

2023 NHL DRAFT GUIDE



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CONNOR BEDARD

CENTER · REGINA PATS · WHL · 5'10" · 185 LBS · R

SEASON STATS: 57GP · 71G · 72A · 143P · 62PIM

SKATING	A-	PHYSICALITY	D+	SENSES	A
PUCK SKILLS	A	SHOOTING	S	PASSING	B+

GENERATIONAL TALENT

SCOUTING REPORT: A true generational talent, Bedard is poised to become the NHL's next superstar in short order. Bedard will step into league with one of the deadliest shot releases in hockey; the puck rockets off of Bedard's blade as he can get the puck on net with power and precision with a flick of a wrist. He's a dynamic and gifted puck-handler who can cut through defenses with flashy dekes and score highlight-reel goals on a regular basis. A very strong skater who can build speed and accelerate easily and can make plays at top speed; owns high-end playmaking vision and makes those around him better.

NHL COMPARABLE: David Pastrnak

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ADAM FANTILLI

CENTER · UNIV. OF MICHIGAN · NCAA · 6'3" · 187 LBS · L

SEASON STATS: 36GP · 30G · 35A · 65P · 67PIM

SKATING	B+	PHYSICALITY	B+	SENSES	A-
PUCK SKILLS	B+	SHOOTING	B+	PASSING	B

FRANCHISE PLAYER

SCOUTING REPORT: Fantilli is a well-rounded, pro-ready center who would be worthy of the 1st Overall selection in nearly any other draft year. The 2023 Hobey Baker winner owns pro size at 6'3" and has every high-end tool that you look for in a top line center. Fantilli is a quick straight-line skater who can get up and down the ice and attack on the rush wwith ease, can play easily in tight spaces with his blend of strength and elite puck skills, make the players around him better with strong decisions and situational awareness, and owns dual-threat ability with a heavy shot and crisp passing ability.

NHL COMPARABLE: Rick Nash

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MATVEI MICHKOV

RIGHT WING / LEFT WING · HK SOCHI · KHL · 5'10" · 148 LBS · L

SEASON STATS: 30GP · 9G · 11A · 20P · 14PIM

SKATING	B-	PHYSICALITY	D	SENSES	A-
PUCK SKILLS	A	SHOOTING	A-	PASSING	B

FRANCHISE PLAYER

SCOUTING REPORT: The top goal-scoring talent in the draft, Michkov is arguably the highest-touted draft prospect to come out of Russia in nearly two decades. Michkov was able to score at will in Russia's junior ranks due to his high-end shot and dynamic puck skills and creativity, he's a gifted one-on-one stick handler who can beat shake defenders to open up time and space in the offensive zone or beat goaltender with highlight-reel dekes. May slip on draft day due to his contract status in Russia, but whoever snags him up is getting a potential new face of the franchise; good things come to those who wait.

NHL COMPARABLE: Nikita Kucherov



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LEO CARLSSON

CENTER / WING · ÖREBRO HK · SHL · 6'3" · 194 LBS · L

SEASON STATS: 44GP · 10G · 15A · 25P · 6PIM

SKATING	B-	PHYSICALITY	B	SENSES	B+
PUCK SKILLS	A-	SHOOTING	B-	PASSING	A-

FRANCHISE/ELITE BUBBLE

SCOUTING REPORT: Teams often swoon over players that can blend together size and skill, and that is Leo Carlsson to a tee. Carlsson has the frame of a prototypical power forward with the soft skill of a small forward, he's an incredibly creative playmaking center who can generate offense with his advanced playmaking vision, crisp passing ability, and elite on-on-one skill, while also having an underrated shot with a quick release. Carlsson excelled this season in a full-time role in the SHL with Örebro HK, putting up one of the top draft-eligible seasons from a Swedish prospect in recent history.

NHL COMPARABLE: Jason Spezza



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WILL SMITH

CENTER · USNTDP U18 · NTDP · 6'0" · 180 LBS · R

SEASON STATS: 60GP · 51G · 76A · 127P · 28PIM

SKATING	C+	PHYSICALITY	C-	SENSES	B+
PUCK SKILLS	A	SHOOTING	B-	PASSING	A-

ELITE PROSPECT

SCOUTING REPORT: One of the most skilled players in the draft, Smith is a dynamic offensive talent who blends elite puck skills with creative playmaking vision and distribution skills. Smith demonstrates excellent problem-solving skills in tight spaces, able to weave his way to open ice or recognize passing lanes to high-danger areas in the offensive zone. His offensive awareness and teammate utilization are top notch, as he's a very intelligent attacker who has multiple ways to beat defenses. Not the fastest for a player his size, but has good edge control and can elude checks with quick cuts.

NHL COMPARABLE: Claude Giroux



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DMITRI SIMASHEV

DEFENSE · LOKOMOTIV YAROSLAVL · KHL · 6'4" · 201 LBS · L

SEASON STATS: 18GP · 0G · 0A · 0P · 2PIM

SKATING	A	PHYSICALITY	A-	SENSES	B
PUCK SKILLS	B	SHOOTING	C+	PASSING	B-

ELITE PROSPECT

SCOUTING REPORT: The top shutdown player in the draft by a wide margin, Simashev quickly became a personal favorite throughout this year's draft cycle due to his rare blend of elite mobility, size, and untapped yet blossoming offensive talent. It's rare to find defensemen Simashev's size that can move the way he does, as he's one of the top skaters in the class. His mobility blended with his size allow him to be a rangy and suffocating defender, limiting opponent's time and space with aggressive stick positioning and excellent gap control. Owns good skill for his size and has a high two-way ceiling.

NHL COMPARABLE: Jaccob Slavin



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ZACH BENSON

LEFT WING · WINNIPEG ICE · WHL · 5'10" · 170 LBS · L
SEASON STATS: 60GP · 36G · 62A · 98P · 49PIM

SKATING	B	PHYSICALITY	D	SENSES	A
PUCK SKILLS	B	SHOOTING	C	PASSING	A

ELITE PROSPECT

SCOUTING REPORT: One of the most intelligent players in the draft, Benson is a cerebral playmaking winger who sees the ice incredibly well. His spatial recognition and knowledge of how to pull defenders out of position allows him to problem-solve on the fly and find teammates in scoring areas with crisp, accurate passes. Benson's a very skilled player as well, showing himself capable of making flashy plays with the puck to beat defenders and open attacking lanes. Takes care of the puck and makes sound decisions at both ends of the ice, making him a natural driver of puck-possession at even strength.

NHL COMPARABLE: Mitch Marner



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OLIVER MOORE

CENTER · USNTDP U18 · NTDP · 5'11" · 195 LBS · L
SEASON STATS: 61GP · 31G · 44A · 75P · 26PIM

SKATING	A	PHYSICALITY	C-	SENSES	B
PUCK SKILLS	B	SHOOTING	C	PASSING	B

HIGH-END PROSPECT

SCOUTING REPORT: Moore is a speedy, playmaking two-way center who is able to make an impact on the ice through both effort and finesse. More often than not, Moore is the fastest player on the ice, as for my money he's the best skater in the class, allowing him to pressure on both the forecheck and backcheck to generate turnovers. He supports pucks well in his own zone and assists his defensemen in puck retrievals, and can quickly break the puck up and out through the neutral zone with his speed. A natural attacker on the rush and can make plays at top speed, though he relies more on his speed than his hands to shed checks.

NHL COMPARABLE: Dylan Larkin



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RYAN LEONARD

RIGHT WING · USNTDP U18 · NTDP · 6'0" · 190 LBS · R
SEASON STATS: 57GP · 51G · 43A · 94P · 46PIM

SKATING	C+	PHYSICALITY	B+	SENSES	B
PUCK SKILLS	B	SHOOTING	B+	PASSING	C+

HIGH-END PROSPECT

SCOUTING REPORT: The top goal-scoring talent in this year's talented American crop, Leonard is a bulldog of a forward who can power his way into scoring areas on the ice and play in dirty areas with ease. Leonard is a strong, tenacious player who doesn't shy away from contact deep in the offensive zone, willing to take on opposing defenders below the hash marks and in front of the net. Owns a strong shot and can beat netminders from medium range while also having a nose for the net; has good hands in tight and can corral rebounds around the crease or handle the puck in traffic to get the puck on goal during chaotic situations.

NHL COMPARABLE: Timo Meier



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DAVID REINBACHER

DEFENSE • EHC KLOTEN • NLA • 6'2" • 194 LBS • R

SEASON STATS: 46GP • 3G • 19A • 22P • 26PIM

SKATING	B-	PHYSICALITY	B	SENSES	A-
PUCK SKILLS	B-	SHOOTING	C+	PASSING	A-

HIGH-END PROSPECT

SCOUTING REPORT: A steady and well-rounded two-way defenseman, Reinbacher represents one of the highest floors in the draft with his mature and poised style of play. Reinbacher won't often bring you out of your seat with flash, but his all-around game is conducive to a high-end puck-possession style of game. Reinbacher is responsible with the puck and is an excellent puck mover with a crisp and accurate first pass out of his own. Defends well in his own zone with sound stick and body positioning, allowing him to close down shooting and passing lanes and generate turnovers to regain possession of the puck.

NHL COMPARABLE: Moritz Seider



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AXEL SANDIN PELLIKKA

DEFENSE • SKELLEFTEÅ AIK • SHL • 5'11" • 180 LBS • R

SEASON STATS: 22GP • 2G • 3A • 5P • 0PIM

SKATING	B+	PHYSICALITY	D+	SENSES	B
PUCK SKILLS	B	SHOOTING	B-	PASSING	B+

HIGH-END PROSPECT

SCOUTING REPORT: A talented offensive defenseman with a developing two-way game, Sandin Pellikka is a highly-mobile right shot blue liner who was a fixture at international events for Sweden this past year, playing a role at both the U18 and U20 World Junior Championships. Sandin Pellikka is a natural powerplay quarterback due to his advanced offensive vision from the blue line, he reads and reacts to space incredibly well and has the passing ability and skill to exploit holes in coverage to find teammates; he does a good job of opening up shooting lanes with quick cuts and can get pucks through from the point.

NHL COMPARABLE: Damon Severson



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BRAYDEN YAGER

CENTER • MOOSE JAW WARRIORS • WHL • 5'11" • 170 LBS • R

SEASON STATS: 67GP • 28G • 50A • 78P • 14PIM

SKATING	B-	PHYSICALITY	C	SENSES	B
PUCK SKILLS	B-	SHOOTING	A	PASSING	B

TOP OF LINEUP PLAYER

SCOUTING REPORT: A dual-threat center with the best shot in the draft only behind Bedard, Yager is a competitive center who can play in tight spaces and contribute in multiple ways. The standout in Yager's game starts with his shot – it's his calling card, with a lightning-quick release that allows him to get the puck on net at a moment's notice with power and precision, enabling him to shoot and score in tight spaces or in stride while attacking on the rush. He moves well with good north-south speed and can find teammates with crisp, accurate passes; is at his best when he's engaged in assisting in defensive zone breakups.

NHL COMPARABLE: Jared McCann



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NATE DANIELSON

CENTER · BRANDON WHEAT KINGS · WHL · 6'2" · 186 LBS · R
SEASON STATS: 68GP · 33G · 45A · 78P · 38PIM

SKATING	B-	PHYSICALITY	B-	SENSES	B
PUCK SKILLS	B	SHOOTING	B+	PASSING	B-

TOP OF LINEUP PLAYER

SCOUTING REPORT: Danielson is a mature dual-threat two-way center who may be among the most NHL-ready prospects in the class. Danielson's standout quality is in his intelligence and poise at both ends of the ice, he's engaged in his own zone and helps his defensemen transition the puck up and out of his own zone with strong awareness and puck support. A natural fit on both special teams units with a more natural goal-scorer's tool kit, possessing a strong shot with a deceptive release and a willingness to play in hard areas; utilizes his teammates very well and can distribute with smart, efficient passes.

NHL COMPARABLE: Dawson Mercer



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QUENTIN MUSTY

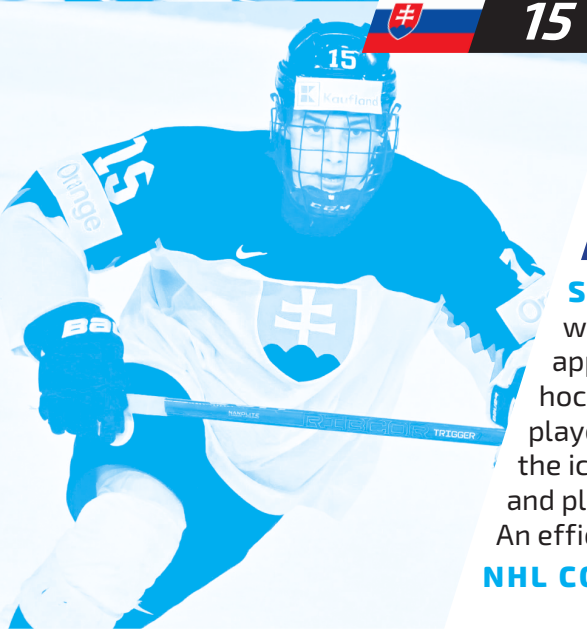
LEFT WING · SUDBURY WOLVES · OHL · 6'2" · 200 LBS · L
SEASON STATS: 53GP · 26G · 52A · 78P · 0PIM

SKATING	C	PHYSICALITY	B+	SENSES	B-
PUCK SKILLS	B+	SHOOTING	B+	PASSING	B

TOP OF LINEUP PLAYER

SCOUTING REPORT: A highly tenacious and skilled winger with a well-rounded offensive tool kit, Musty is a rare, sought-after breed of hockey player in today's NHL. Musty relishes playing the role of a pest, rarely shying away from engaging with opponents between whistles or in contested areas on the ice. Musty is an excellent tight areas player, as he's highly skilled and can handle the puck in traffic, find teammates with passes through small windows, and is able to score from distance as well with an accurate and deceptive wrist shot. Not the best skater, but profiles as a top-six, hard skill winger at the NHL level.

NHL COMPARABLE: J.T. Miller



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DALIBOR DVORSKY

CENTER · AIK · ALLSVENSKAN · 6'1" · 201 LBS · L
SEASON STATS: 38GP · 6G · 8A · 14P · 16PIM

SKATING	C	PHYSICALITY	B+	SENSES	B
PUCK SKILLS	B	SHOOTING	B+	PASSING	B-

TOP OF LINEUP PLAYER

SCOUTING REPORT: Dvorsky is a mature and skilled two-way center who has been on the scouting radar for quite some time now, with multiple appearances for Slovakia at international events as well as a full season of pro hockey under his belt in Sweden. Dvorsky plays a very well-refined game for a player his age with two-way smarts and commitment to playing in hard areas on the ice. He's a stocky and powerful player who can fight his way through checks and play in small spaces with both strong puck protection skills and hands in tight. An efficient distributor, but will make his money as a shooter in the offensive zone.

NHL COMPARABLE: Bo Horvat



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MATTHEW WOOD

WING / CENTER · UNIV. OF CONNECTICUT · NCAA · 6'4" · 197 LBS · R
SEASON STATS: 35GP · 11G · 23A · 34P · 4PIM

SKATING	C-	PHYSICALITY	A-	SENSES	B-
PUCK SKILLS	B	SHOOTING	B+	PASSING	B

TOP OF LINEUP PLAYER

SCOUTING REPORT: A highly-skilled power forward with a heavy shot and underrated playmaking smarts, Wood is a versatile and toolsy forward with a high offensive ceiling. The youngest player in the NCAA this past season, Wood put together one of the top freshman seasons in the country and was the catalyst for UCONN's offense. Wood is a very inconsistent skater, wavering between choppy strides or strong fluidity for a player his size, but he owns a heavy shot, slick small area skill, and advanced problem-solving ability and can read and react off of his teammates well to play off the cycle and generate offense.

NHL COMPARABLE: Mikko Rantanen Lite



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GABE PERREAULT

LEFT WING · USNTDP U18 · NTDP · 5'11" · 163 LBS · L
SEASON STATS: 63GP · 53G · 79A · 132P · 8PIM

SKATING	C	PHYSICALITY	C-	SENSES	A-
PUCK SKILLS	B+	SHOOTING	C+	PASSING	B+

TOP OF LINEUP PLAYER

SCOUTING REPORT: An intelligent and dynamic playmaking talent with some of the most natural distributing skills in the draft. Perreault shattered scoring records this year for the U.S. National Team Development Program. Perreault sees the ice as well as anybody in this draft class with an ability to read and react to open space in the offensive zone at a moment's notice. He's capable of threading the needle through tight spaces to find linemates for dangerous scoring opportunities on the back post or through the seam for one-timers; an average skater for his size, but is elusive with crafty puck-handling ability.

NHL COMPARABLE: Ray Whitney



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GAVIN BRINDLEY

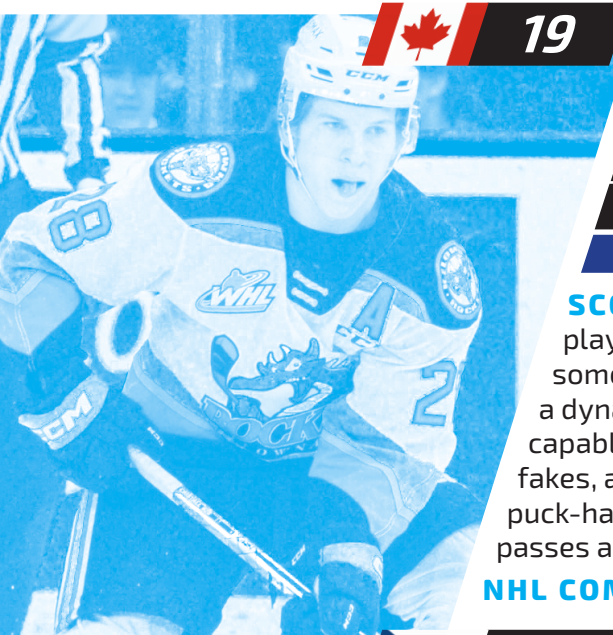
RIGHT WING / CENTER · UNIV. OF MICHIGAN · NCAA · 5'8" · 168 LBS · R
SEASON STATS: 41GP · 12G · 26A · 38P · 22PIM

SKATING	B-	PHYSICALITY	C-	SENSES	B+
PUCK SKILLS	B	SHOOTING	C	PASSING	B+

TOP OF LINEUP PLAYER

SCOUTING REPORT: What Brindley lacks in size and dynamic speed, he makes up for in versatility, skill, and advanced offensive smarts. Brindley is such a crafty player with the puck on his stick, as he can finesse the puck through small areas with his hands and link up with teammates with creative passes. He's capable of distributing off of both his forehand and backhand, and can pull off flashy plays with no-look passes to deceive opposing defenders. Capable of playing both wing and center, and works hard to make up for his size deficit and contribute at both ends of the ice for his team.

NHL COMPARABLE: David Krejci



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ANDREW CRISTALL

LEFT WING · KELOWNA ROCKETS · WHL · 5'10" · 175 LBS · L
SEASON STATS: 54GP · 39G · 56A · 95P · 50PIM

SKATING	C+	PHYSICALITY	D	SENSES	B
PUCK SKILLS	A-	SHOOTING	C+	PASSING	B+

TOP OF LINEUP PLAYER

SCOUTING REPORT: A pure offensive winger with elite puck skills and playmaking ability, Cristall is a slippery and elusive forward who can create something out of nothing with his advanced one-on-one ability. Cristall is not a dynamic skater for a player his size with roughly average mobility, but he's capable of opening up opposing defenders with excellent body positioning and fakes, allowing him to freeze defenders and cut through open space with slick puck-handling ability. Cristall is a gifted distributor who can make one-touch passes and deliver accurate backhand passes into dangerous scoring areas.

NHL COMPARABLE: Jesper Bratt Lite



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EDUARD ŠALÉ

RIGHT WING / LEFT WING · HC KOMETA BRNO · CZECHIA · 6'2" · 175 LBS · L
SEASON STATS: 43GP · 7G · 7A · 14P · 2PIM

SKATING	B+	PHYSICALITY	C	SENSES	B-
PUCK SKILLS	B	SHOOTING	B-	PASSING	B+

TOP / MIDDLE OF LINEUP BUBBLE

SCOUTING REPORT: Šalé is a gifted one-way winger who plays with a high skill level and dual-threat upside. Šalé is a raw offensive force who does not bring much in terms of physicality or defensive play but has a collection of high-end offensive tools that make him a serious threat when he's playing at his best. Šalé is a gifted stick handler who can manipulate the puck through checks and open up space when attacking off the rush, allowing him to change games in just one trip up the ice. Best used as a distributor during extending periods of offensive zone time, as he can find linemates with accurate seam passes.

NHL COMPARABLE: Simon Gagné



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COLBY BARLOW

RIGHT WING / LEFT WING · OWEN SOUND ATTACK · OHL · 6'1" · 187 LBS · L
SEASON STATS: 59GP · 46G · 33A · 79P · 29PIM

SKATING	C-	PHYSICALITY	A-	SENSES	B
PUCK SKILLS	B-	SHOOTING	B+	PASSING	C

TOP / MIDDLE OF LINEUP BUBBLE

SCOUTING REPORT: An imposing power winger with a high motor and heavy shot, Barlow is a natural goal-scoring talent with his ability to put pucks in the back of the net in a variety of ways. Barlow is a handful for opposing defenders to handle below the hash marks in the offensive zone; he's incredibly strong on pucks and is difficult to win body positioning from, allowing him to set up shop in hard areas to make himself available for passes or rebounds. Barlow is a somewhat sluggish skater, but has reliable practical skill to battle through checks and can score from distance with his hard and accurate shot.

NHL COMPARABLE: Mike Knuble



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TOM WILLANDER

DEFENSE · RÖGLE BK J20 · SWE-J20 · 6'1" · 180 LBS · R

SEASON STATS: 39GP · 4G · 21A · 25P · 22PIM

SKATING	B+	PHYSICALITY	B	SENSES	B
PUCK SKILLS	C+	SHOOTING	C	PASSING	B

TOP / MIDDLE OF LINEUP BUBBLE

SCOUTING REPORT: One of the draft's biggest late-season risers this year, Willander wowed scouts at the U18 World Junior Championships for Sweden, where he showcased his well-rounded two-way game with high-end mobility. Willander is an incredibly efficient and steady presence on the ice, consistently making strong decisions with the puck and moving pucks effectively and quickly with his high-end mobility and crisp, accurate outlet passes. Not a high-end offensive creator, but a well-rounded, puck-possession demon who defends opposing transition probes exceptionally well.

NHL COMPARABLE: John Marino



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MIKHAIL GULYAYEV

DEFENSE · OMSKIE YASTREBY · MHL · 5'10" · 170 LBS · L

SEASON STATS: 22GP · 2G · 23A · 25P · 18PIM

SKATING	A-	PHYSICALITY	D+	SENSES	B-
PUCK SKILLS	B+	SHOOTING	C	PASSING	B+

TOP / MIDDLE OF LINEUP BUBBLE

SCOUTING REPORT: One of the draft's top offensive talents on the blue line, Gulyayev is an elite skater with high-end playmaking vision and natural puck-moving instincts. Gulyayev can make so many plays happen from the offensive blue line with just his feet, able to shake checkers with quick pivots and fakes to open up time and space. His ability to make defenders miss allows him to open up shooting lanes from the point or find teammates with seam passes with crisp, accurate passes. Prone to some questionable decisions with the puck, but owns a high ceiling as a top offensive contributor at the pro level.

NHL COMPARABLE: Roman Josi Lite



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RILEY HEIDT

CENTER · PRINCE GEORGE COUGARS · WHL · 5'11" · 180 LBS · L

SEASON STATS: 68GP · 25G · 72A · 97P · 36PIM

SKATING	B-	PHYSICALITY	C-	SENSES	B
PUCK SKILLS	B	SHOOTING	C-	PASSING	A-

TOP / MIDDLE OF LINEUP BUBBLE

SCOUTING REPORT: Heidt is an intelligent and shifty center who is among the top pure playmakers in the class, he owns plus mobility and can make high-end passing plays in transition, as he can read coverage quickly and can open up passing lanes by making defenders miss with head and shoulder fakes. Heidt is an incredibly accurate passer, able to find linemates with difficult passes in scoring areas, whether that be soft area passes into space or tape-to-tape cross-seam dots for one-timer opportunities. A weak shooter who doesn't show much dual-threat ability, but has top-six playmaking upside.

NHL COMPARABLE: Scott Gomez



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TANNER MOLENDYK

DEFENSE • SASKATOON BLADES • WHL • 5'11" • 181 LBS • L
SEASON STATS: 67GP • 9G • 28A • 37P • 37PIM

SKATING	A	PHYSICALITY	C-	SENSES	B
PUCK SKILLS	B-	SHOOTING	C-	PASSING	B

TOP / MIDDLE OF LINEUP BUBBLE

SCOUTING REPORT: A play-killing two-way defenseman with elite edges, Molendyk is an incredibly mobile blue liner who can control gaps and defend the rush effortlessly. Beating Molendyk on the rush with speed is very difficult, as his four-way mobility and quick-twitch reactions allow him to control gaps easily. He demonstrates good stick positioning and can break up plays with his stick, while his mobility allows him to transition pucks quickly. An average shooter and passer, but may have more to give on the offensive side of the puck due to his ability to make checkers miss and evade opponents with his agility.

NHL COMPARABLE: Matt Grzelcyk



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DANIIL BUT

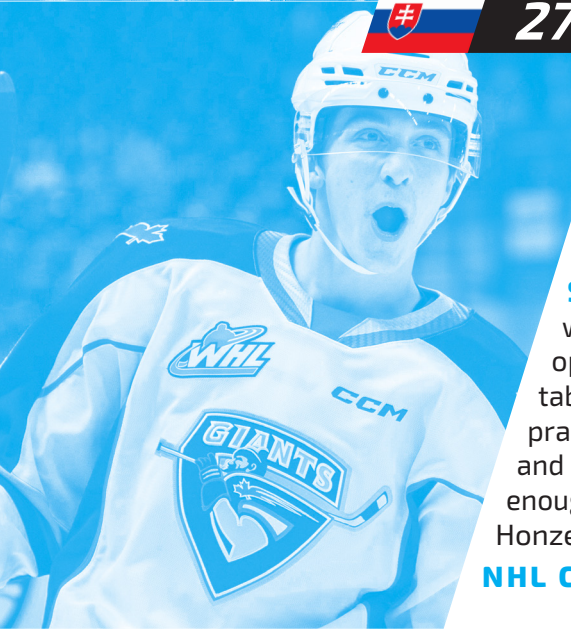
LEFT WING • LOKO YAROSLAVL • MHL • 6'5" • 203 LBS • R
SEASON STATS: 26GP • 15G • 11A • 26P • 22PIM

SKATING	C-	PHYSICALITY	A-	SENSES	B-
PUCK SKILLS	B	SHOOTING	B+	PASSING	B-

TOP / MIDDLE OF LINEUP BUBBLE

SCOUTING REPORT: Daniil But is a skilled offensive winger with the soft skill of an undersized forward in the frame of a towering power forward. Though But doesn't play the game with a tenacious bite, he is able to leverage his size when it comes to puck control and play below the dots. His reach, frame, and skill make him a nightmare for opposing defenders to handle in tight areas in the offensive zone, whether that be between the dots, below the goal line, or along the boards. But is a heavy shooter who certainly profiles more as a goal-scorer at the pro level, but does flash strong playmaking instincts.

NHL COMPARABLE: Jason Arnett



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SAMUEL HONZEK

LEFT WING • VANCOUVER GIANTS • WHL • 6'3" • 195 LBS • L
SEASON STATS: 43GP • 23G • 33A • 56P • 16PIM

SKATING	B-	PHYSICALITY	B+	SENSES	B-
PUCK SKILLS	B-	SHOOTING	B	PASSING	B-

MIDDLE OF LINEUP PLAYER

SCOUTING REPORT: A big-bodied, versatile, toolsy winger, Honzek has a wide array of base skills at his disposal that are bound to make him an attractive option for NHL clubs at the draft table. Honzek brings a bit of everything to the table – he's a plus skater who can get up and down the ice efficiently, has reliable, practical skill, shoots the puck well, and can distribute effectively with well-timed and placed passes. I'm personally not sure if any of his individual tools are high-end enough for him to develop into an impact forward, but there's plenty to work with in Honzek that he's bound to play NHL games in a meaningful role.

NHL COMPARABLE: Brandon Saad



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CALUM RITCHIE

CENTER · OSHAWA GENERALS · OHL · 6'2" · 187 LBS · R

SEASON STATS: 59GP · 24G · 35A · 59P · 35PIM

SKATING	C	PHYSICALITY	B	SENSES	B
PUCK SKILLS	B	SHOOTING	B	PASSING	B-

MIDDLE OF LINEUP PLAYER

SCOUTING REPORT: A well-rounded center with strong hockey sense and standout skill, Ritchie came into the season near the very top of many draft boards and slipped for a variety of reasons, some not his fault. Ritchie played the bulk of this season with an injury that limited his mobility and struggled to find a consistent offensive groove throughout the year, but when he's on his game, there's a lot to like. Ritchie is a very skilled, big-bodied center who can make advanced plays in tight and beat netminders from close or medium range, and displays strong smarts and playmaking vision to make his teammates better.

NHL COMPARABLE: Robert Lang



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LUCA CAGNONI

DEFENSE · PORTLAND WINTERHAWKS · WHL · 5'9" · 182 LBS · L

SEASON STATS: 67GP · 17G · 47A · 64P · 46PIM

SKATING	B	PHYSICALITY	D	SENSES	B
PUCK SKILLS	B	SHOOTING	B+	PASSING	B-

MIDDLE OF LINEUP PLAYER

SCOUTING REPORT: A raw, talented offensive defenseman, Cagnoni was the catalyst most nights for a very successful Portland team this year in the WHL. Cagnoni has a long way to come with his defensive game and will need to add plenty of strength to his diminutive frame to hold up to pro competition, but you'll be hard-pressed to find a more naturally gifted offensive defenseman in this class. Cagnoni is a very skilled and dynamic attacker when working at his best, able to join the attack and carry the puck to find his way into scoring areas, and owns a very strong shot and is a natural powerplay quarterback.

NHL COMPARABLE: Shayne Gostisbehere



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OTTO STENBERG

CENTER · FRÖLUNDA HC J20 · SWE-J20 · 5'11" · 185 LBS · L

SEASON STATS: 29GP · 11G · 15A · 26P · 53PIM

SKATING	B-	PHYSICALITY	C+	SENSES	B
PUCK SKILLS	B	SHOOTING	B-	PASSING	B-

MIDDLE OF LINEUP PLAYER

SCOUTING REPORT: It was almost a tale of two players for Stenberg throughout this draft cycle, as when he was skating for his club team he didn't quite have the offensive output you would expect from a player with his tool kit, but was a dominant, dynamic force when skating internationally for Sweden. When Stenberg was skating at his best, he checks nearly every box that you look for in a potential top-six forward, with skill, creativity, smarts, a quick shot, and efficient distribution skills. Stenberg is also a very steady two-way presence on the ice, presenting a fairly easily projectable skill set to pro hockey.

NHL COMPARABLE: Mikael Backlund



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GRACYN SAWCHYN

CENTER · SEATTLE THUNDERBIRDS · WHL · 5'11" · 155 LBS · R
SEASON STATS: 58GP · 18G · 40A · 58P · 68PIM

SKATING	B-	PHYSICALITY	C-	SENSES	B
PUCK SKILLS	A-	SHOOTING	D+	PASSING	A-

MIDDLE OF LINEUP PLAYER

SCOUTING REPORT: A pure playmaker who is amongst the flashiest prospects available in the draft class, Sawchyn can be a very fun and exciting player to watch when he's at his best. Sawchyn is a very shifty and slippery player, able to probe for open holes to cut through with high-end agility and elite puck skills. He can cut through defenders and set flashy passes to teammates for scoring opportunities, capable of distributing off both his forehand and backhand to keep defenders guessing; a weak shooter and undersized frame may limit him, but the ceiling is very high for a team willing to swing on skill.

NHL COMPARABLE: Mike Ribeiro



32 

WILLIAM WHITELAW

CENTER · YOUNGSTOWN PHANTOMS · USHL · 5'9" · 175 LBS · R
SEASON STATS: 62GP · 36G · 25A · 61P · 90PIM

SKATING	B-	PHYSICALITY	D	SENSES	B-
PUCK SKILLS	B+	SHOOTING	A-	PASSING	B-

MIDDLE OF LINEUP PLAYER

SCOUTING REPORT: A naturally gifted offensive talent with a ranging tool box of high-end tools, Whitelaw owns legitimate top-six, impact upside with his blend of skill, creation, and a legitimate shot. Whitelaw is a top scoring talent with a wicked wrist shot with a quick release that allows him to beat netminders from medium range, and can cut his way into scoring areas with slick puck skills. There have been whispers of character concerns with Whitelaw, particularly after a notable omission from USA's World Junior A roster, but the upside is legitimate for a team willing to take the chance.

NHL COMPARABLE: Jonathan Marchessault



33 

BRADLY NADEAU

LEFT WING / CENTER · PENTICTON VEES · BCHL · 5'10" · 160 LBS · R
SEASON STATS: 54GP · 45G · 68A · 113P · 20PIM

SKATING	B-	PHYSICALITY	D+	SENSES	B
PUCK SKILLS	B-	SHOOTING	A-	PASSING	B-

MIDDLE OF LINEUP PLAYER

SCOUTING REPORT: A natural scoring talent, Nadeau set the BCHL ablaze this past season with the Penticton Vees with 113 points in just 54 games. Nadeau was simply a cut above the competition at that level, and we'll have to see how he adapts to the NCAA next season. Nadeau's elite shot and high-end offensive smarts were too much for defenders and goaltenders to handle in the BCHL, he's capable of picking corners from range and can shoot the puck in stride while attacking off the rush, and shows good vision and smarts with the puck to set up open teammates after drawing pressure to himself.

NHL COMPARABLE: Troy Terry



 **34**

OSCAR FISKER MØLGAARD

CENTER · HV71 · SHL · 6'0" · 166 LBS · L

SEASON STATS: 41GP · 4G · 3A · 7P · 2PIM

SKATING	B+	PHYSICALITY	C+	SENSES	B
PUCK SKILLS	B-	SHOOTING	B-	PASSING	B-

MIDDLE OF LINEUP PLAYER

SCOUTING REPORT: A speedy, high-motor two-way center, Mølgaard was able to hold down a consistent spot in an SHL lineup this year due to his trustworthy and mature two-way habits. Mølgaard shows maturity beyond his years in his own end, coming back to support his defenders in coverage and assist in puck retrievals, and can transition from defense to offense quickly with speed through the neutral zone. His speed allows him to forecheck effectively and hound pucks, as he's able to will his way to scoring situations. Lacks true high-end offensive tools, but owns a steady floor that coaches are bound to love.

NHL COMPARABLE: John Madden



 **35**

NICK LARDIS

RIGHT WING · HAMILTON BULLDOGS · OHL · 5'11" · 168 LBS · L

SEASON STATS: 69GP · 37G · 28A · 65P · 6PIM

SKATING	A	PHYSICALITY	C+	SENSES	B-
PUCK SKILLS	B-	SHOOTING	B	PASSING	C

MIDDLE OF LINEUP PLAYER

SCOUTING REPORT: A speedy, high-energy goal-scorer with above-average skill, Lardis found renewed life this season after a midseason trade to Hamilton, where he quickly became a key player for the Bulldogs and led the team in goals following the trade. Lardis is one of the fastest straight-line skaters in the draft class, allowing him to quickly make something out of nothing with speed through the neutral zone. He's able to burn defenders down the boards and work his way into scoring areas on the ice; works hard and flashes good puck skills, but has a fairly basic distribution skill set.

NHL COMPARABLE: David Legwand



 **36**

MICHAEL HRABAL

GOALTENDER · OMAHA LANCERS · USHL · 6'7" · 215 LBS · L

SEASON STATS: 31GP · 2.68 GAA · .908 SV%

HIGH	C+	ATHLETICISM	C	SENSES	B
LOW	B+	SIZE	S	POSITIONING	B+

STARTING GOALTENDER

SCOUTING REPORT: The consensus top goaltending prospect in the class, Hrabal has highly-coveted size and shows strong refinement in his movements that should make him projectable to higher levels of hockey. Hrabal's size is the obvious standout when it comes to his profile, as he clocked in at the combine at just a shade under 6'7", putting him in rare territory as a goaltending prospect that always turns heads when it comes around. Hrabal doesn't waste movements in his crease, allowing his size to do the work with steady positioning, excellent sealing of the lower part of the net, and strong play-ready ability.

NHL COMPARABLE: Ben Bishop

 **37**

BEAU AKEY

DEFENSE • BARRIE COLTS • OHL • 6'0" • 175 LBS • R
SEASON STATS: 66GP • 11G • 36A • 47P • 39PIM

SKATING	B+	PHYSICALITY	C+	SENSES	B
PUCK SKILLS	B-	SHOOTING	C	PASSING	B

MIDDLE OF LINEUP PLAYER

SCOUTING REPORT: A fleet-of-foot two-way, puck-moving defenseman, Akey may not wow offensively like your prototypical smaller mobile blue liner, but he plays a very projectable steady game that I believe makes him a natural fit as a modern-day NHL defenseman. Akey is a gifted four-way skater, able to pivot and shift directions with ease to maintain his gaps when defending the rush to deny zone entries. A strong puck-mover who is adept at retrieving pucks and quickly transitioning with a crisp outlet pass or skating the puck out of danger himself; will need to add strength to his frame, but is a steady, projectable defender.

NHL COMPARABLE: Mike Matheson

 **38**

JACOB FOWLER

GOALTENDER • YOUNGSTOWN PHANTOMS • USHL • 6'2" • 201 LBS • L
SEASON STATS: 40GP • 2.28 GAA • .921 SV%

HIGH	B-	ATHLETICISM	C+	SENSES	B+
LOW	B+	SIZE	B-	POSITIONING	B+

STARTING GOALTENDER

SCOUTING REPORT: Fowler is a technical-gifted goaltender who is able to stop pucks with his ability to read plays and routinely be in proper position. Fowler was the USHL's Goaltender of the Year this past season, posting a stellar regular season with a .921 save percentage before leading the Phantoms on a championship run with a .952 save percentage in nine games, going 8-1 during his playoff starts. Fowler is a very technically sound goalie with good movements in his crease, quick hands, and shows good reaction time. Not a natural athlete and will need to work on his athleticism to advance to higher levels.

NHL COMPARABLE: Cory Schneider

 **39**

ROMAN KANTSEROV

RIGHT WING • STALNYE MAGNITOGORSK • MHL • 5'9" • 176 LBS • R
SEASON STATS: 45GP • 27G • 27A • 54P • 17PIM

SKATING	B+	PHYSICALITY	D+	SENSES	B-
PUCK SKILLS	B+	SHOOTING	C+	PASSING	B

MIDDLE OF LINEUP PLAYER

SCOUTING REPORT: Kantserov is an undersized but hard-working winger who plays the game with a good deal of speed and skill. Kantserov is at his best when he's leveraging his skating ability to push the pace of play, getting in quickly on opposing defenders and challenging players with his speed and smooth puck skills to open up space in transition. He can spin away from checks and send tricky passes into high-danger areas to generate scoring chances for teammates, or walk past defenders to get in tight on goaltenders. Kantserov is a very undersized forward who will need to add strength to hold up to bigger opponents.

NHL COMPARABLE: Max Domi



 **40**

ETHAN GAUTHIER

RIGHT WING · SHERBROOKE PHOENIX · QMJHL · 6'0" · 183 LBS · R
SEASON STATS: 66GP · 30G · 39A · 69P · 47PIM

SKATING	C+	PHYSICALITY	B+	SENSES	B
PUCK SKILLS	B-	SHOOTING	B-	PASSING	B-

MIDDLE OF LINEUP PLAYER

SCOUTING REPORT: A high-motor, physical winger who works hard to find his way into premium scoring areas in the offensive zone, Gauthier plays bigger than he is due to his commitment to fighting his way to the interior of the ice to make an impact. Gauthier isn't a flashy or supremely skilled player, but his hands in tight areas are generally good and allow him to corral pucks close his feet, though you're not often going to see him pull off flashy one-on-one dekes. Gauthier owns a strong wrist shot and can bury pucks when shooting from the slot, while also showing capable, efficient playmaking ability.

NHL COMPARABLE: Anders Lee



 **41**

MATTHEW MANIA

DEFENSE · SUDBURY WOLVES · OHL · 6'0" · 187 LBS · R
SEASON STATS: 67GP · 10G · 28A · 38P · 42PIM

SKATING	B	PHYSICALITY	C+	SENSES	C+
PUCK SKILLS	B+	SHOOTING	B-	PASSING	B-

MIDDLE OF LINEUP PLAYER

SCOUTING REPORT: One of the most fun and flashy defensemen in the draft to watch when he's on his game, Mania is a remarkably skilled defenseman who is capable of making difficult one-on-one plays with his hands to cut his way into scoring areas when attacking on the rush. Mania's puck skills highlight his offensive game, as he's capable of scoring highlight-reel goals and isn't afraid to challenge opponents with his skill to open up space. Mania is guilty of playing with fire more often than he should with his skill and will need to learn more restraint, but may be poised for a big breakout in the near future.

NHL COMPARABLE: John Klingberg



 **42**

THEO LINDSTEIN

DEFENSE · BRYNÄS IF · SHL · 6'0" · 185 LBS · L
SEASON STATS: 32GP · 1G · 1A · 2P · 0PIM

SKATING	B	PHYSICALITY	B-	SENSES	B-
PUCK SKILLS	C+	SHOOTING	C+	PASSING	B

MIDDLE OF LINEUP PLAYER

SCOUTING REPORT: A steady, smooth-skating two-way blue liner who projects as a higher-end play-killer rather than an impact offensive presence, Lindstein has a collection of plus tool that you look for in a modern-day defenseman. Lindstein's game is built upon a base of high-end mobility, as he can pivot and move in all four directions with ease to maintain gaps or move pucks effectively. Lindstein's puck skills and offensive instincts are fairly basic, as he doesn't often look to press the issue in the offensive zone, but he is an efficient puck distributor who makes sound decisions with the puck and delivers crisp passes.

NHL COMPARABLE: Andy Greene



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OLIVER BONK

DEFENSE • LONDON KNIGHTS • OHL • 6'2" • 180 LBS • R
SEASON STATS: 67GP • 10G • 30A • 40P • 38PIM

SKATING	B-	PHYSICALITY	B+	SENSES	B-
PUCK SKILLS	C+	SHOOTING	B-	PASSING	B-

MIDDLE OF LINEUP PLAYER

SCOUTING REPORT: A big, well-rounded, play-killing defenseman with NHL bloodlines, Bonk checks a lot of boxes as a potential shutdown defenseman that makes him very attractive to NHL teams. Bonk isn't a dynamic offensive player and likely won't be a significant point producer at the next level, but the team that drafts Bonk will be betting on his sound, steady style of play to make a consistent contribution in the top-four of an NHL defense. He moves well for his size, is willing to engage physically to separate attackers from the puck, and has excellent stick and body positioning that allows him to break up plays.

NHL COMPARABLE: Jonas Siegenthaler



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ÉTIENNE MORIN

DEFENSE • MONCTON WILDCATS • QMJHL • 6'0" • 180 LBS • L
SEASON STATS: 67GP • 21G • 51A • 72P • 50PIM

SKATING	C	PHYSICALITY	B	SENSES	B-
PUCK SKILLS	B-	SHOOTING	B+	PASSING	B-

MIDDLE OF LINEUP PLAYER

SCOUTING REPORT: One of the top scoring defensemen in the CHL this past season, Morin is a talented offensive player from the backend who is capable of putting up gaudy goal totals with his heavy point shot. Morin is excellent at getting shots through from the point, able to find shooting lanes by freezing checkers at the blue line, and is a volume shooter who rarely passes up opportunities to get the puck on goal. Prone to defensive miscues and some poor decisions with the puck, but also plays with a physical bite and can separate players from the puck with his body.

NHL COMPARABLE: Filip Hronek



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DAVID EDSTROM

CENTER • FRÖLUNDA HC J20 • SWE-J20 • 6'3" • 185 LBS • L
SEASON STATS: 28GP • 15G • 13A • 28P • 12PIM

SKATING	C+	PHYSICALITY	B+	SENSES	B
PUCK SKILLS	B-	SHOOTING	B-	PASSING	C+

MIDDLE / BOTTOM OF LINEUP BUBBLE

SCOUTING REPORT: A big-bodied, intelligent two-way center who quickly rose up draft boards towards the end of the season, Edstrom is a well-rounded forward whose defensive work rate makes him very projectable as at minimum a bottom six checking forward. Edstrom moves reasonably well for a player his size and has above-average hands, but the standout in his game is in his awareness and how well he reads the play at both ends of the ice. Works hard to get into scoring areas on the ice and doesn't shy away from the interior of the ice, allowing him to be in the right place at the right time.

NHL COMPARABLE: Scott Laughton



 **46**

KOEHN ZIEMMER

RIGHT WING • PRINCE GEORGE COUGARS • WHL • 6'0" • 210 LBS • R
SEASON STATS: 68GP • 41G • 48A • 89P • 43PIM

SKATING	D+	PHYSICALITY	B+	SENSES	B-
PUCK SKILLS	B+	SHOOTING	A-	PASSING	B-

MIDDLE / BOTTOM OF LINEUP BUBBLE

SCOUTING REPORT: A very skilled goal-scoring power winger who blends puck skills with tenacity to get to the net, Ziemmer is a legitimate scoring talent due to his number of high-end offensive tools. Pucks rocket off of Ziemmer's stick as he can pick corners from distance and has a very deceptive shot release, and can lift the puck in tight to the goal to score in dirty areas. Very slick puck-handler who can work through tight spaces, while also having size and strength to shake off checks. Skating will be the main hurdle for Ziemmer to overcome, as he's a well-below-average skater with a choppy stride.

NHL COMPARABLE: James van Riemsdyk



 **47**

ANTON WAHLBERG

CENTER / LEFT WING • MALMÖ J20 • SWE-J20 • 6'3" • 192 LBS • L
SEASON STATS: 32GP • 14G • 13A • 27P • 53PIM

SKATING	B-	PHYSICALITY	B+	SENSES	B-
PUCK SKILLS	B-	SHOOTING	B-	PASSING	B-

MIDDLE / BOTTOM OF LINEUP BUBBLE

SCOUTING REPORT: A big and competitive Swedish center who plays the game with surprising pace and skill for a player his size, Wahlberg's offensive traits grade out as above-average across the board, allowing him to contribute in multiple ways in the offensive zone. He skates well for his size and can push the pace of play with strong north-south hockey, and can shed checks with practical skill and puck protection ability. Shoots the puck well and can get his heavy frame behind his snap shot to beat netminders, with above-average distribution skills to find teammates in the offensive zone.

NHL COMPARABLE: Charlie Coyle



 **48**

JAYDEN PERRON

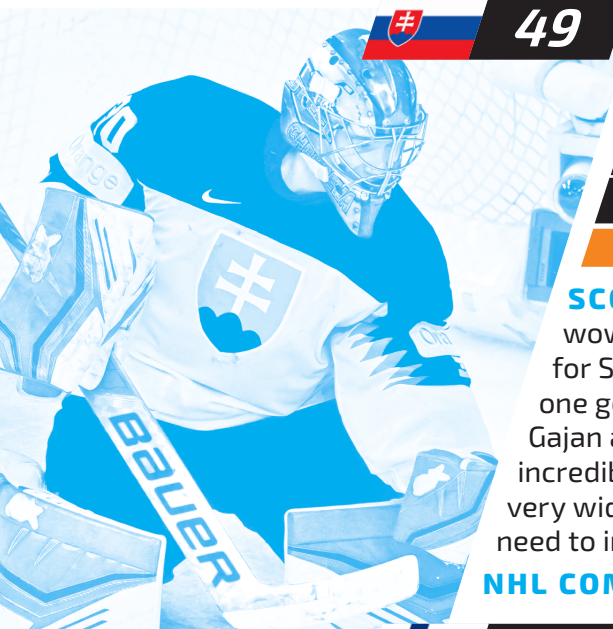
RIGHT WING • CHICAGO STEEL • USHL • 5'9" • 166 LBS • R
SEASON STATS: 61GP • 24G • 48A • 72P • 18PIM

SKATING	B-	PHYSICALITY	D-	SENSES	B-
PUCK SKILLS	A	SHOOTING	C+	PASSING	B

MIDDLE / BOTTOM OF LINEUP BUBBLE

SCOUTING REPORT: A highlight-reel generator with some of the slickest hands in the draft, Perron is an undersized but creative forward who can make defenders miss and weave through traffic as well as anyone in the class. Perron's standout quality has to be his elite hands, he can stickhandle in a phone booth and isn't shy about going for flashy, creative dekes to open up space in the offensive zone. Sees the offensive zone well and can distribute to teammates into tight windows; a fairly one-dimensional player who will need to improve his defensive play and add strength, but has very high upside.

NHL COMPARABLE: Conor Garland



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ADAM GAJAN *OVERAGER D+1*

GOALTENDER · CHIPPEWA STEEL · USHL · 6'3" · 180 LBS · L
SEASON STATS: 34GP · 2.57 GAA · .917 SV%

HIGH	C+	ATHLETICISM	B+	SENSES	B-
LOW	B+	SIZE	B	POSITIONING	B-

STARTING / TANDEM GOALTENDER

SCOUTING REPORT: The top overage prospect in this year's draft, Gajan wowed at the U20 World Junior Championships where he was sensational for Slovakia, posting a .936 save percentage and taking his team within one goal of defeating Canada in the medal round. What's so exciting about Gajan as a goaltending prospect is his length and athleticism, he seals the ice incredibly well and can post-to-post effortlessly with powerful pushes. Has a very wide butterfly and his size allows him to cover the top of the net well, will need to improve his hands but has a very strong base to work off of.

NHL COMPARABLE: Kari Lehtonen



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KASPER HALTTUNEN

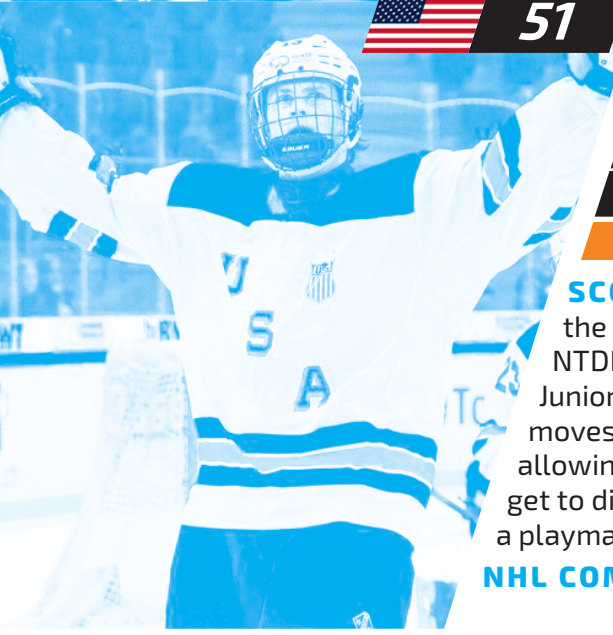
RIGHT WING · HIFK · LIIGA · 6'3" · 215 LBS · R
SEASON STATS: 27GP · 0G · 1A · 1P · 8PIM

SKATING	C-	PHYSICALITY	A-	SENSES	C+
PUCK SKILLS	B-	SHOOTING	A-	PASSING	C

MIDDLE / BOTTOM OF LINEUP BUBBLE

SCOUTING REPORT: A heavy goal-scoring talent that contributed on the scoresheet with his blend of strength and shooting ability, Halttunen is a boom-or-bust prospect with elite qualities but also significant holes in his game. Halttunen is an average skater at best and displays fairly basic playmaking habits, but his blend of size, above-average skill, and an elite shot make him an intoxicating and fascinating prospect. Owns legitimate 30-goal potential due to his ability to score from distance with his heavy shot, and can hold up in hard areas of the ice with his frame and puck protection ability.

NHL COMPARABLE: Fredrik Modin



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DANNY NELSON

CENTER · USNTDP U18 · NTDP · 6'3" · 212 LBS · L
SEASON STATS: 62GP · 21G · 26A · 47P · 52PIM

SKATING	C+	PHYSICALITY	B+	SENSES	B-
PUCK SKILLS	C+	SHOOTING	B-	PASSING	B-

MIDDLE / BOTTOM OF LINEUP BUBBLE

SCOUTING REPORT: A versatile two-way power center, Nelson ended the year red hot with borderline point-per-game production to close the NTDP season before putting in a very strong performance at the U18 World Junior Championships with seven points in just as many games. Nelson moves well for a player his size and plays a strong interior north-south game, allowing him to assist his defensemen in coverage, help pucks up the ice, and get to dirty areas in the offensive zone to score goals. A better scorer than he is a playmaker, but can distribute well and projects as a steady top-nine contributor.

NHL COMPARABLE: Nick Paul



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LUKAS DRAGICEVIC

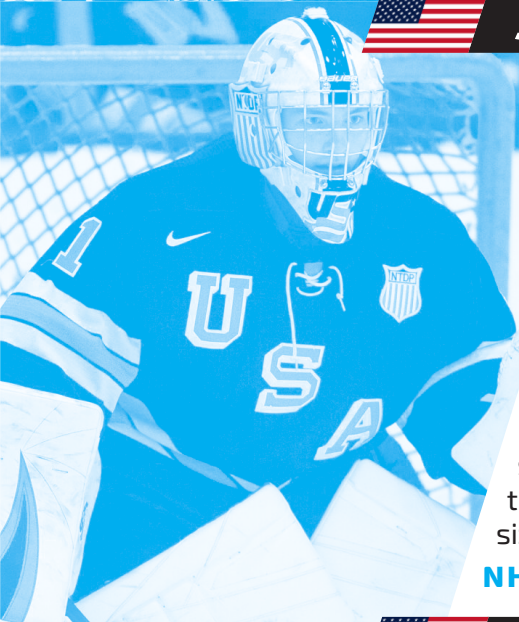
DEFENSE • TRI-CITY AMERICANS • LEAGUE • 6'1" • 194 LBS • R
SEASON STATS: 68GP • 15G • 60A • 75P • 54PIM

SKATING	D+	PHYSICALITY	B-	SENSES	B-
PUCK SKILLS	B+	SHOOTING	B	PASSING	B

MIDDLE / BOTTOM OF LINEUP BUBBLE

SCOUTING REPORT: A highly-skilled and creative right-shot defenseman, Dragicevic is arguably the top pure offensive defenseman in the class after a torrid season with Tri-City where he put up 15 goals and 75 points from the blue line. Dragicevic plays the game like a rover, taking every chance he can get to jump into the play and join the attack from the blue line. He has very strong puck skills that allow him to make players miss and find his way into open space; a very choppy skater who will need to round out his mobility and defensive game to be trusted high in an NHL lineup.

NHL COMPARABLE: Marek Zidlicky



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TREY AUGUSTINE

GOALTENDER • USNTDP U18 • NTDP • 6'1" • 190 LBS • L
SEASON STATS: 33GP • 2.13 GAA • .926 SV%

HIGH	B	ATHLETICISM	A-	SENSES	B-
LOW	B	SIZE	C	POSITIONING	B-

STARTING / TANDEM GOALTENDER

SCOUTING REPORT: An athletic and naturally talented American netminder, Augustine was a steady presence for the NTDP this year and has become a staple for USA at international events. The Michigan State commit is the most athletic goaltender available in this draft class, with excellent agility in his crease that allows him to go post-to-post easily and make difficult saves when pulled out of position. Technically sound with strong hands and a tight butterfly, and is an even-keeled presence in the crease; has below-average size by NHL standards, but has raw talent to overcome that obstacle.

NHL COMPARABLE: Marty Turco



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ANDREW STRATHMANN

DEFENSE • YOUNGSTOWN PHANTOMS • USHL • 5'11" • 185 LBS • L
SEASON STATS: 56GP • 3G • 35A • 38P • 102PIM

SKATING	C+	PHYSICALITY	B+	SENSES	B-
PUCK SKILLS	B-	SHOOTING	C	PASSING	B-

MIDDLE / BOTTOM OF LINEUP BUBBLE

SCOUTING REPORT: A two-way puck-moving defenseman who plays differently than most sub-6-foot defensemen with a physical bite to his game, Strathmann is a tenacious competitor who works hard to retrieve pucks and separate puck carriers from the puck. Strathmann isn't the fastest straight-line skater, but his edgework and agility are good, allowing him to stick with attackers in transition and control his gaps well. Shows strong stick positioning and can transition pucks effectively with a crisp outlet pass, and can contribute offensively with good skill and natural offensive instincts.

NHL COMPARABLE: Dmitri Kulikov



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FELIX NILSSON

CENTER · RÖGLE BK J20 · SWE-J20 · 6'1" · 187 LBS · L
SEASON STATS: 36GP · 19G · 22A · 41P · 26PIM

SKATING	B-	PHYSICALITY	C+	SENSES	B
PUCK SKILLS	B-	SHOOTING	C+	PASSING	B

MIDDLE / BOTTOM OF LINEUP BUBBLE

SCOUTING REPORT: A skilled and intelligent playmaking center, Nilsson sees the ice better than most at both ends of the ice and is a natural puck transporter. Nilsson supports pucks incredibly well, helping his team transition the puck through the neutral zone with quick passes and above-average mobility. Nilsson is a crisp offensive zone passer, able to deliver the puck to teammates with advanced playmaking vision, and can manipulate space with strong hands and puck skills. Likely doesn't have the shot to be a true dual-threat attacker, but is a very intelligent player who reads off his teammates well.

NHL COMPARABLE: Tyler Bozak



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CADEN PRICE

DEFENSE · KELOWNA ROCKETS · WHL · 6'1" · 190 LBS · L
SEASON STATS: 65GP · 5G · 35A · 40P · 43PIM

SKATING	B	PHYSICALITY	C+	SENSES	B-
PUCK SKILLS	B-	SHOOTING	C	PASSING	B

MIDDLE / BOTTOM OF LINEUP BUBBLE

SCOUTING REPORT: A mobile two-way defenseman who plays a steady style of game, Price is a strong puck-moving talent with his ability to skate the puck out of harm's way and beat forecheckers to loose pucks deep in his own zone. Price's stick and body positioning are generally very sound, allowing him to close off passing lanes and break up plays, and can kill penalties with his steady style of play. Price is a fairly basic attacker who often opts for high-percentage plays rather than probing for more dangerous opportunities, which lends to his safe, projectable floor but leaves questions regarding his ultimate ceiling.

NHL COMPARABLE: Nick Leddy



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HUNTER BRZUSTEWICZ

DEFENSE · KITCHENER RANGERS · OHL · 6'0" · 190 LBS · R
SEASON STATS: 68GP · 6G · 51A · 57P · 12PIM

SKATING	B-	PHYSICALITY	C+	SENSES	B-
PUCK SKILLS	B-	SHOOTING	C	PASSING	B+

MIDDLE / BOTTOM OF LINEUP BUBBLE

SCOUTING REPORT: A natural puck-moving talent with crisp passing ability, Brzustewicz is a borderline elite passer who can transition pucks easily with his ability to hit crisp outlet passes. Brzustewicz can hit teammates with accurate stretch passes to create odd-man scoring chances and can make plays in the offensive zone with high-end playmaking vision. Brzustewicz is an above-average skater who can skate pucks out of his own zone and control gaps effectively, though his defensive game can be inconsistent and he will need to become more reliable in that area as he moves to higher levels.

NHL COMPARABLE: Nate Schmidt



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ALEXANDER RYKOV

RIGHT WING · CHELMET CHELYABINSK · VHL · 5'11" · 170 LBS · L
SEASON STATS: 20GP · 4G · 7A · 11P · 10PIM

SKATING	B-	PHYSICALITY	C+	SENSES	B-
PUCK SKILLS	B	SHOOTING	C+	PASSING	B

MIDDLE / BOTTOM OF LINEUP BUBBLE

SCOUTING REPORT: Rykov is a crafty playmaking winger who can create offense through his elusive and shifty style of play with quick cuts and high-end skill. Rykov is a talented stick handler who can handle the puck in traffic and make defenders miss with strong edgework and agility. Rykov delivers pucks well to teammates, able to make flashy passes into high-danger scoring areas or send crisp passes through the seam in the offensive zone. Likely not a true dual-threat presence and will need to improve his defensive zone work rate, but has the upside to be a high-end play creator at the pro level.

NHL COMPARABLE: Evgeni Dadonov

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NOAH DOWER NILSSON

LEFT WING / CENTER · FRÖLUNDA HC J20 · SWE-J20 · 6'0" · 185 LBS · L
SEASON STATS: 37GP · 26G · 28A · 54P · 10PIM

SKATING	C	PHYSICALITY	C	SENSES	B-
PUCK SKILLS	B+	SHOOTING	B-	PASSING	B

MIDDLE / BOTTOM OF LINEUP BUBBLE

SCOUTING REPORT: Skill is the name of the game for Dower Nilsson, as he's a flashy stick handler who looks to generate offense by challenging opposing defenders in one-on-one situations. Dower Nilsson is a slippery player who can make creative plays in open space, constantly looking to use flash to open up time and space and shed checkers. Shoots the puck well, but profiles more as a distributor with strong playmaking vision and instincts. Dower Nilsson is not the most gifted skater in terms of north-south speed, and will need to improve that area of his game without a true physical component.

NHL COMPARABLE: Marcus Johansson

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CHARLIE STRAMEL

CENTER · UNIV. OF WISCONSIN · NCAA · 6'3" · 222 LBS · R
SEASON STATS: 33GP · 5G · 7A · 12P · 49PIM

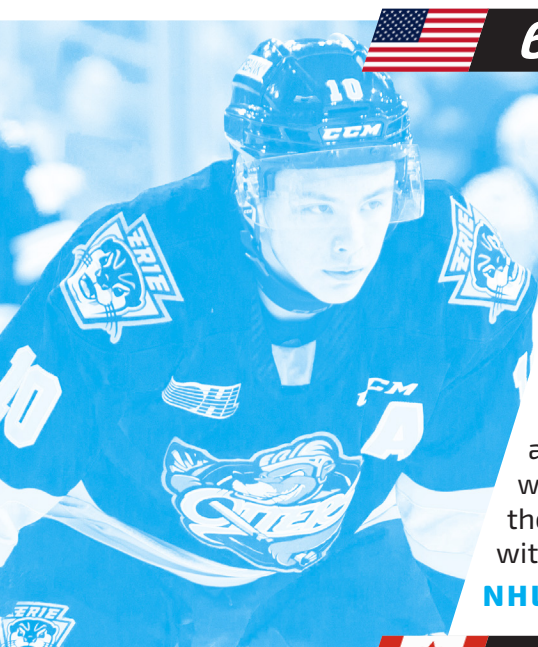
SKATING	C	PHYSICALITY	A	SENSES	B-
PUCK SKILLS	C+	SHOOTING	C+	PASSING	B-

BOTTOM OF LINEUP PLAYER

SCOUTING REPORT: A bear of a power center who works in hard areas with his incredibly heavy frame, Stramel is a blunt object who powers his way into contested areas with his size and strength to win battles for pucks and positioning. Stramel is willing to drive the puck into tight spaces and doesn't shy away from contact, allowing him to get to the interior of the ice to be involved in offensive areas. A strong distributor for a player his size and shows flashes of high-end vision on occasion; had a very poor freshman season at Wisconsin and will look to rebound to his USNTDP form next season.

NHL COMPARABLE: Boone Jenner





 **61**

CAREY TERRANCE

CENTER / LEFT WING · ERIE OTTERS · OHL · 6'0" · 178 LBS · L
SEASON STATS: 67GP · 30G · 17A · 47P · 22PIM

SKATING	B	PHYSICALITY	C+	SENSES	B-
PUCK SKILLS	B-	SHOOTING	B-	PASSING	C

BOTTOM OF LINEUP PLAYER

SCOUTING REPORT: A speedy two-way forward who competes hard at both ends of the ice. Terrance plays very effective north-south hockey, willing to drive the center lane to the net to find himself in scoring areas or backcheck to help break up transition plays. His skill game has also come along throughout the year, as he's capable of using practical skill to handle the puck in tight areas. Terrance's willingness to work at both ends of the ice, play between the dots, and ability around the net makes it easy for me to see him as a future 3rd or 4th line NHL forward, with potential to be more if he continues to bring along his skill and passing game.

NHL COMPARABLE: Erik Haula



 **62**

CARSON BJARNASON

GOALTENDER · BRANDON WHEAT KINGS · WHL · 6'3" · 190 LBS · L
SEASON STATS: 47GP · 3.08 GAA · .900 SV%

HIGH	C	ATHLETICISM	B-	SENSES	C+
LOW	B	SIZE	B+	POSITIONING	B

TANDEM GOALTENDER

SCOUTING REPORT: The top goaltending prospect out of the CHL this year, Bjarnason is a prototypical modern-day NHL goaltender with plus size and sound positioning. Bjarnason is more of a blocking goaltender, as he uses his size and plays his angles well to allow pucks to hit him before swallowing them up, though I would prefer to see improvement in his hands to limit the number of rebounds he spits out. Prone to getting beat up high with well-placed shots as his glove and blocker could use work, but he seals the ice well and has a tight butterfly to limit pucks going through him.

NHL COMPARABLE: Vitek Vanecek



 **63**

KALAN LIND

LEFT WING · RED DEER REBELS · WHL · 6'1" · 158 LBS · L
SEASON STATS: 43GP · 16G · 28A · 44P · 80PIM

SKATING	C+	PHYSICALITY	A-	SENSES	B
PUCK SKILLS	C+	SHOOTING	C+	PASSING	B-

BOTTOM OF LINEUP PLAYER

SCOUTING REPORT: Brother of former second round draft pick Kole Lind, Kalan is a tenacious and highly-physical forward who is a hard player to play against with his relentless style of play. Lind has a high motor and offensive zone work rate, constantly keeping his feet moving to close on puck carriers on the forecheck to lay the body and generate turnovers. Lacks true breakout skill or creation ability, but he makes his living in the interior of the ice with his willingness to drive to the net and supports his defensemen in his own zone in puck retrievals and is willing to sacrifice the body to block pucks.

NHL COMPARABLE: Blake Coleman



 **64**

MAXIM ŠTRBÁK

DEFENSE • SIOUX FALLS STAMPEDE • USHL • 6'1" • 198 LBS • R
SEASON STATS: 46GP • 5G • 13A • 18P • 51PIM

SKATING	C+	PHYSICALITY	B	SENSES	B-
PUCK SKILLS	C+	SHOOTING	C+	PASSING	C+

BOTTOM OF LINEUP PLAYER

SCOUTING REPORT: A big, steady shutdown presence on the blue line, Štrbák is a mature defender who uses strong positioning and strength to strip attackers of the puck and limit scoring chances against. Štrbák is a very basic attacker who often passes up high-danger looks for safe, efficient plays, but he moves well enough and can move pucks out of his zone effectively. Defensive play is the bread and butter of his game, as he can clear the net front and win body positioning, play with a bite to his game and lay the body on attackers, and controls gaps well to break up plays on the rush and deny zone entries.

NHL COMPARABLE: Jake McCabe



 **65**

EASTON COWAN

LEFT WING / CENTER • LONDON KNIGHTS • OHL • 5'10" • 170 LBS • L
SEASON STATS: 68GP • 20G • 33A • 53P • 47PIM

SKATING	B-	PHYSICALITY	D+	SENSES	B
PUCK SKILLS	C+	SHOOTING	C	PASSING	B

BOTTOM OF LINEUP PLAYER



 **66**

CARSON REHKOPF

LEFT WING • KITCHENER RANGERS • OHL • 6'3" • 195 LBS • L
SEASON STATS: 68GP • 30G • 29A • 59P • 40PIM

SKATING	C+	PHYSICALITY	B	SENSES	C+
PUCK SKILLS	C+	SHOOTING	B	PASSING	C+

BOTTOM OF LINEUP PLAYER



 **67**

ALEX ČIERNIK

RIGHT WING • SÖDERTALJE SK • ALLSVENSKAN • 5'10" • 174 LBS • L
SEASON STATS: 25GP • 3G • 9A • 12P • 2PIM

SKATING	B+	PHYSICALITY	D	SENSES	C+
PUCK SKILLS	B-	SHOOTING	C	PASSING	B-

MID-ROUND PROSPECT



 **68**

TIMUR MUKHANOV

RIGHT WING • OMSKIE KRYLIA • VHL • 5'8" • 170 LBS • R
SEASON STATS: 31GP • 4G • 4A • 8P • 10PIM

SKATING	B+	PHYSICALITY	D	SENSES	C+
PUCK SKILLS	B-	SHOOTING	C-	PASSING	B-

MID-ROUND PROSPECT

 **69**

ARTTU KÄRKI

DEFENSE • TAPPARA U20 • FIN-U20 • 6'2" • 176 LBS • L
SEASON STATS: 36GP • 13G • 26A • 39P • 24PIM

SKATING	B-	PHYSICALITY	C+	SENSES	C
PUCK SKILLS	B-	SHOOTING	B	PASSING	B-
MID-ROUND PROSPECT					

 **70**

LUCA PINELLI

CENTER / LEFT WING • OTTAWA 67'S • OHL • 5'9" • 167 LBS • L
SEASON STATS: 67GP • 29G • 34A • 63P • 60PIM

SKATING	C+	PHYSICALITY	D	SENSES	B-
PUCK SKILLS	B	SHOOTING	B-	PASSING	C+
MID-ROUND PROSPECT					

 **71**

CAMERON ALLEN

DEFENSE • GUELPH STORM • OHL • 6'0" • 192 LBS • R
SEASON STATS: 62GP • 5G • 20A • 25P • 72PIM

SKATING	B-	PHYSICALITY	B-	SENSES	C+
PUCK SKILLS	B-	SHOOTING	B-	PASSING	B-
MID-ROUND PROSPECT					

 **72**

COULSON PITRE

RIGHT WING / CENTER • FLINT FIREBIRDS • OHL • 6'1" • 170 LBS • R
SEASON STATS: 59GP • 25G • 35A • 60P • 42PIM

SKATING	C+	PHYSICALITY	B	SENSES	B-
PUCK SKILLS	C+	SHOOTING	C+	PASSING	C+
MID-ROUND PROSPECT					

 **73**

CARTER SOTHERAN

DEFENSE • PORTLAND WINTERHAWKS • WHL • 6'3" • 185 LBS • R
SEASON STATS: 68GP • 4G • 19A • 23P • 54PIM

SKATING	C	PHYSICALITY	A-	SENSES	B-
PUCK SKILLS	C	SHOOTING	C+	PASSING	C+
MID-ROUND PROSPECT					

 **74**

DENVER BARKEY

LEFT WING / CENTER • LONDON KNIGHTS • OHL • 5'9" • 155 LBS • L
SEASON STATS: 61GP • 22G • 37A • 59P • 34PIM

SKATING	B-	PHYSICALITY	B-	SENSES	B-
PUCK SKILLS	C+	SHOOTING	C	PASSING	B-
MID-ROUND PROSPECT					



 **75**

MATHIEU CATAFORD

RIGHT WING · HALIFAX MOOSEHEADS · QMJHL · 5'11" · 190 LBS · R
SEASON STATS: 68GP · 31G · 44A · 75P · 66PIM

SKATING	C+	PHYSICALITY	C+	SENSES	B-
PUCK SKILLS	B-	SHOOTING	C+	PASSING	B-
MID-ROUND PROSPECT					



 **76**

ARAM MINNETIAN

DEFENSE · USNTDP U18 · NTDP · 5'11" · 195 LBS · R
SEASON STATS: 62GP · 7G · 34A · 41P · 55PIM

SKATING	C+	PHYSICALITY	C+	SENSES	B
PUCK SKILLS	C+	SHOOTING	C	PASSING	B-
MID-ROUND PROSPECT					



 **77**

SCOTT RATZLAFF

GOALTENDER · SEATTLE THUNDERBIRDS · WHL · 6'1" · 175 LBS · L
SEASON STATS: 34GP · 2.15 GAA · .918 SV%

HIGH	C	ATHLETICISM	B-	SENSES	B+
LOW	B	SIZE	C	POSITIONING	C+
MID-ROUND PROSPECT					



 **78**

JURAJ PEKARCIK

LEFT WING · HK NITRA · SLOVAKIA · 6'2" · 183 LBS · L
SEASON STATS: 30GP · 0G · 3A · 3P · 27PIM

SKATING	C	PHYSICALITY	B-	SENSES	B-
PUCK SKILLS	B	SHOOTING	C	PASSING	B-
MID-ROUND PROSPECT					



 **79**

MARTIN MIŠIAK

LEFT WING / CENTER · YOUNGSTOWN PHANTOMS · USHL · 6'2" · 200 LBS · L
SEASON STATS: 27GP · 6G · 11A · 17P · 26PIM

SKATING	B-	PHYSICALITY	B	SENSES	C+
PUCK SKILLS	C+	SHOOTING	C+	PASSING	C+
MID-ROUND PROSPECT					



 **80**

HUDSON THORNTON *OVERAGER D+1*

DEFENSE · PRINCE GEORGE COUGARS · WHL · 5'11" · 181 LBS · L
SEASON STATS: 68GP · 23G · 51A · 74P · 41PIM

SKATING	B-	PHYSICALITY	B-	SENSES	B-
PUCK SKILLS	C+	SHOOTING	B	PASSING	B-
MID-ROUND PROSPECT					



81 

LENNI HÄMEENAHO

RIGHT WING / LEFT WING · ÄSSÄT · LIIGA · 6'1" · 185 LBS · R
SEASON STATS: 51GP · 9G · 12A · 21P · 14PIM

SKATING	D	PHYSICALITY	C+	SENSES	B
PUCK SKILLS	B-	SHOOTING	B-	PASSING	B-
MID-ROUND PROSPECT					



82 

TYLER PEDDLE

LEFT WING · DRUMMONDVILLE VOLTIGEURS · QMJHL · 6'1" · 204 LBS · L
SEASON STATS: 64GP · 24G · 17A · 41P · 36PIM

SKATING	B-	PHYSICALITY	B-	SENSES	C
PUCK SKILLS	B-	SHOOTING	B+	PASSING	C
MID-ROUND PROSPECT					



83 

GAVIN MCCARTHY

DEFENSE · MUSKEGON LUMBERJACKS · USHL · 6'2" · 186 LBS · R
SEASON STATS: 42GP · 8G · 19A · 27P · 88PIM

SKATING	C+	PHYSICALITY	B	SENSES	B-
PUCK SKILLS	C+	SHOOTING	C+	PASSING	B-
MID-ROUND PROSPECT					



84 

CONNOR LEVIS

CENTER / RIGHT WING · KAMLOOPS BLAZERS · WHL · 6'2" · 194 LBS · R
SEASON STATS: 68GP · 27G · 40A · 67P · 34PIM

SKATING	C-	PHYSICALITY	B	SENSES	B-
PUCK SKILLS	C	SHOOTING	C+	PASSING	B
MID-ROUND PROSPECT					



85 

JORDAN TOURIGNY

DEFENSE · SHAWINIGAN CATARACTES · QMJHL · 5'11" · 165 LBS · R
SEASON STATS: 67GP · 6G · 35A · 41P · 69PIM

SKATING	B+	PHYSICALITY	C	SENSES	C+
PUCK SKILLS	B-	SHOOTING	C	PASSING	B
MID-ROUND PROSPECT					



86 

EMIL JÄRVENTIE

LEFT WING · ILVES U20 · FIN-U20 · 5'10" · 168 LBS · L
SEASON STATS: 21GP · 8G · 11A · 19P · 18PIM

SKATING	B-	PHYSICALITY	D	SENSES	C+
PUCK SKILLS	B-	SHOOTING	B-	PASSING	B-
MID-ROUND PROSPECT					



87

GABRIEL SZTURC *OVERAGER D+1*

CENTER · KELOWNA ROCKETS · WHL · 5'10" · 176 LBS · L
SEASON STATS: 56GP · 24G · 55A · 79P · 44PIM

SKATING	B-	PHYSICALITY	C+	SENSES	B
PUCK SKILLS	C+	SHOOTING	B-	PASSING	B-

MID-ROUND PROSPECT



88

HOYT STANLEY

DEFENSE · VICTORIA GRIZZLIES · BCHL · 6'3" · 196 LBS · R
SEASON STATS: 53GP · 4G · 34A · 38P · 30PIM

SKATING	B-	PHYSICALITY	B	SENSES	C+
PUCK SKILLS	B-	SHOOTING	C-	PASSING	B-

MID-ROUND PROSPECT



89

TANNER LUDTKE

CENTER · LINCOLN STARS · USHL · 6'0" · 185 LBS · L
SEASON STATS: 57GP · 32G · 34A · 66P · 32PIM

SKATING	C	PHYSICALITY	B-	SENSES	B-
PUCK SKILLS	C	SHOOTING	B	PASSING	B-

MID-ROUND PROSPECT



90

DAMIAN CLARA

GOALTENDER · BRYNÄS IF J20 · SWE-J20 · 6'6" · 207 LBS · L
SEASON STATS: 35GP · 2.79 GAA · .903 SV%

HIGH	B-	ATHLETICISM	C	SENSES	C
LOW	B-	SIZE	A	POSITIONING	B-

MID-ROUND PROSPECT



91

YEGOR SIDOROV *OVERAGER D+1*

LEFT WING / CENTER · SASKATOON BLADES · WHL · 6'0" · 176 LBS · L
SEASON STATS: 53GP · 40G · 36A · 76P · 39PIM

SKATING	C	PHYSICALITY	C	SENSES	B-
PUCK SKILLS	B	SHOOTING	B	PASSING	C+

MID-ROUND PROSPECT



92

JONATHAN CASTAGNA

CENTER · ST. ANDREW'S COLLEGE · CAHS · 6'2" · 195 LBS · L
SEASON STATS: 50GP · 29G · 43A · 72P · 40PIM

SKATING	B+	PHYSICALITY	B-	SENSES	C+
PUCK SKILLS	B-	SHOOTING	C	PASSING	C+

MID-ROUND PROSPECT

 **93**

FELIX UNGER SORUM

RIGHT WING · LEKSANDS IF J20 · SWE-J20 · 5'11" · 172 LBS · R
SEASON STATS: 42GP · 10G · 36A · 46P · 4PIM

SKATING	C	PHYSICALITY	C-	SENSES	B-
PUCK SKILLS	B	SHOOTING	C-	PASSING	B

MID-ROUND PROSPECT

 **94**

NICO MYATOVIC

LEFT WING · SEATTLE THUNDERBIRDS · WHL · 6'3" · 180 LBS · L
SEASON STATS: 68GP · 30G · 30A · 60P · 41PIM

SKATING	C	PHYSICALITY	B	SENSES	C
PUCK SKILLS	B-	SHOOTING	B	PASSING	C+

MID-ROUND PROSPECT

 **95**

ALBERT WIKMAN

DEFENSE · FARJESTAD BK J20 · SWE-J20 · 6'1" · 194 LBS · L
SEASON STATS: 43GP · 2G · 10A · 12P · 47PIM

SKATING	B+	PHYSICALITY	B-	SENSES	C
PUCK SKILLS	C+	SHOOTING	C	PASSING	B-

MID-ROUND PROSPECT

 **96**

JAKUB DVORAK

DEFENSE · BILI TYGRI LIBEREC · CZECHIA · 6'5" · 210 LBS · L
SEASON STATS: 24GP · 0G · 2A · 2P · 6PIM

SKATING	C	PHYSICALITY	A	SENSES	C+
PUCK SKILLS	C	SHOOTING	C+	PASSING	C

MID-ROUND PROSPECT

 **97**

JAYSON SHAUGABAY

WING / CENTER · GREEN BAY GAMBLERS · USHL · 5'9" · 165 LBS · R
SEASON STATS: 27GP · 3G · 13A · 16P · 6PIM

SKATING	C	PHYSICALITY	D-	SENSES	B-
PUCK SKILLS	B	SHOOTING	C	PASSING	B+

MID-ROUND PROSPECT

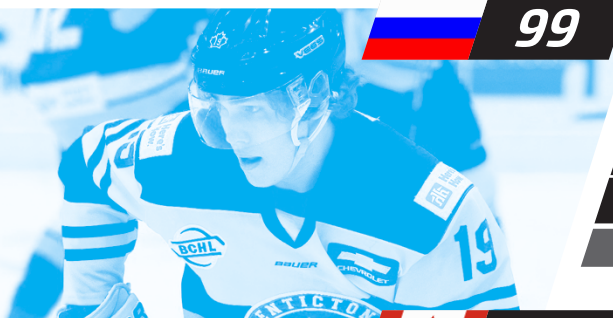
 **98**

MICHAEL HAGENS

DEFENSE · CHICAGO STEEL · USHL · 6'0" · 165 LBS · L
SEASON STATS: 60GP · 9G · 17A · 26P · 55PIM

SKATING	B	PHYSICALITY	C	SENSES	C
PUCK SKILLS	B	SHOOTING	C	PASSING	B-

MID-ROUND PROSPECT



 **99**

AYDAR *SUNIEV*

LEFT WING · PENTICTON VEES · BCHL · 6'2" · 192 LBS · L
SEASON STATS: 50GP · 45G · 45A · 90P · 44PIM

SKATING	D	PHYSICALITY	B	SENSES	C+
PUCK SKILLS	B-	SHOOTING	B	PASSING	C+

MID-ROUND PROSPECT



 **100**

QUINTON *BURNS*

DEFENSE · KINGSTON FRONTENACS · OHL · 6'1" · 179 LBS · L
SEASON STATS: 54GP · 2G · 27A · 29P · 106PIM

SKATING	C+	PHYSICALITY	B+	SENSES	C+
PUCK SKILLS	C+	SHOOTING	C	PASSING	B-

MID-ROUND PROSPECT



 **101**

JESSE *KIISKINEN*

RIGHT WING · PELICANS U20 · FIN-U20 · 6'0" · 190 LBS · R
SEASON STATS: 31GP · 20G · 23A · 43P · 8PIM

SKATING	C	PHYSICALITY	C	SENSES	B-
PUCK SKILLS	B-	SHOOTING	B	PASSING	C

MID-ROUND PROSPECT



 **102**

ETHAN *MIEDEMA*

LEFT WING · KINGSTON FRONTENACS · OHL · 6'4" · 208 LBS · L
SEASON STATS: 68GP · 20G · 32A · 52P · 42PIM

SKATING	D+	PHYSICALITY	B+	SENSES	C
PUCK SKILLS	C+	SHOOTING	B	PASSING	B-

MID-ROUND PROSPECT



 **103**

LUKE *MITTELSTADT* *OVERAGER D+2*

DEFENSE · UNIV. OF MINNESOTA · NCAA · 5'11" · 174 LBS · L
SEASON STATS: 38GP · 5G · 16A · 21P · 6PIM

SKATING	B-	PHYSICALITY	C	SENSES	B
PUCK SKILLS	B-	SHOOTING	C	PASSING	B-

LATE-ROUND PROSPECT



 **104**

ANDREW *GIBSON*

DEFENSE · SOO GREYHOUNDS · OHL · 6'3" · 202 LBS · R
SEASON STATS: 45GP · 7G · 14A · 21P · 30PIM

SKATING	C	PHYSICALITY	B+	SENSES	B-
PUCK SKILLS	C-	SHOOTING	C	PASSING	C+

LATE-ROUND PROSPECT



105

BECKETT HENDRICKSON

LEFT WING / CENTER · USNTDP U18 · NTDP · 6'2" · 174 LBS · L
SEASON STATS: 52GP · 13G · 21A · 34P · 20PIM

SKATING	C	PHYSICALITY	B	SENSES	B-
PUCK SKILLS	C	SHOOTING	C	PASSING	B-

LATE-ROUND PROSPECT



106

HAMPTON SLUKYNSKY

GOALTENDER · WARROAD HIGH · USHS · 6'1" · 170 LBS · L
SEASON STATS: 30GP · 1.47 GAA · .941 SV%

HIGH	B	ATHLETICISM	C+	SENSES	C+
LOW	B	SIZE	C	POSITIONING	B

LATE-ROUND PROSPECT



107

YEVGENI VOLOKHIN

GOALTENDER · MAMONTY YUGRY · MHL · 6'3" · 168 LBS · L
SEASON STATS: 31GP · 2.12 GAA · .927 SV%

HIGH	C	ATHLETICISM	C+	SENSES	C+
LOW	B	SIZE	B	POSITIONING	B-

LATE-ROUND PROSPECT



108

TRISTAN BERTUCCI

DEFENSE · FLINT FIREBIRDS · OHL · 6'2" · 175 LBS · L
SEASON STATS: 63GP · 11G · 39A · 50P · 66PIM

SKATING	C	PHYSICALITY	B	SENSES	C
PUCK SKILLS	B-	SHOOTING	B-	PASSING	B-

LATE-ROUND PROSPECT



109

ZACH NEHRING

RIGHT WING · SHATTUCK ST. MARY'S · USHS · 6'3" · 182 LBS · R
SEASON STATS: 54GP · 39G · 46A · 85P · 80PIM

SKATING	C	PHYSICALITY	B+	SENSES	B-
PUCK SKILLS	C+	SHOOTING	C+	PASSING	B-

LATE-ROUND PROSPECT



110

ANDREI LOSHKO

RIGHT WING / CENTER · ROUYN-NORANDA · QMJHL · 6'1" · 170 LBS · L
SEASON STATS: 67GP · 22G · 48A · 70P · 20PIM

SKATING	C+	PHYSICALITY	C+	SENSES	B
PUCK SKILLS	C+	SHOOTING	C	PASSING	B

LATE-ROUND PROSPECT



 **111**

JOEY WILLIS

LEFT WING / CENTER · SAGINAW SPIRIT · OHL · 5'10" · 165 LBS · L
SEASON STATS: 68GP · 15G · 29A · 44P · 22PIM

SKATING	C	PHYSICALITY	C	SENSES	B-
PUCK SKILLS	B-	SHOOTING	C+	PASSING	B-

LATE-ROUND PROSPECT



 **112**

BRANDON SVOBODA

CENTER · YOUNGSTOWN PHANTOMS · USHL · 6'3" · 209 LBS · R
SEASON STATS: 59GP · 16G · 10A · 26P · 32PIM

SKATING	C	PHYSICALITY	B	SENSES	C+
PUCK SKILLS	C	SHOOTING	B-	PASSING	C+

LATE-ROUND PROSPECT



 **113**

JESSE NURMI

LEFT WING · KOOKOO U20 · FIN-U20 · 6'2" · 168 LBS · L
SEASON STATS: 41GP · 21G · 29A · 50P · 12PIM

SKATING	C+	PHYSICALITY	C	SENSES	B-
PUCK SKILLS	B-	SHOOTING	C	PASSING	B-

LATE-ROUND PROSPECT



 **114**

DONOVAN MCCOY

DEFENSE · PETERBOROUGH PETES · OHL · 6'1" · 201 LBS · R
SEASON STATS: 65GP · 2G · 11A · 13P · 76PIM

SKATING	C+	PHYSICALITY	B+	SENSES	B-
PUCK SKILLS	D+	SHOOTING	C	PASSING	B-

LATE-ROUND PROSPECT



 **115**

COLE KNUBLE *OVERAGER D+1*

RIGHT WING · FARGO FORCE · USHL · 5'11" · 185 LBS · R
SEASON STATS: 57GP · 30G · 36A · 66P · 46PIM

SKATING	C	PHYSICALITY	C+	SENSES	B-
PUCK SKILLS	C+	SHOOTING	B	PASSING	B-

LATE-ROUND PROSPECT



 **116**

TUOMAS URONEN

RIGHT WING · HIFK U20 · FIN-U20 · 6'0" · 187 LBS · R
SEASON STATS: 39GP · 20G · 23A · 43P · 42PIM

SKATING	C	PHYSICALITY	C	SENSES	B
PUCK SKILLS	B-	SHOOTING	C+	PASSING	B-

LATE-ROUND PROSPECT



117

YEGOR RIMASHEVSKIY

RIGHT WING · MHK DYNAMO MOSKVA · MHL · 6'2" · 197 LBS · L
SEASON STATS: 29GP · 13G · 13A · 26P · 8PIM

SKATING	D+	PHYSICALITY	B-	SENSES	B-
PUCK SKILLS	B-	SHOOTING	B-	PASSING	C+

LATE-ROUND PROSPECT



118

JADEN LIPINSKI

CENTER · VANCOUVER GIANTS · WHL · 6'4" · 210 LBS · R
SEASON STATS: 66GP · 19G · 32A · 51P · 55PIM

SKATING	C-	PHYSICALITY	B+	SENSES	C
PUCK SKILLS	B-	SHOOTING	C	PASSING	B

LATE-ROUND PROSPECT



119

AIDEN FINK

RIGHT WING · BROOKS BANDITS · AJHL · 5'9" · 152 LBS · R
SEASON STATS: 54GP · 41G · 56A · 97P · 32PIM

SKATING	D+	PHYSICALITY	D	SENSES	B-
PUCK SKILLS	B-	SHOOTING	B-	PASSING	B+

LATE-ROUND PROSPECT



120

YEGOR KLIMOVICH

RIGHT WING · SIBIRSKIE NOVOSIBIRSK · MHL · 5'9" · 159 LBS · L
SEASON STATS: 36GP · 19G · 30A · 49P · 28PIM

SKATING	C+	PHYSICALITY	D	SENSES	C+
PUCK SKILLS	B	SHOOTING	D	PASSING	B

LATE-ROUND PROSPECT



121

PAUL FISCHER

DEFENSE · USNTDP U18 · NTDP · 6'1" · 200 LBS · L
SEASON STATS: 56GP · 4G · 17A · 21P · 14PIM

SKATING	C+	PHYSICALITY	B-	SENSES	C+
PUCK SKILLS	C	SHOOTING	C+	PASSING	B-

LATE-ROUND PROSPECT



122

MAZDEN LESLIE

DEFENSE · VANCOUVER GIANTS · WHL · 6'3" · 181 LBS · R
SEASON STATS: 66GP · 12G · 38A · 50P · 64PIM

SKATING	C+	PHYSICALITY	B	SENSES	D+
PUCK SKILLS	B-	SHOOTING	B	PASSING	B-

LATE-ROUND PROSPECT



 **123**

ANGUS MACDONELL

CENTER · MISSISSAUGA STEELHEADS · OHL · 5'10" · 172 LBS · L
SEASON STATS: 64GP · 29G · 12A · 41P · 92PIM

SKATING	C+	PHYSICALITY	B+	SENSES	C
PUCK SKILLS	C+	SHOOTING	B	PASSING	C

LATE-ROUND PROSPECT

 **124**

CAM SQUIRES

RIGHT WING · CAPE BRETON EAGLES · QMJHL · 5'11" · 148 LBS · R
SEASON STATS: 67GP · 30G · 34A · 64P · 28PIM

SKATING	C-	PHYSICALITY	C-	SENSES	B-
PUCK SKILLS	B-	SHOOTING	C+	PASSING	B

LATE-ROUND PROSPECT

 **125**

DANIIL KARPOVICH

DEFENSE · AVTO YEKATERINBURG · MHL · 6'4" · 209 LBS · L
SEASON STATS: 47GP · 10G · 25A · 35P · 30PIM

SKATING	C	PHYSICALITY	B+	SENSES	C+
PUCK SKILLS	C-	SHOOTING	B-	PASSING	C+

LATE-ROUND PROSPECT

 **126**

ZACHARY SCHULZ

DEFENSE · USNTDP U18 · NTDP · 6'1" · 197 LBS · L
SEASON STATS: 52GP · 1G · 9A · 10P · 50PIM

SKATING	C	PHYSICALITY	B	SENSES	B-
PUCK SKILLS	D+	SHOOTING	C-	PASSING	C

LATE-ROUND PROSPECT

 **127**

RUSLAN KHAZHEYEV

GOALTENDER · BELYE CHELYABINSK · MHL · 6'4" · 201 LBS · L
SEASON STATS: 23GP · 2.38 GAA · .923 SV%

HIGH	B-	ATHLETICISM	C+	SENSES	C+
LOW	B-	SIZE	B+	POSITIONING	C

LATE-ROUND PROSPECT

 **128**

YEGOR ZAVRAGIN

GOALTENDER · MAMONTY YUGRY · MHL · 6'2" · 183 LBS · L
SEASON STATS: 21GP · 2.49 GAA · .920 SV%

HIGH	C+	ATHLETICISM	C+	SENSES	B-
LOW	B-	SIZE	B-	POSITIONING	C+

LATE-ROUND PROSPECT

Player	Pos	Team	League	HT	WT	H	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Tanner Adams	RW/C	Tri-City Storm	USHL	5'11"	183	R	49	12	21	33	65
Ivan Anoshko	C	Dinamo-Shinnik	MHL	5'10"	168	L	53	21	32	53	28
Oskar Asplund D+1	D	Almtuna IS	SWE-2	5'11"	172	L	49	6	24	30	6
Michael Burchill	LW/RW	Dubuque	USHL	5'10"	150	R	61	13	25	38	22
Brady Cleveland	D	USNTDP U18	NTDP	6'5"	210	L	55	0	6	6	106
Luke Coughlin	D	Rimouski Oceanic	QMJHL	5'9"	165	L	37	5	14	19	16
Sam Court D+1	D	Brooks Bandits	AJHL	5'10"	190	R	52	13	59	72	63
Tommaso De Luca	C/LW	Spokane Chiefs	WHL	6'0"	179	L	65	16	33	49	50
Adam Dybal	G	Karlovy Vary	CZE-U20	6'1"	163	L	44	1.85	.942	-	-
Matteo Fabrizi	D	Red Deer Rebels	WHL	6'5"	234	L	67	5	7	12	66
Ryan Fine	C	USNTDP U18	NTDP	5'9"	183	R	63	16	26	42	10
Zeb Forsfjäll	C/LW	Skellefteå AIK J20	SWE-J20	5'9"	168	L	34	8	14	22	8
Drew Fortescue	D	USNTDP U18	NTDP	6'1"	176	L	62	1	25	26	34
Brad Gardiner	C	Ottawa 67's	OHL	6'1"	184	R	68	19	20	39	33
Alexander Hellnemo D+1	G	Rögle BK J20	SWE-J20	6'2"	183	L	23	2.32	.916	-	-
Artem Kashtanov	C	Avto Yekaterinburg	MHL	6'6"	190	L	43	15	25	40	14
Larry Keenan	D	Culver Academy	USHS	6'3"	186	L	49	11	26	37	34
Rasmus Kumpulainen	C	Pelicans U20	FIN-U20	6'3"	190	L	41	11	23	34	26
Collin MacKenzie	G	Ottawa 67's	OHL	6'0"	170	L	30	1.88	.928	-	-
Dylan MacKinnon	D	Halifax Mooseheads	QMJHL	6'2"	190	R	61	6	17	23	75
Ondrej Molnár	LW	Erie Otters	OHL	6'0"	176	L	34	4	15	19	14
Sawyer Mynio	D	Seattle Thunderbirds	WHL	6'1"	163	L	68	5	26	31	40
Noel Nordh	LW/RW	Brynäs IF J20	SWE-J20	6'2"	200	L	38	13	14	27	14
Erik Pålsson D+1	RW	HV71 J20	SWE-J20	6'1"	183	L	46	26	37	63	20
Alex Pharand	RW/C	Sudbury Wolves	OHL	6'3"	205	R	67	18	21	39	23
Emil Pieniniemi	D	Kärpät U20	FIN-U20	6'2"	175	L	31	1	12	13	18
Grayden Siepmann D+1	D	Calgary Hitmen	WHL	5'11"	185	R	61	9	34	43	22
Victor Sjöholm D+2	D	HV71	SHL	5'9"	179	R	37	2	8	10	8
Matthew Soto	RW	Kingston Frontenacs	OHL	5'11"	168	R	54	15	27	42	8
Noa Vali	G	TPS U20	FIN-U20	6'0"	154	L	29	2.38	.912	-	-
Thomas Verdon	LW	Rouyn-Noranda	QMJHL	5'11"	174	L	67	21	25	46	22
Petter Vesterheim	C	Mora IK J20	SWE-J20	5'11"	170	L	41	12	27	39	6



2023 NHL MOCK DRAFT

1 **CONNOR BEDARD**
CENTER
5'10" · 185 LBS · R
REGINA PATS · WHL

2 **ADAM FANTILLI**
CENTER
6'3" · 187 LBS · L
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN · NCAA

3 **WILL SMITH**
CENTER
6'0" · 180 LBS · R
USNTDP U18 · NTDP

4 **LEO CARLSSON**
CENTER
6'3" · 194 LBS · L
ÖREBRO HK · SHL

5 **RYAN LEONARD**
RIGHT WING
6'0" · 190 LBS · R
USNTDP U18 · NTDP

6 **MATVEI MICHKOV**
RIGHT WING / LEFT WING
5'10" · 148 LBS · L
HK SOCHI · KHL

7 **DAVID REINBACHER**
DEFENSE
6'2" · 194 LBS · R
EHC KLOTEN · NLA

8 **DALIBOR DVORSKÝ**
CENTER
6'2" · 201 LBS · L
AIK · ALLSVENSKAN

9 **ZACH BENSON**
LEFT WING
5'10" · 170 LBS · L
WINNIPEG ICE · WHL

10 **AXEL SANDIN PELLIKKA**
DEFENSE
5'11" · 180 LBS · R
SKELLEFTEÅ AIK · SHL

11 **MATTHEW WOOD**
WING / CENTER
6'4" · 197 LBS · R
UNIV. OF CONNECTICUT · NCAA

12 **DMITRI SIMASHEV**
DEFENSE
6'4" · 201 LBS · L
LOKO YAROSLAVL · MHL

13 **TOM WILLANDER**
DEFENSE
6'1" · 180 LBS · R
RÖGLE BK J20 · J20 NATIONELL

14 **GABE PERREAULT**
LEFT WING
5'11" · 163 LBS · L
USNTDP U18 · NTDP

15 **DANIIL BUT**
LEFT WING
6'5" · 203 LBS · R
LOKO YAROSLAVL · MHL

16 **NATE DANIELSON**
CENTER
6'2" · 186 LBS · R
BRANDON WHEAT KINGS · WHL

17 **OLIVER MOORE**
CENTER
5'11" · 195 LBS · L
USNTDP U18 · NTDP

18 **COLBY BARLOW**
RIGHT WING / LEFT WING
6'1" · 187 LBS · L
OWEN SOUND ATTACK · OHL

19 **SAMUEL HONZEK**
LEFT WING
6'3" · 195 LBS · L
VANCOUVER GIANTS · WHL

20 **MIKHAIL GULYAYEV**
DEFENSE
5'10" · 170 LBS · L
OMSKIE YASTREBY · MHL

21 **BRAYDEN YAGER**
CENTER
5'11" · 170 LBS · R
MOOSE JAW WARRIORS · WHL

22 **QUENTIN MUSTY**
LEFT WING
6'2" · 200 LBS · L
SUDBURY WOLVES · OHL

23 **YURK CALUM RITCHIE**
CENTER
6'2" · 187 LBS · R
OSHAWA GENERALS · OHL

24 **EDUARD ŠALÉ**
RIGHT WING / LEFT WING
6'2" · 175 LBS · L
HC KOMETA BRNO · CZECHIA

25 **ANDREW CRISTALL**
LEFT WING
5'10" · 175 LBS · L
KELOWNA ROCKETS · WHL

26 **OLIVER BONK**
DEFENSE
6'2" · 180 LBS · R
LONDON KNIGHTS · OHL

27 **OTTO STENBERG**
CENTER / LEFT WING
5'11" · 185 LBS · L
FRÖLUNDA HC J20 · J20 NATIONELL

28 **GAVIN BRINDLEY**
RIGHT WING / CENTER
5'8" · 168 LBS · R
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN · NCAA

29 **DANNY NELSON**
CENTER
6'3" · 212 LBS · L
USNTDP U18 · NTDP

30 **RILEY HEIDT**
CENTER
5'11" · 180 LBS · L
PRINCE GEORGE COUGARS · WHL

31 **TANNER MOLENDYK**
DEFENSE
5'11" · 181 LBS · L
SASKATOON BLADES · WHL

32 **BRADLY NADEAU**
LEFT WING / CENTER
5'10" · 160 LBS · R
PENTICTON VEES · BCHL

