plays an intense yet skilled game. Skates well with good first step acceleration and overall speed. Is balanced on his skates. Shifty and elusive especially with the puck which helps due to his current below average size. Good hands and creativity offensively. Has a good shot with a quick release. Can dangle the puck and make slick moves in tight. Competes every shift and is a treat to coach as you never have to worry if he is ready to battle for the puck. Needs to add strength and work further on his defensive game. Led the Edmonton Oil Kings team in scoring this past season.

Centre **Position**
Edmonton – WHL **Team**
5'-11", 165 lbs **Vitals**

TOMAS JURCO



Scouting report: A decent sized offensive minded Slovakian winger. Is primarily a skilled forward who can score. Hands are soft and he can handle the puck. Willing to play a gritty game and score in the hard areas of the ice. Has a nose for the net and is wiry strong for his size. Has a very good shot and quick hands. Has some stretches where he can be invisible and also needs some work on his skating stride. Needs to add a defensive element to his game.

Left Wing **Position**
Saint John – QMJHL **Team**
6'-0", 170 lbs **Vitals**

DANIEL CATENACCI



Scouting report: Speed kills and he has loads of it. Skates very well and uses it to his advantage both offensively and defensively. Offensively he has great skills and creativity. Sees the ice well. Makes solid passes and has a very good shot that will only get better with added strength. Plays the game with some grit and a good compete level. Leads by example and is very willing to take a hit to make the right play. Game is solid overall as he is a willing two-way player even though he has high end offensive skills. Drives the net and can work the boards effectively. Is a gritty and feisty competitor.

Centre **Position**
Sault Ste Marie - OHL **Team**
5'-10", 175 lbs **Vitals**

JOEL ARMIA



Scouting report: A decent sized prospect with good offensive tools. Skating is below average at this point and something he will need to work on. Drives to the net and looks for garbage goals. Willing to fight through traffic and work for his space. Can handle the puck in tight areas. Has great hockey sense and anticipation which helps him produce offensively. Has a good frame to grow into. Makes a solid pass. Has an accurate shot with quick release but lacks NHL velocity. Needs to round out his still incredibly raw game and improve on many areas before he is pro ready. Impressive development trajectory the past two years.

Centre **Position**
Assat – U20 Liiga **Team**
6-2", 175 lbs **Vitals**



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RYAN MURRAY



Defense **Position**
Everett - WHL **Team**
6'-0", 185 lbs **Vitals**

Scouting report: Outstanding offensive instincts and skill level. Transitions the play from defense to offense seamlessly. Confident in his ability and rarely makes a bad play. Poised with the puck and shows maturity beyond his years. Leads by example. Skates very well with a solid smooth stride. Has outstanding vision and makes passes like a seasoned NHL vet. Has a good work ethic. Has incredible hockey sense. Needs to get stronger and his game has unlimited upside. Missed time with a thumb injury this season. Played well in the playoffs for Everett and earned an invite to the U18 in Belarus.

NICK EBERT



Defense **Position**
Waterloo - USHL **Team**
6'-1", 185 lbs **Vitals**

Scouting report: A great skater with impressive all-encompassing mobility. Mature beyond his years. Poised decision making in his zone and makes solid defensive reads. Uses his stick well to defend. Willing to play physical. Works hard and competes hard. Has some good offensive potential that is yet untapped but evident.

MATIA MARCANTUONI



Centre **Position**
Toronto Marlboros - GTHL **Team**
6'-0", 170 lbs **Vitals**

Scouting report: Speedster with has good hands and good offensive hockey sense. Can make plays with the puck at top speed. A very coachable kid. Has that extra skating gear and is also balanced on his blades. Protects the puck well. Is primarily a finisher but can also set-up his teammates. Similar to Steven Stamkos at the same age.

CRISTOVAL NIEVES



Centre **Position**
Syracuse, USA U16 **Team**
6'-2", 190 lbs **Vitals**

Scouting report: A big body with outstanding offensive skills. Has good hands and quick feet. His skating is very good for such a big guy, especially at his age. Looks like he will has some growing yet to do. Smart playmaker who can really thread the needle with a pass. Needs to shoot more and use his size more in the physical department. Some liken him to a raw Joe Thornton.

MIKHAIL GRIGORENKO



Centre **Position**
CSKA - MHL **Team**
6'-2", 185 lbs **Vitals**

Scouting report: A nice sized and highly skilled forward who dominates in the offensive end. Is a balanced skater who is ultra shifty and elusive. Has quick hands and puck skills. Size allows him to play both a strong power games as well as use his skills to plays a dominant finesse game. Is a strong playmaker with outstanding vision as well as having a good shot and the ability to fill the net.

SLATER KOEKKOEK

Position Defense
Team Notre Dame – SMHL
Vitals 6'-2", 175 lbs

Scouting report: Has good size and likes to use it to defend against attacking forwards. Works hard and is a competitive two-way defender. Untapped offensive potential and possesses a booming shot. Will join the rush at the right times. Smart decision maker. Plays in every situation. Has sluggish feet that will need improvement.



CODY CECI

Position Defense
Team Ottawa - OHL
Vitals 6'2", 190 lbs

Scouting report: Has good, solid overall mobility and a lanky frame which should allow him to add good size and strength over the next few seasons. Plays with a physical edge. Handles the puck well and makes a solid first pass. Competes each and every shift. Solid defensive positioning and good hockey sense. Not overly flashy but solid, two-way defender.



MORGAN REILLY

Position Defense
Team Notre Dame – SMHL
Vitals 5'-11", 180- lbs

Scouting report: An offensive minded defender with good vision and nice creativity with the puck. Has good strength for his size and is a balanced skater. Plays a dependable game in his own end. Shows solid decision making on when to join the attack and when to play it safe. A high character player with intriguing leadership qualities.



LUCA CIAMPINI

Position Centre
Team Chatenguay - QMAAA
Vitals 5'-11", 185 lbs

Scouting report: A dynamic skilled forward who uses his size and strength to get the puck to the net. A gritty competitor who plays in the high traffic areas. Has the ability to play a finesse game but prefers the power game. Needs to add strength to be effective at the next level. Skates well but needs to round out his game and become a better three zone player.



NAIL YAKUPOV

Position Left Wing
Team Reactor - MHL
Vitals 5'-11", 165 lbs

Scouting report: The next in line of high end prospects to come from Russia's skill factory. Skates very well with explosive acceleration and quick lateral agility. Has great offensive creativity and high end skills. Shoots and passes equally well. Makes Datsyukian type moves with the puck. Brings you out of your seat with excitement. Needs to add strength and improve on his defensive play while playing a three zone game.





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