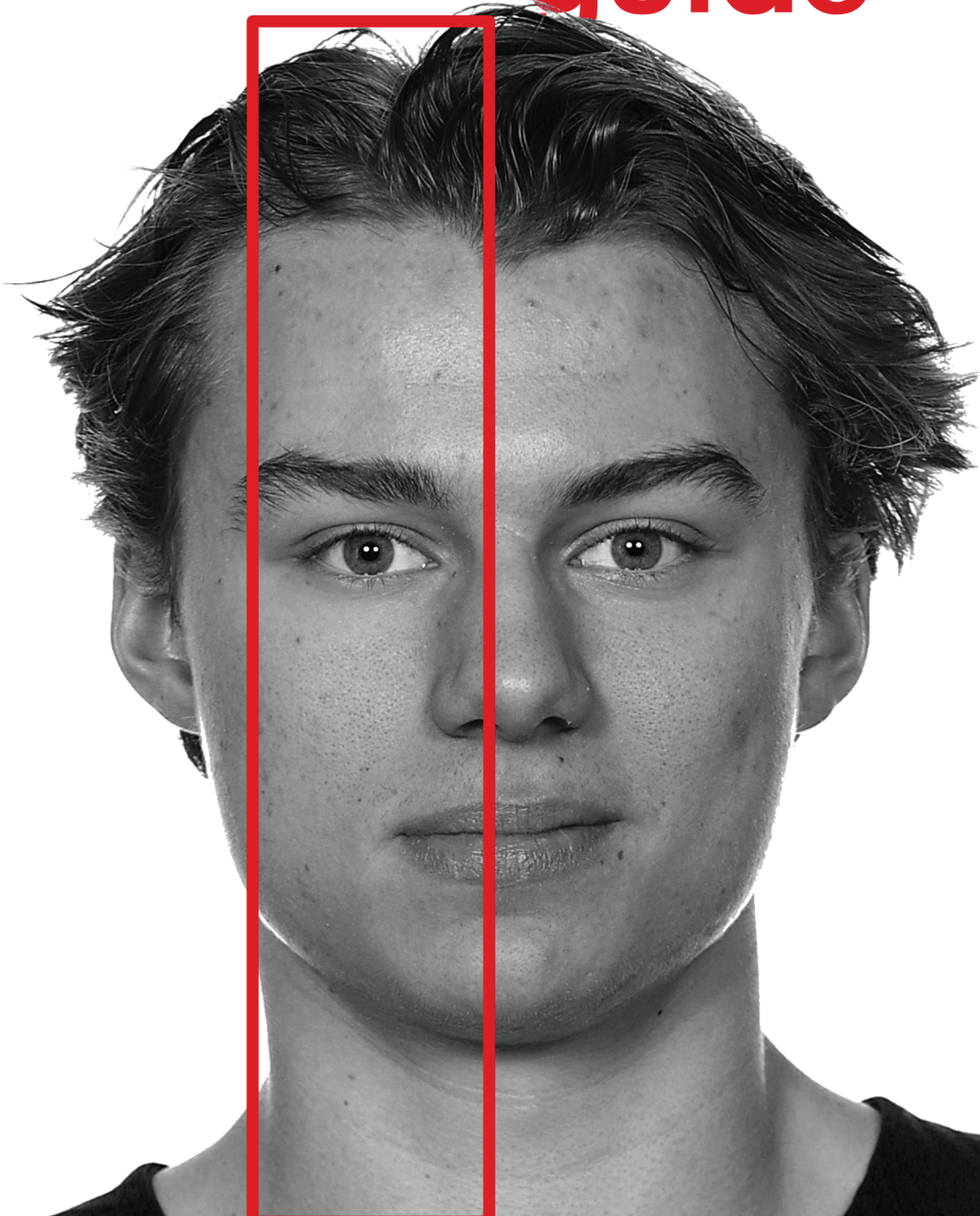


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# UNLIKE ANY DRAFT PROSPECT IN HOCKEY **HISTORY**

Since **Connor Bedard** was granted exceptional status into the Western Hockey League in 2020, the young phenom has been unfairly compared to those of NHL prestige and honour. >>>

BY JAMES TUBB

Connor Bedard  
[Keith Hershmillier]

**N**ot unfair like it put too much pressure the projected first overall pick in the 2023 NHL Draft, but unjust in the sense that elements of his game have surpassed what his predecessors can be or will ever be.

The North Vancouver, British Columbia product is coming off a season of accolades and mind numbing numbers to wrap up his junior hockey career. Bedard had 71 goals and 143 points in 57 games for the Pats, only missing time in the WHL lineup to play for Canada at the World Juniors, where he amassed nine goals and 23 points in seven games for gold. Bedard was held off the scoresheet in the first game of the WHL season before putting up a 35-game point streak that was finally snapped on February 3 after having netting 44 goals and 46 assists over the year.

He ended the regular season with only five games where he didn't register a point, and Bedard was named the Player of the Year in both the WHL and Canadian Hockey League.

There are a lot of things that make Bedard the elite prospect he is. He has one of the best shots in hockey, can play a deceptive game with the and without the puck and can be relied upon on both sides of the puck. But his strongest asset, according to FCHockey regional scout Joel Henderson, is the adaptability in Bedard's game.

"Some players are a square peg in a square hole and some players are a round peg in a round hole, this is what they are, this is where their strengths are and his is how you win with them," Henderson says.

"The reason Connor is so elite is because he can be a square peg, round peg, a triangle, an oval at the change of a dime. If you need him to just be the puck transport and neutral zone puck mover, he will do it with utter efficiency. If you want him to touch the puck and you just need him to be the one time shooter on the half ball, 100 percent. If you need him to switch and play more rugged defense, if you need him to care a little bit more about that, he can give you a bit more physicality and really use his skating to get in the way, he can do that.

"That's what makes him so special to me because there are so many players you can look at and say, 'here's the square peg, if we can block the square peg we've got him figured out,' and Connor can just go, 'well I'll change my game.'"

Almost every projected No. 1 pick has had some doubters questioning whether or not they will be able to make the jump from their junior league into the NHL and perform at a high level.

Some first overall picks like Sidney Crosby, Connor McDavid and Auston Matthews perform right away and leave the doubters behind. Others, like Jack Hughes and Nico Hischier, take a couple years to develop into their roles before reaching that top tier level. There's also

the players who prove the skeptics right, like a Nail Yakupov for example, who never succeeded the expectations placed upon him when selected with the top pick in 2012.

What Bedard's final season in the WHL did is allowed him to experience the pressure of being 'the guy' for the Regina Pats, the player that when push came to shove, was expected to score.

Henderson says there's no hiding how good he is and because of that, he will be able to weather the storms of being that relied upon, first overall pick talent.

"He felt the pressure now on a team he was the best player on ad going to the NHL level, there's going to be a lot of pressure on him to produce and produce right away," Henderson offers. "He'll have his ups and downs just like anybody, but now he kind of understands that sense of, 'we really need you to go out and make something happen.'"

"Yeah. As he goes through that, and it doesn't have to happen in year one, but in the first five years he'll round out and he'll adapt, his defensive game will come along, he'll learn the right balances and the team will get complement players and they'll get a better roster.

"He's going to join a team that's well outside of the playoffs. So it's great to think it sets him up to understand that he can be okay with the pressure."

When making comparisons with previous first overall picks, like Hughes and McDavid, Henderson says the biggest standout for players of that magnitude is staying healthy and maintaining pace when they make the jump to the NHL level – something he expects Bedard to take in stride, like he has every other challenge throughout his young but promising career.

"They're high flying players putting themselves in huge positions to score against guys that are, 6-foot-5, 240 pounds on the defensive end," Henderson says. "They make their adjustments but the biggest thing is just to continue to learn how to play at the pace.

"And the reality is, it hasn't taken Connor long at any level to learn how to play at the pace." **FC**

Bedard  
[Keith Hershmillier]



**"Some players are a square peg in a square hole and some players are a round peg in a round hole, this is what they are, this is where their strengths are and his is how you win with them. The reason Connor is so elite is because he can be a square peg, round peg, a triangle, an oval at the change of a dime."**

**— FCHockey regional scout Joel Henderson**



# ALL AMERICAN RUN

**AMERICAN-BORN  
PLAYERS COULD  
SHAPE THE TOP-END  
OF THE NHL DRAFT**

BY MICHAEL STAHURSKI

Will Smith  
[Rena Laverty,  
USA Hockey's NTDP]

The quality and quantity of Americans selected in the first round of the NHL Draft has increased tremendously since the establishment of the **National Team Development Program**. Since its inauguration back in 1996, at least three Americans have been chosen in the first round every year — with 2020 being the lone exception. >>>



Will Smith  
[Rena Laverty,  
USA Hockey's NTDP]



Ryan Leonard  
[Rena Laverty,  
USA Hockey's NTDP]



Gabe Perreault  
[Rena Laverty,  
USA Hockey's NTDP]



Oliver Moore  
[Rena Laverty,  
USA Hockey's NTDP]

**In 2016, a record 12 players representing the Stars and Stripes** were selected in the first round, led by Auston Matthews at No. 1.

It won't quite be that haul in 2023, but there's no shortage of top talent, either.

Representing the NTDP at the 2023 draft is the quartet of Will Smith, Ryan Leonard, Gabe Perreault, and Oliver Moore — all ranked in the top 32 of FCHockey's Final ranking. The line of Smith, Leonard, and Perreault are all set to join forces at Boston College in the fall, and Moore is lined up to become the University of Minnesota's top recruit.

Members of Team USA for the 2023 IIHF World Under-18 Championship, the four led the US to the gold medal with an overtime victory over Sweden.

Smith is the top-ranked American in this year's draft, coming in at No. 5. Centering the NTDP's top line, Smith was the engine that made the line go. A high-level playmaker, Smith is omnipresent in the offensive zone. His elite vision, awareness, and puckhandling in tight spaces make him a threat all over the ice.

"In a draft packed with high-end offensive talent, Smith is right there near the top of the list in both talent and excitement levels," FCHockey regional scout Brandon Holmes says. "Smith is just a delight to watch play hockey with how skilled and creative he is, capable of changing games with just one puck touch as he can cut through coverage with slick one-on-one skill, finish chances with a snappy release on his shot, or distribute with his elite vision and offensive awareness."

At the U18 Worlds, Smith led not just his team in production but the entire tournament, racking up 20 points (nine goals, 11 assists) in just seven games. His point production was second all-time only to Nikita Kucherov's 21 points (11 goals, 10 assists) in 2011. Smith managed to find the back of the net in all but one of Team USA's games, including a hat-trick against Slovakia in the tournament's semifinal.

Since the inception of the NTDP, there hasn't been a player more productive than Gabe Perreault — in any single season — ever. In the

USA's second game of the U18s against Norway, Perreault surpassed Auston Matthews' mark of 117 points, finishing the season with 132 points (53 goals, 79 assists).

Perreault comes from a hockey lineage, as his father Yanic Perreault played in 14 NHL seasons with six teams. His brother Jacob Perreault was a first-round pick (No. 27) of the Anaheim Ducks in 2020 and currently plays in the AHL. His sister, Liliane Perreault, is presently playing collegiately with Mercyhurst College.

**"In a draft packed with high-end offensive talent, Smith is right there near the top of the list in both talent and excitement levels, Smith is just a delight to watch play hockey."**

**— FCHockey regional scout Brandon Holmes**

"Perreault will be a fascinating player to watch on draft day, as his statistical profile suggests he's among the top offensive talents available in this year's draft," Holmes says. "Perreault is a remarkably slick and cerebral forward who makes excellent reads with the puck on his stick, able to make plays in tight spaces and distribute to his teammates effortlessly with crisp tape-to-tape passes, making him a particularly potent threat on a line with a true scorer."

Despite scoring more points than anyone who has donned the USA sweater in a single season, Perreault is FCHockey's fourth-ranked American and No. 14.

Regardless of his accolades, there is some concern about Per-

reault's future at the next level, as he's a bit undersized at 5-foot-11 and 165 pounds. While Perreault is a well-rounded forward, he doesn't excel in any one particular category. But what he does best is rake in the points, which will garner him a likely first-round selection.

Rounding out the top line for the NTDP is Ryan Leonard, coming in at No. 22. Leonard can be considered the thunder to Smith and Perreault's lightning, and is at his best when he's creating space for his linemates. His point production isn't at the elite level of his linemates, but Smith and Perreault would likely credit Leonard for being a prominent factor in their record-setting seasons.

"Teams looking to add goal-scoring punch and high-end competitiveness should look no further than Leonard," Holmes says. "Leonard appears to me as a player that NHL coaches are bound to fall in love with once he makes it to the big leagues. He's a highly-competitive player who works hard to get himself into scoring areas of the ice, commits to both sides of the puck, and has a deadly release that allows him to score from range."

Of all three, Leonard has undoubtedly scored the biggest goal of the season, finding the back of the net in overtime against Sweden to net gold at the U18s. Leonard plays with a high-RPM engine. He'll never be seen stagnant on the ice, usually looking for someone to batter his body against.

Perhaps the most intriguing American-born prospect is Oliver Moore, however.

While the other three receive most of the attention, deservedly so, Moore has had a tremendously productive season, despite not having two other superstars on his line. Moore is the team's top skater and one of the best in the draft class. He'll lure defenders in one direction before crossing over, leaving the opposition chasing him from behind.

"Moore quickly became one of my personal favorites in the 2023 class throughout the year, as I find him to be the prototype for what you look for in a modern-day impact two-way forward at the NHL level,"

Holmes outlines. "Moore is among the quickest players in this year's class in terms of both foot speed and decision-making, allowing him to play with pace on both sides of the puck and keep opponents on their heels."

Despite not having the production of his three teammates, Moore is the FCHockey's second-highest-ranked American behind only Smith, at No. 9.

All four can expect to hear NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman announce their names on Day 1 of the draft, with potential rivalries in store when joining the NHL ranks.

Depending how early each is selected come June 28, it could potentially shape the first round into a different path than initially thought. **FC**

Players, left to right:  
Leonard, Perreault,  
Smith  
[Rena Laverty,  
USA Hockey's  
NTDP]



# TOP DOG IN THE BACK



Axel Sandin Pellikka  
[Jörgen Bergkvist]

## SANDIN PELLIKKA AND REINBACHER BOTH INTRIGUING OPTIONS



David Reinbacher  
[Marcel Kaul, szenemagazin.ch]

For the second year in a row, the discussion surrounding the selection of the first defenseman lies between two European blueliners, this year's subjects being **Axel Sandin Pellikka** and **David Reinbacher**. BY MICHAEL STAHURSKI

**T**hroughout the year, Sandin Pellikka has been most commonly associated with the draft's top defenseman. A right-shot blue liner, standing 5-foot-11 from Gällivare, Sweden, Sandin Pellikka found himself between Skellefteå's junior and senior teams this season, while also representing his country at the World Under-18 Championship and World Junior Championship.

Reinbacher, also a right-shot defenseman, stands 6-foot-2 and has been honing his craft with EHC Kloten in the Swiss National League. Originally from Hohenems, Austria, Reinbacher also represented his country at this year's World Juniors and the 2023 IIHF World Championship.

While the two don't necessarily play similar styles, they are both highly sought-after defensemen in this year's NHL Draft. >>>





Sandin Pellikka  
[Jörgen Bergkvist]

Sandin Pellikka made a splash this season with a strong start in the J20 Nationell, accumulating five points in his first four games, earning his first call-up to Skellefteå's senior team. Despite only having 5:17 of ice time in his first three games, he managed to score his first SHL goal, in his fourth game.

With five separate call-ups throughout the season, Sandin Pellikka registered five points (two goals, three assists) in 22 games. In the J20, Sandin Pellikka was a dominant force among his age group, leading the league in points-per-game by a defenseman, at 1.16.

Taking a different path to prominence in Europe, Reinbacher spent most of the past two seasons playing in the Swiss professional leagues. After appearing in 27 games with EHC Kloten in the Swiss League — the second tier of Swiss hockey — during the 2021-22 season, Reinbacher and his club were crowned champions, earning promotion to the National League — the top tier of Swiss hockey.

In his first season of top-flight hockey, Reinbacher finished among the top 20 National League defensemen in scoring with 22 points (three goals, 19 assists).

Both players have had their fair share of international competition this season, including one head-to-head matchup at the World Juniors. Sandin Pellikka's Sweden team dominated Reinbacher's Austrian team 11-0, with neither prospect finding the score sheet.

While Reinbacher and Austria failed to win a single game in the tournament, the larger Austrian outperformed Sandin Pellikka in the points category. And, though Reinbacher's numbers weren't impressive, he was notable as the team's most noteworthy player from the beginning, averaging well over 20 minutes per game.

On the other end of the standings, Sandin Pellikka was part of a medal-contending team, ultimately losing to the United States in the bronze medal match. Sandin Pellikka didn't register a point until his final game but found himself more effective on the defensive end of the ice — an area where he's been known to struggle.

After their seasons concluded, the two joined their national teams again, each heading in different directions.

Reinbacher joined the Austrian National Team in the IIHF World Championship, where he logged a single point, an assist, before his team's elimination.

Sandin Pellikka joined Sweden at the IIHF World Under-18 Championship, playing as one of the tournament's most experienced play-

ers. He finished as the second-leading point producer among defensemen with 11 points (two goals, nine assists), but once again lost to the Americans, this time in overtime of the gold medal game.

Though they'll likely be the first two defensemen selected, the two play the game with very different styles and skill sets.

On the offensive end, Sandin Pellikka is a product of the modern game. Fifteen years ago, it was rare to see a defenseman standing under six feet tall, but today, size has become much less of an obstacle.

**“He'll require a bit more seasoning to reach his full potential, but he's shown that the package is there — and that should have NHL teams curious in the very least.”**

**— FCHockey scout Aaron Vickers**

Though he averaged a goal every two games while playing in the J20, Sandin Pellikka is unlikely to have similar goal-scoring output at the professional level. What he will do, however, is continue to compile assists. As a puck-moving defenseman, Sandin Pellikka operates as a surgeon from his perch at the top of the offensive zone, piercing pucks through the smallest of windows. His ability to locate teammates all over the ice is unique, as he finds them in optimal scoring positions.

Goal scoring may not be his most substantial attribute, but his shot is still a weapon he's learned to use effectively. His shot power could improve, but his placement benefits himself and his teammates. Recognizing shooting lanes as he walks the blue line, Sandin Pellikka likes to snap off shots, keeping them between knee and waist height, an ideal location for a screening forward to redirect the puck.

No slouch of his own, Reinbacher has proven to be productive but does so in a different manner. He doesn't show the same vision when executing passes, typically making the safer play rather than forcing something he feels uncomfortable with.

Reinbacher, not always shooting to score, often sends pucks toward the net, aiming to produce a rebound. He has the potential to uncork a slap shot from the point, but such attempts are typically few and far between.

Where Sandin Pellikka excels on the offensive end, his shortcomings become evident on defense. The physical aspect of the game troubles him as a blueliner needing to add some strength and stature to his game, as it's the one facet where his size is a hindrance. Larger net-front forwards can cause mismatches he struggles to overcome. The same issue arises while battling for the puck along the boards, causing play to linger in the defensive end longer than necessary. Where he lacks physicality, he typically compensates with good positioning.

**“If he gets bigger and stronger he will be a complete player in the future and I would be surprised if he doesn't get a team's interest early or in the middle of the first round.”**

**— FCHockey regional scout Fredrik Haak**

Reinbacher is much more equipped for the physical game. When a net-front presence is hounding his goaltender, Reinbacher employs his strength, intending to clear a path and allow his goaltender to track the puck. While he doesn't use his size to deliver bone-crushing open-ice hits, he uses his body and stick to disengage the puck carrier.

Despite being considered a two-way defenseman, he tends to prefer defense over offense.

As the puck exits the zone, we see more similarities between Sandin Pellikka and Reinbacher. Both are outstanding puck carriers through the neutral zone, effectively turning defense into offense.

Sandin Pellikka may not be the fastest skater, but his edgework is phenomenal. While he doesn't zip past forwards heading toward the blue line, he maneuvers through them with ease.

Reinbacher is an excellent skater, not just for his size but compared to any defenseman. Speed isn't the hallmark of his game, but he glides up the ice with a notable calmness. While many skaters appear chaotic trying to dodge oncoming checkers, Reinbacher seems to pay them no mind, operating at his own pace.

After examining all the physical attributes that put the pair into first-round consideration, the cerebral part of the game sets the two apart from the pack.

There's a tranquility to both their games which should enable them to excel at the next level. There's no panic in their play, whether it be a breakout from their own zone or making a split-second decision with the puck as they're pressured along the blue line.

Comparing the overall game of these two players is like splitting hairs, as both are ranked inside FCHockey's top 10 for good reason. Determining the better prospect at this point in their progression is nearly impossible as both have top-pairing potential. It boils down to which style is preferred by the team that ultimately selects the first defenseman of the draft.

If a team is looking for someone to quarterback the power play and create offense from the blue line, Sandin Pellikka is the savvy choice. If a team prefers a big-bodied, lock-down defender with occasional offense, Reinbacher is the go-to player.

Who will be drafted first between the two will be one of the stories of the night, and the first won't wait long to follow the other. **FE**



Reinbacher  
[Marcel Kaul, szenemagazin.ch]

# DON'T SLEEP ON THESE ELIGIBLES

The goal of any draft-eligible prospect is to be selected as early as possible, and for those who slip further down the draft for whatever reasons, it's not indicative of how their future will pan out. BY MICHAEL STAHURSKI

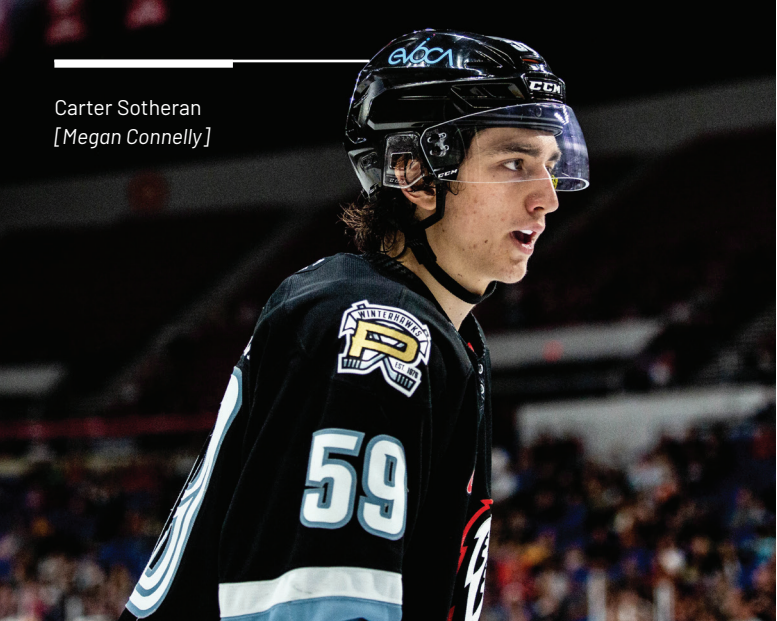
**E**ach year, players slip through the cracks, whether it's due to a late growth spurt, slower development, or playing in a system that hasn't suited their needs.

Current NHL players Brayden Point, Ilya Sorokin, and Carter Verhaeghe were all selected in the third round of their respective drafts and have become highly regarded players throughout the league. Countless others have come later.

Though we don't know who those players will be from this year's draft, we can forecast who may exceed their current projections. >>>



Carter Sotheran  
[Megan Connelly]



Luke Coughlin  
[QMJHL]



Griffin Erdman  
[Stephanie Lyn Photography]



Emil Jarventie  
[Kimmo Metsälä, SaiPa]



In what was essentially a tale of two seasons, the No. 50 skater in FCHockey's Final ranking for the 2023 draft, Nick Lardis, was one of the OHL's top performers in the second half of the season following his trade from the Peterborough Petes to the Hamilton Bulldogs. His performance saw him rise from No. 96 in NHL Central Scouting's mid-season slotting to No. 27 in the final rankings.

After tallying only 19 points (12 goals, seven assists) in the first half of the year, the former sixth overall pick in the OHL Priority Selection Draft was traded to Hamilton in a deal that brought Avery Hayes and Gavin White back to Peterborough. Once with Hamilton, Lardis' game began to blossom, scoring 25 goals and adding 21 assists in the final 33 games of the season. He helped lead the Bulldogs to the OHL playoffs, earning 10 points in a six-game series defeat.

Lardis can generate scoring opportunities for himself and his teammates in a multitude of ways.

"Lardis isn't a one-trick pony, as he can create for himself off the rush or through the cycle, and he can facilitate for his teammates by delivering accurate high-danger passes from anywhere in the offensive zone," says Austin Broad, an Ontario-based chief scout for FCHockey. "His ability to see the play as it develops and to create while working at his top speed makes him a lethal offensive player. Once he was traded, he took off and never looked back, forcing his way into the discussion of the top few rounds."

Making his major junior debut at 17, Carter Sotheran was one of the WHL's most impactful rookies on the blue line this season.

Still particularly raw in his development, Sotheran's offensive production and lack of experience are preventing him from being considered as a higher-ranked prospect.

Turning 18 just two days before the 2023 NHL Draft, Sotheran already stands at 6-foot-3 and 197 pounds. He's a load for any screening forward to handle as he physically overmatches most opponents he comes face to face with. He's by no means a finished product, showing plenty of signs that there's untapped potential in his game waiting to be released as he matures and gains experience.

"As a rookie in the league with a raw skill set who also wasn't invited to the CHL top prospects game, Sotheran certainly isn't a household name — however, I think he has the tools to become an impact defender at the next level," says Donesh Mazloum, chief Western Canada scout at FCHockey.

Slotted No. 65 in FCHockey's Final ranking and No. 71 among North American skaters by Central Scouting, Sotheran is projected

to be a late second or third-round pick this year with a much higher upside should he pan out.

"If he was a little further along in his development and was afforded a larger role on his team, I think he'd be valued in a similar way to Owen Pickering last season," Mazloum says. "He has the size that NHL teams covet, but it's his smooth and athletic stride that belies his stature that is his main asset. He is more than comfortable skating the puck out of danger, and his size makes him a difficult man to slow down. I also think he shows great balance between using his feet and utilizing his teammates with quick and clever outlets. With his ability to skate and play with length while chipping in with transition offense, it's easy to see him patrolling the middle pairing of an NHL roster down the line."

Despite missing the first two months of the season due to injury, Luke Coughlin left his mark on the QMJHL as an undersized defenseman. Standing at 5-foot-10 and under 175 pounds, Coughlin makes up for his lack of size with his skating.

Ranked No. 83 at FCHockey and No. 144 by NHL Central Scouting, Coughlin possesses a skill set garnering attention within the draft's first three rounds.

Aside from using his speed to carry the puck through the neutral zone and across the blue line, Coughlin reacts quickly to the puck along the boards, making split-second decisions whether to fly towards the puck to keep it in the zone or begin backpedaling as play heads in the other direction.

Coughlin has an active stick in the defensive end, anticipating passes through the middle of the ice and breaking them up. His size can become a hindrance when engaging in puck battles or clearing the front of the crease. Once he manages to retrieve the puck in his own zone, he quickly finds his teammates with strong outlet passes as he begins the transition game the other way.

"Being a bit of an undersized defender and missing substantial time this season due to injury, Coughlin may not be at the forefront of many general managers' minds, but he should be," says Shaun Richardson, chief QMJHL scout for FCHockey. "He is a 'plug-and-play' type of contributor — no matter the situation, you just plug him in and he improves your team's chances. His skating is so smooth and explosive that he can impact the play in all three zones, shift in and shift out. He's strong on the puck, smart away from the puck, and there is simply just too much skill to ignore."

Griffin Erdman has stood out as a player who can make an impact in the future among players not selected in the first round.

The ninth-leading point producer among draft-eligible players this year from the United States Hockey League with 41 points (18 goals, 23 assists), Erdman is an undersized forward who uses his speed and puckhandling as a pass-first playmaker.

Assuring he gets noticed on both sides of the ice, Erdman is fearless in the defensive zone, throwing his body in front of shots and flying around the ice chasing down loose pucks.

"Erdman is the most slept-on player, that doesn't get mentioned nearly enough with the top talent in the USHL this year," FCHockey regional scout Douglas Larson says. "He's a very shifty and creative offensive threat with the puck on his stick and can make something happen out of nothing."

Not turning 18 until September 15, Felix Unger Sorum is one of the 2023 draft's youngest players — and perhaps one of the most underrated out of Sweden.

Born in Trondheim, Norway, but now representing Sweden in international play, Sorum Unger averaged over a point-per-game in the J20 Nationell, finishing the season with 46 points (10 goals, 36 assists) in 42 games.

His play in the Swedish junior league earned him multiple call-ups to the SHL. He was also a force for Sweden at the IIHF Under-18 Championship, finishing as the team's third-leading scorer with 10 points (two assists, eight points) in their silver medal run.

Ranked No. 68 by FCHockey and No. 57 among European skaters by Central Scouting, Unger Sorum prefers to set up teammates rather than go for goal himself. He has a quality shot that he could benefit from using more often.

"He is an offensively skilled winger that performs really difficult moves and plays that open up the game for himself and his teammates," says Fredrik Haak, FCHockey's Swedish-based regional scout. "The creativity and vision that he has shown that he has a high hockey IQ and creativity. When he gets stronger and more powerful, he could be a player that is really hard to shut down. The talent and potential are there, and with the right development in the coming years, I think he could be a player that should have been picked earlier."

Continuing with the trend of undersized European forwards, Emil Jarventie of Finland was seen at just about every level possible at one time or another this season.

Starting the season with 13 points in his first 12 games at the U20 level, Jarventie earned call-ups to both Mestis (second tier of Finnish hockey) and Liiga throughout the season, where he managed seven

points and one point, respectively.

Jarventie put together six points in Finland's five games at the World Under-18s, including a goal in the quarterfinal loss against Slovakia.

Ranked No. 30 by Central Scouting among Europeans and No. 100 by FCHockey, Jarventie is a strong offensive player who flies through the offensive zone. His offensive skills are worthy of hearing his name called much earlier than he may ultimately be selected, but his defensive game lacks consistency.

"He has some extremely exciting tools with his shot and speed, and he has dropped significantly based on where I thought he would be after this season," says FC Hockey's Finnish-based scout Rasmus Törnqvist. "He might be a bit of a high-risk, high-reward type right now since he won't be of much use in the lower lines based on what I've seen from him so far—but if he can figure out a way to produce at the pro level, he could be an extremely good pickup by a team looking for a speedy winger who can score. [It's] Going to be interesting to see at what point he goes. I think anywhere from late second to late third round is a possibility."

When projecting where Russian players may land in the draft, potential first-round picks may drop to the second or third round simply because they've honed their craft in Russia. There's always a worry they'll never transition to the NHL — or recently, the pressure to navigate around the current global state of affairs in the hockey-rich nation in its invasion of Ukraine.

Roman Kantserov, a highly skilled forward out of the Stalnye Lisy Magnitogorsk's junior organization, is a potential top-six forward should he continue his development curve, capable of producing points regardless of where he plays.

He's a deft playmaker and goal scorer, as proven by his 27 goals and 27 assists in 54 MHL games this season — earning him a spot in the top-10 among all point producers.

At only 5-foot-9, Kantserov's size will drop him further in the draft than his skill set warrants. Despite his diminutive stature, Kantserov is a hound on both sides of the puck, with an everlasting engine, scrapping for every loose puck. He'll need to bulk up to become an adequate player against larger opponents in the future.

"He's a shifty yet intelligent forward who shows an amazing amount of on-ice awareness and puck skills," says Jake Janso, a regional scout with FCHockey. "He's an adept passer and, with some time, could become a dangerous playmaker at the next level." **FE**

# SCOUT SERIES

EACH SCOUT ALWAYS HAS THAT  
A PLAYER WHO SURPRISES, AND  
ONE WHO DISAPPOINTS...

We do a little thing every time the NHL Draft starts rolling around. Call it an exercise. We ask each member of our scouting staff a simple question, **Who impressed you?** We follow it up with **Who disappointed?** We cap it with **Who surprised?** The questions are open-ended, but the results aren't. Welcome to our Scout Series for the 2023 NHL Draft. >>>



## Joseph Aleong

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**Oliver Bonk was able to step directly into London's lineup in his first OHL season and contribute in all situations. Bonk, showing impressive awareness and poise with the puck at both ends of the ice, playing heavy minutes against top competition. He demonstrated strong defensive agility and anticipation, effectively shutting down opponents in one-on-one situations. While Bonk still needs to work on his explosiveness and physical strength, he has the tools to develop into a top-four defenseman in the NHL down the line. On the other hand, Cameron Allen entered the year with high expectations. During the season, however, he displayed less poise and lacked physical aggression on defense. Allen's vision with the puck and strong defensive instincts as a rookie made him seem like a future top-four defender at the NHL level, but his inconsistent effort and hesitant puck play throughout this season could move him from a potential first-round pick to a middle-round prospect. Early on, Nick Lardis struggled with subpar offensive deployment, and his perimeter-centric play did not mesh well with Peterborough. After his move to Hamilton, he seized his chance to be the focal point of a line, leading to a significant increase in confidence and production. His high-level skating and quickness make him a dangerous puck carrier in transition, and he has excellent vision, consistently generating scoring chances off of zone entries. Lardis possesses the shot and offensive instincts to become a top scorer in the OHL and a potential top-six forward at the NHL level.**



## Joey Fortin Boulay

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**Expectations were high for Cam Squires to assume more responsibilities and become one of his team's main offensive catalysts. That's precisely what he accomplished by demonstrating his all-around skill set, his outstanding play down low and his relentless motor throughout the year. He ended up being one of the most productive first-year draft-eligible prospects from the QMJHL, despite playing for one of the league's worst teams. Squires exhibits quick hands in tight situations to evade pressure, exceptional vision and passing prowess. Jordan Tourigny started the season as one of the league's top prospects thanks to his elite mobility and offensive support. However, as the months passed, his development appears to have plateaued. Tourigny still demonstrates proficient puck-moving abilities and loves to join the rush when his team has numbers. Unfortunately, his slight build and defensive zone play leave something to be desired. He'll need to make significant improvements to his defensive work to get a chance in the professional ranks. Most scouts knew Etienne Morin would be a very good prospect. However, few would have predicted that he would emerge as the best defensive prospect available from the QMJHL and record more than a point-per-game. Throughout the season, Morin demonstrated his composure, high-end vision with the puck and eagerness to join rushes without compromising defense. He embodies the modern blueliner with his consistent play in all three zones, while regularly supporting the offense. He convinced me that he's a first-round talent.**



## Fredrik Haak

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**Axel Sandin Pellikka certainly made his mark during the season, performing at various levels, from juniors to seniors and on international journeys. His hockey IQ, combined with fantastic puckhandling and smooth skating, makes him a playmaking defender capable of initiating plays, creating on his own, and scoring points from the offensive blue line. He has already proven in the Swedish Hockey League that he can handle high-pressure situations and physical battles. Watching Sandin Pellikka this last season has been a pleasure, and I am confident he will continue to progress toward his goal of playing in the NHL in the future. I don't typically enjoy making negative comments about prospects, but after last season I had expected more from Hugo Hell. Hell initially impressed in U20 games and played intelligently throughout. I had expected Hell to advance further but he hasn't fully grown and developed in the way I had anticipated. David Edstrom is a player who continued to surprise us this year, continually advancing in every aspect of his game. The large two-way center plays a mature game, whether he's facing players his own age at the U18 level or playing at the senior level in the SHL. He contributes at both ends of the rink and is effective with the puck. It's hard to pinpoint one or two areas where he really stands out. The thing about Edstrom is that he has a broad skill set in all areas. With more muscle and strength, he could certainly develop into a top-six center, a prediction very few would have made a year or two ago.**

## Brandon Holmes

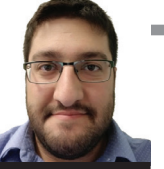
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**A player who quickly grew on me and became one of my favorites in the class was Yaroslavl defenseman Dmitri Simashev. He just has such a tantalizing toolkit that it was difficult not to see the sky-high potential that I believe he has. If Simashev excels in his development, it's easy to see his trajectory as potentially a future top-pair NHL defenseman, as he checks many of the boxes you look for in an impact defenseman: mobility, awareness, size, physicality, and a willingness to learn and adapt from his mistakes. Cameron Allen was a player who entered the year with aspirations of being a top-15 selection and potentially the top defenseman off the board. However, I couldn't help but feel left wanting more following his season with Guelph. Allen's season was bookended by captaining Canada at two international events, but I felt there were flaws in his mobility and decision-making that left me unconvinced about him as one of this year's top defensive prospects. Those doubts carried into the year, where Allen's production fell off from his rookie OHL season a year ago. While I do believe Allen could become an NHL defenseman, his perceived ceiling is far from the hype that surrounded him coming into the year. Lastly, a player who really surprised me early on in the year was Will Smith. Coming into the year, Smith was already viewed as a high-end, first-round talent, but it was a treat to see how much he had improved this year and truly blossomed into one of the game's top offensive prospects. His skill and elite offensive IQ will likely make him a worthy selection in this year's top-five.**

## Donesh Mazloum

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**Connor Bedard entered the year as the presumed number one selection, and despite lofty expectations, he still impressed with his consistent dominance — shift by shift, game by game, on any ice surface and against any competition. His record-breaking performance at the world juniors was the icing on the cake of an incredible Western Hockey League season that saw him score a point in all but four games throughout the year. Consistency from shift to shift and the ability to step up in crucial moments are challenging skills to master at a young age, yet Bedard repeatedly demonstrated why he carries such a reputation. In a very strong year for draft-eligible players in the WHL, there weren't many players that disappointed. However, I was expecting a little more from Moose Jaw center Brayden Yager. I still believe in his potential for a long professional career thanks to his two-way play, attention to detail, and pro-style game, but I was hoping he would show more offensive prowess at the junior level. He possesses a world-class shot but still struggles to problem-solve independently. I still think he can be a quality complementary piece at the NHL level, but I'm less confident that he will be a true play driver. No player stood out more for me than Carter Sotheran of Portland. With size and a silky-smooth stride, Sotheran is hard to miss. While his physical attributes are immediately noticeable, as the season progressed, I found myself increasingly impressed with his decision-making and ability to support up ice. He is still raw, just beginning to tap into his abilities. If his development progresses well, he has understated star potential.**

## Miroslav Simurka

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**David Reinbacher is the prospect who impressed me the most in my region this season. Playing at a high-level professional league in Switzerland, one of the better European leagues, he logged about 20 minutes a game, was trusted on special teams, and put up incredible numbers for a young defender. He also impressed on weak Austrian national teams at the U20 and men's world championship, as he has matured well beyond his age. Reinbacher has good size, shuts plays down with his long reach or big body, but also has good, but not great, offensive skills. With high expectations, Eduard Sale is the one who disappointed the most. He has all the tools and IQ to be a top prospect in this strong draft, but he did not show it often enough this season, and I will not be surprised if he falls to the 20s in the first round. He developed some bad habits, but I believe in his talent and I am not worried about his compete level as some others are, because everyone gives their best when given the opportunity to play in the NHL. Juraj Pekarcik's performance at the World Under-18s was the biggest surprise for me. He had a strong season but was not able to find the net very often in league play for HK Nitra. At U18s, Pekarcik showed that he has the speed to skate wide past some of the best defenders of his class or beat them one-on-one with skilled plays. He is also great on special teams, works hard in all three zones, and plays with a lot of speed. He also displays very good vision and passing technique, particularly at slower speeds or on set plays in the offensive zone.**

# BEST IN CLASS

ANALYZING WHO'S THE CREAM OF THE CROP IN EACH REGION

Things aren't always equal from region-to-region when it comes to the draft talent rising from all corners or the globe, but there's no shortage of ways to compare prospects playing within the same scope. Our regional scouts give the lowdown on who the **best players are within their own areas**, and attempt to assemble the best prospect they can using one attribute, and only one attribute, within their scope. >>>



# BUILD-A-PROSPECT 2023

OHL		BEST-IN-CLASS		BUILD-A-PLAYER		
ATTRIBUTE	PLAYER	TEAM	PLAYER	TEAM	PLAYER	TEAM
SKATING	Nick Lardis	Hamilton	Nick Lardis	Hamilton	Nick Lardis	Hamilton
SHOOTING	Colby Barlow	Owen Sound	Colby Barlow	Owen Sound	Colby Barlow	Owen Sound
PUCKHANDLING	Luca Pinelli	Ottawa	Luca Pinelli	Ottawa	Luca Pinelli	Ottawa
PLAYMAKING	Quentin Musty	Sudbury	Quentin Musty	Sudbury	Quentin Musty	Sudbury
OFF. AWARENESS	Carey Terrance	Erie	Carey Terrance	Erie	Carey Terrance	Erie
DEF. AWARENESS	Oliver Bonk	London	Oliver Bonk	London	Oliver Bonk	London
COMPETE	Easton Cowan	London	Easton Cowan	London	Easton Cowan	London

WHL		BEST-IN-CLASS		BUILD-A-PLAYER		
ATTRIBUTE	PLAYER	TEAM	PLAYER	TEAM	PLAYER	TEAM
SKATING	Tanner Molendyk	Saskatoon	Tanner Molendyk	Saskatoon	Tanner Molendyk	Saskatoon
SHOOTING	Connor Bedard	Regina	Connor Bedard	Regina	Connor Bedard	Regina
PUCKHANDLING	Connor Bedard	Regina	Bradly Nadeau	Penticton	Bradly Nadeau	Penticton
PLAYMAKING	Connor Bedard	Regina	Riley Heidt	Prince George	Riley Heidt	Prince George
OFF. AWARENESS	Connor Bedard	Regina	Andrew Cristall	Kelowna	Andrew Cristall	Kelowna
DEF. AWARENESS	Nate Danielson	Brandon	Nate Danielson	Brandon	Nate Danielson	Brandon
COMPETE	Zach Benson	Winnipeg	Zach Benson	Winnipeg	Zach Benson	Winnipeg

QMJHL		BEST-IN-CLASS		BUILD-A-PLAYER		
ATTRIBUTE	PLAYER	TEAM	PLAYER	TEAM	PLAYER	TEAM
SKATING	Jordan Tourigny	Shawinigan	Jordan Tourigny	Shawinigan	Jordan Tourigny	Shawinigan
SHOOTING	Tyler Peddle	Drummondville	Tyler Peddle	Drummondville	Tyler Peddle	Drummondville
PUCKHANDLING	Andrei Loshko	Chicoutimi	Andrei Loshko	Chicoutimi	Andrei Loshko	Chicoutimi
PLAYMAKING	Etienne Morin	Moncton	Etienne Morin	Moncton	Etienne Morin	Moncton
OFF. AWARENESS	Cam Squires	Cape Breton	Cam Squires	Cape Breton	Cam Squires	Cape Breton
DEF. AWARENESS	Matteo Mann	Chicoutimi	Matteo Mann	Chicoutimi	Matteo Mann	Chicoutimi
COMPETE	Ethan Gauthier	Sherbrooke	Ethan Gauthier	Sherbrooke	Ethan Gauthier	Sherbrooke

USA		BEST-IN-CLASS		BUILD-A-PLAYER		
ATTRIBUTE	PLAYER	TEAM	PLAYER	TEAM	PLAYER	TEAM
SKATING	Oliver Moore	USA U-18	Oliver Moore	USA U-18	Oliver Moore	USA U-18
SHOOTING	Matthew Wood	Connecticut	Matthew Wood	Connecticut	Matthew Wood	Connecticut
PUCKHANDLING	Will Smith	USA U-18	Gabriel Perreault	USA U-18	Gabriel Perreault	USA U-18
PLAYMAKING	Will Smith	USA U-18	Will Smith	USA U-18	Will Smith	USA U-18
OFF. AWARENESS	Adam Fantilli	Michigan	Adam Fantilli	Michigan	Adam Fantilli	Michigan
DEF. AWARENESS	Aram Minnetian	USA U-18	Aram Minnetian	USA U-18	Aram Minnetian	USA U-18
COMPETE	Gavin Brindley	Michigan	Gavin Brindley	Michigan	Gavin Brindley	Michigan

RUS		BEST-IN-CLASS		BUILD-A-PLAYER		
ATTRIBUTE	PLAYER	TEAM	PLAYER	TEAM	PLAYER	TEAM
SKATING	Mikhail Gulyayev	Omskie Yastreby	Mikhail Gulyayev	Omskie Yastreby	Mikhail Gulyayev	Omskie Yastreby
SHOOTING	Matvei Michkov	SKA St. Petersburg	Matvei Michkov	SKA St. Petersburg	Matvei Michkov	SKA St. Petersburg
PUCKHANDLING	Daniil But	Loko-76 Yaroslavl	Daniil But	Loko-76 Yaroslavl	Daniil But	Loko-76 Yaroslavl
PLAYMAKING	Roman Kantserov	Stalnye Lisy Magnitogorsk	Roman Kantserov	Stalnye Lisy Magnitogorsk	Roman Kantserov	Stalnye Lisy Magnitogorsk
OFF. AWARENESS	Timur Mukhanov	Omskie Yastreby	Timur Mukhanov	Omskie Yastreby	Timur Mukhanov	Omskie Yastreby
DEF. AWARENESS	Dmitriy Simashev	Lokomotiv Yaroslavl	Dmitriy Simashev	Lokomotiv Yaroslavl	Dmitriy Simashev	Lokomotiv Yaroslavl
COMPETE	Ilya Kvochko	Stalnye Lisy Magnitogorsk	Ilya Kvochko	Stalnye Lisy Magnitogorsk	Ilya Kvochko	Stalnye Lisy Magnitogorsk

SWE		BEST-IN-CLASS		BUILD-A-PLAYER		
ATTRIBUTE	PLAYER	TEAM	PLAYER	TEAM	PLAYER	TEAM
SKATING	Alex Ciernik	SSK	Alex Ciernik	SSK	Alex Ciernik	SSK
SHOOTING	Dalibor Dvorsky	AIK	Dalibor Dvorsky	AIK	Dalibor Dvorsky	AIK
PUCKHANDLING	Otto Stenberg	Frolunda	Otto Stenberg	Frolunda	Otto Stenberg	Frolunda
PLAYMAKING	Axel Sandin Pellikka	SAIK	Axel Sandin Pellikka	SAIK	Axel Sandin Pellikka	SAIK
OFF. AWARENESS	Leo Carlsson	Orebro HK	Leo Carlsson	Orebro HK	Leo Carlsson	Orebro HK
DEF. AWARENESS	David Edstrom	Frolunda	David Edstrom	Frolunda	David Edstrom	Frolunda
COMPETE	Anton Wahlberg	Malmo	Anton Wahlberg	Malmo	Anton Wahlberg	Malmo

FIN		BEST-IN-CLASS		BUILD-A-PLAYER		
ATTRIBUTE	PLAYER	TEAM	PLAYER	TEAM	PLAYER	TEAM
SKATING	Emil Jarventie	KOOVEE	Emil Jarventie	KOOVEE	Emil Jarventie	KOOVEE
SHOOTING	Kasper Halttunen	HIFK	Kasper Halttunen	HIFK	Kasper Halttunen	HIFK
PUCKHANDLING	Emil Kuusla	Jokerit U20	Emil Kuusla	Jokerit U20	Emil Kuusla	Jokerit U20
PLAYMAKING	Jesse Nurmi	KooKoo U20	Lenni Hämeenaho	Ässät	Lenni Hämeenaho	Ässät
OFF. AWARENESS	Kasper Halttunen	HIFK	Jesse Nurmi	KooKoo U20	Jesse Nurmi	KooKoo U20
DEF. AWARENESS	Tom Leppa	Jokerit U20	Tom Leppa	Jokerit U20	Tom Leppa	Jokerit U20
COMPETE	Onni Lind	Jokerit U20	Onni Lind	Jokerit U20	Onni Lind	Jokerit U20

EU		BEST-IN-CLASS		BUILD-A-PLAYER		
ATTRIBUTE	PLAYER	TEAM	PLAYER	TEAM	PLAYER	TEAM
SKATING	Eduard Sale	Kometa Brno	Juraj Pekarcik	Nitra	Juraj Pekarcik	Nitra
SHOOTING	Eduard Sale	Kometa Brno	David Reinbacher	Kloten	David Reinbacher	Kloten
PUCKHANDLING	Eduard Sale	Kometa Brno	Simon Meier	Kloten	Simon Meier	Kloten
PLAYMAKING	Eduard Sale	Kometa Brno	Eduard Sale	Kometa Brno	Eduard Sale	Kometa Brno
OFF. AWARENESS	Eduard Sale	Kometa Brno	Adam Cedzo	Frýdek-Místek	Adam Cedzo	Frýdek-Místek
DEF. AWARENESS	David Reinbacher	Kloten	Jakub Dvorak	Bílí Tygři Liberec	Jakub Dvorak	Bílí Tygři Liberec
COMPETE	Juraj Pekarcik	Nitra	Roman Kukumberg	Slovan Bratislava	Roman Kukumberg	Slovan Bratislava

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## WELCOME TO FCHOCKEY'S FINAL RANKING FOR THE 2023 NHL DRAFT

The crew at FCHockey has spent countless hours in rinks and pouring over video to present a final, final ranking for the **2023 NHL Draft class** — 300 players in total. >>>





RANK	NAME	TEAM	LEAGUE	POS	HT	WT	NHL CS	REGION	NAT
1	<b>Bedard, Connor</b>	Regina	WHL	C	5-10	185	1	NA	CAN
2	<b>Fantilli, Adam</b>	Michigan	BIG10	C	6-2	195	2	NA	CAN
3	<b>Michkov, Matvei</b>	SKA St. Petersburg	RUS	RW	5-10	172	2	INT	RUS
4	<b>Carlsson, Leo</b>	Orebro	SWE	C	6-3	198	1	INT	SWE
5	<b>Smith, William</b>	USA U18	NTDP	C	6-0	181	3	NA	USA
6	<b>Benson, Zach</b>	Winnipeg	WHL	LW	5-9	163	6	NA	CAN
7	<b>Dvorsky, Dalibor</b>	AIK	SWE 2	C	6-1	201	3	INT	SVK
8	<b>Sandin Pellikka, Axel</b>	Skelleftea	SWE Jr.	D	5-11	176	7	INT	SWE
9	<b>Moore, Oliver</b>	USA U18	NTDP	C	5-11	188	8	NA	USA
10	<b>Reinbacher, David</b>	Kloten	SUI	D	6-2	185	5	INT	AUT
11	<b>Sale, Eduard</b>	Brno	CZE	LW	6-2	174	4	INT	CZE
12	<b>Stenberg, Otto</b>	Frolunda	SWE Jr.	C	5-11	180	6	INT	SWE
13	<b>Barlow, Colby</b>	Owen Sound	OHL	LW	6-0	190	12	NA	CAN
14	<b>Perreault, Gabriel</b>	USA U18	NTDP	RW	5-11	165	10	NA	USA
15	<b>Brindley, Gavin</b>	Michigan	BIG10	C	5-9	165	23	NA	USA
16	<b>Gulyayev, Mikhail</b>	Omsk	RUS Jr.	D	5-10	172	10	INT	RUS
17	<b>Wood, Matthew</b>	UCONN	H-EAST	RW	6-4	193	4	NA	CAN
18	<b>Yager, Brayden</b>	Moose Jaw	WHL	C	5-11	166	11	NA	CAN
19	<b>Cristall, Andrew</b>	Kelowna	WHL	LW	5-10	167	15	NA	CAN
20	<b>Musty, Quentin</b>	Sudbury	OHL	LW	6-2	200	14	NA	USA
21	<b>Heidt, Riley</b>	Prince George	WHL	C	5-10	178	21	NA	CAN
22	<b>Leonard, Ryan</b>	USA U18	NTDP	RW	6-0	192	5	NA	USA
23	<b>Halttunen, Kasper</b>	HIFK	FIN	RW	6-3	207	11	INT	FIN
24	<b>Simashev, Dimitri</b>	Yaroslavl	RUS Jr.	D	6-4	198	19	INT	RUS
25	<b>Perron, Jayden</b>	Chicago	USHL	RW	5-9	163	43	NA	CAN
26	<b>Ritchie, Calum</b>	Oshawa	OHL	C	6-2	185	13	NA	CAN
27	<b>Danielson, Nate</b>	Brandon	WHL	C	6-2	185	7	NA	CAN
28	<b>Edstrom, David</b>	Frolunda	SWE Jr.	C	6-3	185	25	INT	SWE
29	<b>Gauthier, Ethan</b>	Sherbrooke	QMJHL	RW	5-11	175	16	NA	CAN
30	<b>Whitelaw, William</b>	Youngstown	USHL	RW	5-9	173	42	NA	USA
31	<b>But, Daniil</b>	Yaroslavl	RUS Jr.	LW	6-5	203	9	INT	RUS
32	<b>Kantserov, Roman</b>	Magnitogorsk	RUS Jr.	RW	5-9	176	16	INT	RUS
33	<b>Morin, Etienne</b>	Moncton	QMJHL	D	6-0	180	19	NA	CAN
34	<b>Molendyk, Tanner</b>	Saskatoon	WHL	D	6-0	182	28	NA	CAN
35	<b>Nadeau, Bradly</b>	Penticton	BCHL	LW	5-10	161	17	NA	CAN
36	<b>Honzek, Samuel</b>	Vancouver	WHL	LW	6-4	186	9	NA	SVK
37	<b>Willander, Tom</b>	Rogle	SWE Jr.	D	6-1	180	12	INT	SWE
38	<b>Akey, Beau</b>	Barrie	OHL	D	6-0	173	33	NA	CAN
39	<b>Cataford, Mathieu</b>	Halifax	QMJHL	C	5-11	190	36	NA	CAN
40	<b>Fisker Molgaard, Oscar</b>	HV71	SWE	C	6-0	163	18	INT	DEN
41	<b>Mukhanov, Timur</b>	Omsk	RUS Jr.	LW	5-7	178	27	INT	RUS
42	<b>Price, Caden</b>	Kelowna	WHL	D	6-1	185	47	NA	CAN
43	<b>Bonk, Oliver</b>	London	OHL	D	6-2	180	20	NA	CAN
44	<b>Rehkopf, Carson</b>	Kitchener	OHL	LW	6-2	193	29	NA	CAN
45	<b>Sawchyn, Gracyn</b>	Seattle	WHL	C	5-11	157	24	NA	CAN
46	<b>Ziemmer, Koehn</b>	Prince George	WHL	RW	6-0	202	25	NA	CAN
47	<b>Strathmann, Andrew</b>	Youngstown	USHL	D	5-11	187	44	NA	USA
48	<b>Minnetian, Aram</b>	USA U18	NTDP	D	5-11	192	78	NA	USA
49	<b>Bjarnason, Carson</b>	Brandon	WHL	G	6-3	186	1	NAG	CAN
50	<b>Lardis, Nick</b>	Hamilton	OHL	LW	5-11	165	27	NA	CAN

RANK	NAME	TEAM	LEAGUE	POS	HT	WT	NHL CS	REGION	NAT
51	<b>Brzustewicz, Hunter</b>	Kitchener	OHL	D	6-0	190	41	NA	USA
52	<b>Dvorak, Jakub</b>	Liberec	CZE	D	6-5	203	15	INT	CZE
53	<b>Klimovich, Yegor</b>	Novosibirsk	RUS	LW	5-9	159	-	-	RUS
54	<b>Cagnoni, Luca</b>	Portland	WHL	D	5-9	180	35	NA	CAN
55	<b>Augustine, Trey</b>	USA U18	NTDP	G	6-1	183	3	NAG	USA
56	<b>Tourigny, Jordan</b>	Shawinigan	QMJHL	D	5-11	165	123	NA	CAN
57	<b>Lindstein, Theo</b>	Brynäs	SWE	D	6-1	180	14	INT	SWE
58	<b>Pinelli, Luca</b>	Ottawa	OHL	C	5-9	165	54	NA	CAN
59	<b>Strbak, Maxim</b>	Sioux Falls	USHL	D	6-2	205	48	NA	SVK
60	<b>Dragicevic, Lukas</b>	Tri-City	WHL	D	6-1	190	18	NA	CAN
61	<b>Hrabal, Michael</b>	Omaha	USHL	G	6-6	209	2	NAG	CZE
62	<b>Lind, Kalan</b>	Red Deer	WHL	LW	6-0	158	39	NA	CAN
63	<b>Stramel, Charlie</b>	Wisconsin	BIG10	C	6-3	212	30	NA	USA
64	<b>Sotheran, Carter</b>	Portland	WHL	D	6-3	197	71	NA	CAN
65	<b>Cheslock, Chase</b>	Omaha	USHL	D	6-3	208	99	NA	USA
66	<b>Fisher, Jake</b>	Cretin-Derham	High-MN	C	6-2	182	87	NA	USA
67	<b>Allen, Cameron</b>	Guelph	OHL	D	6-0	194	46	NA	CAN
68	<b>Unger Sorum, Felix</b>	Leksand	SWE Jr.	RW	5-11	170	57	INT	SWE
69	<b>Peddle, Tyler</b>	Drummondville	QMJHL	LW	6-1	195	76	NA	CAN
70	<b>Ciernik, Alex</b>	Sodertalje	SWE 2	LW	5-11	176	21	INT	SVK
71	<b>Fowler, Jacob</b>	Youngstown	USHL	G	6-1	212	5	NAG	USA
72	<b>Kvochko, Ilya</b>	Magnitogorsk	RUS	C	5-9	159	-	-	RUS
73	<b>Hameenaho, Lenni</b>	Assat	FIN	RW	6-0	173	8	INT	FIN
74	<b>Terrance, Carey</b>	Erie	OHL	C	6-1	175	38	NA	USA
75	<b>Dower Nilsson, Noah</b>	Frolunda	SWE Jr.	LW	6-0	174	17	INT	SWE
76	<b>Gajan, Adam</b>	Chippewa	NAHL	G	6-3	167	6	NAG	SVK
77	<b>Myatovic, Nico</b>	Seattle	WHL	LW	6-2	182	26	NA	CAN
78	<b>Rykov, Alexander</b>	Chelmet	RUS 2	RW	6-0	176	23	INT	RUS
79	<b>Pitre, Coulson</b>	Flint	OHL	RW	6-1	172	37	NA	CAN
80	<b>Barkey, Denver</b>	London	OHL	C	5-9	155	79	NA	CAN
81	<b>Ratzlaff, Scott</b>	Seattle	WHL	G	6-1	175	4	NAG	CAN
82	<b>Erdman, Griffin</b>	Waterloo	USHL	RW	5-10	174	-	-	USA
83	<b>Coughlin, Luke</b>	Rimouski	QMJHL	D	5-10	170	144	NA	CAN
84	<b>Susuyev, Nikita</b>	Spartak	RUS Jr.	RW	6-0	172	29	INT	RUS
85	<b>Mania, Matthew</b>	Sudbury	OHL	D	6-1	180	70	NA	USA
86	<b>Karki, Arttu</b>	Tappara	FIN Jr.	D	6-2	176	37	INT	FIN
87	<b>Kiiskinen, Jesse</b>	Pelicans	FIN Jr.	RW	5-11	178	13	INT	FIN
88	<b>Nilsson, Felix</b>	Rogle	SWE Jr.	C	6-0	176	24	INT	SWE
89	<b>Loshko, Andrei</b>	Chicoutimi	QMJHL	C	6-1	173	68	NA	BLR
90	<b>Miedema, Ethan</b>	Kingston	OHL	LW	6-4	203	50	NA	CAN
91	<b>MacKinnon, Dylan</b>	Halifax	QMJHL	D	6-2	185	61	NA	CAN
92	<b>Uronen, Tuomas</b>	HIFK	FIN Jr.	RW	5-11	183	35	INT	FIN
93	<b>Musser, Carsen</b>	USA U18	NTDP	G	6-4	215	8	NAG	USA
94	<b>Mann, Matteo</b>	Chicoutimi	QMJHL	D	6-5	222	84	NA	CAN
95	<b>Squires, Cam</b>	Cape Breton	QMJHL	RW	6-0	165	56	NA	CAN
96	<b>Wahlberg, Anton</b>	Malmo	SWE Jr.	C	6-3	194	30	INT	SWE
97	<b>Nordh, Noel</b>	Brynäs	SWE Jr.	LW	6-2	196	20	INT	SWE
98	<b>Zavragin, Yegor</b>	Khanty-Mansiysk	RUS Jr.	G	6-3	183	12	INTG	RUS
99	<b>Nelson, Danny</b>	USA U18	NTDP	C	6-3	202	22	NA	USA
100	<b>Jarventie, Emil</b>	Ilves	FIN Jr.	LW	5-10	167	33	INT	FIN

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101	Nurmi, Jesse	Kookoo	FIN Jr.	LW	5-10	165	28	INT	FIN
102	Suniev, Aydar	Penticton	BCHL	LW	6-2	198	40	NA	RUS
103	Molnar, Ondrej	Erie	OHL	LW	5-10	170	129	NA	SVK
104	Petr, Dominik	Lukko	FIN Jr.	C	6-2	172	80	INT	CZE
105	Kumpulainen, Rasmus	Pelicans	FIN Jr.	C	6-2	191	22	INT	FIN
106	Gibson, Andrew	Sault Ste. Marie	OHL	D	6-3	196	31	NA	CAN
107	Lipinski, Jaden	Vancouver	WHL	C	6-4	204	49	NA	USA
108	Townsend, Teddy	Eden Prairie	High-MN	C	5-10	162	167	NA	USA
109	Forsfjall, Zeb	Skelleftea	SWE Jr.	C	5-9	167	34	INT	SWE
110	Burns, Quinton	Kingston	OHL	D	6-1	180	34	NA	CAN
111	Pharand, Alex	Sudbury	OHL	C	6-3	198	77	NA	CAN
112	Higgins, Ty	Acadie-Bathurst	QMJHL	D	6-0	187	147	NA	CAN
113	Sprynar, Jan	Rimouski	QMJHL	RW	6-1	173	148	NA	CZE
114	Stanley, Hoyt	Victoria	BCHL	D	6-2	187	85	NA	CAN
115	Hendrickson, Beckett	USA U18	NTDP	C	6-2	174	67	NA	USA
116	Soto, Matthew	Kingston	OHL	RW	5-11	179	130	NA	CAN
117	Levis, Connor	Kamloops	WHL	RW	6-1	187	75	NA	CAN
118	Cowan, Easton	London	OHL	RW	5-11	170	51	NA	CAN
119	Verdon, Thomas	Rouyn-Noranda	QMJHL	C	5-11	175	-	-	USA
120	Leslie, Mazden	Vancouver	WHL	D	6-0	193	125	NA	CAN
121	Thoreson, Gavyn	Andover	High-MN	RW	5-9	183	150	NA	USA
122	Mercer, Riley	Drummondville	QMJHL	G	6-2	203	24	NAG	CAN
123	Hagens, Michael	Chicago	USHL	D	5-11	170	103	NA	USA
124	Svoboda, Brandon	Youngstown	USHL	C	6-3	205	66	NA	USA
125	Fink, Aiden	Brooks	AJHL	RW	5-9	153	63	NA	CAN
126	Henneberry, Joseph	Acadie-Bathurst	QMJHL	LW	6-2	185	119	NA	CAN
127	Lavigne, Mael	Victoriaville	QMJHL	C	6-3	177	221	NA	CAN
128	Shaugabay, Jayson	Warroad	High-MN	RW	5-9	153	55	NA	USA
129	Chaly, Gennadi	Waterloo	USHL	LW	5-11	174	224	NA	RUS
130	Misiak, Martin	Youngstown	USHL	RW	6-2	194	45	NA	SVK
131	Mittelstadt, Luke	Minnesota	BIG10	D	5-11	185	97	NA	USA
132	Hurtig, Axel	Rogle	SWE Jr.	D	6-4	202	100	INT	SWE
133	Asplund, Oskar	Almtuna	SWE 2	D	5-11	174	58	INT	SWE
134	Bertucci, Tristan	Flint	OHL	D	6-2	172	32	NA	CAN
135	Burbidge, Cole	Saint John	QMJHL	C	6-1	170	110	NA	CAN
136	Stancl, Jakub	Vaxjo	SWE Jr.	C	6-3	201	26	INT	CZE
137	Isogai, Kenta	Youngstown	USHL	LW	5-11	174	-	-	JPN
138	Blomquist, Ian	Vasteras	SWE 2	G	6-3	187	3	INTG	SWE
139	Roy, Pier-Olivier	Victoriaville	QMJHL	D	5-10	165	208	NA	CAN
140	Patterson, Luke	Cape Breton	QMJHL	C	6-1	181	-	-	CAN
141	Bergstrom, Arvid	Djurgarden	SWE Jr.	D	5-11	161	54	INT	SWE
142	Siepmann, Grayden	Calgary	WHL	D	5-10	185	-	-	CAN
143	Bourosh, Daniil	Rouyn-Noranda	QMJHL	RW	6-1	188	163	NA	BLR
144	Vote, William	USA U18	NTDP	RW	5-8	160	145	NA	USA
145	Szturc, Gabriel	Kelowna	WHL	C	5-11	186	220	NA	CZE
146	Wilmer, Jeremy	Boston University	H-EAST	LW	5-8	154	-	-	USA
147	Robertson, Charlie	North Bay	OHL	G	6-3	167	13	NAG	CAN
148	Livanavage, Jake	Chicago	USHL	D	5-10	175	181	NA	USA
149	Hammell, Kaden	Everett	WHL	D	6-1	173	95	NA	CAN
150	Kuusla, Emil	Jokerit	FIN Jr.	LW	5-9	167	45	INT	FIN

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151	Brown, Cole	Hamilton	OHL	LW	6-2	178	69	NA	CAN
152	Pekarcik, Juraj	Nitra	SVK	LW	6-1	183	41	INT	SVK
153	Gardiner, Brad	Ottawa	OHL	C	6-1	178	57	NA	CAN
154	Ludtke, Tanner	Lincoln	USHL	C	6-0	185	53	NA	USA
155	Weinstein, Saige	Spokane	WHL	D	6-0	179	132	NA	CAN
156	Daigle, Xavier	Cape Breton	QMJHL	D	6-1	174	-	-	CAN
157	Schultz, Brady	Halifax	QMJHL	D	5-10	183	-	-	USA
158	Leppa, Tom	Jokerit	FIN Jr.	C	6-0	174	89	INT	FIN
159	Fine, Ryan	USA U18	NTDP	C	5-7	177	200	NA	USA
160	Roest, Austin	Everett	WHL	C	5-10	175	113	NA	CAN
161	Lounsbury, Preston	Moncton	QMJHL	C	5-11	166	187	NA	CAN
162	Suchanek, Tomas	Tri-City	WHL	G	6-1	180	9	NAG	CZE
163	Wersall, Melvin	Djurgarden	SWE Jr.	LW	6-0	158	107	INT	SWE
164	Brunelle, Benjamin	Rouyn-Noranda	QMJHL	RW	6-3	188	186	NA	CAN
165	Bentz, Harper	Fargo	USHL	RW	6-0	170	-	-	USA
166	Burnevik, Austin	USA U17	NTDP	RW	6-4	199	92	NA	USA
167	Mynio, Sawyer	Seattle	WHL	D	6-1	173	62	NA	CAN
168	Halaburda, Ty	Vancouver	WHL	C	5-11	178	89	NA	CAN
169	Vermette, Emmanuel	Chicoutimi	QMJHL	LW	6-0	193	121	NA	CAN
170	Sidorov, Yegor	Saskatoon	WHL	LW	6-0	176	81	NA	BLR
171	Zidlicky, Adam	Kitchener	OHL	RW	6-0	165	-	-	CZE
172	Loshing, Yoan	Moncton	QMJHL	C	5-10	165	-	-	CAN
173	Milic, Thomas	Seattle	WHL	G	6-0	179	28	NAG	CAN
174	Pienieniemi, Emil	Karpat	FIN Jr.	D	6-2	170	31	INT	FIN
175	Thornton, Hudson	Prince George	WHL	D	5-11	180	206	NA	CAN
176	Gill, Justin	Sherbrooke	QMJHL	C	6-1	190	116	NA	CAN
177	Bulans, Peteris	Acadie-Bathurst	QMJHL	D	6-0	181	-	-	LAT
178	Steinman, Jacob	Moncton	QMJHL	G	6-0	185	-	-	CAN
179	Wikman, Albert	Farjestad	SWE Jr.	D	6-1	191	32	INT	SWE
180	Schulz, Zachary	USA U18	NTDP	D	6-1	195	96	NA	USA
181	Sumpf, Julius	Salzburg	AUT	LW	6-1	176	-	-	GER
182	Vesterheim, Petter	Mora	SWE Jr.	C	5-11	165	73	INT	NOR
183	De Luca, Tommaso	Spokane	WHL	C	5-11	178	158	NA	SUI
184	Nguyen, Marcus	Portland	WHL	RW	5-10	172	-	-	CAN
185	MacDonell, Angus	Mississauga	OHL	C	5-9	180	142	NA	CAN
186	Jencko, Daniel Alexander	Malmo	SWE Jr.	C	6-0	170	110	INT	SVK
187	Fischer, Paul	USA U18	NTDP	D	6-1	195	58	NA	USA
188	Kostadinski, Kristian	Frolunda	SWE	D	6-5	214	62	INT	SWE
189	Parker, Kalem	Victoria	WHL	D	6-0	192	93	NA	CAN
190	Landen, Axel	HV71	SWE Jr.	D	6-1	185	44	INT	SWE
191	Pettersson, Hugo	HV71	SWE Jr.	LW	6-0	180	61	INT	SWE
192	Miller, Quentin	Quebec	QMJHL	G	6-2	183	11	NAG	CAN
193	Alriksson, Vilmer	Djurgarden	SWE Jr.	LW	6-6	214	94	INT	SWE
194	Kukumberg, Roman	Bratislava	SVK	LW	6-1	183	56	INT	SVK
195	Hellnemo, Alexander	Skelleftea	SWE Jr.	G	6-2	183	1	INTG	SWE
196	Kangas, Gustaf	Vasteras	SWE	C	6-0	172	-	-	SWE
197	Cedzo, Adam	Trinec	CZE Jr.	LW	5-10	163	78	INT	SVK
198	Johansson, Wille	Farjestad	SWE	C	5-10	170	-	-	SWE
199	Hedqvist, Isac	Lulea	SWE Jr.	C	5-9	158	112	INT	SWE
200	Carlsson, Kalle	Orebro	SWE Jr.	C	6-0	172	136	INT	SWE

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201	<b>Port, Vojtech</b>	Edmonton	WHL	D	6-2	168	172	NA	CZE
202	<b>Remezovskiy, Ivan</b>	SKA St. Petersburg	RUS Jr.	D	6-1	167	69	INT	RUS
203	<b>Outwater, Owen</b>	Kingston	OHL	C	6-2	161	126	NA	CAN
204	<b>Adams, Tanner</b>	Tri-City	USHL	RW	5-11	184	101	NA	USA
205	<b>Spunar, Jan</b>	Portland	WHL	G	6-3	185	10	NAG	CZE
206	<b>Conmy, Ryan</b>	Sioux City	USHL	RW	5-10	188	112	NA	USA
207	<b>Hanson, Ty</b>	Sioux City	USHL	D	5-9	175	217	NA	USA
208	<b>Delaney, Chris</b>	Madison	USHL	C	5-6	148	-	-	USA
209	<b>Pohlkamp, Eric</b>	Cedar Rapids	USHL	D	5-11	205	118	NA	USA
210	<b>Clark, Jimmy</b>	Green Bay	USHL	LW	6-0	179	-	-	USA
211	<b>Urban, Samuel</b>	Sioux City	USHL	G	6-1	196	14	NAG	SVK
212	<b>St. Denis, Mael</b>	Rimouski	QMJHL	C	6-0	187	184	NA	CAN
213	<b>Taibel, Jonas</b>	Moncton	QMJHL	LW	5-11	172	-	-	SUI
214	<b>DeAngelo, Michael</b>	Green Bay	USHL	LW	5-11	180	82	NA	USA
215	<b>Beaudry, Marc-Olivier</b>	Drummondville	QMJHL	D	6-0	172	-	-	CAN
216	<b>Svensson, Joel</b>	Vaxjo	SWE Jr.	C	6-1	183	134	INT	SWE
217	<b>Slaggert, Carter</b>	USA U18	NTDP	LW	5-9	172	-	-	USA
218	<b>Minkkinen, Niko</b>	JYP	FIN	D	6-4	194	-	-	FIN
219	<b>Collard, Vincent</b>	Baie-Comeau	QMJHL	C	6-2	194	-	-	CAN
220	<b>Peck, Stephen</b>	Avon Old Farms	High-CT	G	6-2	170	7	NAG	USA
221	<b>Blednov, Nikita</b>	Yekaterinburg	RUS	-	5-11	165	-	-	RUS
222	<b>Roelens, Milo</b>	Sherbrooke	QMJHL	C	6-6	207	-	-	BEL
223	<b>Sjoholm, Victor</b>	HV71	SWE	D	5-9	178	55	INT	SWE
224	<b>Foster, Cooper</b>	Ottawa	OHL	C	5-11	172	88	NA	CAN
225	<b>Burchill, Michael</b>	Dubuque	USHL	-	-	-	-	-	USA
226	<b>Gaudet, Emeric</b>	Rouyn-Noranda	QMJHL	D	6-4	170	-	-	CAN
227	<b>Glifford, Olof</b>	HV71 Jr.	SWE Jr.	G	6-4	192	-	-	SWE
228	<b>Topilnyckyj, Anton</b>	Charlottetown	QMJHL	D	6-2	177	168	NA	CAN
229	<b>Biasca, Atillio</b>	Halifax	QMJHL	C	6-0	183	-	-	SUI
230	<b>Kangas, Kalle</b>	Jokerit	FIN Jr.	D	6-4	205	135	INT	FIN
231	<b>Malinoski, Hudson</b>	Brooks	AJHL	C	6-0	175	65	NA	CAN
232	<b>Bilodeau, Nicholas</b>	Saint John	QMJHL	D	5-7	157	-	-	CAN
233	<b>Wormald, Logan</b>	Lethbridge	WHL	LW	5-10	144	156	NA	CAN
234	<b>Woodworth, Luke</b>	Drummondville	QMJHL	C	5-10	162	-	-	CAN
235	<b>Celebrini, Aiden</b>	Brooks	AJHL	D	6-1	187	140	NA	CAN
236	<b>Tulk, Oliver</b>	Calgary	WHL	C	5-7	170	215	NA	CAN
237	<b>Tivey, Nate</b>	Saint John	QMJHL	D	6-5	188	-	-	CAN
238	<b>Romeo, Lucas</b>	Charlottetown	QMJHL	RW	6-2	195	139	NA	CAN
239	<b>Eriksson, Filip</b>	Vaxjo	SWE	C	5-10	163	-	-	SWE
240	<b>Hellberg, Hannes</b>	Leksand	SWE Jr.	RW	6-1	185	82	INT	SWE
241	<b>Dybal, Adam</b>	Karlovy Vary	CZE Jr.	G	6-1	166	10	INTG	CZE
242	<b>Day, Nathaniel</b>	Flint	OHL	G	6-2	181	12	NAG	FIN
243	<b>Junkkari, Jimi</b>	Pelicans	FIN Jr.	D	6-1	178	133	INT	FIN
244	<b>Felcman, Jiri</b>	Langnau	SUI Jr.	C	6-4	198	67	INT	CZE
245	<b>Rix, Elis</b>	Vaxjo	SWE Jr.	LW	6-2	198	143	INT	SWE
246	<b>Prihti, Eero</b>	Assat	FIN	D	5-10	190	-	-	FIN
247	<b>Matejcek, Martin</b>	Jihlava	CZE Jr.	D	6-1	205	86	INT	CZE
248	<b>Guzzo, Salvatore</b>	USA U18	NTDP	RW	6-0	185	196	NA	USA
249	<b>Koci, Matteo</b>	Karlovy Vary	CZE Jr.	D	6-0	167	74	INT	CZE
250	<b>Kiukas, Peetu</b>	SaiPa	FIN	D	5-10	168	-	-	FIN

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251	<b>Lundgren, Max</b>	Des Moines	USHL	G	6-5	234	18	NAG	USA
252	<b>Meier, Simon</b>	Kloten	SUI Jr.	C	5-8	150	106	INT	SUI
253	<b>Lacroix, AJ</b>	Chilliwack	BCHL	LW	6-0	183	-	-	USA
254	<b>Willis, Joey</b>	Saginaw	OHL	C	5-10	170	174	NA	USA
255	<b>Fenenko, Niks</b>	Baie-Comeau	QMJHL	D	6-1	180	-	-	LAT
256	<b>Assadourian, Alex</b>	Niagara	OHL	LW	5-8	168	-	-	CAN
257	<b>Cleveland, Brady</b>	USA U18	NTDP	D	6-5	211	64	NA	USA
258	<b>Ohlsson, Anton</b>	Brynas	SWE	C	6-1	176	-	-	SWE
259	<b>Dej, Frantisek</b>	Modre Kridla Slovan	SVK 2	C	6-4	200	48	INT	SVK
260	<b>Hell, Hugo</b>	Farjestad	SWE Jr.	D	6-0	176	137	INT	SWE
261	<b>Sitar, Filip</b>	AIK	SWE	C	5-11	176	-	-	SLO
262	<b>Slukynsky, Hampton</b>	Warroad	High-MN	G	6-1	179	16	NAG	SWE
263	<b>Hes, Lukas</b>	Zlin	CZE Jr.	RW	6-3	187	46	INT	CZE
264	<b>Elie, Vince</b>	Saint John	QMJHL	RW	5-8	176	-	-	CAN
265	<b>Stefan, James</b>	Portland	WHL	RW	6-0	183	-	-	USA
266	<b>Daviault, Alexis</b>	Erie	OHL	D	5-11	177	160	NA	CAN
267	<b>Ward, Mathew</b>	Swift Current	WHL	C	5-8	172	-	-	CAN
268	<b>Erliden, Noah</b>	HV71 Jr.	SWE Jr.	G	5-11	170	-	-	SWE
269	<b>Born, Isac</b>	Frolunda	SWE	C	6-0	176	40	INT	SWE
270	<b>Schneller, Eric</b>	Rogle	SWE Jr.	D	5-11	183	131	INT	SUI
271	<b>Stahlberg, Elliot</b>	Farjestad	SWE	C	6-0	181	-	-	SWE
272	<b>Engstrom, Liam</b>	Orebro	SWE	LW	5-8	148	-	-	SWE
273	<b>Pohjalainen, Aatu</b>	Pelicans	FIN	LW	5-10	172	-	-	FIN
274	<b>Ylitalo, Otso</b>	Karpat	FIN Jr.	LW	6-3	176	139	INT	FIN
275	<b>Hopkins, Ryan</b>	Penticton	BCHL	D	6-1	183	199	NA	CAN
276	<b>Sjodin, Svante</b>	Orebro	SWE	C	6-0	170	-	-	SWE
277	<b>Korpi, Cameron</b>	Tri-City	USHL	G	6-3	153	20	NAG	CAN
278	<b>Sagranden, Lukas</b>	Orebro	SWE	RW	5-8	159	-	-	SWE
279	<b>Pahlsson, Erik</b>	HV71	SWE	C	6-1	183	-	-	SWE
280	<b>Simek, Pavel</b>	Saint John	QMJHL	LW	5-10	154	-	-	CZE
281	<b>Sever, Mark</b>	Kloten	SUI Jr.	LW	5-11	170	130	INT	SLO
282	<b>Lind, Onni</b>	Jokerit	FIN	-	5-10	174	-	-	FIN
283	<b>Waddick, Declan</b>	Niagara	OHL	C	5-10	170	-	-	CAN
284	<b>Ozols, Aksels</b>	HS Riga	LAT	G	6-1	155	8	INTG	LAT
285	<b>Miller, Tyler</b>	Sherwood Park	AJHL	D	6-1	172	-	-	CAN
286	<b>Volas, Patrik</b>	Trinec	CZE Jr.	D	6-4	209	96	INT	CZE
287	<b>Bicker, Kevin</b>	Mannheim	GER Jr.	LW	6-0	176	124	INT	GER
288	<b>Rullers, Rainers</b>	Zemgale	FIN 2	C	6-4	194	108	INT	LAT
289	<b>Valis, Borya</b>	Regina	WHL	RW	6-1	182	152	NA	USA
290	<b>Pacheco, Marcus</b>	Kelowna	WHL	RW	5-11	163	-	-	CAN
291	<b>Clara, Damian</b>	Farjestad	SWE Jr.	G	6-6	214	6	INTG	LAT
292	<b>Mantei, Quinn</b>	Brandon	WHL	D	6-0	180	138	NA	CAN
293	<b>McCoy, Donovan</b>	Peterborough	OHL	D	6-1	201	173	NA	CAN
294	<b>Jatkola, Juha</b>	Kalpa	FIN	G	6-1	176	2	INTG	LAT
295	<b>Ride, Bronson</b>	Niagara	OHL	D	6-6	201	-	-	CAN
296	<b>Romani, Anthony</b>	North Bay	OHL	C	6-0	178	106	NA	CAN
297	<b>Barcik, Samuel</b>	Zvolen	SVK	D	6-3	191	60	INT	SVK
298	<b>Copeland, Juan</b>	Niagara	OHL	LW	5-11	165	-	-	USA
299	<b>Calvert, Atley</b>	Moose Jaw	WHL	C	6-0	190	-	-	CAN
300	<b>Unger, Jackson</b>	Moose Jaw	WHL	G	6-1	179	19	NAG	CAN



# THE FINAL SAY

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LEGEND		
<b>SKATE</b>	Skating	<b>ATHL</b> Athleticism
<b>SHOT</b>	Shooting	<b>POSN</b> Positioning
<b>PLAY</b>	Playmaking	<b>READ</b> Anticipation
<b>PUCK</b>	Puckhandling	<b>TRACK</b> Tracking
<b>SENSE</b>	Hockey Sense	<b>RB CTR</b> Rebound Control
<b>COMP</b>	Compete	<b>TECHN</b> Technical Skill
		<b>BA</b> Below Average
		<b>A</b> Average
		<b>AA</b> Above Average
		<b>HE</b> High End
		<b>E</b> Elite

Connor Bedard  
[Bob Frid, Top Prospects Game]

# 1 CONNOR BEDARD

POS CENTER  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 5-10  
WEIGHT 185  
NHL CS 1NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	REGINA	WHL	57	71	72	143	62

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
AA	E	E	E	E	AA

**Bedard stands out as the top prospect** for the 2023 NHL Draft, exhibiting a remarkable skill set that positions him among the greatest 17-year-olds in hockey history. His elite puck manipulation, stickhandling, and fearsome shot make him a formidable presence on the ice. Bedard's comprehensive understanding of the game and undeniable offensive potential render him a nearly unstoppable force. Despite being a shoot-first player, he consistently involves his teammates in plays, effectively preventing opponents from collapsing on him. Bedard's long, whippy stick allows him to generate exceptional torque, placing him among the world's elite. As he matures and fills out his frame, it is likely that he will join the ranks of prolific goal-scorers like Auston Matthews and Alex Ovechkin, with 50-goal seasons becoming a regular accomplishment. However, Bedard has areas that require improvement, particularly his defensive play and open-ice speed, which are currently lacking and average, respectively. As he faces increasingly tougher competition, it will be crucial for him to enhance these aspects of his game. While his wide skating base facilitates quick direction changes, he may struggle to gain the extra step needed for shots on the rush. Furthermore, refining his defensive zone play is essential, as Bedard has previously exhibited confusion and missed coverage in this area. Although size may pose a disadvantage at the center position, developing into a more well-rounded player will solidify his status as a dominant point-producer in the NHL.

*Bedard has the potential to become a transformative force, and his continued development will be eagerly anticipated by fans and teams alike.*

# 2 ADAM FANTILLI

POS CENTER  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-2  
WEIGHT 195  
NHL CS 2NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	MICHIGAN	BIG10	36	30	35	65	67

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
HE	AA	HE	HE	HE	A

**Fantilli consistently demonstrates why** he's a top pick in the 2023 draft, showcasing a remarkable blend of size, speed, and skill. His elite pace, solid skating mechanics, and excellent acceleration make him a standout player. Fantilli adeptly reads plays, displaying impressive awareness and playmaking abilities, while his dangerous shot and speed make him an ideal puck transporter. Furthermore, his competitive spirit and edginess contribute to his status as a complete player. Offensively, Fantilli excels in many areas, including puckhandling at high speeds, vision, and stickhandling. His size and strength enable him to generate high-danger chances and finish close to the net, and there's still room for growth on this front. Defensively, Fantilli exhibits awareness and physicality, using his reach to disrupt passes and his strength to break up plays along the wall. However, there are areas where he could improve, such as acceleration and four-way mobility. His offensive skills and tenacity are apparent, and his combination of skill, speed and size making him a tantalizing choice. Projected as a top-six center, Fantilli has the potential to bring added offense to any NHL team that selects him. His patience with the puck, exceptional skating, and dangerous shot further cement his status as a top pick. Though his pace of play could be faster, this minor concern does not detract from his overall potential as a driving force in the NHL. He consistently leaves a positive impact on the ice, and his play this year solidifies his position atop the draft class.

*Fantilli projects as a top-six center who can drive his line's offense and put up points.*

# 3 MATVEI MICHKOV

POS RIGHT WING  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 5-10  
WEIGHT 172  
NHL CS 2INT



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	ST.PETERSBURG	RUS	30	9	11	20	16

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	E	AA	E	E	A

**Michkov has emerged as a polarizing prospect** for the 2023 draft due to his undeniable skill, effortless hands, and remarkable shot, which is arguably the best in his class, but also some underlying issues. He has the ability to beat KHL goalies cleanly, foreshadowing a smooth transition to the NHL. In addition to his exceptional shot, Michkov's playmaking is an underrated aspect of his offensive game. However, his defensive game is lacking, and he often appears lost in his own end. A constant example of this is Michkov's habit of frequently making ill-fated passes, often leading to turnovers. Michkov's production in a men's league is promising, but concerns about his athletic level and growth persist. His skating is controlled and clean, though not dazzling, and he lacks true separation speed. Despite these drawbacks, his advanced offensive ability and potential for a quick impact on the scoresheet make him a potential top-five talent in the draft. Despite these challenges, Michkov remains an intriguing prospect in the 2023 draft, representing a high risk/reward decision. Michkov's offensive prowess, adept playmaking, and quick puck skills will all draw interest come draft day. However, when the pace of play increases, Michkov can lose composure, forcing plays or fumbling the puck due to his average skating ability. Overall, Michkov is a top prospect in the upcoming draft and has the potential to become one of the most elite offensive players in recent years. It'll just require patience given his passport and lengthy contractual obligations in Russia.

*Whoever selects him will need to address his weaknesses without suppressing his talent, but, if successful, they will be rewarded with an exceptional forward.*

# 4 LEO CARLSSON

POS CENTER  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-3  
WEIGHT 198  
NHL CS 1INT



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	OREBRO	SWE	44	10	15	25	6

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
AA	AA	AA	HE	E	AA

**Carlsson, a big-bodied center with high-end** puck skills, vision, and 200-foot play, is a smooth skater with powerful strides and slick edges, making him a standout player with the potential to become a top-line center or a versatile winger. Although his skating may not be exceptionally dynamic, he excels at outflanking defenders by switching gears, and his exceptional vision and IQ allow him to find seams instantly and distribute the puck accurately to his teammates. He displays dazzling hands and puckhandling, varying his pace to surprise opponents, and with incredible position awareness, Carlsson plays close to his teammates to be available for passes or to help with turnovers. His large frame, long reach, and exceptional puck protection make him an asset in the offensive zone, and defensively responsible, he supports his defenders well and covers them when they jump into plays. Carlsson could benefit from being more selfish and shooting the puck more often, but he remains a legitimate top-line center prospect with superior hands and two-way abilities, likely to be a top-5 contender for the 2023 draft. As a winger, Carlsson's size and elite playmaking ability make him highly coveted, and his excellent vision and agility allow him to make plays and handle contact well in corner battles. His confident stickhandling and ability to push into the middle and to the net-front showcase his high potential. However, there is room for improvement in his skating and shooting, particularly in acceleration and utilizing his natural strength.

*Carlsson is another intriguing prospect, and his unique blend of size, skill, creativity, and mobility make him a player to watch.*

# 5 WILLIAM SMITH

POS CENTER  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 6-0  
WEIGHT 181  
NHL CS 3NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	USA U18	NTDP	52	42	62	104	26

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
AA	A	HE	E	AA	A

**Smith, a dynamic forward, exhibits silky-smooth** mits, allowing him to rapidly move the puck or stickhandle in tight spaces with ease. He demonstrates an excellent ability to change pace and use momentum to create lanes for himself and his teammates. Smith consistently attacks the net with purpose and showcases a quick-release shot with plenty of torque. Despite his top-10 potential in the 2023 draft, some viewings reveal concerns about his speed and pace of play, as he often slows the game down and waits for lanes to open instead of actively creating them. His defensive play needs improvement, but Smith remains a standout player on the NTDP, consistently producing offense with his electric offensive toolkit, exceptional skating, and quick feet. Smith's hands are among the best in the draft class, and he displays high confidence in making moves during transitions. He may create more opportunities for his teammates than scoring himself, but his quick wrist can beat goalies from a distance. Smith's willingness to work defensively is evident, but there are doubts about whether it will be sufficient for him to maintain a central position in the NHL. Overall, Smith is a top-six forward prospect who can drive play on his line, and his high-speed pace of play and ability to make plays should translate well to the next level. Although he may face challenges in refining certain aspects of his game, Smith's raw talent and determination make him an attractive prospect for NHL teams. He is a very strong candidate to be the top American off the board.

*Smith's unique blend of traits and ability to produce positions him as a promising player for any team looking to bolster their forward lineup.*

# 6 ZACH BENSON

POS LEFT WING  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 5-9  
WEIGHT 163  
NHL CS 6NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	WINNIPEG	WHL	60	36	62	98	49

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
HE	HE	HE	E	HE	HE

**Benson, a sparkplug with shifty and** dynamic offensive talents, consistently makes things happen on the ice. As a fluid skater, he uses his speed in transition to push back defensemen and storm the offensive zone. His great puck skills at top speed allow him to attack defenders around the outside or cut back to identify trailing linemates. Tenacious and willing to go into high traffic areas, Benson drives possession and processes various offensive situations. His fast hands and feet make him a valuable prospect for many teams, and he's expected to be a top-10 selection in the 2023 draft. Benson's efficiency and maturity are evident in his skating balance, pivots, explosivity, adjustments, turning, hand-eye coordination, vision, and prescanning. However, his skating stride length, stick length for lateral evasiveness, and finishing ability hold him back. Likely to be included more on the second PP and first PK unit at the NHL level, Benson is the kind of player who makes everyone around him better. As a winger, Benson's high pace and hockey IQ are matched by his smooth stride and excellent puck control. His intelligence while using his stick for checking opponents and in offensive situations showcases his detail-oriented and smart approach. Benson is projected to be an effective top-six winger in the NHL, providing value on a power play unit with his playmaking abilities. He may be in the conversation for the fifth overall pick in the 2023 draft, though he may drop a few spots due to projecting better as a winger than a center.

*Benson's physical profile may cause concern, but he consistently creates and dominates the offensive zone with his elite competitiveness and character.*

**7 DALIBOR DVORSKY**

POS CENTER  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-1  
WEIGHT 201  
NHL CS 3 INT



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	AIK	SWE 2	38	6	8	14	16

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
AA	A	AA	HE	HE	AA

Dvorsky is a highly skilled, versatile forward with a keen offensive mind and exceptional puckhandling abilities, making him a standout prospect. His elite shot, which combines both power and accuracy, along with his remarkable vision and playmaking abilities, make him a dual-threat in the offensive zone. Dvorsky also exhibits strong puck protection skills and excellent cruising speed through the neutral zone. He is aggressive on the forecheck and tenacious in digging for pucks, with an impressive commitment to the defensive side of the game as well. There are concerns about his confidence bordering on arrogance, which may not serve him well at higher levels of play. Additionally, Dvorsky's speed and acceleration need improvement, and his physical play along the boards could be enhanced. His defensive game has room for growth, particularly in reading plays without the puck and maintaining intensity during long shifts in his own end. Improving his rush offense and avoiding over-stickhandling when attempting to beat defenders one-on-one will also benefit his overall performance. Despite areas for improvement, Dvorsky's intelligence, quick hands, and strong skating abilities make him a formidable prospect. His exceptional understanding of the game and ability to make the right play in all situations set him apart from other players. Moreover, his defensive efforts and mean streak on the ice showcase his potential as a solid two-way player. Dvorsky is an attractive player with his high-level offensive talents and responsible defensive play.

*With his high-level offensive talents, responsible defensive play, and potential to contribute on a power play unit, Dvorsky is an intriguing 200-foot option.*

**8 AXEL SANDIN PELLIKKA**

POS DEFENSE  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 5-11  
WEIGHT 176  
NHL CS 7 INT



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	SKELLEFTEA	SWE JR.	31	16	20	36	64

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
HE	AA	HE	HE	HE	AA

Sandin Pellikka is an incredibly poised, smart, and offensively-minded defenseman with excellent skating abilities and a solid shot. Known for his calm demeanor and exceptional decision-making skills, he thrives with the puck on his stick and is rarely rattled on the ice. As a facilitator from the back end, he excels on the power play and is highly adept at breaking the puck out of his own end. His strong sense of player positioning and ability to accurately shoot from the point make him a top prospect for the 2023 draft. Sandin Pellikka's technical skills and focus are remarkable for a young player, allowing him to handle challenging moves and situations with ease. His fantastic first pass and hockey IQ make him effective against the forecheck and pressure, while his balance and speed also benefit his performance in his own zone. Although there are areas for improvement, such as winning battles along the boards and at the net-front, he is expected to develop these skills as he gains strength and size in the future. Despite not possessing the most powerful shot, Sandin Pellikka's decision-making on offense is consistently fast and accurate, and his passes are precise. His effortless skating and edgework enable him to join the offense on the rush while maintaining smart choices on when to engage. On the defensive side, he uses his stick effectively but could improve his positioning and physicality near the boards to prevent turnovers in his own zone. As he continues to develop his skills and gain confidence, it will be interesting to see how he grows.

*Sandin Pellikka is a highly impressive defenseman who dominates against older competition and shows great potential as a top-10 talent.*

**9 OLIVER MOORE**

POS CENTER  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 5-11  
WEIGHT 188  
NHL CS 8 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	USA U18	NTDP	53	26	38	64	26

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
E	AA	AA	A	AA	A

Moore is a speedy, smart, and creative two-way center with significant upside. His greatest asset is undoubtedly his exceptional skating ability, which many consider the best in the draft class. This skill allows him to dictate the tempo of the game and drive play in a way that few others can. His offensive capabilities are impressive, boasting a strong shot with a quick release and notable playmaking abilities. Moore is adept at weaving through the neutral zone, using his speed and hands to exploit holes in opposing defenses and constantly probing for ways to penetrate the interior of the ice with the puck. Defensively, Moore is sound and demonstrates a strong commitment to his own end. With the right coaching, he has the potential to become a highly effective defensive player. Throughout the season, Moore has consistently showcased his elite skating and complete offensive toolkit, dominating the ice and creating numerous scoring chances for his team. However, there are areas where he could improve, such as decision-making with the puck and refining his shooting ability. At times, he has displayed a tendency for recklessness, attempting ill-advised passes or trying to stickhandle into traffic with little support, leading to turnovers. Despite these occasional lapses, Moore projects as a potential top-six center at the NHL level. His ability to generate offense, play with pace, and excel in both offensive and defensive aspects of the game make him a highly sought-after talent. At the very least, he is expected to become a productive middle-six play driver.

*With continued development and refinement of his skills, Moore has the potential to make a significant impact.*

**10 DAVID REINBACHER**

POS DEFENSE  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 6-2  
WEIGHT 185  
NHL CS 5 INT



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	KLOTEN	SUI	46	3	19	22	26

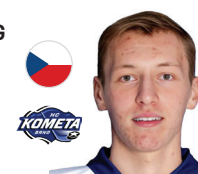
SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
AA	AA	A	AA	HE	AA

Reinbacher is a big, right-handed two-way defenseman with strong skating ability and the potential to become a top pairing defenseman in the NHL. He is calm and confident when handling the puck, showing good awareness and problem-solving abilities in the defensive and neutral zones. Reinbacher has solid puck skills and can make accurate passes in all situations. While he may not have elite offensive potential, he could develop into a point man on the second power play with his passing game and ability to get shots off quickly. He uses his size and agility to beat forecheckers and skate the puck up ice, although his backward skating could use improvement. Defensively, he works with an active stick and makes good reads to extend possession in the offensive zone or break up plays early. He is also in a good supporting role off the puck, making himself an option or skating as a screen to create more time and space for the puck-carrier. However, he could be more aggressive in stopping the play on the defensive blue line and is not physically very strong for his size, making him less effective along the boards, though this can be improved with maturity. Reinbacher is a complete two-way defenseman who competes hard at both ends of the ice, although his puck skills are not elite and he mishandles the puck or executes a bad pass on occasion. Nonetheless, he possesses many above-average tools, including strong gap control and a strong shot. If a team believes he will develop into a No. 1 defenseman, he may go well above his draft projection.

*At present, he is a solid two-way defenseman who can do everything on the ice, and has the potential to develop into a No. 1 defenseman.*

**11 EDUARD SALE**

POS LEFT WING  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-2  
WEIGHT 174  
NHL CS 4 INT



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	BRNO	CZE	43	7	7	14	2

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
HE	AA	AA	HE	AA	BA

Sale, a highly skilled winger with exceptional skating abilities and puck skills, is a formidable prospect. His electrifying speed and edgework make him a constant threat on the ice, enabling him to change directions rapidly and maintain control of the puck at high speeds. Sale's impressive stickhandling abilities, quick hands, and strong shot, combined with his offensive IQ and defensive presence, make him a versatile player in all situations. He consistently makes smart plays, supports his teammates, and has an uncanny ability to find open space, making him a valuable asset in both offensive and defensive zones. Sale has areas for improvement, however, such as puck control, creating space in the offensive zone, and winning battles along the boards and in corners. He occasionally tries to take on defenders one-on-one instead of making better plays, but his offensive imagination and ability to make the right decisions most of the time set him apart from other prospects. Sale's defensive game needs some refinement but his aptitude for forechecking and backchecking suggest that defense will not be a weakness. His ability to read the play will be crucial as he develops his skillset. Sale is also an accomplished pass receiver and has excellent hand-eye coordination, which allows him to pick pucks out of the air and make precise passes. His peripheral vision and ability to make plays under pressure contribute to his status as one of the best pass receivers in the draft class. Sale's ceiling and potential as an offensive threat make him a compelling prospect.

*Regardless of his draft position, Sale's elite skills, intelligence, and adaptability suggest a promising future in professional hockey.*

**12 OTTO STENBERG**

POS CENTER  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 5-11  
WEIGHT 180  
NHL CS 6 INT



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	FROLUNDA	SWE JR.	29	11	15	26	53

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
HE	HE	HE	E	HE	A

Stenberg possesses a dynamic offensive game with a powerful one-timer and a willingness to put pucks on net, directing them towards the blue paint. His steady, even stride with solid edgework allows him to skate the puck into the offensive zone fearlessly, and his nifty mitts help him stick-handle through defenders. However, he has a tendency to hold onto the puck too long and pass up better opportunities to distribute. Stenberg's skating sets him apart, but his deficient hockey IQ is a concern, and he needs to improve his defensive zone awareness. Though he does have weaknesses, they aren't outweighed by his skating and hard shot, and his talents merit selection in the first round. Stenberg possesses exceptional puck skills and the ability to navigate through tight spaces, making him difficult to forecheck. He has a quick release that catches goalies off guard and delivers crisp, accurate passes to open teammates. His excellent acceleration and agility create separation from defenders, enabling him to find scoring opportunities. To take his game to the next level, he will need to focus on improving his physicality and strength. Stenberg's active stick and promising instincts are assets, but he needs to put more physical pressure on opponents, as his team can get stuck defending the cycle down low when he's not engaged with his check. His tendency to hold the puck for long stretches and skate into trouble is a concern, but Stenberg's patience under pressure and strong vision with the puck are among the best in class.

*While Stenberg can produce, improving his explosiveness and effort off puck will determine if he can remain at center and eventually fill a scoring-line role.*

**13 COLBY BARLOW**

POS LEFT WING  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-0  
WEIGHT 190  
NHL CS 12 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	OWEN SOUND	OHL	59	46	33	79	29

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	HE	A	AA	HE	A

Barlow is a big-bodied scoring forward with an elite shot and dangerous offensive toolkit. He is effective all over the ice, using his powerful stride to gain speed in transition and proving difficult to knock off the puck when he cuts to the net. His foot-speed is still improving, but he has plenty of top-end speed thanks to great extension on his strides and lower-body strength. Barlow has great stickhandling abilities and consistently wins one-on-one puck battles in dirty areas of the offensive zone. He flashes soft hands in the slot area, with good hand-eye coordination from the net-front and good finishing ability tight to the crease. His low skating stance gives him good balance and allows him to fight through checks to get to high-danger areas on offense. He plays physical off the puck as well, finishing his hits hard on the forecheck and using his strength to win battles along the boards. His lack of elite foot-speed and acceleration could prevent him from reaching consistent top-line status, but he has the offensive awareness and shooting ability to become a top-six scoring forward with 30-goal potential at the NHL level. With his ability to play physical and nose for the high-danger areas he should be an effective scorer at the next level both at five-on-five and on a power play unit. The consistency and skating are issues, but can be improved with the proper commitment from Barlow. When he is engaged, there are few better than he in this class, as his high-end shot and hockey IQ makes him a formidable pick in the 2023 draft despite his other average attributes.

*He will be a top-six scorer who plays all situations if he hits his ceiling, and if he doesn't his style can adapt to a checking forward who chips in offensively.*

**14 GABRIEL PERREAULT**

POS RIGHT WING  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 5-11  
WEIGHT 165  
NHL CS 10 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	USA U18	NTDP	55	46	64	110	8

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	AA	AA	HE	E	AA

Perreault is a highly skilled offensive-minded winger with great stickhandling and playmaking abilities. He is a gifted puck-handler who reads developing plays really well and makes accurate passes with short processing time due to his exceptional vision on the ice. Perreault has great hands and uses his skill to find his way into scoring areas on the ice. Despite being a volume shooter, he presents good shot selection and rarely passes up opportunities to get the puck on net. Perreault has the mindset of a goal scorer, although he also possesses capable playmaking ability with strong vision and reliable passing accuracy. While he may not have elite speed, Perreault's stride is explosive with quick strides, showing some jump from a standstill. Perreault's size is on the smaller side, but his skating is agile, though his straightline speed could use some work. His stride length and acceleration are inconsistent, and an added gear in terms of speed could open up more offensive opportunities for him off of the rush. His shot and finishing ability are great as mentioned, even though he can trend towards being a pass-first type player in some situations. Perreault has the potential to become a top-six winger at the NHL level, but needs to add more strength to his frame to both hold up against larger, stronger opponents and get more power behind his shot. While he is raw in some areas and needs time to address some of his physical deficiencies, with the right development Perreault could become a highly effective and dynamic player in the NHL.

*His top-six upside makes him worthy of a high pick, and he trends upwards if a team is willing to show some patience in his development.*

**15 GAVIN BRINDLEY**

POS CENTER  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 5-9  
WEIGHT 165  
NHL CS 23 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	MICHIGAN	BIG10	41	12	26	38	22

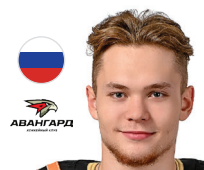
SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
AA	A	AA	AA	A	HE

Brindley, an offensive-minded winger, is a standout player with a high compete level, making impactful plays on both sides of the puck despite his smaller stature. He uses his quick set of hands and shiftiness to create offense at a high pace, displaying great skating agility, speed, and edgework. His ability to stickhandle through tight spaces and maintain control below the goal line in the offensive zone is particularly impressive. Brindley is also an effective playmaker who can find teammates in open ice and create open lanes to dish the puck off with accuracy. His two best assets are his playmaking and puckhandling. Though he could stand to shoot the puck more and may not possess game-breaking speed, his shot appears powerful and accurate with a quick release. Defensively, Brindley is responsible in all three zones, closing gaps quickly and causing turnovers in the process. He does not shy away from physical play or battling for pucks along the boards and in high traffic areas, even though he may occasionally be physically mismatched. Used frequently on the penalty kill, Brindley is constantly scanning the ice for coverage assignments and does not cheat in the defensive zone. While his lack of size might make it difficult for him to maintain his hard-nosed style of play in the professional ranks and defense isn't a major part of his game, there's no denying his offensive talent and potential. Projected as an effective middle-six and possibly top-six forward in the NHL, Brindley's draft stock has risen significantly, giving him the potential as a mid first-round pick in 2023.

*Although he might go later than he should due to his size, he could eventually find a key role because of his combination of speed and playmaking acumen.*

**16 MIKHAIL GULYAYEV**

POS DEFENSE  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 5-10  
WEIGHT 172  
NHL CS 10 INT



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	OMSK	RUS JR.	22	2	23	25	18

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
HE	A	AA	AA	AA	A

Gulyayev is an offensive defenseman with profound puckhandling abilities. His adept passing, puck-moving skills, and four-way mobility make him difficult to dispossess, while his smooth edgework enables him to escape pressure effectively. These highly sought after skills also make him an electric offensive player and a prototypical power play quarterback. He excels at running the offense from the point and opening lanes for his forwards down low. However, Gulyayev's defensive play is where his game falters. He struggles to win puck battles and maintain coverage, often focusing too much on the puck and getting pulled out of his lanes. This can lead to defensive collapses down low and missed assignments, giving opponents too many good chances. His smaller stature also makes him vulnerable, especially in front of the net. Despite his defensive shortcomings, Gulyayev's skating and offensive prowess will likely drive his selection. His puck skills, skating, and offensive acumen all point to an offensive play driver from the blue line. To maximize his potential and secure more ice time, Gulyayev will need to address his defensive issues and make better decisions under pressure, instead of resorting to dumping the puck out or making random passes. Focusing on his shot, which is decent but not a strength, could add another weapon to his arsenal. If he can improve in these areas, he has the potential to be a successful modern offensive defenseman. Gulyayev's combination of skating, puck skills, and offensive abilities make him an enticing package.

*If he can refine his defensive skills and continue to develop his offensive talent, Gulyayev has the potential to be a highly effective and impactful defenseman.*

**17 MATTHEW WOOD**

POS RIGHT WING  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 6-4  
WEIGHT 193  
NHL CS 4 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	UCONN	H-EAST	35	11	23	34	4

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
BA	E	A	AA	AA	A

Wood is a dominant player with impressive size and strength, excelling in offensive exploits and demonstrating a maturity in his game. A pro-style forward with a well-balanced offensive toolbox, Wood checks all the boxes for scouts. His ability to scan the ice well and maintain open body positioning for better vision of his options are valuable traits. While he is more of a finisher than a playmaker, he doesn't force shots when not in a prime position and looks for teammates instead. His heavy shot and goal-scoring mentality are the focal points of his skill set, but his skating is a noticeable flaw, which holds him back from being able to create plays consistently. He possesses the hands and awareness for playmaking, but needs to push the pace more in transition and make quicker decisions with the puck to truly be a threat, particularly off the rush. He could use another gear to be a more consistent threat on the ice. Wood's defensive abilities are adequate, using his reach to push attackers off their route and directing opposing forwards. He also demonstrates a willingness to finish checks. However, there are areas of his game that need improvement for him to reach his full potential. If he can put it all together and be a play driver for his team, he could develop into a third-line forward with power play deployment to fire shots on net. Wood possesses NHL-ready size and shot, but with question marks in his game that may take time to improve. Properly gauging Wood's potential will be key for teams, as his talent could prove to be a valuable addition to any roster.

*With the right development, Wood could become a modern power forward with a great shot, size, and a nose for the net, making him a sought-after asset.*

**18 BRAYDEN YAGER**

POS CENTER  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 5-11  
WEIGHT 166  
NHL CS 11 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	MOOSE JAW	WHL	67	28	50	78	14

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
HE	E	HE	HE	HE	HE

Yager is known for his shot release and prowess on the power play, particularly when attacking from the right side. He has shown growth in his ability to draw pressure and find passing lanes laterally, giving his game a layer of deception and making him a shoot-first winger who is also developing as a playmaker. With one of the best snap shots in the 2023 draft class, Yager displays impressive velocity and accuracy, promising to score goals at the next level. His powerful skating and ability to cross-over and move laterally while gaining speed are standout traits. Skating with a lower center of gravity, Yager effectively protects the puck and is a threat on the penalty kill. Though not the fastest player, Yager's sense of timing and ruthless efficiency at exploiting weaknesses make him a force on the ice. He plays a pro-style, cerebral game, knowing when to force the issue and when to adapt to the defense. As a true center, Yager has strong playmaking skills and a unique shooting form that makes it difficult for goalies to anticipate his shot. His defensive play is also a strength, as he supports the play down low, understands his responsibilities, and excels in faceoffs. Yager's performance this season suggests a high floor as a complete second line center, with the potential to become even more. His strong start demonstrates his ability to contribute at an elite level. As Yager continues to develop, his offensive tools and two-way game will make him an attractive early round pick for teams seeking a versatile and dynamic player.

*His skills and adaptability makes him a standout candidate, and any team selecting him can expect a player who will excel in various aspects of the game.*

**19** **ANDREW CRISTALL**

POS LEFT WING  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 5-10  
WEIGHT 167  
NHL CS 15 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	KELOWNA	WHL	54	39	56	95	50

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
BA	A	HE	E	HE	A

**Cristall is an offensively gifted forward**, known for his deceptive puckhandling, quick release, and pinpoint accuracy on shots. He demonstrates excellent control and creativity in the offensive zone, often pulling off plays that only a few players can manage. Despite his smaller size, he maintains a scrappy mentality and excels in small-area battles, using his low center of gravity and strong feet to spin off contact and remain open for quick passes. Cristall's comfort with possession in tight spaces allows him to remain calm and precise, enabling him to pluck the puck out of a crowd with ease and plan his next move. However, Cristall's skating ability is a concern. His hunched posture and inefficient stride might limit his effectiveness at higher levels, but his skill and hockey intelligence could help him overcome these limitations. In addition to improving his skating, Cristall needs to work on eliminating some junior habits, such as cheating offensively and leaving the defensive zone early, as well as having excessively long shifts in pursuit of offense. Defensively, he needs to be more consistent along the boards and in sticking to his man. Cristall's offensive prowess is undeniable, making him a polarizing prospect. His skill level and adaptability in various situations make him a high-risk, high-reward pick. While some may be concerned about using a top pick on him due to his limitations, others see his talent as outweighing those concerns. If he continues to develop and addresses the areas of concern in his game, Cristall could be considered a steal.

*Cristall's combination of skill, creativity, and intelligence make him an exciting player to watch and an intriguing option for teams looking to bolster offense.*

**20** **QUENTIN MUSTY**

POS LEFT WING  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-2  
WEIGHT 200  
NHL CS 14 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	SUDBURY	OHL	53	26	52	78	71

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
HE	HE	HE	AA	AA	AA

**Musty is a dual-threat offensive winger** with the ability to create scoring chances every time he steps on the ice. His playmaking ability is eye-catching, as he can see the ice well and has the skill and confidence to take advantage of passing lanes. Musty can create off the rush and through the cycle, making him difficult to defend against due to his diverse options. Although he needs to work on his all-around game, there is no denying his offensive potential. A first-round talent, Musty has the potential to be a top-six scoring forward at the NHL level who impacts the game at five-on-five and on the power play with his ability to create openings and distribute the puck. With a patient offensive style, decent reach, and strong communication with his linemates, Musty's taller stature allows him to use physicality to gain possession. In the offensive zone, he demonstrates a decent zonal rush and an average presence in the slot. However, his stick preparation and possession efforts could use improvement. Musty has a pro-ready frame, which enables him to effectively get the puck to prime scoring areas. His puck skills are strong, with pinpoint accuracy and elite power in his release. He is also a high-end playmaker and solid skater, capable of keeping up with higher paces of play. To further develop his game, Musty should assert himself physically on a more frequent basis and improve his positional discipline in the defensive zone. With the potential to be a top-line scoring forward at the next level, he should comfortably be in the top-20 of the 2023 draft.

*His combination of skills and versatility make him an interesting candidate; he can be a great power play specialist who also elevates his line's five-on-five play.*

**21** **RILEY HEIDT**

POS CENTER  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 5-10  
WEIGHT 178  
NHL CS 21 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	PRINCE GEORGE	WHL	68	25	72	97	36

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	AA	HE	HE	HE	A

**Heidt is a highly skilled and intelligent forward** with exceptional offensive tools at his disposal, including a great touch on his passing and impressive puck control, making him an effective playmaker. He has a deceptive element to his offensive play and always remains aware of the game situation. With a quick and accurate wrist and a good release, Heidt is a dangerous scoring threat. However, there are times when he attempts low-percentage plays that lack real intention. He demonstrates impressive cruising speed, generating power on his stride to move around the ice quickly, and is willing to engage in physical play, even delivering nifty hip checks. In the defensive zone, Heidt fills lanes well during the breakout and avoids getting bunched up with his teammates, providing easier outlets for his defense. Heidt excels at dictating pace, where his elite vision and ability to thread passes through tight windows are apparent. He has a keen understanding of how much power to put on his passes, enabling the recipient to easily corral the puck. Heidt supports his defensemen well in his own zone but occasionally loses his check when opponents apply sustained pressure. To further improve, Heidt should attack the middle of the ice more off the rush, as he tends to stick to the perimeter in five-on-five play. Despite his size, Heidt has noticeably added strength throughout the year and should be able to handle the rigors and physicality of the NHL. However, his defensive game needs improvement, as his laissez-faire mentality forces others to pick up his slack.

*A move to the wing may be inevitable in the pro ranks, but Heidt will need to raise his level of engagement even with a lowered level of responsibility.*

**22** **RYAN LEONARD**

POS RIGHT WING  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 6-0  
WEIGHT 192  
NHL CS 5 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	USA U18	NTDP	49	42	34	76	42

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
AA	A	A	HE	AA	HE

**Leonard is a high-skilled, tenacious forward** known for his elite finishing ability and power-forward style. With a high hockey IQ, he constantly scans the game, finding the right solutions to advance play, whether through passes or creating space for teammates. Leonard's versatile shot, acceleration, and ability to use speed in zone entries and rushes are notable strengths. Off-puck, he positions himself well to win battles and score, but his defensive play could use improvement, particularly in backchecking and discipline during penalty kills. His powerful stride and effective forechecking help him regain possession, while his deceptive play and excellent scanning abilities keep defenders guessing. Leonard boasts a strong lower-body that allows him to drive around opponents and protect the puck, while his determination to fight and battle in tough areas stands out. His shot is one of his best traits, with a quick release and the ability to change points of release easily. Leonard's good hands enable him to fool defenders and shield the puck from opponents. However, his playmaking skills need improvement to make him a more dominating offensive player at the next level. His off-puck play and ability to drive offense independently are areas that require further development. In addition to his impressive offensive skills, Leonard has shown perseverance as a very good and active forechecker, frequently stealing pucks in the offensive zone. Although Leonard has a high floor, his ceiling may be lower compared to some of his peers.

*His potential for growth and further development could see him being picked earlier on draft day, as teams recognize the value he could bring to their roster.*

**23** **KASPER HALTTUNEN**

POS RIGHT WING  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 6-3  
WEIGHT 207  
NHL CS 11 INT



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	HIFK	FIN	27	0	1	1	8

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	E	A	A	HE	A

**Halttunen is a highly skilled power forward** who possesses exceptional shooting instincts, making him a valuable asset for any power play. Known for his smooth hands and fearlessness, he thrives in transition and pushes into dangerous areas with ease. Halttunen's offensive prowess is evident in his heavy shot, accurate one-timer, and impressive wrist shot. He is comfortable shooting in a variety of ways and excels at finding open lanes to receive passes. Leveraging his size, Halttunen engages in corner battles and plays a physical game that involves big hits. His off-puck play is solid, as he actively moves towards the net and seeks open lanes, showcasing his awareness in the offensive zone. While his top speed is good, his acceleration and first few steps could use improvement. Despite his many strengths, there are areas in Halttunen's game that need development. His defensive game, in particular, requires significant improvement. He tends to watch the puck too much in his own end, often covering dead space and displaying limited mobility. Additionally, he has been known to force plays in the offensive zone instead of holding onto the puck and allowing his teammates to join him. Halttunen's commitment to improving his overall game will be crucial to his success. Focusing on enhancing his defensive skills, refining his skating abilities, and consistently capitalizing on his offensive potential will help him become a well-rounded player. Emphasizing teamwork and adapting to various game situations will also contribute to his growth.

*With a focus on refining his defensive game and commitment to all areas of the ice, he has the potential to become a highly effective and impactful player.*

**24** **DIMITRI SIMASHEV**

POS DEFENSE  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-4  
WEIGHT 198  
NHL CS 19 INT



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	YAROSLAVL	RUS JR.	33	1	11	12	41

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
HE	A	A	A	HE	HE

**Simashev's rangy stature is a striking characteristic**, combining his size, reach, and mobility to create significant game impact. Serving as a prominent shutdown defenseman, he exhibits exceptional positioning and a mature defensive style. His decision-making process leans towards simplicity and effectiveness, as he chooses not to overextend himself in plays. With a commendable first pass, Simashev proficiently transitions possession to forwards, often catching the opposing defense during transition off-guard. While he can show puck skills and understated offense, he generally limits these displays, serving more as a safety outlet in the offensive zone. Despite his sizeable stature, Simashev could benefit from a more physical involvement in his game. He primarily relies on his adept positioning and stickwork to dispossess puck carriers. His skating is adequate, but a need for improvement in his acceleration remains. Thanks to his long reach and robust mobility, Simashev can effectively close off time and space for opposing puckhandlers while guiding attackers to the perimeter with his proficient stick and positioning. His smooth skating, despite his size, allows him to effectively control gaps and manage incoming speed during the rush. Simashev displays the capability to move pucks out of his defensive zone and through the neutral zone by personally carrying the puck. It would be beneficial to witness Simashev evolve into a more versatile two-way threat, honing the consistency of his outlet passes and enhancing his transition game.

*Simashev's blend of size, physicality, and mobility makes him an intriguing defensive prospect and one that might be a late riser on draft lists.*



**25** JAYDEN PERRON

POS RIGHT WING  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 5-9  
WEIGHT 163  
NHL CS 43 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	CHICAGO	USHL	60	24	47	71	18


SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	HE	AA	AA	AA

**Perron, an undersized but talented play-maker,** exhibits dynamic off-the-rush game-play, capable of aggressive attacks or delaying for other options. Perron's high hockey IQ allows him to effectively manipulate defenders and deliver dangerous passes, utilizing his teammates to create space and scoring opportunities. His positioning is noteworthy, providing excellent support in offensive and transitional play. Although he sometimes loses his man defensively, overall he contributes even in penalty kills, reflecting a commitment to a two-way game. His forecheck leadership aligns with his skill set, tending towards herding rather than physical presence against defenders. Despite a tendency to be forced to the perimeter, Perron exhibits a willingness to play an inside-driven game, but needs to bolster his strength and quickness for more consistent execution. His shot could use improvement to enhance its power and deception, augmenting his offensive arsenal. Perron showcases his skills consistently, leveraging his speed and playmaking ability for substantial impact. He is a proactive attacker, moving his feet constantly and taking the game to the opposition. His offensive prowess shines in rushes and set plays within the offensive zone, displaying his aptitude for puck distribution and strong shooting. His off-puck performance is also commendable, creating opportunities for teammates and positioning himself for shot release. The potential for future damage is evident and exciting, making Perron an intriguing prospect.

*His skills suggest potential for a role as a skilled second-line winger, power play contributor, and consistent offensive producer in a team's middle six.*

**26** CALUM RITCHIE

POS CENTER  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 6-2  
WEIGHT 185  
NHL CS 13 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	OSHAWA	OHL	59	24	35	59	35

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	AA	AA	AA	AA

**Ritchie is a multi-faceted forward** who brings a variety of plus-skills to the table, making him a valuable and complementary player for his teammates. His puckhandling and shooting abilities are top-notch, demonstrating impressive finesse and power when controlling the puck and taking shots. Ritchie possesses great awareness in the offensive zone, which is further supported by his strong competitive drive. His instincts on the ice, both when controlling the puck and working off it, allow him to effectively position himself in dangerous areas to create scoring opportunities. With his above-average size, Ritchie is not shy about using his physicality to create a presence at the net-front, disrupting the opposition's defense and making room for his teammates to maneuver. In addition to his offensive prowess, Ritchie is also adept defensively. He is mindful of guarding the front of the net when his defenders are engaged down low, ensuring that he doesn't cheat for offense and leave his teammates vulnerable. While Ritchie's stride is smooth, there is room for improvement in his high-end speed. Developing this aspect would make him an even more dangerous and versatile threat. Ritchie does have strong overall skating abilities, which are complemented by his well-rounded set of offensive tools. He displays solid vision, effectively using his size to draw pressure from opponents and open up space for his linemates. As a complete center, Ritchie has the frame, puck skill, and playmaking vision to project as a top-six forward in the NHL.

*There is some concern regarding his consistency and aggressiveness in puck battles, which makes his draft ranking somewhat polarizing.*

**27** NATE DANIELSON

POS CENTER  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 6-2  
WEIGHT 185  
NHL CS 7 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	BRANDON	WHL	68	33	45	78	38

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
AA	A	A	HE	AA	AA

**Danielson is a plug-and-play center** who excels in all three zones, displaying smooth and fluid skating and quick decision-making with the puck. He supports his defenders both in battles and as a low outlet option below the hashmarks, effectively separating opponents from the puck in defensive and neutral zones. Danielson is known for his active stick in defending, using pokes and strong stick lifts, and his wingspan, which deters attackers. In the offensive zone, he makes smart plays down low and adeptly drifts in and out of soft areas in the slot to make himself an option for a pass. Although he doesn't immediately catch the eye, his well-rounded play suggests a promising career. His skating stride is long and fluid, and he adjusts laterally by weaving and using crossovers to find attacking lanes on zone entries. He has drawn interest for his size, poise, and finesse in stickhandling and passing. However, Danielson could benefit from being more aggressive in forechecking and refining various aspects of his play, such as adding more changes of pace and improving his shot selection. His combination of size and skating ability provides a solid foundation, and he excels without the puck. Danielson's offensive game is well-rounded, and while he may not always make flashy plays, his consistent decision-making is a major asset. He has the potential to develop into a quality center in the NHL, maximizing the skill of his teammates, contributing as a depth piece on the power play, being first over the board on the penalty kill, and taking on tough assignments.

*Danielson's play will likely improve with higher skill teammates and a focus on refining his game, making him a valuable asset to any team in the league.*

**28** DAVID EDSTROM

POS CENTER  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-3  
WEIGHT 185  
NHL CS 25 INT



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	FROLUNDA	SWE JR.	28	15	13	28	12

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
AA	AA	AA	AA	HE	AA

**Edstrom is an intriguing, dependable two-way center** who excels in all aspects of the game, touching every element with above-average play. His hockey IQ is incredibly high, making him a consistently smart player, with and without the puck. He exhibits excellent positioning, poise, and maturity, making correct decisions and executing both simple and complex plays with ease. Edstrom's sturdy build allows him to maintain speed and balance, making him difficult to catch, and his ability to win battles in all zones is commendable. He is trusted on both special teams units, excelling in forechecking and disrupting the opposition with an active stick, body positioning, and light contact. He is efficient supporting teammates down low and establishes a net-front presence to keep the opponent's goalie tight to the goal line. While Edstrom doesn't possess blazing speed, his ability to process the game helps him be in the right spots consistently. Edstrom's game style is mature and stable, with a projectable frame that suggests potential for further growth. His subtle moves often go unnoticed, but his contributions are undeniable. He makes well-timed passes at the correct pace, leading his teammates into comfortable scoring opportunities, and effectively uses his body and stick to battle in the defensive zone. To elevate his game further, Edstrom could focus on enhancing his skating abilities, particularly acceleration, and stick handling. Improving these areas would add a dimension to his already solid foundation. Edstrom is a safer pick coaches will appreciate.

*While he may not draw the sexy attention, his reliability and all-around skill set makes him a valuable prospect who can contribute in all game situations.*

**29** ETHAN GAUTHIER

POS RIGHT WING  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 5-11  
WEIGHT 175  
NHL CS 16 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	SHERBROOKE	QMJHL	66	30	39	69	47

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
AA	A	A	HE	A	HE

**Gauthier is a versatile right-handed winger** who consistently exhibits power, poise, and a two-way style of play. Known for his strong work ethic and competitiveness, he impacts high-percentage puck battles and excels at separating opponents from the puck. Gauthier's exceptional skating, with a combination of speed and agility, allows him to contribute offensively with a powerful shot and quick release. He demonstrates good hands and a knack for scoring goals, especially in high-traffic areas around the net. Despite not being particularly tall, he showcases impressive lower-body strength and effective puck protection. Gauthier's willingness to engage in physical contact and play in hard areas makes him a valuable Swiss Army Knife-type player. Furthermore, he thrives in special teams units, where his net-front presence and screening skills become assets. While Gauthier's calling card is his disruptive play and goal-scoring abilities, there are areas where he can improve. Developing his explosiveness through his lower body and enhancing his lateral mobility will elevate his game, allowing him to remain patient in reading plays while quickly responding to developing situations. Refining his pass selection and vision, as well as becoming more assertive in the defensive zone, will contribute to his overall potential. Gauthier's appealing skillset, including his power game and goal-scoring instincts, make him a strong candidate to excel at the professional level. His ability to impact the game in various ways positions him as a valuable addition.

*With continued development and focus on the areas where he can improve, Gauthier is poised to make a significant impact on the ice.*

**30** WILLIAM WHITELAW

POS RIGHT WING  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 5-9  
WEIGHT 173  
NHL CS 42 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	YOUNGSTOWN	USHL	60	35	25	60	86

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
AA	A	AA	A	AA	A

**Whitelaw is a dynamic offensive player** with a real good toolkit to do some damage on offense. He's an undersized, quick skating forward who can generate the majority of his team's offense and is buzzing every time he touches the ice. He plays at a relentless pace, constantly moving his feet and getting involved in the play. Whitelaw's ability to drive offense with the puck on his stick is excellent. His hands work as quickly and as tirelessly as his feet do. He's able to get pucks under his control and work them around his body with the utmost ease, and can do so at full flight. He has an abundance of vision and creativity, able to execute high-end plays, and does so without trying to force the issue. Whitelaw has an incredible knack for transporting the puck through neutral ice, gaining the offensive zone, and then carrying it as deeply as necessary. He is deceptive with his shimmies and fakes. Whitelaw's a gifted goalscorer with a wicked quick shot, and despite his small size, he isn't afraid to drive the net or throw his weight around. He applies himself on the defensive side of the puck as well, and his tenacity shows up best when he is back-checking. Whitelaw's vision of the ice was in full force, finding teammates across ice numerous times throughout the game with ease. He pushes the pace in transition and is a player you would want to carry the puck up ice when on a rush. His inconsistent effort issues on defense need to be addressed to become a complete player, but Whitelaw's offensive abilities and relentless work ethic make him an attractive player for any team.

*Whitelaw's combination of skating skills, playmaking ability and hockey sense in the offensive end are what is going to make him coveted on draft day.*

**31** **DANIIL BUT**

POS LEFT WING  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 6-5  
WEIGHT 203  
NHL CS 9 INT



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	YAROSLAVL	RUS JR.	32	18	14	32	26

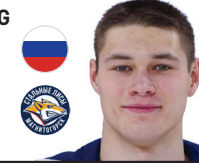
SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	AA	HE	AA	A

But is a skillful power forward with subtle finesse and adept puck protection, making him a possession-driving force on the ice. His ability to move through the zone while holding off defenders is attributed to his larger frame and soft hands. Exceptional along the boards, But uses his strength to improve his positioning and box out opponents. His outside-in skill allows him to beat defenders inside and force his way to the net. Although he possesses a heavy shot, he tends to telegraph his intentions, failing to deceive goalies. As an average skater with poor acceleration but good edgework, But sometimes struggles to maintain composure with the puck and can appear clumsy. One area of his skating that needs work is his stride, as he struggles to generate true speed due to a hunched-over form, limiting the power of his kicks. Defensively, But is an enticing physical presence with a knack for stripping players of the puck. His unique combination of size and skill is very attractive to teams, but there is still work to be done. To succeed against the bigger and stronger competition in the NHL, But will need to develop his physicality and power further while also working on his stride to keep up at higher levels. Overall, he projects as a middle-six winger with power play potential and decent scoring upside. It would be beneficial to see him more involved in defense and transition, as he can occasionally seem inactive or uninvolved. With a solid foundation to build upon, many of But's weaknesses could be mitigated with experience and the right coaching.

*The appeal of a forward like But is evident, but projecting him as an impactful forward might not be as clear-cut despite his talent and physical maturity.*

**32** **ROMAN KANTSEROV**

POS RIGHT WING  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 5-9  
WEIGHT 176  
NHL CS 16 INT



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	MAGNITOGORSK	RUS JR.	45	27	27	54	17

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	HE	AA	AA	A

Kantserov is a shifty offensive winger with exceptional skill, adept passing ability, and a keen sense for finding soft spots on the ice. He excels in creating offense and manipulating goalies with changes in angle and stickwork, while also playing hard in front of the net. Kantserov's quick release and accurate shot make him a goal-scoring threat, and his ability to control pucks in tight spaces and beat checks with smooth stickhandling enhances this threat. Although not a physically gifted player, Kantserov effectively uses his body and showcases strong mobility and edgework, allowing him to quickly pivot away from checks and add elusiveness to his game. A prime example of this is when he employs a tomahawk skating stance, enabling him to shield the puck and set up deceptive passing plays while being square to the puck. Defensively, Kantserov is a pest, applying pressure well and efficiently stealing pucks from opponents. His two-way game and strength could use improvement, as he sometimes loses battles for positioning. Kantserov is more of a shooter than a playmaker, but he demonstrates good vision and passing choices. Kantserov's tendency to fall into a complementary role may limit his potential, but with improved consistency he could become an offensive driver. He is already more complete than most other young talents in his cohort, Kantserov could thrive in a middle-six role and make a fine addition to any power play. Kantserov's overall projection as a pro is influenced by his ability to improve his two-way game, strength, and engagement in his own zone.

*Despite these areas for improvement, Kantserov's offensive package and potential make him a standout prospect to watch closely.*

**33** **ETIENNE MORIN**

POS DEFENSE  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-0  
WEIGHT 180  
NHL CS 19 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	MONCTON	QMJHL	67	21	51	72	50

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
AA	HE	AA	A	A	A

Morin has been solidifying his reputation as a 200-foot, all-situations defenseman, building confidence and refining his skillset. His puckhandling and decision-making abilities, combined with crisp, accurate passing and sharp agility, make him a valuable asset in initiating breakouts and supporting offensive plays. In the offensive zone, Morin anchors the point effectively, walking the blue line well and creating clever attacks off the blue line. He demonstrates great strength through his shot selections and shooting locations, with a low and hard mindset. Morin's high vision and eagerness to jump into rushes show his offensive potential, while his fluid mobility at the blue line and deceptive puckhandling contribute to his defensive prowess. However, Morin's main issue is handling opponents attacking with speed through the neutral zone, as he can get caught flat-footed due to his draggy speed and quickness. Despite this, he compensates with his timing and puck checking skills. Morin consistently clears the front of his net and performs well in puck battles along the boards. His ability to get offensively involved without compromising defense is a rare talent in the professional ranks, making him an attractive prospect. As Morin continues to develop, focusing on improving his footwork for added explosiveness and agility will further enhance his game. With potential as a top-four defenseman at the next level and a skill set in the mold of the modern defenseman, Morin could contribute on both special teams and play significant minutes per game.

*Morin's combination of offensive contribution, defensive ability, and rare talent for balancing both aspects of his game positions him as a promising prospect.*

**34** **TANNER MOLENDYK**

POS DEFENSE  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-0  
WEIGHT 182  
NHL CS 28 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	SASKATOON	WHL	67	9	28	37	37

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
E	A	AA	AA	AA	AA

Molendyk is a two-way force known for his elegant skating, assertive decision-making, and efficient puck-carrying abilities. His smooth and agile feet combined with tremendous edgework and excellent anticipation make him stand out as a strong east-west skater. Molendyk defends the rush effectively, limiting opponents' space with his stick and keeping them on the perimeter. He showcases exceptional spatial awareness and excels in puck battles along the boards, making plays with his feet or getting his stick free to move the puck to supportive teammates. Although Molendyk is prone to forcing some outlets and could generate more speed in his first strides, his overall game is solid. He plays well in his own zone and defends effectively using his stick to poke check opponents and direct them to low danger areas. Molendyk's offensive side is also noteworthy, as he distributes the puck cleanly and quickly transitions play back up ice. However, he has appeared uncharacteristically passive up ice in some games, raising concerns about his ability to consistently maintain pressure on the opposition. Molendyk's game is built around his athletic and springy stride, with excellent agility and the ability to change directions swiftly. While not a flashy puck mover, he is quick and efficient in getting the puck into the hands of his forwards. Molendyk is a well-rounded defender with a great on-ice presence, but he is not elite in any one area. He may not have the creativity or high-end skill to run an NHL power play, nor the size and strength to be a truly suffocating force.

*Molendyk's confidence and overall game make him a valuable prospect, and he has the potential to impact in all areas of the game at the NHL level.*

**35** **BRADLY NADEAU**

POS LEFT WING  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 5-10  
WEIGHT 161  
NHL CS 17 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	PENTICTON	BCHL	54	45	68	113	20

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
AA	E	AA	HE	AA	AA

Nadeau is an exceptionally skilled player with impressive situational IQ, continuously staying in motion on the ice and making adjustments with quick turns and accelerations. Even in defensive postures, he often glides or uses one foot to propel himself forward, showcasing his agility and adaptability. Nadeau's ability to make swift cuts and adjust his positioning to support the puck allows him to attack with creativity, often finding ample time to scan, prepare, and discover passing lanes from the exterior or shift into open one-timer spacing. Adept at winning board battles, Nadeau prefers to remain in motion and adjusts his angles on his inside edges. He is a patient and controlled puck handler who relies on timing and deception as primary weapons in the offensive zone. His ability to comfortably control the puck in various body positions and maintain unpredictability in his passes and shot attempts is commendable. Nadeau's small ice game benefits from strong balance and an ability to drift on his inside edges to maintain gaps. When opponents attempt to close in on him, he can curl passes, identify exit lanes, or find a short outlet pass. He shuffles his stride off the puck to maintain optimal passing reception lanes. Nadeau's main challenges lie in his first three strides of acceleration and overall size and strength. Despite these concerns, he is a formidable force on the power play, making it difficult for opponents to anticipate his moves. His shot is as deceptive as his passing, making catch and release one-timers particularly striking.

*Nadeau is highly intelligent and creative with some skating concerns to address, but his speed of hands and adaptability make him a promising prospect.*

**36** **SAMUEL HONZEK**

POS LEFT WING  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-4  
WEIGHT 186  
NHL CS 9 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	VANCOUVER	WHL	43	23	33	56	16

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
AA	A	AA	A	AA	A

Honzek is a well-rounded, rangy two-way forward with offensive flair, capable of playing in all situations. His effortless north-south game, reach, and skating ability allow him to cover a lot of ice quickly, making him a formidable presence on the ice. Honzek excels at using his length to generate turnovers on the forecheck and is a natural puck carrier with capable hands and a smooth, long skating stride. He is strong on his skates, able to absorb contact when protecting the puck and driving hard areas to create scoring opportunities. Honzek's playmaking vision is impressive, as he can find teammates in dangerous scoring areas with crisp seam passes and make creative, difficult passes. His finesse in passing weight and anticipation make him a reliable offensive force. He displays strong smarts at both ends of the ice, taking care of the puck on his stick and showing sound positioning in both zones. His commitment to the defensive end and penalty killing is evident in his effort and positioning. His puck control, soft hands, and ability to find passing lanes into the slot make him a potential top-six winger. Honzek's size and smooth movement catch the eye, and while his agility in tight spaces can be clunky, he can be explosive in open ice. His long reach and puck control make him a magnet for the puck in his area, and once he has possession, positive actions usually follow. Honzek's reserved play style often drifts from cerebral to lazy. He could benefit from working on his consistency and refining his skills to unlock his full potential as an impact forward.

*Honzek's ability to contribute in various situations and his commitment to both the offensive and defensive aspects of the game make him an attractive option.*

**37 TOM WILLANDER**

POS DEFENSE  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 6-1  
WEIGHT 180  
NHL CS 12 INT



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	ROGLE	SWE JR.	39	4	21	25	22

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
E	A	AA	AA	AA	A

Willander is a highly mobile, minute-munching defenseman with a skill set that shines on the offensive side of the game. Willander's excellent vision and quarterback-like abilities from the point enable him to create opportunities for himself and teammates. His above-average skating and puckhandling skills make him a threat at both ends. Willander's high-end mobility and rangy play style allow him to cover ground quickly and control gaps effectively. His fluid movement in all directions and long reach make him a natural rush defender. As a natural puck-mover, he demonstrates great vision, making accurate stretch passes out of his own zone and identifying passing lanes effectively. His quick decision-making skills and ability to maintain a high pace make him an asset on the ice. Willander could benefit from increased upper and lower-body strength to better shield opponents and protect the front of the net. Additionally, his defensive game may need fine-tuning to maintain his effectiveness as he moves up the ranks. As he gets bigger and stronger, it will be easier for him to handle the defensive aspects of his game. Willander's intensity and desire to make an impact are evident, but he must improve his execution to minimize bobbles and mishandlings. Defensively, he excels at clearing the net-front, disrupting passing lanes, and poking the puck away from opponents, however, he could work on defending off the rush and extending his defensive zone urgency. Willander has significant upside and pro potential once he refines his finer details.

*As he continues to develop, Willander could become a reliable offense-first defender and a valuable asset to an NHL team.*

**38 BEAU AKEY**

POS DEFENSE  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 6-0  
WEIGHT 173  
NHL CS 33 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	BARRIE	OHL	66	11	36	47	39

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
AA	A	AA	AA	AA	HE

Akey stands out as a strong two-way defenseman with excellent hockey IQ and exceptional mobility across all three zones. His skating skills and keen positional awareness make him a formidable force both offensively and defensively. Akey consistently demonstrates his ability to control the pace of the game with his quick coverage of ground, marking him as a reliable presence on the ice. Offensively, he showcases an intuitive understanding of when to join an attacking rush, selecting the optimal lane and using his speed to launch a powerful offensive. He exhibits remarkable patience with the puck, leveraging his mobility to create opportunities and wait for passing lanes to manifest. Akey possesses the ability to execute high-risk passes from the blue line and his capabilities could position him as an effective power play quarterback. However, there's room for improvement in his defense against rushes; despite his fluid skating, he tends to let opponents approach rather than proactively engaging them one-on-one. Akey also has room to enhance the strength behind his passes. Despite these areas for growth, his ability to hold the offensive blue line consistently keeps the game in the opponent's zone. His vision and awareness enable him to locate open spaces for strategic passing or to cover unguarded opponents. On the offensive front, he backchecks effectively, manages to keep the puck in front, and distributes passes efficiently to instigate offensive rushes. Akey's depth in the slot during defensive plays positions him as a persistent threat.

*Akey shows the potential to become a mainstay and is likely to transition smoothly to higher levels, excelling in diverse game situations.*

**39 MATHIEU CATAFORD**

POS CENTER  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 5-11  
WEIGHT 190  
NHL CS 36 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	HALIFAX	QMJHL	68	31	44	75	66

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
BA	A	BA	A	AA	A

Cataford is a clever winger known for his deadly quick release, excellent off-puck play, and keen offensive instincts. Throughout the game, he consistently adjusts his positioning to remain in passing lanes and provides support up the ice. His offensive zone positioning allows him to lose defenders and pose a cross-zone shot threat. Despite some inconsistencies, Cataford demonstrates a strong forecheck, net-front play, and the ability to impact the game. Cataford's high hockey sense is evident in his strong positional play and ability to create space for teammates. He showcases a powerful stride and fearlessly crashes the net. As a north-south player, Cataford supports defenders deep in his zone and excels around the net, often acting as the trailer on rushes. He ardently tries to keep himself open, sneakily marauding around his teammates to recover loose pucks. His scoring prowess is evident in his one-touch scoring ability and impressive top-shelf backhand shots. While not a playmaker per se, he quickly identifies lanes and sends precise outlets with regularity. Cataford's ability to anticipate plays and create clean breakouts makes him an offensive threat. His flawless puck retrieval and accurate passing contribute to his team's ability to move up the ice at top speed. He uses his size effectively, especially when driving to the net and protecting the puck. Defensively, his agility and acceleration allow him to jump in and out of battles quickly. He has shown that he has a well-rounded skill repertoire where no major flaws can be distinguished.

*Cataford's well-rounded skillset and potential as a middle-six forward who can contribute defensively make him an attractive prospect.*

**40 OSCAR FISKER MOLGAARD**

POS CENTER  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-0  
WEIGHT 163  
NHL CS 18 INT



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	HV71	SWE	41	4	3	7	2

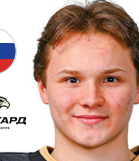
SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	BA	A	AA	AA	AA

Fisker Molgaard exhibits notable versatility as a two-way left-shot center, demonstrating a natural affinity for the center position, courtesy of his sound positioning and timing. His perceptiveness on the ice is strong, frequently scanning for players to cover and open spaces to exploit. This effective utilization of ice space, coupled with an uncanny knack for making judicious decisions both with and without the puck, positions him as a calm and collected player. Fisker Molgaard's strengths lie in his all-around capability and his impact across all three zones. There's potential for offensive development. Possessing quick feet and good skating abilities, he moves effortlessly across the ice. However, his game currently lacks physicality, a deficit that could be improved with additional muscle to enhance his impact. As a smart two-way player, Fisker Molgaard boasts a wide array of tools that could serve him well in his career development, especially with increased physical maturity. Additionally, he stands out for his offensive awareness and intelligence, skillfully navigating tight areas and traffic with finesse and adept puckhandling. Moreover, he passes are accurate and timely, setting up his teammates at opportune moments. His high hockey IQ makes him a formidable player to contend with, and his commitment to both offensive and defensive play is commendable. Despite his current lack of physical strength, Fisker Molgaard is still a formidable player and promises to be an even bigger threat as he grows and develops physically.

*His offensive play, characterized by a high-risk strategy, is remarkably free of errors. All these attributes position Molgaard as a promising player.*

**41 TIMUR MUKHANOV**

POS LEFT WING  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 5-7  
WEIGHT 178  
NHL CS 27 INT



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	OMSK	RUS JR.	15	8	9	17	8

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
HE	AA	A	AA	AA	A

Mukhanov is an impressive winger, demonstrating a dynamic style of play characterized by notable speed and high-energy play. His standout attribute is his exceptional mobility, enabled by an efficient skating stride and quick crossovers, which allow him to rapidly build momentum in the neutral zone. He has a quick-thinking approach to the game, often using his speed to pressure defenders, which in turn opens up opportunities for clean entries into the attacking zone. As a puck handler, Mukhanov shows significant skill, with the ability to expertly navigate through traffic and outmaneuver goaltenders in tight, one-on-one situations. He is not overly physical, but he willingly engages in challenging areas on the ice, often placing himself directly in front of the goal in order to capitalize on deflections and rebound opportunities. Mukhanov does need to enhance his playmaking abilities, specifically in relation to creating opportunities for his linemates and finding teammates in optimal positions. On the defensive side, his performance could also be improved. He often remains inactive at the point, missing out on opportunities to engage opposing attackers and instigate turnovers. Nonetheless, Mukhanov's qualities as a player are noteworthy. He is an elusive, high-energy performer with great playmaking potential. His deceptive movements, combined with excellent vision and precision passing, ensure that he is consistently involved in creating plays. Mukhanov's fierce competitiveness and unrelenting work ethic make him a standout player.

*His relentless drive and potential make him a player to keep an eye on, as he could be a significant addition to any team roster.*

**42 CADEN PRICE**

POS DEFENSE  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-1  
WEIGHT 185  
NHL CS 47 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	KELOWNA	WHL	65	5	35	40	43

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	AA	A	A	A

Price has significantly improved this season, solidifying himself as a reliable NHL talent with the potential to become a middle pairing defenseman at the professional level. His skating has come a long way in a short amount of time, transforming from a weakness to a non-issue, which is an impressive feat. Price is highly active both with and without possession, always staying tight to the play and effectively disrupting counterattacks before they can gain momentum. He demonstrates intelligence with his stick and excels at poking the puck in the neutral zone to turn things back up ice quickly. Price's calm demeanor boosts his team's confidence, as they know they can rely on him to support them, especially when defending odd man rush opportunities. His coolness under pressure allows him to get his stick into the mix of the puck-carrier without selling out the pass threat. Although occasionally nonchalant with the puck, this is a coachable trait that can be improved with guidance. Price's main area of focus should be adding size and strength to his frame to maximize his potential on the defensive end. He has already shown noticeable improvement in his footwork and use of edges, unlocking an extra level of effectiveness in his game. Price's aggressive style can sometimes lead to spectacular misplays, but his improved ability to stay with attackers has increased consistency in turning the puck back up ice on counterattacks. He needs to fine-tune his decision-making process with possession, but has already shown he puts in the work to fix deficiencies.

*Price's toolsy two-way game and current pace of improvement in refine his skills will certainly attract plenty of attention.*

**43 OLIVER BONK**

POS DEFENSE  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 6-2  
WEIGHT 180  
NHL CS 20 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	LONDON	OHL	67	10	30	40	38

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	AA	A	A	AA	A

**Bonk is a smooth-skating defenseman** known for his quick processing skills and quality puckhandling. He efficiently plays out of his own end and contributes as a playmaker in the offensive zone. Bonk has a long, powerful stride that enables him to gain speed in open ice, and his lateral agility and edges are impressive, showcasing short-area quickness and the vision to elude defenders. He also excels in pressure situations, using smart plays to maintain possession through physical contact, and exhibits strong positioning and gap control in transition defense. Bonk's offensive production in his rookie OHL season has been notable, but he needs to improve his physical play in his own zone and enhance his stride power and foot-speed to reach his potential as a top-four, two-way defenseman. He plays a steady defensive game and shows potential to develop offensive skills alongside his defensive prowess. Calm and poised in his own zone, Bonk covers his assignments well and anticipates plays in the neutral zone, effectively shutting down rushes. His skating could use improvement, though, as he can be heavy-footed and slow in pivoting. Bonk backtracks well and matches hesitation in attacking plays. He sets up well in the slot, demonstrating good puck control and an accurate shot, although he could benefit from additional strength. In the offensive zone, he defends the blue line adeptly and stick-checks the puck effectively, while in the defensive zone, he drives the net front but could work on his overall strength and blocking abilities.

*Bonk projects safely as a depth defenseman on an NHL team, with the potential to become a second-pair defender and regular penalty kill contributor.*

**44 CARSON REHKOPF**

POS LEFT WING  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-2  
WEIGHT 193  
NHL CS 29 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	KITCHENER	OHL	68	30	29	59	40

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
AA	E	A	A	HE	A

**Rehkopf is a powerful forward known for** his exceptional shot and aggressive playing style. Preferring to shoot from a set position rather than off one-timers, his wrist shot is particularly lethal. Though not an elite playmaker, he effectively moves the puck to maintain offensive flow. His skating could use improvement, as his footwork can hinder his defensive abilities, but his hockey IQ and willingness to play physically compensate for these shortcomings. As an off-puck winger, Rehkopf's intelligence helps him find soft zones in the defense, making use of his precise and powerful shot. He is an underrated forechecker, adept at pinning opponents to the boards and out-muscling them in puck battles. However, his puck-carrying skills could be more efficient, and he should create more space for himself during five-on-five play. Rehkopf uses his size effectively in all situations, controlling play and shutting down scoring opportunities. His powerful stride and foot-speed, and his ability to protect the puck, make him a formidable presence on the ice. His quick hands and finishing instincts shine in high-danger areas, while his hard wrist and quick release generate chances. Rehkopf's decision-making and vision in the offensive zone can lead to turnovers. Although he can excel in a grinding, physical style, he sometimes forces passes or skates into trouble during a rush. Rehkopf's combination of speed, power, and shooting ability make him a tantalizing prospect. However, he needs to demonstrate consistent offensive awareness to secure a top-six role.

*His potential as a second-line scoring winger or as a third-line forechecking forward who contributes offensively adds versatility to his game.*

**45 GRACYN SAWCHYN**

POS CENTER  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 5-11  
WEIGHT 157  
NHL CS 24 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	SEATTLE	WHL	58	18	40	58	68

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	A	AA	A	A

**Sawchyn is a player who consistently** enhances his draft stock with his noticeable presence on the ice and high skill level, standing out among his peers. His raw stickhandling skill allows him to attack the net downhill and make defenders miss, showcasing his talent as a dangerous offensive threat. Sawchyn's board-work is particularly impressive for a player of his size and slight frame, as he demonstrates a keen understanding of space and the ability to position himself just out of reach, a rare ability. He can effectively buy time to make a play, adjusting his pace to keep defenders on their heels, dusting the puck in unique and unpredictable areas. Although he's more of a playmaker, Sawchyn possesses a quick release that could be utilized more often to capitalize on scoring opportunities. His adaptability, secondary positioning, and willingness to engage in board battles further illustrate his versatility as a player, making him a valuable asset on the ice. His mature habits, such as pulling pucks along the boards, baiting defenders, and employing unpredictable shooting tactics, make him a constant threat. Since he is fleet of foot, he accelerates through his crossovers and finds space when others around him are gliding, always keeping opponents on their toes. He can adapt to multiple different styles of play, seamlessly fitting in with various team dynamics. While concerns remain about his physical tools, his deceptive and agile skating, puck skills, high hockey IQ, and competitive nature suggest he has the potential to develop into a top-six forward.

*Averaging second-line deployment and maintaining a point-per-game pace, Sawchyn is an impressive prospect in the 2023 draft.*

**46 KOEHN ZIEMMER**

POS RIGHT WING  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 6-0  
WEIGHT 202  
NHL CS 25 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	PRINCE GEORGE	WHL	68	41	48	89	43

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
BA	AA	AA	AA	A	A

**Ziemmer, a high-skill power forward,** compensates for skating limitations with excellent puck control and a larger area of effectiveness than most players. His deliberate and precise stick movement in defensive scenarios, along with his ability to frustrate opponents along the wall, make him a formidable presence on the ice. As a skilled triggerman, Ziemmer's powerful and accurate wrist shot stands out, along with his quick release and ability to change angles on netminders. He excels at scoring in small areas and can handle the puck in traffic around the crease. Ziemmer's offensive zone awareness, playmaking abilities, and agility on skates all contribute to his potential as a future top-nine NHL forward. However, improving his acceleration, top speed, and engagement away from the puck would maximize his explosiveness and effectiveness on the ice. Ziemmer's relentless energy, particularly in the offensive zone, and his strong forecheck pressure make him a constant threat on the ice. His play is characterized by a ton of energy, particularly in the offensive zone along the boards and low around the net. With room to develop his stride, Ziemmer could become an even more impressive player. His shot is strong, his release is quick, and he can create his own space and take advantage of the slightest opportunities to attack. His ability to barrel down the wing and bust through coverage allows him to gain access to the interior of the ice. In a strong forward crop, Ziemmer is one on that list who projects to be a top-nine forward and a valuable asset.

*With the potential to be a real steal, his high hockey IQ, goal-scoring abilities, and relentless determination make him a promising prospect for the future.*

**47 ANDREW STRATHMANN**

POS DEFENSE  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 5-11  
WEIGHT 187  
NHL CS 44 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	YOUNGSTOWN	USHL	54	3	34	37	102

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	A	A	A	A

**Strathmann stands out as one of the better** defensemen options in the 2023 draft class, demonstrating the ability to play in every situation, skate well, and impact the game on both sides of the puck. Unafraid to take shots from the point, he consistently hits the net and makes simple yet smart plays. Strathmann's elusiveness with the puck, quick feet, and change of direction help him evade oncoming attackers, while his puck skills make him an effective quarterback on the man advantage. Defensively, he appears solid, recovering easily from potential breakdowns and exhibiting a lot to like in his overall game. As a smooth-skating, puck-moving defenseman, Strathmann displays deceptiveness and occasional flashiness with his edges and hands. He knows when to keep it simple, making effective decisions for his team. His ability to skate the puck up ice is impressive, as he consistently accomplishes this task. His keen vision of the ice and constant scanning of his surroundings allow him to facilitate the puck well and anticipate the flow of play. He is an average defender who battles hard in his own zone, and his compete level and skating ability suggest he will become even more effective defensively in the future. Strathmann's high success rate on attempted passes and overall decision-making on the ice are noteworthy. He remains consistently involved in plays, making impactful contributions on both offense and defense during his shifts. As a solid mobile defenseman with room to grow, Strathmann projects as a bottom-four defenseman who will excel at even strength.

*Strathmann is a promising prospect with his versatile skill set and continued development makes him an attractive option as a well-rounded defenseman.*

**48 ARAM MINNETIAN**

POS DEFENSE  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 5-11  
WEIGHT 192  
NHL CS 78 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	USA U18	NTDP	54	6	21	27	53


SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
AA	A	AA	A	A	A

**Minnetian possesses strong puck-moving** abilities and exceptional passing skills, allowing him to open up the game and create opportunities for his team. His calm demeanor and strategic decision-making under pressure set him apart from other players in his age group. He excels at using his own net for protection and delivering quick, long passes that can catch opponents off guard. Minnetian's skating is above average for his age group, and his ability to process the game at a high level enables him to play faster than he appears on the ice. When it comes to directing traffic, Minnetian shows skill in maintaining a tight gap when defending through the neutral zone. He is proficient at presenting his stick in passing lanes to discourage east-west movement of the puck, contributing to his team's overall defensive effort. Although he is not an elite skater, his ability to jump into plays offensively and make good first passes demonstrates potential for growth in his game. Minnetian shows a preference for creating better scoring chances rather than settling for shots from the point, which speaks to his hockey IQ and creativity. However, there have been instances where he gets caught too far up in the play. His future development may focus more on his defensive presence than offensive contributions. He battles hard for pucks along the boards and can keep up with fast forwards, but his net-front awareness and compete level could be improved. Minnetian's current skill set positions him as a potential bottom-four defenseman and second power play unit QB.

*Minnetian is a promising prospect, deserving of attention from teams seeking a versatile blueliner with a solid foundation of skills and potential for growth.*

**49** CARSON BJARNASON

POS GOALIE  
CATCH LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-3  
WEIGHT 186  
NHL CS 1NAG



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	MIN	GAA	SO	SV%
22-23	BRANDON	WHL	47	2725	3.08	3	.900


ATHL	POSN	READ	TRACK	RB CTR	TECHN
A	A	A	A	A	A

**Bjarnason, a hybrid-style goaltender with** a compact stance and pro-ready size, demonstrates smooth and quick crease mobility alongside impressive up-down movements. He exhibits great patience by remaining on his feet during the development of offensive attacks, whether off the rush or during in-zone play. His post play is generally strong, featuring good vertical seal and puck control in the blue paint. Bjarnason's wide-legged stance, while advantageous for sealing the ice, leaves him more active than necessary when tracking pucks, often forcing him to search through holes and around traffic for visual attachment. His butterfly technique includes a tall body and slight forward lean to surround pucks and limit shot angles, ensuring balance and control in motion or stationary. In comparison to previous observations, Bjarnason appeared more athletic in this report, effectively challenging shooters by getting to his spots early. Although his reactionary hand movements were not fast, he managed to let pucks hit him and quickly locate and cover any loose ones. His pre-shot stance could be targeted for further development, with a preference for a taller stance and smaller movements when tracking pucks higher in the zone. He stays big in the butterfly and keeps his shoulders high to protect the top of the net. His blocking style, which relies on his size, is generally effective, and he moves in and out of post play efficiently. Bjarnason showcases strong potential to become part of a one-two tandem at the NHL level or even a No. 1 if he meets development goals.

*While there are areas that will demand improvement, Bjarnason's quiet, calm demeanor and ability to make routine saves speak to his potential.*

**50** NICK LARDIS

POS LEFT WING  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 5-11  
WEIGHT 165  
NHL CS 27 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	HAMILTON	OHL	69	37	28	65	6

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
HE	A	A	A	A	AA

**Lardis is an opportunistic winger known** for being a high-volume shooter from the tops of the circles and lower, utilizing his agility and vision to find open space and shooting lanes through traffic. His shot stands out as his best offensive weapon, as he consistently seeks lanes to attack the middle of the ice and demonstrates a quick, accurate release, which he can change the angle on to find the net. As a quick, darting skater, Lardis exhibits good acceleration and foot-speed, allowing him to beat defenders in transition and pounce on loose pucks in the neutral zone. Aggressive in getting to the middle of the ice, he flashes nifty stickhandling abilities and vision when entering the offensive zone or weaving through traffic. Off puck, Lardis effectively finds space to be a shooting threat and hounds opposing defenders on the forecheck with impressive physicality for his stature. However, he can be guilty of overhandling the puck at times, leading to turnovers and missed offensive chances. Additionally, he can be neutralized in board battles and heavy cycle plays but doesn't shy away from contact when protecting the puck. Lardis is a talented offensive winger who can create in a wide variety of ways, possessing the ability to facilitate for his teammates. His puck skills are solid, and while he might not have elite hands and creativity, he is comfortable in space and can navigate in and out of traffic. Lardis has some areas to improve, such as polishing up his defensive positioning, adding lower-body strength, and enhancing his patience with the puck and passing vision.

*He has the potential to develop into a scoring role as a middle-six winger who can play in multiple situations and create in a wide variety of ways.*

**51** HUNTER BRZUSTEWICZ

POS DEFENSE  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 6-0  
WEIGHT 190  
NHL CS 41 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	KITCHENER	OHL	68	6	51	57	12

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
AA	A	A	AA	AA	A

**Brzustewicz is a mobile defenseman** known for his playmaking abilities and excellent skating, which stands out as his best quality. He is highly responsible with the puck and demonstrates solid hockey IQ, seamlessly blending into the offense. However, he could improve on the defensive side of the puck, as his compete level isn't the highest and his reads can be slow at times, leaving passing lanes open. His stickhandling is average and could benefit from development, allowing him to impose his will on the game more effectively. Still, Brzustewicz drives transition play with his skating and passing abilities. He commands the puck well and makes smart first passes, setting up breakouts with ease. In the offensive zone, he is calm and skilled at walking the line, forcing the opposing defense to chase him and opening up shooting and passing lanes. While his skill set allows him to quarterback the power play effectively, to become a more effective offensive player, Brzustewicz needs to develop a more lethal shot. He displays great poise and vision while on the puck, and his edgework provides him strong mobility in all directions. Comfortable handling the puck at the point, he is a focal player on the power play and a threat to create chances below the hashmarks. However, his developing lower-body strength and lack of high-end speed can limit his ability to win loose puck races and defend against faster forwards off the rush. Brzustewicz will need to improve his lower-half strength to increase his straight-line speed and become harder to play against.

*Despite areas for improvement, he remains an intriguing prospect with the potential to develop into an effective blueliner and power play quarterback.*

**52** JAKUB DVORAK

POS DEFENSE  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-5  
WEIGHT 203  
NHL CS 15 INT



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	LIBEREC	CZE	24	0	2	2	6

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	A	A	AA	A

**Dvorak is a towering defenseman whose** physical stature allows him to have an impact all over the ice. Defensively, he utilizes his size, pacing ability, and active stick to maintain control against forwards. With adequate skating, he makes it difficult for opposing players to gain clean zone entries. Dvorak takes a reactive approach to defending, allowing the play to come to him before disrupting with his active stick or physical presence. He is rarely beaten, thanks to his powerful crossovers and ability to match pace with his opponents. Offensively, he is not hesitant to pinch or slide into the offensive zone, showcasing his abilities on the power play. His wrist shot has some zip, but his one-timer could use more torque. Despite some limitations in mobility and stickhandling, Dvorak consistently puts forth his best effort in all three zones. He excels along the boards and makes quick, accurate passes up the ice. He demonstrates calmness with the puck, even when pressured, and shows strong positional play in the neutral zone. Dvorak defends rushes well and uses his long reach to his advantage. His mindset to improve his position on the blue line before shooting, coupled with his ability to join the rush as the fourth player, make him an intriguing prospect. Dvorak has undeniable appeal as a defensive defenseman. However, to reach his full potential as a shutdown defender, he will need to improve his ability to win 50/50 battles along the boards, halt cycles, and regain possession more effectively, and he should focus on enhancing his puck control, too.

*Dvorak's combination of size, skill, and defensive prowess make him an attractive prospect as a defensively-minded player with potential for growth.*

**53** YEGOR KLIMOVICH

POS LEFT WING  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 5-9  
WEIGHT 159  
NHL CS -



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	NOVOSIBIRSK	RUS	36	19	30	49	28

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
AA	BA	A	A	HE	A

**Klimovich, an undersized yet skillful** winger, demonstrates above-average skating ability characterized by strong edgework and good straight-line speed, although not to an elite degree given his size. His focus lies predominantly in offense, maintaining consistent production throughout the season. Showcasing exceptional offensive awareness, Klimovich employs pre-scanning and remarkable small-area skills to position himself within scoring territories, creating threats. An impressive offensive trait of his involves slipping behind or along the goal line, effectively eluding defenders and availing himself for tips or rebound opportunities. Instances of subpar physical engagement are noticeable, revealing a potential area for improvement. His defensive performance, while not abysmal, is not a significant strength. There are moments where Klimovich seems somewhat disoriented within the defensive end, often gravitating towards the blue line in anticipation of a steal or swift transition play. Despite his size occasionally inhibiting him in puck battles, Klimovich showcases excellent mobility during breakouts, circling to gain momentum in the defensive zone and positioning himself as a passing target in the neutral zone. Increasing his strength and honing his ability to withstand contact are essential areas of development for Klimovich. His potential lies in becoming a reasonably skilled middle-six player, able to contribute on the power play but potentially requiring a play-driving teammate to enhance his success.

*Klimovich's excellent puckhandling, vision, and playmaking abilities, and his potential for future defensive competence, remain apparent despite flaws.*

**54** LUCA CAGNONI

POS DEFENSE  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 5-9  
WEIGHT 180  
NHL CS 35 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	PORTLAND	WHL	67	17	47	64	46

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
AA	A	AA	AA	HE	A

**Cagnoni exhibits above-average four-way** mobility, especially evident during power plays. Utilizing lateral crossovers and hip pivots, he navigates and opens lanes effectively. Despite his wrist and slap shots not being significantly threatening, he is adept at distributing the puck from the top of the umbrella during power plays, essentially acting as an offensive catalyst. Defensively, there are areas for improvement. His smaller size can lead to struggles, but his rush defense skills are commendable. He challenges attackers at the line with proficiency and positions his stick effectively to disrupt possession. However, his decision-making skills in his own zone and during neutral zone transition plays need refinement. Cagnoni's strategic thinking on the ice and ability to control momentum are key strengths. His situational awareness is demonstrated through frequent shoulder checks, delays, and hesitations under pressure. His stickhandling skills allow for the initiation of offensive plays and evasion of pressure in the defensive zone. In the offensive zone, Cagnoni displays strong shot selection, opting for well-timed wrist shots and utilizing a potent wind-up slapshot. His robust skating skills, marked by crossovers and quick pivots, aid him in evading pressure and building speed. However, he sometimes struggles to match the pace of more skilled players due to limitations in stride length and explosiveness. Cagnoni's defensive strategy relies more on smart positioning, active stickwork, and lane disruption rather than engaging physically.

*Despite areas needing improvement, his offensive skills, strategic thinking, and ability to control momentum make Cagnoni a strong prospect.*

**55** TREY AUGUSTINE

POS GOALIE  
CATCH LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-1  
WEIGHT 183  
NHL CS 3 NAG




YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	MIN	GAA	SO	SV%
22-23	USA U18	NTDP	26	1370	2.32	1	.922

ATHL	POSN	READ	TRACK	RB CTR	TECHN
A	A	A	A	A	A

Augustine is a highly competitive, athletic goaltender who employs an active butterfly style combined with quick hand movements and impressive mobility. He excels at tracking pucks and reading offensive attacks, challenging shooters aggressively from the top of the circles and projecting toward threats to limit danger. His crease mobility is particularly strong, as he moves post-to-post and high to low with speed, accuracy, and control. Augustine's pre-shot preparedness is patient, setting his feet and maintaining visual attachment to the puck. With a tight pad seal to the ice, and hands and stick projecting outward in a comfortable stance, Augustine handles rebounds well and generally steers them away from the crease. Although he possesses the athleticism to improvise a save and scramble, Augustine tends to rely more on a structured game. In terms of development, he could engage his thighs more in a butterfly to maintain a taller posture, be more slide-ready, and project his torso outward when dealing with loose pucks in the crease. Augustine may be considered to lack height, but his lateral mobility and active hands far outweigh any perceived height disadvantage. As a hybrid style goaltender, Augustine starts in an upright stance and gets compact and hunched as a shot approaches. He is active and busy in the crease but remains in control when moving around. When set for a shot, Augustine demonstrates patience, relying on reflexes and positioning to make saves. In the butterfly, he could stay bigger to limit room in the top portions of the net.

Augustine's rebound control and puck-playing skills could be improved, but his athleticism and calm demeanor make him an interesting goalie option.

**56** JORDAN TOURIGNY

POS DEFENSE  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 5-11  
WEIGHT 165  
NHL CS 123 NA





YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	SHAWINIGAN	QMJHL	67	6	35	41	69

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
E	A	A	A	A	A

Tourigny is a smooth-skating, two-way defenseman with elite puck-moving capabilities and great agility. His second gear allows him to separate from opponents and win races, while his excellent vision and passing skills make him a valuable asset in both offensive and defensive situations. Tourigny is not afraid to jump into offensive rushes or engage in physical play, though he could improve his ability to maintain possession during physical battles. He showcases poise with the puck, creating space for regrouping and offensive zone cycles, and demonstrates impressive four-way mobility and fluid skating. On the offensive end, Tourigny is dynamic with the puck and is able to react quickly to thread passes through tight spaces, finding teammates and creating scoring chances. He excels at quarterbacking the power play, distributing the puck from either the top of the umbrella or the half wall. While his shot may lack power, he compensates with his ability to find open lanes and get the puck to the net. In the defensive zone, Tourigny's quick feet and fluid stride allow for above-average gap control, forcing puck carriers into bad ice along the perimeter. Tourigny occasionally overcommits to pinches and holds the offensive blue line too long, resulting in chasing plays back to his own end. He may also experience mental lapses leading to soft, low-percentage backhand passes and turnovers. Despite areas for improvement, Tourigny's combination of high mobility, poise with the puck, and quick problem-solving ability make him an enticing prospect.

Tourigny's ability to attack the weak side and create high-danger opportunities further enhances his appeal as a top prospect.

**57** THEO LINDSTEIN

POS DEFENSE  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-1  
WEIGHT 180  
NHL CS 14 INT





YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	BRYNAS	SWE	32	1	1	2	0

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
AA	A	AA	AA	HE	A

Lindstein is an agile, speedy defenseman with a penchant for joining the offensive rush and making fantastic breakout passes. His composure and sense of judgment allow him to carry the puck forward without feeling pressured, making him an effective problem solver on the ice. Lindstein boasts a good shot from the blue line and demonstrates excellent hockey IQ, positioning himself well in the neutral zone to break up plays or apply pressure on opponents. His gap control and skating abilities make him a formidable competitor for loose pucks, while his four-way mobility and fluid stride contribute to his all-around prowess. While Lindstein is capable in his own zone, there are areas for improvement. He can be overly opportunistic, attempting to move forward too quickly and getting caught in his eagerness to be offensive. He could benefit from playing more physically and aggressively along the boards and in front of the net. Additionally, Lindstein could improve his shot selection and decision-making, opting for more shots from the blue line rather than making an extra pass. Despite these shortcomings, Lindstein continues to impress with his offensive prowess, particularly on the power play. To be even more effective, Lindstein should focus on developing his offensive game from the offensive blue line inward and cultivating patience with the puck in high-pressure situations. As he gains strength and muscle, Lindstein has the potential to develop into a great offensive defender at the NHL level in the coming years.

His high hockey IQ, quick decision-making, and excellent communication make him an asset for teams looking to bolster their lineup with a two-way player.

**58** LUCA PINELLI

POS CENTER  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 5-9  
WEIGHT 165  
NHL CS 54 NA





YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	OTTAWA	OHL	67	29	34	63	60

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	A	HE	A	AA

Pinelli is a well-rounded player with the skillset to make an impact in all three zones. He possesses strong offensive abilities, acting as both a facilitator and shooter. He can retrieve loose pucks below the goal line and set up the cycle, or generate quality chances off the rush. Although he may be a better shooter than passer, he is above-average in both aspects, making him a dual threat in the offensive zone. With a high-skill game, great vision, and strong hockey IQ, Pinelli displays confidence in driving into open spaces and putting pucks into high-danger areas for his teammates. His skating and strength could use improvement, as he is sometimes outmuscled for the puck. By lowering his stance, he could enhance his stride extension and two-step quickness. As a fast-paced skater with smooth puckhandling skills, Pinelli excels in the offensive zone, setting up linemates for shots on goal. His spatial awareness allows him to position himself effectively for shooting lanes or receiving passes, making him a constant threat on the ice. Defensively, Pinelli is aware of his surroundings and uses his smaller stature to his advantage, sneaking up on opponents to strip possession. This would further solidify his all-around game and make him even more valuable to a potential team. With a well-rounded skillset, Pinelli has the potential to develop into a quality middle-six winger, possibly even a top-six scoring wing. His talents make him a strong candidate, where he could be a valuable addition for a team seeking a versatile, intelligent player with power play upside.

Pinelli's combination of offensive and defensive skills, hockey IQ, and work ethic make him an attractive prospect amongst his peers.

**59** MAXIM STRBAK

POS DEFENSE  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 6-2  
WEIGHT 205  
NHL CS 48 NA





YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	SIoux FALLS	USHL	46	5	13	18	51

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	A	AA	AA	A

Strbak is a defenseman with a strong defensive mindset, using good positioning and aggressive checking to take time away from his opponents. He exhibits poise with the puck under pressure near the blue line and moves well along the line to create different looks. Strbak's gap control is strong, and he typically knows when to step forward or fall back to maintain position. With a focus on playing simply and safely, Strbak can appear indecisive under pressure. He possesses some offensive potential, with a good but underutilized shot and effective offensive transitions. Trusted on both the penalty kill and power play, he makes simple plays and passes accurately when given time and space. Strbak adds layers of deception to his game, making him an unpredictable transition player. His edgework allows him to shake off opponents, and he uses deception to buy time and fake out forecheckers. Strbak is a great transition defenseman, turning defense into offense quickly and operating comfortably on either side of the ice. His passes are crisp and hard, but could be more on target. Strbak's slap shot is hard, and he uses an active stick in the neutral zone to poke pucks away. He is willing to throw hits when given the opportunity, but his top speed could use improvement. A reliable two-way defenseman, Strbak uses his body and hands well on both ends of the ice. He is a solid passer and excels at making safe plays rather than taking risks when exiting the zone. Strbak's physical play will improve as he gains strength, and he could work on staying poised under pressure.

As a modern defenseman with potential for growth, Strbak's combination of defensive skills and offensive upside make him an attractive option.

**60** LUKAS DRAGICEVIC

POS DEFENSE  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 6-1  
WEIGHT 190  
NHL CS 18 NA





YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	TRI-CITY	WHL	68	15	60	75	54

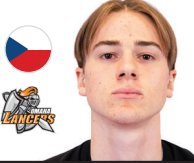
SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
HE	A	AA	A	AA	A

Dragicevic is a mobile defenseman who brings offensive flair to his game, relying on his heady play, problem-solving abilities, and well-rounded skill set. His quick strides and exceptional edgework are immediately noticeable, particularly when navigating the offensive zone. Dragicevic's ability to stutter-step while walking the line keeps defenders guessing and buys him time to create passing or shooting lanes. His hip and edgework in these situations are outstanding, further enhancing his offensive capabilities. Dragicevic is highly deceptive and shifty, using smooth puckhandling skills to create space for himself and his teammates. He showcases strong outlet abilities and often makes tape-to-tape stretch passes, even while skating backward. In the offensive zone, he activates from the wall as soon as the puck leaves his stick, cruising the blue line with grace. His sneaky wrist shot adds another dimension to his game. Dragicevic is generally solid in his own end, excelling at boxing out opponents and ensuring clear sightlines for his goalie. He is vocal on the ice, effectively directing teammates in defensive situations and coordinating their efforts. However, there are areas where Dragicevic could improve. His skating speed and agility are average, and his performance on the power play has been inconsistent. He should focus on honing his defensive role, but he needs to improve his foot-speed to truly excel in that area. Despite being a riskier prospect, Dragicevic's intelligence and superior mobility hold the potential for success.

With continued development and attention to his areas of improvement, Dragicevic could become a valuable asset on any team's blue line.

**61** MICHAEL HRABAL

POS GOALIE  
CATCH LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-6  
WEIGHT 209  
NHL CS 2 NAG



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	MIN	GAA	SO	SV%
22-23	OMAHA	USHL	31	1681	2.86	3	.908

ATHL	POSN	READ	TRACK	RB CTR	TECHN
A	A	A	AA	A	A

Hrabal leverages his size to take away much of the shooter's vision. He maintains visual attachment and tracks pucks well from zone entry with a tall stance and controlled shuffle. Hrabal's strengths include efficiently handling low-danger attempts by quickly extinguishing the play, but he struggles with high-danger shots due to average hand speed and a slow-to-close five-hole. His crease mobility is good but not exceptionally fast, as Hrabal moves with accuracy and remains puck-centered. He exhibits difficulties with quick mobility in his butterfly, likely due to his size and leg length, and consequently plays deep in his net, which limits the distance he must cover. A butterfly style goalie, Hrabal remains upright in position, keeping himself large in the net. However, he tends to drop his glove and blocker to the tops of his pads, leaving the upper corners exposed. His rebound control is generally decent, although it can become sloppy, resulting in dangerous rebounds. Hrabal tends to overplay the short-side angle on wide-angle shots and can appear uncomfortable catching the puck with his glove. Despite these weaknesses, his immense frame, natural poise, and impressive skill and knowledge of the position make him an ideal goaltender. He is energy-efficient, tracking and anticipating play effectively. Hrabal drops down easily and seals the bottom of the ice well from his knees, and maintains enough height to reduce shooting room above his shoulders. His rebound control is advanced, swallowing pucks into his equipment with ease.

*Improvement in puckhandling and assertiveness could elevate Hrabal's game, making him a highly projectable goaltender and a top netminder in the class.*

**62** KALAN LIND

POS LEFT WING  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-0  
WEIGHT 158  
NHL CS 39 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	RED DEER	WHL	43	16	28	44	80

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	A	AA	AA	HE

Lind has developed into a defensive forward with a strong two-way presence, excelling as a net-front and down-low specialist. He effectively clogs lanes, restricts the goaltender's view, and makes plays from the post. Lind's speed and reach help him evade stick pressure during zone entries at five-on-five and on the power play, setting up the offense as he positions himself net-front. Lind's in-your-face style of play makes him a difficult opponent, as he forechecks hard, finishes every check, and gets under the skin. Lind opts for a direct north-south game, working to get the puck to the net. He moves well, showcasing speed and puck control while skating forward. Although Lind's stride is decent, he lacks lower-body strength, which can hinder his ability to gain separation. As he adds muscle to his frame, his speed may improve, though it is unlikely he will become a standout skater. Lind's defensive positioning is sound, reading plays effectively and supporting teammates as a breakout option. He is a utility player with the ability to fill any role, position, or line, combining intelligence and effort to play a physically aggressive game without compromising his position. He forechecks ferociously and uses excellent stick positioning to quickly retrieve pucks from traffic. He complements skilled linemates well, unlocking their offensive potential by doing the dirty work. Lind himself possesses skill, utilizing quick hands to change the attack angle and work through checks. He also finds ways to reach the middle of the ice, displaying a range of attack options.

*Lind's skill profile, combined with his intriguing intangibles, make him an intriguing prospect for the draft class.*

**63** CHARLIE STRAMEL

POS CENTER  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 6-3  
WEIGHT 212  
NHL CS 30 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	WISCONSIN	BIG10	33	5	7	12	59

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	AA	A	A	A	HE

Stramel, a sizeable right-shot center, offers a comprehensive skill set that might be greater than the sum of its individual attributes. With a long, natural stride, he demonstrates good puck protection and is always ready to receive a pass or shot from teammates. Although he doesn't possess one standout quality, Stramel's quick release and purposeful, zippy passes contribute to his effectiveness as a straight-line distributor. He could improve defensively, particularly in processing and identifying coverage assignments, but his dedication to developing this aspect of his game is apparent. Stramel's skating speed is not a liability, but his pace of play could be enhanced by making quicker decisions with the puck. As a big-bodied workhorse center, he exhibits intelligence and anticipation at both ends, using his strong frame to attack the middle of the ice and generate offense. Stramel's versatility at multiple forward positions is impressive, too. A smooth, powerful skater, he accelerates quickly and possesses solid top speed, making him a threat in transition and an effective forechecker. He protects the puck with his size and long reach, extending offensive zone plays and dominating on the cycle. With a hard shot and quick release, Stramel takes many shots off the rush and uses his size to find shooting lanes or rebounds. He is not afraid to throw his weight around, cutting off opponents along the wall and muscling them off the puck. This physicality adds an extra dimension to his game, making him a valuable asset on the ice.

*Stramel's adaptability makes him an attractive prospect, as he could potentially slot into various roles on an NHL roster.*

**64** CARTER SOTHERAN

POS DEFENSE  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 6-3  
WEIGHT 197  
NHL CS 71 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	PORTLAND	WHL	68	4	19	23	54

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	A	A	HE	HE

Sotheran is a towering defender with the potential to become a shutdown presence in the NHL, thanks to his size and physicality. He is adept at boxing out opponents screening the goalie, and his defensive awareness in his own zone is impressive. Although his skating and ability to make quick reads and confident passes require further development, Sotheran effectively positions his stick when facing players off the rush. Even if opponents manage to slip past him, his long reach often forces them into low-percentage plays. Continued development should help Sotheran grow more comfortable with puck movement and handling, increasing his overall effectiveness. Sotheran does demonstrate creativity and puck movement capabilities. Often playing the right side, he has been known to create in transition through weaving and puck protection while in motion. This aspect of his game has been less evident, as he often defers to his partner for running transitions. Sotheran's defensive game has seen significant strides, including improvements in physical engagement, positioning, and using his size and reach to break up plays. Nevertheless, there is more to explore in Sotheran's game, which will become apparent when he gains the confidence to be the primary puck distributor. The most pressing area for improvement is footspeed, focusing on quick adjustments and explosivity. While he does many things well, Sotheran sometimes finds himself a split second behind in executing plays. This aspect of his game will be crucial for him to refine.

*Sotheran's unique combination of size, skill, and potential for growth makes him an intriguing prospect for teams looking to bolster their defensive depth.*

**65** CHASE CHESLOCK

POS DEFENSE  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 6-3  
WEIGHT 208  
NHL CS 99 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	OMAHA	USHL	28	4	26	30	19

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	AA	A	A	A	A

Cheslock is an adaptable player who effectively transitioned from the high school ranks in Minnesota to the USHL. He demonstrates a focus on defense, often prioritizing it over offensive contributions, with active stick work that disrupts passing attempts and consistent movement when defending the puck carrier or chasing loose pucks. His commendable gap control when defending against the rush balances aggression with passivity. However, there are instances of questionable decisions and turnovers with the puck. As Cheslock gains confidence, he is expected to become a more effective puck mover and offensive threat. His size, strength, and skill combine to make him a standout defenseman, with his skating, quick feet, and puckhandling abilities being particularly noteworthy. Whether he's making long stretch passes or executing quick give-and-go's, Cheslock demonstrates impressive puck-moving abilities. When facing open ice or trouble in his own zone, he's more than capable of initiating the rush up the ice. His robust physical presence makes it challenging for opponents to dislodge him from the puck, with effective poke checking being a necessary strategy against him. Defensively, Cheslock exhibits relentless pressure on the puck-carrier and is adept at body-checking to separate the puck from the opposition. His willingness to block shots enhances his defensive contributions, easing the workload for his goalie. With his responsible defensive game, consistent positioning, and ability to make accurate reads, he thrives in all situations.

*With continued development, he has the potential to become a valuable defenseman, possibly in a middle to lower pairing role in the NHL.*

**66** JAKE FISHER

POS CENTER  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-2  
WEIGHT 182  
NHL CS 87 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	CRETIN-DERHAM	HIGH-MN	29	34	29	63	32

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	AA	A	A	A	A

Fisher showcases impressive offensive abilities and has emerged as a dual-threat talent, capable of being the primary play-driver on his forward line. His combination of size and speed, coupled with his puck-carrying ability in transition and shiftiness, make him a formidable presence on the ice. Fisher's prowess for protecting the puck allows him to maintain possession for extended periods, and his quick hands enable him to consistently find teammates with accurate passes after making a move or two. Notably, Fisher's off-puck play is exceptional, as he disrupts passes and acts as a relentless puck hound, employing stick lifts to steal the puck from opponents. His big frame does not impede his mobility, and his explosive, never-ending motor make him an effective forechecker when pursuing opposing players with the puck. Fisher's wrist shot is a potent weapon, with his subtle toe drag changing the release point and making it difficult for goalies to anticipate when and where his shot is going. He also focuses on moving toward the middle of the ice to improve his scoring chances, often shooting from dangerous areas and displaying his ability to pull and drag before releasing a shot. In addition to his shooting, Fisher is an adept distributor, making intelligent reads before passing the puck to teammates. He displays great vision on the ice and is able to connect with his teammates using both short, crisp passes and longer, more challenging feeds. Fisher's versatility means he could potentially play up and down a lineup and adapt to various roles.

*Fisher is an exciting player to watch, boasting a game with few, if any, weaknesses because of his size, speed, skill, and hockey IQ.*

**67 CAMERON ALLEN**

POS DEFENSE  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 6-0  
WEIGHT 194  
NHL CS 46 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	GUELPH	OHL	62	5	20	25	72

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	A	A	A	HE

Allen is a well-rounded defenseman who possesses strong skating abilities, a powerful stride, and the poise to make plays under pressure. He excels in moving the puck out of his own zone with his vision and skating. His agility and lateral movement skills are notable, allowing him to maintain speed while defending the rush and close gaps quickly. Offensively, Allen sets up teammates with accurate tape-to-tape passes and defends the blue line effectively, contributing to offensive rushes. He demonstrates a hard release and the ability to find lanes to the net through traffic. Although not a significant scoring threat, his intelligence and anticipation make him a dual passing and shooting option from the point. Defensively, Allen displays solid stickwork and the ability to knock opponents off the puck, disrupting possession with his reach. His off-puck awareness is strong at both ends, and he uses his frame to push opponents off their line and stop cycle plays. However, he sometimes struggles with clearing the defensive zone and can be prone to giving pucks away under pressure, a habit that could be improved by using more shoulder checks to find quick options. He may need to improve his physical presence in high-traffic areas of his own end. Despite these challenges, Allen showcases impressive confidence, creativity with the puck, and the necessary anticipation and aggressiveness to excel on defense. Allen's ability to perform in all situations, including special teams, and his potential for improvement in key areas contribute to his status as a valued defender.

*Allen's well-rounded game, combined with his work ethic, poise, and hockey IQ, indicates that he could become an impactful player at higher levels.*

**68 FELIX UNGER SORUM**

POS RIGHT WING  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 5-11  
WEIGHT 170  
NHL CS 57 INT



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	LEKSAND	SWE JR.	42	10	36	46	4

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	AA	AA	A	A

Unger Sorum is an offensively skilled winger with significant upside and creativity in the offensive zone. He exhibits a high hockey IQ and rapidly problem solves, knowing his next move before the puck even reaches his stick. He can finish plays with a great release and also finds teammates with skilled passes. Off puck, Unger Sorum adeptly maneuvers in the offensive zone to create openings and make coverage difficult. He presents his stick as an option for teammates and funnels himself towards the net when the puck goes back up high. He moves around the ice reasonably well but could benefit from added lower-body strength to improve his skating techniques and overall speed. Defensively, Unger Sorum covers the net front effectively and scans his own end to identify his assignment. He applies pressure to his defender when they gain possession, forcing them into quick decisions. On the power play, he demonstrates smooth and safe entries into the offensive zone and can find openings with long passes. He is dangerous around the net, offering both shooting and passing options, and his wrist shot is fast, hard, and disguised. While his offensive skills are impressive, he needs to work on his acceleration, speed, strength, and physical play. At even strength, Unger Sorum could take more initiative and shoot more frequently, capitalizing on opportunities that arise. He has the potential to be a crucial offensive player for a team, but his game requires refinement in certain areas, such as his performance in the neutral and defensive zones.

*Unger Sorum presents an interesting blend of raw talent and potential, and with the right development, he could become a valuable asset.*

**69 TYLER PEDDLE**

POS LEFT WING  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-1  
WEIGHT 196  
NHL CS 76 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	DRUMMONDVILLE	QMJHL	64	24	17	41	36

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	HE	BA	BA	AA	A

Peddle is a power forward with a shoot-first mentality, showcasing a quick release and an exceptional ability to glide into open spaces between defenders. His most dangerous weapon is his wicked snapshot, capable of beating goalies from a distance and in transition. This skill, combined with his keen sense of timing and positioning, allows Peddle to be a constant threat in the offensive zone. Although his agility is limited, he demonstrates good puck protection skills and is highly effective at pressuring puck-carriers on the forecheck, making him a valuable asset in both offensive and defensive situations. Peddle's responsible play and physicality make him an asset in the defensive zone, where he persistently backchecks and limits space. His tenacious forechecking and ability to cut passing lines contribute to his defensive prowess, while his toughness demonstrates his willingness to battle for puck possession. However, consistency and productivity are areas that need improvement, as well as refining his off-puck play to further enhance his overall impact. While not the quickest skater, he compensates by reading plays, timing his approach, and building speed before gaining possession. His keen ability to exploit any space given to him makes him a high-scoring winger who can tally multiple goals in a game and keep the opposing team's defense on their toes. Peddle's goal-scoring prowess will undoubtedly be attractive to teams, though opinions on his potential may vary. His lethal release, responsible play, and physicality make him a promising prospect.

*Teams looking to add a shooter will surely take a long and serious look at Peddle, and pairing him with a quality playmaker could unlock his full potential.*

**70 ALEX CIERNIK**

POS LEFT WING  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 5-11  
WEIGHT 176  
NHL CS 21 INT



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	SODERTALJE	SWE 2	25	3	9	12	2

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
HE	A	AA	A	AA	BA

Ciernik is a dynamic and versatile forward with a well-balanced skill set, possessing a tremendous hockey IQ, strong puckhandling, and impressive skating abilities. As a pure playmaker, he executes his skills effectively from any position in the offensive zone, showcasing creativity, quick hands, and fast puckhandling. He is adept at maneuvering through tight spaces, controlling the tempo in a man advantage situation, and releasing powerful wrist shots. In addition, Ciernik is a fast and agile skater, capable of accelerating and changing direction quickly while maintaining control of the puck. His offensive imagination and ability to make hard, accurate no-look passes further demonstrate his skill as a playmaker. Despite his offensive prowess, Ciernik has areas that need improvement. His size and strength will likely develop with time, but his defensive game requires attention as he sometimes struggles with reading plays and maintaining awareness. He must be more active with his stick and have a stronger presence on the ice. Additionally, while his decision-making and first-touch could be refined, Ciernik demonstrates a strong ability to create scoring chances and find open ice to support his teammates. His commitment to improving his individual defensive game will round out his overall skill set, making him a more appealing prospect. A left-handed winger with a tremendous offensive toolbox, Ciernik has the potential to become a top-six player in the NHL if he continues to develop his skills and address his weaknesses.

*Ciernik is a highly skilled, offensively-minded forward who has the potential to make a significant impact at the NHL level.*

**71 JACOB FOWLER**

POS GOALIE  
CATCH LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-1  
WEIGHT 212  
NHL CS 5 NAG



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	MIN	GAA	SO	SV%
22-23	YOUNGSTOWN	USHL	38	2198	2.35	5	.919


ATHL	POSN	READ	TRACK	RB CTR	TECHN
A	AA	A	AA	AA	A

Fowler demonstrates a narrow, upright stance, a high glove, and quiet feet in his setup. His movements are controlled and he maintains excellent puck tracking, solid rebound control, and terrific timing. Fowler's lateral movement is impressive, allowing him to stay square to the shooter throughout all movements and avoid sliding out of position. He plays at the top of his crease and remains puck-centered, reading shot threats extremely well and hitting his spots early. Fowler's economy of movement makes most saves look routine, with trouble arising only when quick adjustments open up his form and create holes through his body. He times the drop into his butterfly to coincide with the puck's arrival, swallowing up pucks and containing rebounds effectively. Fowler plays fairly deep in his crease, resulting in quick lateral movements over shorter distances. He approaches his posts with control, employing his RVH only when threats are present, and displaying great patience and foot-holding when the puck is in a more perimeter location. Fowler's anticipation and patience allow him to remain in control and let shooters make the first move before reacting. His rebound control on both wings and low shots to the pads is commendable, and he tracks the puck well through traffic without sacrificing positioning. His combination of controlled movements, strong positioning, and excellent puck tracking make him a promising prospect. Fowler is a player to watch closely, with the potential to be among the early goaltending selections.

*His combination of controlled movements, strong positioning, and excellent puck tracking make him a promising prospect.*

**72 ILYA KVOCHKO**

POS CENTER  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 5-9  
WEIGHT 159  
NHL CS -



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	MAGNITOGORSK	RUS	47	11	31	42	4

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	BA	A	A	AA	HE

Ilya Kvochko is a reliable two-way center who has shown significant improvement in his game, which now exhibits an added layer of calmness, allowing for more space and opportunity when he has the puck. Known for his defensive play and faceoff efficiency, Kvochko is a smart defender who can clog up passing lanes or apply pressure to puck carriers with stick lifts and poke checks. As a high-energy center, Kvochko stands out due to his motor and work ethic, which keep him engaged across all 200 feet of the rink. This work ethic compensates for his size deficit, enabling him to outwork opposing defenders on the forecheck and generate turnovers. Primarily excelling as a playmaker, Kvochko displays exceptional vision with the puck on his stick and can complete passes into tight spaces to find teammates in high-danger areas. His skill and puckhandling abilities are commendable, showcasing good control in tight spaces and the capacity to change angles on defenders and goaltenders to open up passing and shooting lanes. Although Kvochko isn't hesitant to get pucks on goal, his shot appears to lack the power necessary to challenge professional netminders from medium range. Questions arise regarding his mobility, as his stride is short and sometimes choppy, limiting his acceleration and ability to play with pace in transition—a concern for a smaller player. Kvochko drives strong underlying possession metrics and performs well in high-pressure faceoff situations which adds unique value to his kit as a reliable, all-situations center.

*His small frame and lack of offensive flair raise doubts about his NHL potential, but Kvochko offers reliable defensive traits teams covet.*



**73** **LENNI HAMEENAHO**

POS **RIGHT WING**  
SHOOT **RIGHT**  
HEIGHT **6-0**  
WEIGHT **173**  
NHL CS **8 INT**



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	ASSAT	FIN	51	9	12	21	14


SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	AA	A	AA	A

Hameenaho is a versatile winger known for his mature play, strong work ethic, and ability to thrive in the dirty areas of the ice. He excels in transition and along the boards, making smart decisions with the puck and utilizing small passing plays to create space for himself and teammates. While not flashy, Hameenaho is strong on the puck and can generate scoring chances by beating opponents in front of the net. His forechecking is commendable, and he has a knack for anticipating situations well. However, his skating is one of his weaker assets, as he lacks explosiveness, which hinders his ability to create space. Defensively, Hameenaho is sound, but can sometimes be overly eager to initiate a counter-attack, leading to poor positioning. He has a tendency to follow the puck when defending, which can result in him being outplayed. Despite these shortcomings, he demonstrates great confidence and is adept at setting up linemates for scoring chances while also battling for pucks. His passing skills, especially entering the offensive zone, are noteworthy, as he can expertly exploit the space between a defender's stick and skates to distribute the puck to his linemates. His ability to play among more experienced players is a testament to his skill and potential. However, to maximize his draft stock and secure a higher selection, Hameenaho will need to focus on improving key aspects of his game. His skating, straight-line speed, and edgework could use enhancement, as these areas currently hold him back from reaching his potential.

*Hameenaho is one of the better Finnish prospects in the 2023 draft and is likely to be considered for a middle or bottom-six role on an NHL team.*

**74** **CAREY TERRANCE**

POS **CENTER**  
SHOOT **LEFT**  
HEIGHT **6-1**  
WEIGHT **175**  
NHL CS **38 NA**



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	ERIE	OHL	67	30	17	47	22

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
AA	A	A	A	HE	A

Terrance is a creative and offensive-minded forward who skates well and has a knack for finding open space in the offensive zone. His quick feet, north-south speed, and wide base while skating allow him to be an effective puck-carrier through the middle of the ice, pushing defenders back into their own zone on the rush. His impressive shot and ability to get attempts from both the cycle and off the rush demonstrate his versatility, making him suitable for various offensive systems. His passing traits and overall playmaking ability prevent defenders from focusing solely on his shooting prowess, as he has shown he can be a playmaker when needed. Although Terrance could contribute more on the offensive end if he put himself in better positions without the puck, his speed and hands, which are both silky and confident, enable him to take on defenders one-on-one. He fares well at the faceoff dot, winning a majority of draws cleanly and easily, and his faceoff ability is a significant factor in his effectiveness on both power play and penalty kill units. Terrance has demonstrated consistent effort on the forecheck and isn't afraid to get physical, using a combination of his body and hands to protect the puck. Adding strength and committing to a more comprehensive 200-foot game will be crucial for Terrance's development, as he occasionally gets hemmed in his own zone for extended periods. Improving his individual defensive game and showing consistent effort will make him a more well-rounded player, appealing to scouts and teams alike.

*Despite some rawness and kinks in his game, Terrance has the potential to become a do-it-all third-line center with second-line upside.*

**75** **NOAH DOWER NILSSON**

POS **LEFT WING**  
SHOOT **LEFT**  
HEIGHT **6-0**  
WEIGHT **174**  
NHL CS **17 INT**



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	FROLUNDA	SWE JR.	37	26	28	54	10

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
AA	AA	AA	AA	A	A

Dower Nilsson is a highly skilled and creative forward, known for his advanced puck-handling skills and ability to open up space in the offensive zone. He is a crafty puck handler who enjoys challenging opposing defenders with high-level dekes, stickhandling through tight spaces, and finding open ice. His mobility is highlighted by quickness and agility, allowing him to make quick cuts and turns to dart into open space. As an effective shooter and playmaker, he possesses a quick, snappy shot and is capable of making crisp tape-to-tape passes from the perimeter of the offensive zone. However, Dower Nilsson can sometimes exhibit tunnel vision when attempting to stickhandle through opponents, and he could improve his all-around game by increasing his awareness of his surroundings and becoming more physically engaged in his own end. Despite these areas for growth, his offensive flair and potential as a future middle-six scorer at the NHL level make him an attractive player. Dower Nilsson's intelligence and unpredictability enable him to create scoring opportunities out of nothing, and his quick wrist shot is a valuable asset. His stick skills are truly impressive, as he fearlessly challenges defenders in one-on-one situations and consistently finds space to create chances for himself or his teammates with crisp, high-level passes. Even the most difficult and intricate passes seem effortless when executed by Nilsson. With his quickness and agility, he can single-handedly dictate the tempo of the game and is always looking to create offense.

*The impression of Dower Nilsson is that he is an impressive talent with a bright future as a top-six forward in the NHL, provided he continues to develop.*

**76** **ADAM GAJAN**

POS **GOALIE**  
CATCH **LEFT**  
HEIGHT **6-3**  
WEIGHT **167**  
NHL CS **6 NAG**



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	MIN	GAA	SO	SV%
22-23	CHIPPEWA	NAHL	34	2033	2.57	1	.917

ATHL	POSN	READ	TRACK	RB CTR	TECHN
A	A	A	A	A	A

Gajan showcases prototypical size and a hybrid style, combining athleticism with quick lateral movements and fast up-down actions. He aggressively cuts down the net, giving shooters limited space, and moves through his crease with speed, actively tracking pucks and battling for sightlines. Gajan's widespread stance and high glove hand demonstrate a controlled butterfly style, and his size does not hinder his ability to move around the crease efficiently. His widespread legs allow for quick sealing of the ice, and his rebound control is generally good, with some occasional stiffness on the blocker side leading to erratic rebounds. Despite his height, Gajan tends to look around traffic instead of over it, which can cause issues when shots come from the opposite side. He adopts a hunched-over stance, continuing into his butterfly, which leaves the top of the net more open than it should be for a goaltender of his size. Gajan's puck playing ability is fairly limited, but he can effectively stop rims and dumps and set the puck up for his defense. At times, Gajan can be uncontrolled and slide beyond the play, getting off his angles when addressing shots. He occasionally gets caught outside his posts and is forced to scramble back into the crease. However, his undeniable speed and mobility will be significant advantages once he refines his edges and plays a more contained game. Gajan's VH and RVH techniques are good, and he locks onto the posts well, making numerous quality saves on dead-angle attempts. With improvements, Gajan is a promising goaltender.

*His never-quit attitude, willingness to throw his body around the crease, and ability to get in front of shots are highly valued at any level.*

**77** **NICO MYATOVIC**

POS **LEFT WING**  
SHOOT **LEFT**  
HEIGHT **6-2**  
WEIGHT **182**  
NHL CS **26 NA**



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	SEATTLE	WHL	68	30	30	60	41

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	A	A	A	A

Myatovic exhibits qualities that often characterize players in the middle-six of an NHL lineup. Utilizing his substantial frame, he navigates the gritty areas of the ice, demonstrating intelligence in his positioning, and consistently being in the right place at the right time. These attributes make him a predictable and reliable linemate, and a complementary piece to skilled players. Myatovic's role as a catalyst to stimulate offense is also commendable, showcasing his value in high-stakes situations. While not the most creative player or often the initiator of net-bound pushes, his passing abilities and puck carrying skills are commendable, indicating his potential as a positive possession asset in higher-level gameplay. Myatovic skillfully controls the puck through traffic and smartly uses his frame to protect and buy time. He displays a unique ability to manipulate his hands and leverage his reach to alter passing angles, threading pucks through opponents to the intended recipient. Though his vision may not be extraordinary, his knack for consistently delivering the puck to linemates while minimizing turnovers is a valuable trait. To enhance his effectiveness, Myatovic will need to add explosiveness and strength to his lower half, as he isn't the quickest or lightest on his feet. However, his evident progress in this area and his adeptness at reading plays lessen this concern. Myatovic's proficiency in five-on-five situations and penalty killing is evident. His length, reach, stride extension, engagement in board battles, and constant movement mark him as an effective player.

*Myatovic's game highlights his defensive prowess and his skills are clearly transferable to pro hockey, and his qualities make him a high-floor, two-way winger.*

**78** **ALEXANDER RYKOV**

POS **RIGHT WING**  
SHOOT **LEFT**  
HEIGHT **6-0**  
WEIGHT **176**  
NHL CS **23 INT**



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	CHELMET	RUS 2	20	4	7	11	10

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	A	A	AA	HE

Rykov, has begun to carve a distinguished path, showcasing a maturity that belies his age. He has left a notable impression. His style of play, characterized by intelligence, dedication, and defensive solidity, embodies a pro-style energy winger game that makes him an appealing prospect to coaches across the board. His skills include a knack for robust forechecking, resulting in frequent turnovers, contributing significantly to his team's defensive solidity. His activity in his own zone is impressive; despite not being the most physically imposing, he manages to bring a surprising level of physicality. Rykov is a very responsible two-way winger with a strong defensive focus, which elevates his game and reinforces his value as a key team player. However, there are still aspects of Rykov's game that need development, notably his offensive capabilities. Although his scoring instincts and shot quality are decent at present, he has some distance to go in terms of generating consistent offense. Yet, it is important to note that Rykov exhibits what can best be described as 'sneaky skill,' displaying clever stickhandling through defenders and making intelligent creative passes, that suggest a latent offensive capability waiting to be harnessed. His skating, acceleration, edgework, shooting, and stickhandling have been identified as potential areas for further development. While these skillful moments are not always consistently on display, making him sometimes seem unremarkable offensively, they serve as glimpses into Rykov's overall potential.

*Given his potential to earn NHL minutes and with the prospect of further progression into a middle-six winger role, Rykov represents a promising player.*

**79** COULSON  
**PITRE**

POS **RIGHT WING**  
SHOOT **RIGHT**  
HEIGHT **6-1**  
WEIGHT **172**  
NHL CS **37 NA**



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	FLINT	OHL	59	25	35	60	42

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	A	A	AA	AA

**Pitre is a versatile forward who demonstrates strong and agile skating skills, making him hard to knock off the puck and effective in physical battles along the boards. Playing alongside top-tier talent, he exhibits good puck skills in traffic and makes quick decisions, giving the puck to his linemates in space. With great awareness at both ends of the ice, Pitre finds open spaces to release a quick, hard wrist shot from the slot while also supporting his defenders low in his own end for an outlet pass. His release is a standout asset on offense, as he can generate power on his shot even under pressure. Although not the strongest player, Pitre battles hard in high-traffic areas, using his frame to create scoring chances around the net. He displays good defensive reads, breaking up seam passes and disrupting plays along the wall with well-timed hits. As a smart defensive player, he executes intelligent plays in his own end and utilizes safe passes. With decent anticipation and acceleration, Pitre keeps pace with his linemates and is well-positioned for potential passes. Pitre battles effectively at the net-front, demonstrating decent balance when trying to block the opposing goalie's view. However, he often plays on the edges of the game and does not always get fully involved, occasionally lacking urgency. Although he possesses the potential to create plays, Pitre may hold back instead of acting on these opportunities. Despite not having a significant impact in every game, his skating and puckhandling abilities showcase his potential as a future complementary middle-six forward.**

*Pitre's two-way ability makes him a valuable prospect, as he can contribute to both special teams and make an impact in a variety of situations.*

**80** DENVER  
**BARKEY**

POS **CENTER**  
SHOOT **LEFT**  
HEIGHT **5-9**  
WEIGHT **155**  
NHL CS **79 NA**



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	LONDON	OHL	61	22	37	59	34

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	BA	A	A	A	A

**Barkey is a skilled forward with solid attributes across the board, known for his intelligent play, strong hockey IQ, and good instincts. He drives the ice in a positive direction for his team with poise, although his size and skating remain concerns for transitioning to the NHL level. Barkey's playmaking ability is one of his standout attributes, which, coupled with his strong hockey IQ, benefits his team significantly. As a top-line forward, he is a smooth skater with decent two-step acceleration, setting himself up well across the ice to intercept plays and block shots. His slightly smaller stature helps him navigate around opponents, and his tenacity and anticipation shine in high-intensity moments. Barkey's quick feet and explosiveness make him a threat to opposing defenders, both with and without the puck. His acceleration and strong top speed through open ice allow him to be dynamic in transition and reach open spots efficiently in the offensive zone. He works effectively in high-danger areas despite his small frame, finding soft areas on offense to receive passes and loose pucks. His shot may not beat goalies cleanly from a distance, but Barkey's quick release and accuracy allow him to score from challenging angles and capitalize on loose pucks in heavy traffic. Defensively, Barkey's high-energy skating and constant movement, combined with his low center of gravity, compensate for his lack of length and enable him to push opponents off the puck. His competitiveness and growing offensive skills could lead to a promising future.**

*With time and effort, Barkey may be able to develop his stickhandling, playmaking, strength, and skating to another level.*

**81** SCOTT  
**RATZLAFF**

POS **GOALIE**  
CATCH **LEFT**  
HEIGHT **6-1**  
WEIGHT **175**  
NHL CS **4 NAG**



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	MIN	GAA	SO	SV%
22-23	SEATTLE	WHL	34	2011	2.15	5	.918

ATHL	POSN	READ	TRACK	RB CTR	TECHN
A	AA	AA	A	A	AA

**Ratzlaff, a hybrid-style goaltender, thrives under pressure and consistently delivers his best in high-stakes games. His athletic, upright stance with high gloves, quiet feet, and patience allow him to maintain excellent positioning and angles, staying square to the shooter and waiting for them to make the first move. His economic movements, combined with his ability to stay tight and together when moving laterally, ensure that he does not open up any holes or overslide. His stance appears more compact than in previous viewings, and he remains upright when looking around traffic, allowing him to maintain a clear vision of the puck. Ratzlaff's rebound control is notable, as he can either absorb the puck or direct it to the corners. He showcases strong tracking skills and works diligently to see plays through traffic. Although his skating ability is sufficient to get out of his net and stop pucks behind it, his puck-playing skills are initially perceived as below-average. His blocker, which has shown improvement, is still considered the weakest part of his game as he sometimes punches at the puck. Still, Ratzlaff's commitment to refining his technique and addressing areas of weakness demonstrates his dedication to continuous improvement. As he progresses in his career, this mindset will likely contribute to his growth as a player, allowing him to develop into a more complete and well-rounded goaltender. His ability to stay calm under fire, along with his excellent positioning and reflexes, make him a promising goalie.**

*Ratzlaff's skill set, improvements, and ability to rise to the occasion make him a valuable addition for those seeking a dependable and resilient goaltender.*

**82** GRIFFIN  
**ERDMAN**

POS **RIGHT WING**  
SHOOT **LEFT**  
HEIGHT **5-10**  
WEIGHT **174**  
NHL CS **-**



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	WATERLOO	USHL	62	18	23	41	38

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
AA	A	A	A	A	A

**Erdman is a solid skater with great hands and elusiveness, consistently demonstrating effort in all areas of the ice. Despite being on the smaller side, he is not afraid to get physical when necessary. His puckhandling is quick, simple, and effective, and he excels in transition, scanning the ice thoroughly for the best options. As a pass-first player, it would benefit him and his team if he were to shoot more often. Erdman is also a hard-working winger with a unique skill set among his peers, showcasing a strong defensive effort by angling his stick well, blocking shots, and keeping his feet moving throughout his shifts. His stick lifts are well-timed and powerful, disrupting plays effectively. Erdman sees the ice well and can find teammates with both simple and flashy passes. He has the ability to keep plays alive in tight spots and is always on his toes, ready to pounce on loose pucks or engage with opposing players. His infectious energy, relentless forecheck, and exceptional pace make him a standout on the ice. Although not the biggest player, Erdman's low center of gravity and speed allow him to hold his own in physical contests. Offensively, his hands are his best attribute, but he is not seen as an offensive catalyst at higher levels. Instead, he will rely on his ability to disrupt the opposition and excel in special teams to carve out a role. Erdman's leadership and energy could provide a spark to lower lines, and he is one to follow as the season progresses. With his winning style of hockey, there is confidence that he will see NHL action at some point in his career.**

*Erdman's versatile skill set and hard-working nature make him a promising prospect.*

**83** LUKE  
**COUGHLIN**

POS **DEFENSE**  
SHOOT **LEFT**  
HEIGHT **5-10**  
WEIGHT **170**  
NHL CS **144 NA**



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	RIMOUSKI	QMJHL	37	5	14	19	16

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
HE	A	A	A	A	A

**Coughlin is a high-energy, all-situations defenseman with elite skating abilities, remarkable mobility, and foot-speed, allowing him to access every area of the ice with ease. His puckhandling skills, explosive speed, and vision make him a force in both offensive and defensive plays. He can protect pucks, perform escapes in pressure situations, and move the puck up ice, either through passing or carrying it himself. His agility and hockey IQ enable him to create space, evade pressure, and transition the puck up the ice with ease. In the offensive zone, he generates scoring chances and gets pucks on net, while his powerful and accurate shot makes him a threat from the point. Coughlin's athleticism and edgework help him maneuver through the opposition with ease, driving the net and generating high-quality chances. Defensively, Coughlin employs his stickwork effectively to engage opponents and neutralize plays. He uses his speed to defend against rushes and his strength to knock opponents off the puck. His reads and positioning are generally strong, though occasionally he may commit to low-percentage plays. Despite these occasional missteps, Coughlin consistently bounces back, showcasing his resilience and adaptability. His shot accuracy and weight could use improvement. He defends the rush well by limiting space, actively covering his man in his zone, and facing and blocking shots. As a puck-moving maestro with tremendous skating abilities and a superb hockey brain, Coughlin has the potential for high reward.**

*Coughlin projects as a versatile defenseman capable of contributing offensively, defending against speed, and running a power play unit.*

**84** NIKITA  
**SUSUYEV**

POS **RIGHT WING**  
SHOOT **LEFT**  
HEIGHT **6-0**  
WEIGHT **172**  
NHL CS **29 INT**



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	SPARTAK	RUS JR.	38	11	17	28	34

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
HE	A	A	A	BA	A

**Susuyev, a nimble and crafty winger, has exhibited skills that make him a formidable presence on the ice. Known for his superb edgework and deft handling, he has consistently showcased his ability to drive play and maintain possession for his team. The strength of his gameplay lies in his agility, his tactical movement, and his unique skating style, which significantly amplifies his vision and flexibility in the rink. He has a remarkable aptitude for evading physical pressure and warding off poke checks. Despite his ability to confound defenders with his agility, his defensive game leaves room for improvement. His coverage in his own zone can be inconsistent, and he occasionally succumbs to pressure, leading to turnovers. These defensive challenges do not overshadow his evident potential. His game demonstrates a high level of skill and the promise of further development. Susuyev also stands out for his fluid skating and his knack for using his edges to both shield the puck and manufacture opportunities. He brings an element of unpredictability to his game with strategic body fakes that can wrongfoot the opposition. While he is a straightforward player, opting for quick passes before positioning himself close to the net, he can be shifty. However, he could improve his close-quarter skills as he often loses the puck amidst the defenders. Some lapses in concentration have also led to turnovers, which is an area he can work on. Nevertheless, Susuyev's athletic skating, combined with his stickhandling prowess, make him a promising forward.**

*His game still has plenty of room for growth, and as he continues to refine his skills, he could evolve into a potent scorer and a solid future asset.*

**85** **MATTHEW MANIA**

POS DEFENSE  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 6-1  
WEIGHT 180  
NHL CS 70 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	SUDBURY	OHL	67	10	28	38	42

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
AA	A	AA	A	A	A

Mania showcases fluidity in his skating, enabling him to influence the pace of play offensively from the back end. His mobility and propensity to initiate from his rear position make him a proficient transition player. Whether leading the rush or filling an open lane, Mania demonstrates effectiveness in the rush attack. His playmaking ability, combined with his vision, edgework, and puck control, allows him to create separation while on offense and generate high-quality opportunities for teammates. However, he should enhance his ability to create opportunities through the cycle. His shot attempts often fail to penetrate traffic. Defensively, Mania's mobility is an asset. His ability to maintain solid gap control through his skating prowess makes it difficult for opponents to outpace him. Yet, his positioning and processing need improvement. His high-octane play, founded on electric acceleration and high-end skating, allows him to drive the pace of play in transition and generate offensive opportunities. His swift feet enable him to beat forecheckers, showing the agility to navigate through traffic and picking strategic moments to participate offensively. Despite his active stick aiding in rush defense and shutting down one-on-one opportunities, his physical pressure on opponents and intensity in board battles can be inconsistent, leading to prolonged possessions in his defensive end. Despite inconsistencies in his physicality in the defensive end and decision-making with the puck, Mania's skating and offensive potential make him a prospect to consider.

*His continued development in his defensive game could potentially see him fulfill a role as a top-four, power play contributor in the future.*

**86** **ARTTU KARKI**

POS DEFENSE  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-2  
WEIGHT 176  
NHL CS 37 INT



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	TAPPARA	FIN JR.	36	13	26	39	24

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	AA	A	A	A

Karki is a defenseman who displays good puck skills and impressive poise, remaining calm under pressure in his own zone and rarely resorting to merely dumping the puck out. His skating is fairly strong, using his edgework to his advantage when shaking off opposing forecheckers. Throughout various situations, he showcases his puck skills, taking good care of the puck and knowing when to distribute it, providing effective passes to teammates both at five-on-five and on the power play. However, some of his breakout passes can be overly optimistic. Karki's offensive instincts shine when he puts the puck on net from the blue line; rather than forcing a shot, he ensures the lane is open and smoothly fakes out the attacker when needed. Defensively, Karki has room for improvement, particularly in gap control. He often maintains too much distance from the offensive player. His physical engagement along the boards is commendable, but he is somewhat lacking in physicality. This aspect will likely evolve naturally over time, and his physical play should improve by the end of the season. As a top Finnish defensive prospect for the 2023 draft, Karki is known for his puck possession game, appearing active, poised, confident, and calm on the ice. A smart puck-moving defenseman, he sometimes attempts to do too much but should mature over time. Although he plays well physically and excels in board battles, he needs to gain strength and muscle to compete against larger and more skilled opponents. Karki is a raw transitional defensive prospect.

*It'll be intriguing to watch Karki's development and see how he performs because of his capability to contribute meaningfully to his team's success.*

**87** **JESSE KIISKINEN**

POS RIGHT WING  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 5-11  
WEIGHT 178  
NHL CS 13 INT



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	PELICANS	FIN JR.	31	20	23	43	8

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
AA	A	A	A	A	A

Kiiskinen is a high-energy, goal-scoring winger with a strong frame, making him effective in tougher areas of the ice. He demonstrates a constant drive to get into positions to let shots loose and excels at finding soft patches of ice to open himself up as a passing option for his linemates. As a volume shooter, he rarely passes up an opportunity to fire the puck and demonstrates good hands in tight situations. Although primarily a goal-scorer, Kiiskinen also showcases playmaking attributes, delivering the puck into tight windows and making soft area passes to teammates in open ice. He is a capable forechecker, keeping his feet moving to pressure opposing defenders below the goal line, forcing decisions and generating turnovers. Kiiskinen's agility and quick crossovers aid him in transitioning effectively, and his edgework combined with soft hands make him a dangerous presence. Though not the biggest player, he battles well and uses his hand-eye coordination to pose a threat even with his back to the goal. His willingness to throw his body around helps keep him involved in the game even when not in possession. Areas for improvement include offensive reads and defensive engagement, as Kiiskinen can be too focused on the puck. Additionally, Kiiskinen could work on slowing down play when entering the zone and avoiding getting too fixated on the puck-carrier in the defensive zone. That said, Kiiskinen's strong compete level is evident as he consistently seeks to create plays, even in challenging situations.

*Despite his areas for development, Kiiskinen's skill set and high compete level make him a valuable prospect in the draft class.*

**88** **FELIX NILSSON**

POS CENTER  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-0  
WEIGHT 176  
NHL CS 24 INT



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	ROGLE	SWE JR.	36	19	22	41	26

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	AA	AA	A	A

Nilsson demonstrates impressive hockey IQ and anticipation, consistently outpacing the game with proactive positioning to interrupt plays and defend against opponents. He shows intelligence in puck possession, spotting open areas on the ice and signaling readiness. His puck skills impress, displaying smooth hands and confidence in one-on-one challenges. Additionally, he navigates out of high-pressure situations using his puckhandling prowess. His playmaking ability is a key strength, effectively initiating rushes with well-executed feeds and delivering trickier saucer passes through the slot, especially during power plays. However, there's room for improvement in the strength and precision of his passes and velocity of his shots to pose a more formidable challenge to goalies at higher levels. Improvement in his skating ability would also enhance his agility and effectiveness in transitional play. Nilsson, noted for his contribution at both ends of the ice, consistently makes astute decisions owing to his high IQ and quick transition from thought to action. He can safely transport the puck into the offensive zone and, with commendable puckhandling and vision, he often finds openings and sets up teammates. His strategy of twisting, turning, and protecting the puck while waiting for the optimal moment to make a play is commendable. On the power play, Nilsson demonstrates versatility as both a potent finisher with a hard shot and a playmaker creating scoring chances. He exhibits a desire to score points and can be rather elusive around the net.

*Despite some concerns around skating, Nilsson's smartness will make him a likely candidate because of his puckhandling and playmaking abilities.*

**89** **ANDREI LOSHKO**

POS CENTER  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-1  
WEIGHT 173  
NHL CS 68 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	CHICOUTIMI	QMJHL	67	22	48	70	20

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
BA	A	A	HE	A	A

Loshko, a left-shot center, displays exceptional puck control and quick hands, making him a versatile offensive threat. As a pivot, he demonstrates excellent positional IQ and consistently puts forth the effort on both forechecks and backchecks. His patience in reading plays and getting into position is commendable, though he could improve by anticipating plays to allow himself to reach top speed before gaining possession of the puck. Minimizing his overhandling of the puck and utilizing his foot-speed more effectively could create additional offensive opportunities for Loshko. His skill set includes proficiency in shooting, passing, and hockey IQ, which offers great potential for growth as he advances in his career. Loshko's size, hands, and two-way prowess make for a fun package. He is an intelligent player with impressive vision, adept at directing the puck to where his teammates are headed rather than their current position. His involvement in plays and efficient use of the middle lane showcase his strong positioning. Loshko's consistent man coverage and active forechecking are further enhanced by his long reach. On the power play, he boasts a powerful one-timer from the half wall and quick hands. However, Loshko's agile yet wide feet can limit his speed. While his first steps are decent, he could benefit from adding more burst and power to his strides. He occasionally demonstrates speed in transition, but his mechanics lack consistency. Loshko possesses an abundance of talent but needs to find consistency across all aspects of his game.

*With more productivity and consistency, he could develop into an even more sought-after prospect for teams looking to bolster their offensive depth.*

**90** **ETHAN MIEDEMA**

POS LEFT WING  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-4  
WEIGHT 203  
NHL CS 50 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	KINGSTON	OHL	68	20	32	52	42

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	AA	A	A	A

Miedema, a playmaking winger, excels in facilitating and deferring the puck to his teammates. His vision and passing ability are his strongest assets, enabling him to spot open lanes as they develop and deliver crisp, accurate passes. With his size and skating ability, he can be effective both out of the cycle and off the rush, but he could improve by working on his explosiveness. Miedema's defensive game and proficiency in 50/50 puck battles make him an effective board player in his own zone, but he could benefit from using his body and asserting himself more physically. His pace allows him to create cross-ice passes and set up linemates for scoring opportunities all around the offensive zone. His stature enables him to knock opponents off the puck or pin them to the boards when battling for possession. He can create decent offensive rushes, has an accurate shot, and maintains acceptable positioning overall. Miedema's puckhandling skills are adequate, but there is room for improvement in his puck possession abilities, as he often bobbles the puck or gets disrupted. His defensive play could be better, as he sometimes seems less competitive and tends to watch the play. Despite a transition to a weaker team affecting his production, Miedema continues to play well and use his skill set to his advantage. He has a good foundation of skills that could allow him to contribute offensively and has the body type to be useful in a checking role. Miedema will be picked with the hope that he develops into a third-line two-way player contributing in all three zones.

*With further development and refinement of his skills, Miedema could become a valuable asset for a team looking to strengthen their roster.*

**91 DYLAN MACKINNON**

POS DEFENSE  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 6-2  
WEIGHT 185  
NHL CS 61 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	HALIFAX	QMJHL	61	6	17	23	75

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
AA	A	A	A	A	HE

**MacKinnon is a strong, athletic defenseman** with a competitive mindset, excelling in both defensive and offensive capacities. His smooth, explosive skating and transitional footwork allow him to engage in battles all over the ice, using his body and strength to create separation and manipulate positioning. A tough competitor in his own zone, MacKinnon battles relentlessly below his own goal line and along the boards, making life difficult for opponents. He is adept at getting in shot lanes, boxing out players, and displaying an unwavering commitment to protecting his net. Although his open-ice defending needs improvement, he has a solid foundation of defensive principles. With a willingness to drive deep into the offensive zone and recover quickly, MacKinnon demonstrates great adaptability and resilience. His prowess along the wall and in front of the net, where he gets under sticks and boxes out opponents, is further evidence of his tenacity on the ice. As a three-zone defenseman, his confidence and support of his partner are evident. He also showcases physicality and is unafraid to engage in scrums or assert his presence. Despite some offensive limitations, MacKinnon demonstrates excellent zone exit outlets and can find seam lanes quickly. His quick wrist shot is effective in setting up rebounds or deflections, and with further development in strength and accuracy, it could become a lethal weapon. MacKinnon's potential as a reliable depth defenseman, combined with his skating and abilities, make him a valued player.

*MacKinnon could become an indispensable asset to any NHL team seeking a tenacious, skilled, and adaptable defenseman.*

**92 TUOMAS URONEN**

POS RIGHT WING  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 5-11  
WEIGHT 183  
NHL CS 35 INT



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	HIFK	FIN JR.	39	20	23	43	42

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	AA	A	AA	AA	A

**Uronen is an offensively gifted winger** with a lethal shot, which stands out as his strongest asset. He often stays out of the play for extended periods, using this strategy to his advantage by finding optimal shooting positions just behind the opposition's defense. This skill is particularly evident on the power play, where he excels at timing his movement to the high slot, opening himself up for one-timers. Uronen's shot is hard, fast, and accurate, making him a constant threat in the offensive zone. While he possesses impressive hands and is unafraid to use them for dekes, he could benefit from opting for simpler plays when facing opponents one-on-one. In terms of playmaking, his passing in the neutral zone sometimes appears sloppy, but his overall playmaking ability is at a decent level. Uronen's skating may not be the most agile, but it is generally adequate. He also displays a strong defensive side to his game, often throwing heavy hits to engage in the play when not in control of the puck. His constant head-turning on defense demonstrates a high level of awareness, allowing him to monitor the action behind. Offensively, Uronen's ability to process the game stands out as a significant strength. He consistently keeps his head on a swivel, effectively anticipating plays and positioning himself as a viable option for teammates. This awareness also extends to his defensive play, where he actively uses his stick to disrupt the opposition. As a forward with considerable offensive upside, Uronen has the potential to be a valuable addition.

*His combination of offensive instincts, quick release, and strong anticipatory sense make him an intriguing forward prospect.*

**93 CARSEN MUSSER**

POS GOALIE  
CATCH LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-4  
WEIGHT 215  
NHL CS 8 NAG



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	MIN	GAA	SO	SV%
22-23	USA U18	NTDP	25	1250	3.17	0	.890

ATHL	POSN	READ	TRACK	RB CTR	TECHN
A	A	AA	A	A	A

**Musser, a goaltender with impressive size**, typically addresses shots from a butterfly stance. He demonstrates good athleticism in pre-shot movement and puck tracking, but leans towards a more stoic blocking style that takes advantage of his size and willingness to challenge shooters and cut down angles. Musser's height in his butterfly is ideal, and though he may not move quickly, he moves well for his size, sliding toward the play, hitting his spots, and staying puck-centered when facing a shooter. While he sometimes experiences rebound issues, he can surround pucks, recover, and push through the crease to make second saves. A significant concern, however, is that Musser often goes down too early, even when the puck is in less threatening locations, which exposes the top of the net and creates potential danger. With his taller stature come larger holes through his body, and he can be beaten when his stance isn't tight. Developing a strategy to counteract this issue and promote more active hands, along with improvements in his ability to make reactionary saves, would be essential for Musser's future success. The increasing importance of lateral movement and quick directional changes for goalies at the NHL level suggests that he might be better suited as a project. He will require significant instructional investment before settling into a possible backup role in the NHL. It is important to remember that Musser's size alone does not guarantee success, and careful consideration should be given to the development of his skills and techniques.

*He could develop into a valuable asset for an NHL team in the future, contributing his unique combination of size and skill to the roster.*

**94 MATTEO MANN**

POS DEFENSE  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 6-5  
WEIGHT 222  
NHL CS 84 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	CHICOUTIMI	QMJHL	45	0	5	5	52


SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	BA	A	A	HE	HE

**Mann is a sizable stay-at-home defenseman** with a commanding presence and impressive shutdown abilities, making him an attractive prospect for the 2023 draft. His physicality and peskiness make opponents think twice before entering corner battles, and his lengthy reach allows him to isolate players on the perimeter and disrupt shot lanes. Despite his size, he showcases surprising mobility, thanks to his strong legs, legitimate posture, and smooth edgework. However, he could improve his foot-speed and agility, particularly in his first steps. In his own end, Mann excels at maintaining a clean net front and punishing opponents who wander too close. He does face some challenges in net-front defending, such as staying with opponents in tight quarters and adjusting to their movements quickly. He displays great positional awareness, especially on the penalty kill, and quickly positions himself in front of shots. Although he skates fluidly in all directions, he is not a transition specialist. Instead, he focuses on supporting the strong side of the half-wall to keep pucks in the offensive zone. Offensively, Mann's hard slap shot from the point is often aimed at generating rebounds or deflections, though it can be inaccurate. He works the offensive point well, creating a balance between powerful shots and cycling the puck with teammates. Despite his physicality, Mann occasionally takes undisciplined roughing penalties, which he needs to address. Offensively limited, he projects as a reliable pro-level player who could mesh well with a dynamic partner.

*Mann's game needs improvement, however, with his high ceiling, development, and dedication to refining his skills, he holds promise as a solid prospect.*

**95 CAM SQUIRES**

POS RIGHT WING  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 6-0  
WEIGHT 165  
NHL CS 56 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	CAPE BRETON	QMJHL	67	30	34	64	28

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	A	A	AA	A

**Squires is a skilled, hard-nosed forward** with a north-south game, exhibiting intensity and a strong work ethic down low. He effectively fights hard in front of the net, and his anticipation and stick placement help eliminate opponents' options. With quick shot release and the ability to find holes in the netminder, he poses a genuine scoring threat. Although Squires demonstrates awareness in covering the net-front in his own zone, he can sometimes be too focused on the puck and occasionally forgets his assignment when defending the rush. His wide stance and forward lean limit his mobility, but improvements in these areas could increase his explosiveness. As a stealthy forward with a slick set of hands, Squires thrives in tight spaces, displaying agility and spatial awareness. His smooth shot release is expected to improve further as he physically develops. Even though he can be outmuscled at times, his highly competitive nature and adaptability make him a valuable prospect. His battling in the net-front and along the boards is impressive. Squires is a fearless offensive scoring forward with quick reflexes, soft hands, and a high IQ. Squires' natural instinct to support pucks in both offensive and defensive ends allows him to gain puck possession without sacrificing speed, time, and space. With work on his skating stride and edges, he can become a versatile offensive asset by adding more shiftiness to his gameplay. Squires has the potential to be a valuable addition, offering a well-balanced offensive skillset, competitiveness, and adaptability.

*With continued development and attention to the areas in need of improvement, Squires could develop into a top-six forward.*

**96 ANTON WAHLBERG**

POS CENTER  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-3  
WEIGHT 194  
NHL CS 30 INT



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	MALMO	SWE JR.	32	14	13	27	53

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	AA	A	A	AA	AA

**Wahlberg is a prototypical power forward** with a well-rounded skill set that makes him useful in various game situations. His offensive game is highlighted by a high-end shot, quick release, and strong anticipation skills, allowing him to score from medium range with power and accuracy. His strength and physicality enable him to contribute in tight areas around the goal and battle through checks. Wahlberg's offensive awareness and ability to read space and coverage make him an asset in prolonging offensive zone possession on the cycle, while his active stick on the forecheck causes turnovers and havoc for opposing defenders. Although he's not the most agile skater, Wahlberg moves effectively for a player his size, generating speed through his long stride and closing on opposing defenders quickly. His competitiveness and willingness to engage in the physical side of the game often drag others into the fight. However, Wahlberg could benefit from improvements in playmaking and creativity, expanding his toolkit to contribute more as a creator and puck distributor. Wahlberg demonstrates high intensity and takes the initiative to create chances. He serves as a valuable link between defenders and wingers, handling tight situations well without losing the puck. While his defensive skills are solid, there is room for improvement in that area, as well as in desperation around the offensive net and shot-taking initiative. Wahlberg, overall, makes a strong impression with his power forward capabilities and ability to compete consistently.

*With continued development in his defensive game and technical skills, he has the potential to become a future middle-six center at the NHL level.*

**97 NOEL NORDH**

POS LEFT WING  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-2  
WEIGHT 196  
NHL CS 20 INT



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	BRYNAS	SWE JR.	38	13	14	27	14


SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
AA	A	A	A	A	HE

Nordh is known for his energy, tenacity, and solid all-around game on the ice. He consistently pressures puck carriers, delivers hits in all three zones, and demonstrates urgency in backchecking and puck battles. His effectiveness defensively stems from his speed, while his offensive contributions often come from occupying defensemen and utilizing open areas of the ice for scoring chances. Although there are questions about his offensive upside, his defensive prowess and work ethic suggest potential as a bottom-six power forward in the NHL. Nordh's high energy level and confidence in his actions allow him to excel in board battles, puck possession, and challenging defenders. His size, strength, and speed make him difficult to stop, and his commitment to backchecking and defense further elevates his game. To maximize his potential, Nordh could continue developing his offensive toolbox, become more dynamic off the puck, and capitalize on shooting opportunities around the net. Additionally, he could benefit from improving his shot strength and defensive positioning. His combination of size and general skill make him an appealing prospect, and with further refinement, he has the potential to stand out at higher levels of play. In summary, Nordh is a promising prospect who brings a well-rounded skillset and relentless work ethic to the ice. As he continues to develop and fine-tune his game, he could become a valuable addition to any team looking for a power forward with defensive capabilities and potential offensive upside.

Keep an eye on Nordh at the 2023 draft, as he is likely to generate interest from organizations seeking a versatile and committed player.

**98 YEGOR ZAVRAGIN**

POS GOALIE  
CATCH LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-3  
WEIGHT 183  
NHL CS 12 INTG



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	MIN	GAA	SO	SV%
22-23	KHA-MANSIYSK	RUS JR.	21	1133	2.49	1	.920

ATHL	POSN	READ	TRACK	RB CTR	TECHN
AA	A	A	A	A	A

Zavragin is known for his athletic, hybrid-style of goaltending. His distinctive wide-legged stance and a compact upper body leaning forward enable him to move adeptly within the crease, fostering an anticipatory positioning for potential saves. His preparations before shots, combined with robust puck tracking, allow him to squarely confront shooters, thereby establishing an optimal depth in his positioning. His remarkable patience, a key aspect of his gameplay, helps maintain his stance, in turn pressuring shooters to reveal their intentions. Another notable aspect of Zavragin's play is his swift lateral movements. His agility in moving from post to post underlines a flexible play style, and his quickness in sliding across the crease remains impressive even when faced with high-quality scoring opportunities. This nimbleness allows him to form an effective barrier, stacking his glove or blocker above his pad, subsequently mitigating potential point deficits for his team. It's important to mention that while he occasionally struggles with controlling rebounds or handling the puck following a save, his consistent success in making initial saves warrants praise. A standout facet of his game is his efficient use of his stick to block passes around the crease, albeit with room for improvement in rebound management. His handling of scrambles in front of the net could be enhanced by adopting a more aggressive stance, as opposed to his current somewhat passive approach. Despite these areas needing growth, Zavragin's potential is undeniable.

His latent development potential, amalgamated with his existing skills, make Zavragin a compelling prospect for teams seeking a promising goalie.

**99 DANNY NELSON**

POS CENTER  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-3  
WEIGHT 202  
NHL CS 22 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	USA U18	NTDP	54	17	23	40	52

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
BA	A	A	A	BA	A

Nelson showcases a unique combination of skills. While his skating may not be exceptional, it doesn't raise concerns, as he excels at moving east-west in the offensive zone and protecting the puck with his body. Possessing a heavy shot and solid finishing ability, Nelson tends to be more of a scorer than a playmaker but is competent in both roles. He is not hesitant to get physical and contributes defensively, making him a challenging opponent. He is a physical center who is unafraid to use his body to complete checks and is adept at working below the goal lines at both ends of the ice. He demonstrates two-way capabilities and some creativity in the offensive zone, although not overwhelmingly so. While he displays bursts of speed when carrying the puck through the neutral zone, his overall pace and speed could benefit from improvement. If Nelson can push the pace and generate chances at higher levels of hockey, his potential increases significantly. However, there is room for growth in his off-puck play, as he occasionally appears to lack full engagement and doesn't always move his feet. Addressing these small areas for improvement could elevate his game considerably. Long term, Nelson is projected to have a solid NHL career if he continues to round out his game during development. Best suited for a third-line role or as a bottom-six center, he could be relied upon to win crucial draws and contribute offensively. Nelson is a promising prospect with a blend of size, physicality, and two-way skills that could make him an attractive option.

With further development and a focus on refining specific aspects of his game, Nelson has the potential to become a valuable asset.

**100 EMIL JARVENTIE**

POS LEFT WING  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 5-10  
WEIGHT 167  
NHL CS 33 INT



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	ILVES	FIN JR.	21	8	11	19	18

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
HE	AA	A	A	A	AA

Jarventie is a speedy winger with a potent shot and high-level offensive instincts, making him a constant scoring threat. His nimble feet and soft hands allow him to excel in the offensive zone, where he can also display his playmaking abilities. His quick, accurate wrist shot and smart defensive zone puckhandling contribute to his effectiveness on the power play. Jarventie's defensive game could use improvement, but his offensive prowess makes him a compelling player. Although Jarventie's season has been marked by playing for various teams and struggling in unfavorable positions, his puckhandling and confidence have remained intact. His skating is sufficient for pro play, but his positioning in the defensive zone has led to opponents taking advantage of his gaps. Jarventie is not only skilled in the offensive zone but also showcases his strength on the cycle and in traffic, despite his smaller stature. His edgework, low center of gravity, and superior puck control enable him to navigate defensive structures and exploit weaknesses. He thrives under pressure and consistently alters his approach to keep goalies guessing. His passionate play and enthusiasm are infectious. In addition to his on-ice abilities, he is also known for his work ethic and dedication to the game. He constantly seeks to improve his skills and strives to contribute to his team's success. This determination, coupled with innate talent, will likely make him a valuable asset to any team that drafts him. Jarventie is an intriguing offensive player with the potential to excel at the pro level.

As he matures and gains experience, Jarventie could emerge as a standout player in the NHL, making him a prospect to watch closely in the 2023 draft.

**101 JESSE NURMI**

POS LEFT WING  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 5-10  
WEIGHT 165  
NHL CS 28 INT



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	KOOKOO	FIN JR.	41	21	29	50	12

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
AA	A	A	A	A	A

Nurmi is a versatile offensive forward with a knack for beating opponents with his shot or playmaking abilities. His speed and confidence on the ice allow him to execute quick passes and create scoring opportunities for his teammates, showcasing his creativity and offensive vision. Nurmi's playmaking often stems from situations he creates using his speed to gain space and time for himself, and he has a keen sense of where the puck is going next, allowing for efficient and effective plays. As a left-winger, he plays a quiet-yet-evasive game in the offensive end, finding open spaces to slide in and out of when making himself an option for teammates. His quick snapper of a release, impressive first three steps, and deceptive skating make him tough to track and knock off the puck off the rush. Nurmi's ability to manipulate his speed with his edges and hip work adds another dimension to his game, making him a challenging player for opponents to defend. Though not the biggest or most physical, he excels in battles and uses his skating and puck skills to beat opponents. He is also persistent in his pursuit of loose pucks, showcasing his aggressiveness and determination on the ice. Defensively, he comes back deep to help his defenders, displaying an active stick that disrupts passing lanes. However, Nurmi needs to identify situations where it's appropriate to attack the puck-carrier in the defensive zone or skate straight towards the defender on the forecheck as he transitions to higher levels of play. This awareness will be crucial for his development as a well-rounded player.

His offensive tools make him a promising candidate for the 2023 draft, but questions remain about how well his playing style will translate at a higher level.

**102 AYDAR SUNIEV**

POS LEFT WING  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-2  
WEIGHT 198  
NHL CS 40 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	PENTICTON	BCHL	50	45	45	90	44


SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	A	A	A	A

Suniev, wielding a power forward style evoking a past era, carries immense strength and presence onto the ice. His substantial physical advantage equips him to navigate through contact with ease, making him a formidable adversary, particularly along the wall where he's difficult to dislodge. His protective instincts and strategic use of his sturdy frame, enhanced by a broad skating stance, amplify his natural advantage. Yet, despite these strengths, Suniev's overall skating skills present challenges for progression to upper echelons. Even with his robust lower body, his wide, rigid stride excels in explosive, straight-line bursts rather than maintaining speed or enabling seamless transitions. Consequently, adjusting direction may impact his speed. Suniev demonstrates keen ability to leverage his teammates effectively and seize scoring opportunities. Yet, there remain doubts about his capacity to replicate this productivity at a professional level. He shines in prolonging the cycle and exhausting defenders, but often, he isn't the one converting extended zone time into actual scoring opportunities. Suniev's repertoire integrates finesse-style passing and fluid movement; his skating merges power and grace, allowing him to stay effectively engaged in the play. His adept use of outside edges and hip-opening during turns retains his field vision and establishes viable passing angles. This finesse and keen pressure awareness, along with adaptable stickhandling and puck positioning, solidify him as an offensive asset.

Suniev is still likely to attract interest in the draft due to his physicality, playmaking finesse, and potential for further development.

**103** **ONDREJ MOLNAR**

POS LEFT WING  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 5-10  
WEIGHT 170  
NHL CS 129 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	ERIE	OHL	34	4	15	19	14

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
HE	A	A	A	A	BA

Molnar showcases elite offensive vision, puckhandling abilities, and agility, which allow him to evade pressure and make dangerous passes in the offensive end. His low skating stance and stride power enable quick directional changes and maneuvering away from opponents. Molnar's exceptional stickhandling and offensive zone vision make him a threat, as he aggressively passes across the zone to set up scoring chances. He effectively uses his body to shield the puck and create space for teammates. However, Molnar struggles to create shooting opportunities for himself, as he often gets pushed off the puck in high-traffic areas. Off the puck, his speed allows him to pressure opponents on the forecheck and disrupt passes on the backcheck. Molnar's skating and creativity set him apart, as his burst of speed and sustained stamina create open space for him and his teammates. His ability to handle the puck through traffic at full speed enables him to generate scoring opportunities for himself and his teammates. To elevate his game, Molnar needs to build strength and improve defensive discipline, as his eagerness to transition to offense can lead to positional drifting. He excels in offensive transition, though, and can dictate the game on the rush. Molnar's footwork and stickhandling make him effective. He also demonstrates excellent work with the stick in the defensive zone, holding it in the right lane or against the puck with one hand to improve his reach. Molnar's skating, offensive awareness, and puck skills suggest a potential top-six forward.

*Molnar has all the necessary skills and incredible skating ability but still needs further development, and time, to solidify his status amongst the class.*

**104** **DOMINIK PETR**

POS CENTER  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-2  
WEIGHT 172  
NHL CS 80 INT



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	LUKKO	FIN JR.	18	1	0	1	4


SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	AA	A	A	A

Petr demonstrates a 200-foot game with good offensive skills and a strong understanding of his responsibilities within the system in all three zones. He offers excellent support in the offensive end and remains calm and composed when handling the puck in his own zone. Petr's ability to play a low-pulse game allows him to remain unrattled in any facet, whether defending, engaging in board battles, or possessing the puck in the opposition's end. He reads and reacts well, offering support in defensive efforts and offensive attacks, though he may not always be the one creating the threat at the other end of the ice. Petr's intelligence on and off the puck is evident in his quick scans of the ice even before touching the puck, along with his great vision and decision-making. His playmaking and passing skills stand out, and he can deliver precise saucer passes through sticks to his teammates. He surprises with flashes of soft hands and great moves to bypass defenders and can connect with teammates through small plays, cycles in the offensive zone, and challenging plays to enter the zone or create scoring chances. Off the puck, Petr takes smart routes, finds open space, and aggressively attacks it. While his speed is better than his quickness and agility, he is a solid skater for his size. Petr also exhibits tenacity in the faceoff dot, battling hard to secure second and third-chance efforts, although he may not always emerge on the winning side. Though there isn't a high-end package, his two-way prowess will be the trait teams covet when considering his selection.

*Petr is a well-rounded player and, he can improve his skating and continue to develop his offensive abilities, he could become an even more valuable asset.*

**105** **RASMUS KUMPULAINEN**

POS CENTER  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-2  
WEIGHT 191  
NHL CS 22 INT



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	PELICANS	FIN JR.	41	11	23	34	26

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	A	A	A	A

Kumpulainen is a sizeable center adept at playing in all situations on the ice, using his frame effectively to protect the puck and excel in physical areas. He creates space for his linemates with his net-driving ability and showcases impressive edgework, especially for a player of his size. Although not the fastest or most explosive skater, Kumpulainen's edges are sufficient to evade opponents. He demonstrates strong forechecking skills, using his size and long stick to steal the puck and create chances for his linemates. He is difficult to dislodge from the puck along the boards and exhibits exceptional situational anticipation when playing without the puck. Kumpulainen's shot is accurate, and he displays patience with the puck on both ends of the ice, though this occasionally leads to close calls and near turnovers. His speed remains a concern, as it can limit his ability to catch up on backchecks or evade opponents with the puck. Kumpulainen is a versatile forward who contributes in all zones, displaying strong skating and passing abilities in transition and the offensive zone. His defensive awareness is adequate, but he occasionally positions himself too deep in the zone, leading to scoring opportunities for opponents. His puck management and shot selection could use refinement, as he sometimes loses one-on-one battles and opts for less effective shots. Although Kumpulainen's offensive awareness and passing are commendable, questions remain about his productivity. With refinement in defensive effort, puck management, and shot selection, he could become a valued asset.

*Kumpulainen, despite his areas of required improvement, is a promising, versatile center with physicality and scoring potential.*

**106** **ANDREW GIBSON**

POS DEFENSE  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 6-3  
WEIGHT 196  
NHL CS 31 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	SAULT STE. MARIE	OHL	45	7	14	21	30

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	A	A	A	AA

Gibson possesses solid positioning throughout the rink and remains composed under pressure. Capable of moving the puck well, he demonstrates strong competitiveness, not shying away from blocking shots and engaging in battles. With a hard slap shot and impressive passing skills, Gibson is adept at setting up plays and handling even difficult passes, showcasing his puck abilities. Although he has no particularly outstanding skills, Gibson exhibits a balanced two-way defensive game with no major deficits. His physical approach and good strength, combined with his positional awareness in all three zones, make him a reliable presence on the ice. He understands when to support a scrum or cover space in his own end, avoiding the tendency to overextend his coverage. Gibson's calm and composed demeanor contributes to his low panic threshold, allowing him to make smart decisions during play. Navigating the neutral zone with his head up, Gibson evaluates his best options, whether that involves holding the puck or skating it up himself—both of which he is competent doing. While he may not be a significant offensive producer, he is projected to be a basic facilitator. However, Gibson's skating requires improvement to keep up with the speed of the NHL, as he currently struggles to offer support off the rush and finds it challenging to skate away under pressure. Additionally, his occasional loss of positioning when seeking contact needs improvement. Although he may not possess a standout trait, his overall versatility makes him coveted.

*Gibson's balanced two-way defensive game, calm composure, and solid positioning make him a promising prospect with bottom-pair potential.*

**107** **JADEN LIPINSKI**

POS CENTER  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 6-4  
WEIGHT 204  
NHL CS 49 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	VANCOUVER	WHL	66	19	32	51	55


SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
BA	A	A	A	AA	A

Lipinski has shown significant development in his offensive arsenal early in the season, surprising many with his newfound confidence in possession. Previously known for a simplistic north/south style of play with limited skillset, Lipinski has displayed a more prominent intelligence, vision, and predictive ability. While his improvements on the offensive side of the puck have been impressive, his size and strength are the first aspects to capture attention. Boasting physical maturity ahead of most of his peers, Lipinski excels at using his posterior to shield the puck, and his enhanced feel for the puck combined with his sturdy frame make him a force in traffic and tight spaces. His high-effort, two-way mentality, coupled with his NHL size and intelligence, should place Lipinski firmly on the radar, however his sluggish and deliberate movement on the ice may hold him back. Despite having no noticeable issues in his stride, he is a heavy-footed player. Nevertheless, Lipinski's intelligence and proactivity may compensate for this limitation, making him suitable for a bottom-six role in the NHL. Touching both sides of special teams, Lipinski's game revolves around using his body. He excels at shielding the puck from opponents when it's on his stick and does most of his work below the goal line or in front of the goalie in the offensive zone, showcasing his surprisingly soft hands for a big man. However, his most significant challenge lies in his skating, lacking explosiveness and agility. If Lipinski improves his skating, he becomes an even more intriguing prospect.

*Lipinski's growth in offensive skills, combined with his NHL-ready size and intelligence, make him a desirable prospect amongst the class.*

**108** **TEDDY TOWNSEND**

POS CENTER  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 5-10  
WEIGHT 162  
NHL CS 167 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	EDEN PRAIRIE	HIGH-MN	27	14	25	39	24

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
AA	A	A	AA	A	A

Townsend showcases impressive skating mechanics and playmaking abilities. He is known for his quick strides, shot, and decision-making when handling the puck, as well as his acceleration, edgework, and overall elusiveness as a skater. Townsend's effective puckhandling skills enable him to perform moves without getting overly fancy. While he often prioritizes passing options over taking a shot, he demonstrates accuracy and a quick release, as evident when he scored top shelf while coming down the boards. Although Townsend's shot is an asset, he and his team could benefit from him using it more frequently. Defensively, Townsend exhibits a keen ability to break up passes and time stick lifts to pickpocket opponents before attacking the other way. It's likely he will need three or more years in college to refine his offense and prepare for the professional game. Townsend's smooth hands and fluid movement make him an enjoyable player to watch, with quick feet and excellent edgework contributing to his above-average skating abilities. He is always ready to pounce on a loose puck or find open ice, effectively scanning for the best pass option rather than the first available one. Though he occasionally demonstrates effort on the defensive side, more consistency is needed. Given that his game hinges on generating offense, he will likely need to be a top-six winger if he makes it to the NHL. Townsend, an entertaining player to watch, possesses a complete offensive skill set that will be critical in his journey as a pro player.

*Townsend is a promising prospect for the 2023 draft, with the potential to develop into an essential offensive contributor on an NHL team.*

**109 ZEB FORSFJALL**

POS CENTER  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 5-9  
WEIGHT 167  
NHL CS 34 INT



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	SKELLEFTEA	SWE JR.	34	8	14	22	8

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
AA	A	AA	A	A	A

Forsfjall is a two-way center with good vision and hockey IQ, making him a versatile, true 200-foot player who participates all over the ice. His quick feet and edgework allow him to maintain momentum and change directions effectively, ensuring proper positioning in all three zones. Adept at both forechecking and backchecking, Forsfjall also contributes to the power play and penalty kill. Offensively, he is a skilled puck-mover, often taking a position in front of the net to screen goalies and deflect pucks, though his smaller stature can hinder him in this area. More of a passer than a shooter, Forsfjall utilizes his vision to involve teammates but has room for growth his creativity. Defensively, he is willing to come back deep into his own zone and demonstrates quickness in transition, disrupting on the backcheck and facilitating breakouts. Although sometimes blending into the background, Forsfjall's calm and composed demeanor on the ice, combined with his heavy wrist shot and ability to create space, make him a valuable asset. His high IQ and smart play enable him to move the puck quickly and effectively, always looking for the best opportunity. However, to maximize his potential, Forsfjall should focus on increasing his desperation around the net, shooting more, and going for rebounds and deflections. Adding more muscle to his frame would also benefit Forsfjall. His mature game and high skill at both ends make him an interesting prospect, with potential as an all-situations, middle-six player if he continues to develop offensively and build strength.

As he continues to work on his offensive toolbox and physicality, Forsfjall will be a valuable addition to a team looking for a smart and skilled two-way center.

**110 QUINTON BURNS**

POS DEFENSE  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-1  
WEIGHT 180  
NHL CS 34 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	KINGSTON	OHL	54	2	27	29	106

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
AA	A	A	A	A	HE

Burns consistently demonstrates a multi-faceted approach to the game, effectively making his mark in all areas. His physical attributes are immediately apparent, displaying an intriguing combination of length, strength, and a uniquely athletic skating posture. Burns' exceptional balance during transitions and considerable strength through directional changes are noteworthy. His four-direction mobility allows him to maintain a constant presence, ensuring that he remains integral to the game's progression. One of Burns' primary strengths lies in his anticipatory skills; he's quick to preempt passing routes and engages early. His consistent proximity to the play exerts pressure on the opposition, forcing them into hasty decisions that often result in turnovers, thereby increasing his team's offensive opportunities. Defensively, Burns is a formidable opponent. His smooth stick work and his superior ability to carry the puck away from his body make him even more challenging to defeat in defensive situations. Burns adopts a calm, systematic approach to puck movement, typically forming a solid strategy by the time he gains possession. However, his adaptability leaves room for improvement. Burns sometimes struggles when his initial plan fails and a quick switch to second or third reads is necessary. This rigidity can extend to his defensive game, where unexpected shifts in play can throw him off. His proactive style, coupled with his knack for making the right initial read, tends to outweigh his slower response to unexpected breakdowns in play.

Considering his comprehensive skills and game sense, Burns presents as a viable prospect for an NHL defensive corps, making him a notable prospect.

**111 ALEX PHARAND**

POS CENTER  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 6-3  
WEIGHT 198  
NHL CS 77 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	SUDBURY	OHL	67	18	21	39	23

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	BA	A	A	AA	BA

Pharand showcases game intelligence and frequently chooses the right play, both with and without the puck. Exhibiting a sense of calmness in his game, he quickly processes and problem-solves on the spot. Understanding his role well, Pharand plays within the confines of his abilities and is rarely caught deep or out of position. He is effective at working along the boards at both ends, showcasing a strong battle level. His sizeable frame benefits him at both ends of the ice, and his size does not hinder his ability to move around the ice. With some jump to his game, Pharand can play with pace, demonstrating good frequency in his first few steps. However, he could stand to develop more lower-body strength for added power, which would further enhance his overall performance and contribute to his team's success on the ice. Despite his defensive focus in a third-line role, Pharand's offensive abilities were not particularly evident in some games, where he struggled with faceoffs, lost battles in the defensive zone, and made sloppy passes. His shot, at times, seemed loose and easy for goalies to read, with no element of surprise. He can fail to play himself open in the defensive zone, too, which limited his opportunities to transition to offense. His work ethic seemed weak in certain situations, which raises concerns about overall consistency, compete, and commitment in his game. Pharand's biggest weakness is the absence of an elite-level skill. Nevertheless, his physical gifts and ability to think the game warrant consideration.

With the potential to develop into a third-line center and matchup maker, Pharand's value lies in making the correct read and playing with a calm demeanor.

**112 TY HIGGINS**

POS DEFENSE  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 6-0  
WEIGHT 187  
NHL CS 147 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	ACADIE-BATHURST	QMJHL	68	13	28	41	47

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
BA	A	A	A	AA	A

Higgins is a quiet yet effective two-way defenseman, prioritizing defense while demonstrating exceptional vision and decision-making both offensively and defensively. As a reliable presence on the back end, he thrives at initiating and defending rushes, using superb stick placement and anticipating plays to limit counterattacks. Higgins excels in puck battles along the boards and showcases excellent hand-eye coordination, making him a valuable asset. He anchors the blue line with confidence, releasing quick wrist shots from deep and displaying strong puck-moving skills. His ability to read ice situations and advance the puck through zones with his stick and feet make him an intriguing player. Although Higgins' skating is powerful and agile, there is room for improvement in terms of speed, agility, and reaction time. Developing these aspects could elevate his game and draw more attention from organizations. His current skating stance, featuring wide feet and subpar edgework, hinders his short-space mobility. Addressing these issues would make him an even more formidable force on the ice. Defensively, Higgins demonstrates excellent gap control and an active stick, limiting access to the slot and initiating contact in net-front coverage. He could be more aggressive in front of the net to better limit opponents' space. Offensively, he patrols the blue line well, prolonging zone time and showcasing a powerful shot. With improvements, he has the potential to become a well-rounded bottom pair defenseman that efficiently supports and defends transitions.

His unique combination of skills and defensive prowess make him a promising candidate for the draft, solidifying his potential as a top-six defenseman.

**113 JAN SPRYNAR**

POS RIGHT WING  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 6-1  
WEIGHT 173  
NHL CS 148 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	RIMOUSKI	QMJHL	60	23	17	40	10

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
AA	AA	A	A	A	A

Sprynar is a quick-moving offensive weapon with a strong build, showcasing lethal acceleration and impressive stick control. His ability to move the puck quickly and efficiently allows him to create scoring opportunities for his teammates and seamlessly transition from passing to shooting. Sprynar is a legitimate scoring threat, displaying a powerful shot and slick puck skills at top speed, coupled with an enthusiastic forecheck. Although not a fearsome hitter, he actively engages in physical battles along the boards and consistently goes shoulder-to-shoulder with opponents. Defensively, Sprynar's performance can be inconsistent, understanding his responsibilities but occasionally slow to close in on opponents and influence play. He can improve his energy level, effort, and consistency to be more effective in the defensive zone. Sprynar is particularly skilled on the power play, taking advantage of his powerful shot as a one-timer option from the weak side. This offensive zone play highlights his potential as a goal-scorer. As a proficient shooter with a pro-level shot, Sprynar stands out for his dangerous presence around the net and ability to find open spots in the offensive zone. His power-play prowess and hard, precise one-timer make him an invaluable asset on the flank. While not a burner, Sprynar exhibits good skating stance and leg extension in his strides. He uses his body effectively to separate opponents from the puck, although he doesn't play a particularly physical game. His skill set and potential for growth indicate a promising future.

Sprynar's skill set and potential for growth indicate a promising future in the NHL, despite some inconsistencies in pace and puck control.

**114 HOYT STANLEY**

POS DEFENSE  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 6-2  
WEIGHT 187  
NHL CS 85 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	VICTORIA	BCHL	53	4	34	38	30

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	A	A	A	A

Stanley's presence on the ice is unmistakable, as he frequently demonstrates an aptitude for remarkable end-to-end rushes. His optimal size, strength, and mobility fulfill key criteria sought by NHL teams. Stanley's intelligent approach to possession, combined with his innate ability to anticipate where pressure will arise and how to exploit weak points in coverage, is impressive. Despite not appearing as the most dynamic attacker, his comprehension of defensive structure allows him to expertly navigate through traffic. However, Stanley's acceleration from a standstill could use enhancement to complement his solid pace when striding. This shortcoming occasionally hampers him during breakouts, despite his belief in his ability to evade any forechecking pressure. In the neutral zone, Stanley maintains a tight gap that forces attackers to veer off their intended path before gaining momentum. Conversely, his defensive performance could improve, particularly in utilizing his physicality more effectively to dispossess the opposition. Questions remain regarding his potential for offensive presence at the pro level, and there is a need to improve in these areas. While his skating abilities and innate understanding of space are significant assets, Stanley's reliance on these strengths may not be enough to maintain high-level performance in the NHL. His playstyle often exhibits a captivating array of skills that require further refinement. While Stanley's game contains several pro-level elements, they require further development to fully realize his potential.

Despite some challenges, Stanley's flashes of excellence suggest a promising future and make him an intriguing player for the 2023 draft.

**115 BECKETT HENDRICKSON**

POS CENTER  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-2  
WEIGHT 174  
NHL CS 67 NA




YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	USA U18	NTDP	44	13	19	32	18

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	BA	BA	A	A	A

**Hendrickson is a forward with a diverse** set of skills. His north-south speed is noteworthy, allowing him to efficiently carry the puck up the ice and act as an effective back-checker when needed. He demonstrates good edgework in his skating, providing him with the ability to outmaneuver defenders and glide across the ice with ease. As a grinding winger, Hendrickson is tenacious on the forecheck and employs an active stick when defending. While not a standout playmaker or finisher, Hendrickson's offensive contributions are limited but show potential. With increased ice time, better offensive linemates and power-play opportunities, his offensive abilities could shine more brightly. His defensive positioning is sound, and he adeptly blocks shooting lanes with both his body and stick. His size is an asset, allowing him to effectively use his edgework and overall mobility on the ice. However, he has areas that need improvement, including his skating and acceleration, which suffer in tight spaces. His shot is underutilized and lacks danger, but he has showcased proficiency in puck protection and elusiveness in the offensive zone. Hendrickson must work on refining his shot release, defensive effort, and decision-making to minimize turnovers and maximize his potential. Hendrickson's confidence with the puck is high, which sometimes leads to unnecessary risks and turnovers. By becoming more aware of when to make those plays, he can reduce costly mistakes. He must also improve his two-way game to become a more well-rounded player.

*With ample time to continue his development at the NCAA level, Hendrickson could become a valuable asset for a team willing to invest in his potential.*

**116 MATTHEW SOTO**

POS RIGHT WING  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 5-11  
WEIGHT 179  
NHL CS 130 NA




YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	KINGSTON	OHL	54	15	27	42	8

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	A	A	A	A

**Soto has built a reputation as a playmaking** winger, demonstrating a unique ability to utilize his vision and patience with the puck to create scoring opportunities for his teammates. His playmaking instincts shine through as he cleverly uses his eyes and timing to manipulate the defense and create viable passing lanes. Soto's strength lies in his decision-making ability; he often opts for efficient passes, rather than attempting to force low-probability plays. This combination of patience and vision makes him a dynamic threat on the ice, whether facilitating the cycle or driving the rush. His understanding of offensive strategy goes beyond just playmaking; he's also shown a knack for a well-rounded offensive game. He has been noted for his exceptional off-puck instincts, consistently finding openings in the defensive coverage to generate prime scoring opportunities. His shot, while decent, is an area that could benefit from further refinement to add depth to his offensive portfolio. On the defensive side, Soto has room for growth. There are instances where he can get caught puck-watching, demonstrating a need to enhance his engagement in his own zone. The belief is that these minor shortcomings can be minimized, if not eradicated, through maturity and focused coaching. Still, Soto's offensive skillset is clear, a strong attribute that will aid his progression. However, his versatility as a player needs to be tested further. He has yet to demonstrate a top-six NHL winger's skillset, and it's not entirely clear whether he can adapt to a bottom-six role.

*Soto's current abilities, coupled with a readiness to evolve and adapt, could indeed see him emerge as a standout player and potential asset.*

**117 CONNOR LEVIS**

POS RIGHT WING  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 6-1  
WEIGHT 187  
NHL CS 75 NA




YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	KAMLOOPS	WHL	68	27	40	67	34


SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
BA	A	A	BA	AA	A

**Levis isn't the most skilled eligible, but he** compensates for his skill gap with a commendable level of intelligence and situational understanding, which enables him to adapt to varying roles, opponents, and game types. This understanding contributes to his nuanced and advanced read of the play, positioning himself correctly to benefit from game dynamics. Despite this strength, Levis struggles with footspeed, which is well below average, and may be a factor limiting his progression to higher levels where opponents exploit even the slightest advantage. His skating requires work, particularly on the flexibility shown through his ankles, knees, and hips, as he currently appears awkward in transitions and stiff through his stride extension. Levis' game, while in possession, displays commendable strategic thinking, although the physical execution may not always match the intent. Excelling as a playmaker off the cycle, Levis makes quick decisions under duress and proves accurate with one-touch, small area passes in traffic. Yet, when required to solve problems himself or extend his scope across the ice, his average stickwork often becomes a hindrance. He lacks the confidence and ability to attack a defensive structure himself and does not possess the hands to manipulate the puck for long cross-ice seam passes. His hands also prove problematic when receiving passes, with pucks bouncing off his blade frequently. However, Levis excels most when in control with his ability to process what's around him. He does need to close the gap on his other skills, though.

*Levis' strengths are his pacing, ability to win board battles, and solid positioning throughout the ice.*

**118 EASTON COWAN**

POS RIGHT WING  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 5-11  
WEIGHT 170  
NHL CS 51 NA

YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	LONDON	OHL	68	20	33	53	47

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	AA	BA	A	HE

**Cowan consistently moves his feet with** and without the puck, showcasing quick feet and a constant motor that applies heavy pressure on the forecheck and in the neutral zone. He uses his speed to disrupt transition plays and force opposing defenders into turnovers. Although he lacks great extension and struggles to pull away from pressure in open ice, his acceleration and agility allow him to maneuver through high-traffic situations on offense. Cowan displays decent vision, making quick plays under pressure and driving play to the middle lane. His stickhandling is average, preferring to beat defenders with speed rather than attempting dekes in open ice. Fearless in dirty areas, Cowan plays with a physical edge against bigger players, despite his developing frame. He brings an element to his lines that maintains possession in the offensive zone and turns pucks over quickly on defense. Cowan's elite competitive level, his best quality, enables him to get to pucks, win puck battles, and set up plays across all game situations, including shorthanded, on the power play, and at five-on-five, and across all zones. While his shot is average and his playmaking slightly above average, Cowan's end-to-end speed is impressive despite a somewhat unconventional stride that'll require some smoothing out. Improving his skill attributes, turning, and agility in the future will be crucial to determining the extent of his progress in the game. Cowan appears to be a candidate for a checking line role at the NHL level with some utility on the penalty kill.

*Although still several years away from the NHL level, Cowan's speed, tenacity, and potential make him an attractive prospect.*

**119 THOMAS VERDON**

POS CENTER  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 5-11  
WEIGHT 175  
NHL CS -




YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	ROUYN-NORANDA	QMJHL	67	21	25	46	22


SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	A	A	A	A

**Verdon is an astute, all-around forward** who, while not markedly excelling in any single area, demonstrates a well-rounded proficiency across a broad range of skills. This balanced approach to his game presents a compelling prospect for future development. One of his most noticeable traits is his ability as a playmaker. Verdon displays patience on the ice, waiting for the opportune moment to make a play rather than forcing an inopportune decision. His contributions in transition play are noteworthy, making efficient use of numbers and putting the puck within the reach of his teammates without necessitating direct tape-to-tape passes. Verdon also demonstrates decent hands and an element of creativity in his puckhandling. He may not be a pure dangler, but his ability to maneuver the puck brings an additional level of unpredictability. His skating mechanics are fluid, complemented by robust edgework. However, there are areas for improvement: his foot-speed is average, his stride can be choppy, and a certain stiffness is noticeable in his hips. This needs refinement as he develops. Around the net, Verdon maintains a vigilant presence, always ready to jump on rebounds. He is also adept at beating goalies thanks to a quickly released wrist shot that often catches opponents off guard. Verdon's capacity to protect the puck along the boards is admirable for a player of his size, and he shows strong anticipation skills in his own zone, effectively blocking lanes with his stick. How a team feels his overall package translates will dictate his draft fate.

*He'll need to work on his skating and become more proactive in generating offense, but there's a lot to like about Verdon's game.*

**120 MAZDEN LESLIE**

POS DEFENSE  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 6-0  
WEIGHT 193  
NHL CS 125 NA




YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	VANCOUVER	WHL	66	12	38	50	64

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	A	AA	A	AA

**Leslie is an accomplished junior defender** with a strong offensive nature and excellent puckhandling skills. He confidently carries the puck and breaks it out of his own end with ease, leading the offensive rush. Although his skating and puckhandling abilities may not be strong enough for the NHL level, he uses his size and sturdy frame to push players around in junior, particularly along the blue line in the offensive zone. Leslie is an excellent passer, capable of firing pucks into tight spaces and commanding the pace of play from the back end. His wrist strength is evident in both his crisp passing and shooting, creating opportunities through tips and rebounds. However, defending remains a question mark for Leslie. Although he has shown improvement, especially off the rush, there is still work to be done for him to become a serviceable defender at the NHL level. He is very aggressive up the ice, and at his best, he can be disruptive in the neutral zone. Nevertheless, he is prone to lapses in judgment, leading to ill-timed pinches and instances of being easily outmaneuvered. These mistakes can overshadow his otherwise strong performance. In his own end, Leslie is consistently less effective, and his physical development may have plateaued, raising concerns about his ability to handle the rigors of the men's game. Additionally, his skating exhibits small area quickness, but he struggles to lengthen his stride in open ice. Despite being one of the more accomplished defensemen out west and a productive pace, there are questions about Leslie's development runway.

*There's risk Leslie could be a tweener, and while he might be an attractive prospect in the middle rounds of the draft, his potential remains uncertain.*



**121** **GAVYN THORESON**

POS **RIGHT WING**  
SHOOT **LEFT**  
HEIGHT **5-9**  
WEIGHT **183**  
NHL CS **150 NA**



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	ANDOVER	HIGH-MN	31	41	56	97	40

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
AA	A	AA	A	A	A

Thoreson showcases a distinct level of proficiency as a skater, particularly excelling in transition play. He has a remarkable ability to maintain control of the puck while in motion, a quality that is significantly augmented by his superior hand skills and natural playmaking ability. What sets Thoreson apart is the level of confidence he exhibits when in possession of the puck. He consistently shows willingness to attempt varied and often complex moves and passes, which only serves to enhance his overall gameplay. An essential facet of Thoreson's skillset is his agility. His quick footwork and exceptional acceleration lend him an edge on the ice, often placing him several steps ahead of his opponents. This speed, combined with his acute awareness of the game, often sees Thoreson occupying high-risk zones with the puck and frequently being involved in scoring chances. Size is not always an indicator of strength or skill, and Thoreson is proof of this. Despite not being the largest player on the ice, he often chooses to position himself net-front. This proactive approach, coupled with his excellent decision-making ability when in possession of the puck, makes Thoreson a valuable player. He demonstrates patience in his choices, opting for the most beneficial play rather than the quickest, and frequently succeeds in executing his intended action. In addition to his offensive prowess and standout playmaking abilities, Thoreson's dedication to defense should not be overlooked. His game possesses a myriad of facets that could be effectively translated to the NHL.

*Given his demonstrated abilities and promising potential, Thoreson would make a valuable addition to a team in the 2023 draft.*

**122** **RILEY MERCER**

POS **GOALIE**  
CATCH **LEFT**  
HEIGHT **6-2**  
WEIGHT **203**  
NHL CS **24 NAG**



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	MIN	GAA	SO	SV%
22-23	DRUMMONDVILLE	QMJHL	22	1230	3.07	1	.902

ATHL	POSN	READ	TRACK	RB CTR	TECHN
A	A	A	A	A	A

Mercer is a goaltender who brings an athletic hybrid style to his game. He exhibits a combination of active hands and swift footwork, making his presence imposing in the net and reducing the opportunities available to the shooter. His lateral mobility is particularly striking, with his strong push and quick pads enabling him to stick with the movement of the puck, even when shooters attempt to drag it across the crease. Demonstrating exemplary puck tracking skills, Mercer consistently stays focused on the action as it moves across the zone. He positions himself squarely to the shooter, sets early for shots, and maintains calm feet with a subtle forward lean in his posture. This approach significantly reduces the trajectory of incoming pucks. His ability to transition quickly from the butterfly position, return to his feet, and reset his positioning outshines many of his peers. This agility allows him to control his depth during save sequences while effectively managing his outward positioning. Mercer exhibits smooth transitions between post entry and exit, maintains a tight vertical seal, and uses his stick efficiently to block passing lanes and keep the puck from the crease. Despite his commendable mobility, he has a tendency to hold the RVH position longer than expected or required. While not indicative of any mobility flaws, this is a unique choice for a goaltender who can easily revert to his feet. One of the highlights of Mercer's skill set is his hands. His hand-eye coordination is superb, and the positioning and reaction response of his glove are impressive.

*Mercer's game is an example of the confidence and focus he brings when faced with a potent offense.*

**123** **MICHAEL HAGENS**

POS **DEFENSE**  
SHOOT **LEFT**  
HEIGHT **5-11**  
WEIGHT **170**  
NHL CS **103 NA**



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	CHICAGO	USHL	58	9	17	26	43

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
AA	BA	A	AA	A	A

Hagens, a dynamic, two-way defenseman, is notable for his steady offensive contributions, despite not being the standout performer in every game. A smooth skater, Hagens consistently leverages his mobility in the offensive zone, delivering critical plays that sustain momentum and offer scoring opportunities for his team. His pace, underpinned by quick footwork, allows him to control the tempo of the game both when in possession of the puck and during defensive play. His agility and rapid acceleration make him a constant dynamic presence on the ice. Possessing deft hands and exceptional stick handling ability, Hagens can execute crafty moves with the puck before skillfully redistributing it to his teammates. This adeptness is a game-changer, especially in situations where available options are constrained, necessitating the creation of open space independently. His skill set shines when tasked with carrying the puck up the ice; his speed and elusiveness make him highly effective in this role. At the blue line, Hagens displays an uncanny ability to convincingly sell a shot before using his edgework to find open ice, creating superior shooting or passing opportunities. However, an area of improvement for Hagens is the control of his overall movement. His propensity to maintain a single gear can make him appear slightly out of control at times. Size and strength, as well as his ability to defend his own zone, need to be highlighted as needing improvement, too. Regardless, Hagens remains a solid player who possesses a wealth of skill.

*Teams seeking a defenseman who brings a robust combination of speed, skill, and tactical acumen should seriously consider Hagens.*

**124** **BRANDON SVOBODA**

POS **CENTER**  
SHOOT **RIGHT**  
HEIGHT **6-3**  
WEIGHT **205**  
NHL CS **66 NA**



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	YOUNGSTOWN	USHL	57	15	10	25	30

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
BA	A	A	A	A	AA

Svoboda exhibits an impressive blend of skills and abilities that make him a compelling prospect. His substantial size and physicality position him as a prototypical power forward in the modern game, delivering a strong presence on the ice and demonstrating an aptitude for robust physical play in all three zones. One of Svoboda's standout characteristics is his wide skating base. This, in combination with his sizeable frame, makes it a challenging task for opponents to dislodge him from the puck while in possession. Though his speed might not be his strongest attribute, his adeptness in using his body to protect the puck more than compensates for it, though it remains an area of needed improvement. On the offensive end, Svoboda is equipped with a respectable skill set that allows him to contribute to his team's attack. However, whether these skills will be translatable to the NHL level remains a question. Despite not making a substantial mark on the game offensively, his impact on the defensive end is considerably more noteworthy. Svoboda's admirable work ethic, marked by relentless effort and high levels of competitiveness throughout his shifts, is a standout feature of his game. While Svoboda occupied the center position there remains the possibility of a transition to a winger role in the future. His size, motor, and acumen in his own end makes him an intriguing prospect who merits further observation. Svoboda exhibits the characteristics of a player who could carve out a niche role as a bottom-six winger and penalty killer.

*It would not be a surprise if Svoboda's size, versatility, and comprehensive game see him as a coveted member of the draft class.*

**125** **AIDEN FINK**

POS **RIGHT WING**  
SHOOT **RIGHT**  
HEIGHT **5-9**  
WEIGHT **153**  
NHL CS **63 NA**



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	BROOKS	AJHL	54	41	56	97	32

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	BA	AA	A	AA	AA

Fink doesn't immediately appear to be a premier offensive talent due to his smaller size and unorthodox stride. He's typically the lightest player on the ice, and his high-knee transitions and vertical movement should theoretically create challenges. However, he maintains solid pace throughout his shifts, demonstrating an ability to both distance himself from defenders and pursue the opposition effectively. His state of constant acceleration, combined with his capacity to execute remarkable plays at full speed, allows him to outperform his physical tools. Despite his smaller stature, Fink doesn't play small, frequently demonstrating his comfort in engaging in physical battles with a combination of intensity and intelligence. He shows dedication as a defensive player, working tirelessly to contribute in all three zones. His real strength, however, is in the offensive zone. Here, Fink exhibits advanced strategic thinking and presents a well-rounded threat. He excels at leveraging opportunities provided by the defense's structure, integrating plenty of east-west motion and utilizing the entirety of the ice surface to find space to maneuver. Fink skillfully navigates through traffic, executes clever gives-and-goes, and adjusts his angles to target the net with his swift release. He maintains agility along the wall, thus consistently posing a threat to deliver a back door pass. The journey to the NHL will be a long one for Fink, but there's potential for him to continue making significant contributions at the pro level.

*For teams seeking a high-risk, high-reward player, the undersized Fink could be an ideal candidate to fit the bill.*

**126** **JOSEPH HENNEBERRY**

POS **LEFT WING**  
SHOOT **LEFT**  
HEIGHT **6-2**  
WEIGHT **185**  
NHL CS **119 NA**



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	ACADIE-BATHURST	QMJHL	59	18	18	36	44


SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
BA	AA	BA	A	BA	A

Henneberry is a power forward with a tall frame, thriving in close-quarters play and around the net. His bulky shoulders enable him to deliver big hits in corners and along the walls, and he displays a strong net-front presence and scoring instincts. As a dangerous scorer from the slot, he possesses a powerful wrist shot that often finds its way past goalies. Although he has decent puckhandling skills and makes simple plays, his passing abilities seem to be lacking. Henneberry is not afraid to help defenders recover pucks, using his physique to win battles, but not consistently. He has good on-ice vision and reads but struggles with foot-speed. Henneberry's strong work ethic allows him to transport the puck up the ice and play with intensity. Despite not being a high-end skater, he exhibits enough speed and mobility to win races and adjust to sudden changes in play. Defensively, he hustles, backchecks effectively, and battles along the wall in his own zone. His fearlessness, puck protection skills, and willingness to take hits to make plays help him gain the offensive zone. However, he sometimes passes up opportunities to involve his linemates in zone entry and move the puck to others in advantageous positions. His puck management is expected to improve, and his ability to carry the puck through zones and maintain availability in puck support is evident. He battles hard for puck possession and demonstrates great puck control and protection skills. There's deficiencies in his game, but elements to build a development foundation around, too.

*With his hockey IQ and drive for puck battles, Henneberry has the potential to make an impact in the NHL.*

**127 MAEL LAVIGNE**

POS CENTER  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-3  
WEIGHT 183  
NHL CS 150 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	VICTORIAVILLE	QMJHL	69	11	22	33	60

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
AA	A	A	A	AA	A

Lavigne is an unrefined, tall forward with a 200-foot game attributed to his speed and defensive awareness. He displays superior strides, facilitated by an excellent posture and skating motion that generate separating speed in straight lines. His game is characterized by compelling mobility and a north-south playing style. Fully committed on the defensive end, Lavigne displays hard forechecking and backchecking, utilizing a disruptive stick and strategic positioning to obstruct lanes and remove passing options. He lends a supportive presence in the lower zones for his defenders and acts as a secondary force in puck battles to regain possession. His dedication in his own zone is evident, not hesitating to use his body to block shots. Given his towering frame and extended reach, dispossessing Lavigne proves challenging, enabling him to confidently navigate the middle lane. He demonstrates fluid hands and reasonable creativity to attempt maneuvering past defenders, even without exceptional puckhandling skills. Lavigne is also adept at maintaining awareness of the ice, drawing opponents towards him and connecting with open teammates using precise passes. He presents a greater threat as an attacker off the rush, as opposed to around the net, given his lack of a scoring touch. There's room for him to leverage his frame more effectively in board battles, as he doesn't exhibit a physical playing style to its full potential. However, Lavigne's strengths lie in his impressive speed, two-way capabilities, and intelligence.

*Lavigne's potential has escalated from being a questionable draft pick at the beginning of the season to a player most definitely on the radar.*

**128 JAYSON SHAUGABAY**

POS GOALIE  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-2  
WEIGHT 203  
NHL CS 24 NAG



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	WARROAD	HIGH-MN	31	33	63	96	12

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	AA	A	AA	A

With a unique blend of exceptional timing and quick reactions, Shaugabay consistently impresses with his offensive capabilities. Showcasing an impressive power play skill set, he demonstrates excellent control over the pace of the game, whether in power play situations or in regular 5-on-5 play. His keen ability to create high-quality offensive chances is a key feature of his game. Shaugabay's remarkable spatial awareness is another standout quality, allowing him to adeptly adjust to the puck's position, effectively providing support to his linemates when they most need it. His understanding of the game allows him to consistently find open ice and strategically maneuver himself into high-scoring positions. Despite not possessing a top-tier speed, Shaugabay compensates with his agility and superior edgework. His strength on his skates enables him to be where he needs to be at the right moment, a trait that significantly elevates his game. As an elusive forward with a drive for offense, Shaugabay excels at setting up plays for his teammates. His agility in skating, combined with his skillful hands and ability to make high-speed plays, make him a significant threat for the opposition. One area where he could improve is in his shot-taking, as he sometimes opts for passing when he has clear shooting opportunities. Shaugabay's fast decision-making and considerable vision further underscore his potential as a playmaker. Although his skating may not be record-breaking, it is more than sufficient to not pose any long-term concerns.

*Shaugabay is an intriguing offensive player who is expected to make a mark due to his ability to seamlessly blend into a team's lineup.*

**129 GENNADI CHALY**

POS DEFENSE  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 5-11  
WEIGHT 174  
NHL CS 224 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	WATERLOO	USHL	67	21	25	46	22

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	A	A	AA	AA

Chaly, a robust defenseman, stands out for his distinctive presence in the game, predominantly influencing its defensive side. His offensive skills cannot be overlooked, as they bring an added dimension to his overall profile. Always keenly aware of his surroundings, he maintains a consistent check on the positioning of opposing players within his zone. Engaging actively, he fights for the net-front position, displaying a high degree of compete. His stick work is not just skillful but also strategic, actively disrupting passes and guiding incoming attackers. This reflects a deep understanding of the game, a strategic mind, and the ability to read plays quickly. His skating ability reinforces his effectiveness on the ice; solid and agile, Chaly combines speed with nimble edgework that gives him an advantage over his adversaries. He often sidesteps opponents, creating better positioning closer to the slot, thus crafting improved passing or shooting opportunities. He shows an ability to maintain control and fluidity with the puck, even under pressure. However, there are times where Chaly mishandles the puck without any opposition pressure, a mental lapse that could potentially halt his team's play progression. Such mishaps, while minor, can be decisive. In the grand scheme, these missteps barely tarnish Chaly's overall game, which remains highly commendable. His strength lies in his consistency and versatility, combining offensive and defensive skills effectively. He comes across as a player with a high floor but a somewhat modest ceiling.

*Chaly's overall profile presents a promising prospect for any team seeking a strong, multi-dimensional player.*

**130 MARTIN MISIAK**

POS RIGHT WING  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-2  
WEIGHT 194  
NHL CS 45 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	YOUNGSTOWN	USHL	25	5	10	15	24

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
AA	A	A	BA	A	A

Misiak, a big two-way winger, demonstrates speed and skill on the ice, impressing with his ability to keep up with the pace of top hockey prospects. Boasting a smooth stride, strong edges, quick acceleration, and the ability to change gears on the fly, he effectively uses his size to his advantage. Misiak showcases excellent speed, winning races for pucks and maintaining control at high velocities. Off the puck, he excels in a supporting role, poised to burst with speed through the neutral zone. Reliable in all three zones, he remains vigilant for potential danger and covers for defensemen. Misiak's stick work in the defensive zone is exceptional, and his physicality has improved throughout the year. In the neutral zone, he displays strong puck management, understanding when to play the puck up ice or keep it safe. In the offensive zone, he makes good plays with the puck and finds space off the puck, but his elite scoring instincts could be honed further. He exhibits good balance while protecting the puck, and his speed is expected to improve with stride extension. Misiak excels at cycling deep in the zone and showcases playmaking abilities with good vision in the offensive zone and during transitions. His wrist shot is powerful and quick, and he consistently finds soft space on the ice. Although Misiak sometimes struggles with puck control and pass accuracy, he remains a skilled forward capable of using his body positioning to win pucks within contact as he continues to build muscle, and that's a combination teams will covet.

*Misiak's combination of size, speed, skill, and defensive prowess make him a promising prospect for the 2023 draft.*

**131 LUKE MITTELSTADT**

POS DEFENSE  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 5-11  
WEIGHT 185  
NHL CS 97 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	MINNESOTA	BIG10	38	5	16	21	6

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
AA	A	A	A	A	A

Mittelstadt is known for his stellar offensive upside and can utilize his speed to optimize opportunities, often becoming a fourth forward on the ice. This enables him to join in rushes and use his quality shot or vision to keep the opposition on their toes. His skating, puck skills, vision, and shot in the offensive zone, although not elite, classify him as a jack-of-all-trades due to his versatility. Defensively, while solid, he can improve by reigning in his tendency to drift towards the puck carrier when his defense partner is engaged, leaving the other half of the ice open. Mittelstadt's offensive instincts and his smart decision-making turn him into an effective transition blueliner. His shot, while not elite, becomes a more dangerous tool as he intelligently uses his skating to get into effective scoring areas. Furthermore, his ability to get shots through from the point demonstrates his purposeful play, as he avoids aimlessly blasting the puck through traffic. However, his speed and gap control can sometimes make him susceptible in one-on-one situations, posing as a potential liability defensively. As a smart two-way defenseman, Mittelstadt consistently does small things right and plays a low-event game without much flashy skill. He moves the puck efficiently and makes good decisions with it. Nevertheless, there are instances where his aggression leads to risky pinches down the boards. Defensively, there are concerns as he sometimes skates parallel with the opposition coming down on the rush. Improvements in his skating will be necessary for him to progress.

*As an overage player, Mittelstadt has shown significant improvements in his game, displaying promising potential as a solid puck-moving defenseman.*

**132 AXEL HURTIG**

POS DEFENSE  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-4  
WEIGHT 202  
NHL CS 100 INT



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	ROGLE	SWE JR.	34	2	6	8	14

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	A	A	AA	AA

Hurtig is a physically imposing defenseman who effectively defends his own zone in various ways. His size and massive wingspan allow him to swat at loose pucks and deter forwards. Though not a fast skater, his long legs enable him to keep pace with most forwards driving toward the goal. Offensively, he lacks creativity and deception at the top of the point, but his wrist shot has a decent punch. Hurtig is a defensive defenseman with many redeeming qualities, including authority, a willingness to complete hits, and effective timing. This big, strong defender excels at making it difficult for opponents to generate. He takes initiative in putting pressure on the puck-carrier and frequently wins battles along the boards. However, Hurtig's lack of speed and mobility can hinder his effectiveness in his own zone. Improving his foot-speed and positioning awareness could enhance his overall defensive game. Although his offense is limited, he plays responsibly with good positioning and physicality, effectively forcing players off the puck. Hurtig's combination of reach, positioning, and physical strength allows him to squeeze opponents into the boards and deliver hits. His skating is average, but his acceleration and explosiveness leave room for improvement. He rarely tries to transition into the offensive zone with possession, often relying on his defensive partner to move the puck up the ice or dumping it in himself. His offensive contributions are limited to say the least. Aware of his strengths and weaknesses, Hurtig knows how to maximize his game.

*Hurtig knows how to play to maximize his game, however to be an effective defender at higher levels, he needs to improve his acceleration and skating.*

## 133 OSKAR ASPLUND

POS DEFENSE  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 5-11  
WEIGHT 174  
NHL CS 58 INT



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	ALMTUNA	SWE 2	49	6	24	30	6

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	AA	A	AA	BA

Asplund is a versatile defenseman with impressive hockey IQ, efficient puck advancement capabilities, and good transitional play. His ability to find openings with both short and long unpredictable passes, coupled with his ability to make moves at the offensive blue line, showcases his offensive prowess. Asplund exhibits confidence carrying the puck and as a point on the power play, where he often takes control of timing and execution. He's quick to read and adapt to both developing and attacking plays, defending with intelligence rather than relying on physicality. His skating is smooth both ways, and he maintains good positioning in all three zones. However, his level of compete varies and he has displayed an occasional lack of interest. Ideally, he should play with more intensity. Asplund's puckhandling is commendable, even under pressure or in tight spaces, and he demonstrates the ability to initiate plays. He's often well positioned in his own zone, uses his stick actively, and applies pressure on the puck carrier. Despite this, there are concerns about his physicality, particularly in front of the net and along the boards. His decision-making can lead him to get overplayed, and he needs to build strength to win battles. Asplund's transitional game shines with his effective first pass and ability to carry the puck or find teammates with breakout passes. He's agile enough to evade opposing forecheckers and has decent four-way mobility. He struggles when matching speed, which needs to be improved, and his light build is a disadvantage.

Despite needed areas for improvement, Asplund's growing confidence and developing skating skills and strength, make him an interesting prospect to follow.

## 134 TRISTAN BERTUCCI

POS DEFENSE  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-2  
WEIGHT 172  
NHL CS 32 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	FLINT	OHL	63	11	39	50	66

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	A	A	HE	A

Bertucci is a dependable defenseman who demonstrates composure and intelligence in all three zones, exhibiting significant potential on the offensive end. With his strong hockey IQ and confidence with the puck, he consistently recognizes opportunities to find open spaces and make himself available for a pass. As he moves laterally along the blue line, his hips open up effectively, enabling him to elude opposing forwards. His well-timed pinches and ability to cover the ice make him a challenging opponent to beat. When retrieving the puck in his own end, Bertucci's constant evaluation of the game allows him to make decisive plays. He maintains excellent awareness of his defensive partner's position and displays no hesitation in making long passes to change the angle of attack. His tracking of assigned players in the defensive zone is superb as well. With a smooth stride and good extension, his puck transportation skills are impressive. However, there is room for improvement in his shot and strength levels. Additionally, he must strive for greater consistency to minimize performance variations. Although there doesn't seem to be significant offensive upside, Bertucci's steady performance and potential for further development suggest that he has the ability to become a valuable asset at both ends of the ice. With continued growth, he could uncover additional layers to his game, transforming him into a formidable defenseman with a well-rounded skill set. He is a reliable and intelligent player with the potential for further growth.

His composure and hockey IQ make him an enticing prospect for teams seeking a versatile and steady defenseman who can contribute on both ends of the ice.

## 135 COLE BURBIDGE

POS CENTER  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-1  
WEIGHT 170  
NHL CS 100 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	SAINT JOHN	QMJHL	68	19	31	50	12

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
AA	A	A	A	BA	A

Burbidge, a gifted offensive forward, is known for demonstrating adaptability and versatility in his play style. He possesses an acute sense of vision and a remarkable ability to interpret spatial dynamics on the ice. This allows him to optimally utilize open spaces, whether in the capacity of a puck-carrier or in a supportive role. His agility is characterized by quick feet and speed that is noticeably above average, enabling him to frequently secure victories in puck races. His dexterity is further evident in the neutral zone, where his agility and swift hand movements enable him to carve out a path into the offensive zone. He's consistently proactive, engaging readily in contests that span the breadth of the ice. His adeptness in maneuvering out of coverage, rolling off defenders, and retrieving loose pucks is noteworthy. Regarded as a savvy passer, Burbidge is skilled at executing complex moves such as no-look passes across the zone or making sharp cuts to strategically position the puck for teammates. His aggressive drive towards the slot, thereby creating opportunities for quality shots. While Burbidge's shooting prowess is already notable, there is potential for further enhancement with regards to his release speed. As he continues to develop, it's expected that this aspect of his game will become quicker and efficient. Burbidge embodies the characteristics of a highly skilled player. There is room for him to expand his skills beyond puckhandling and to make gains in his own zone.

At this stage in his career, Burbidge embodies the characteristics of a highly skilled player who still has several areas of his game that requires refinement.

## 136 JAKUB STANCL

POS CENTER  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-3  
WEIGHT 201  
NHL CS 26 INT



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	VAXJO	SWE JR.	35	11	6	17	8

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
BA	A	A	AA	A	A

Stancl is a modern two-way center who showcases impressive physical tools, power, and all-around versatility in various aspects of the game. His ability to create chances on his own and intelligently find openings makes him a valuable asset on the ice. With his imposing size, exceptional puckhandling skills, and keen vision, he poses a significant offensive threat for his team. In his own zone, however, Stancl's performance can be inconsistent. At times, he appears uninterested in assisting his team and fails to move his feet. His skating, particularly acceleration, is an area in need of improvement. Despite these concerns, he developed his offensive skills and taken more initiative as the season continued, demonstrating progress in his game. Stancl's adaptability to various game situations is a testament to his unique combination of strength and maturity. His work ethic makes him valuable in defensive situations, such as penalty kills, while his power and determination with the puck contribute to his offensive prowess. He demonstrates excellent awareness without the puck, constantly scanning for open spaces to make himself an option. Once in possession of the puck, Stancl displays confidence and decisiveness, often breaking through tight defenses with his smooth hands and adept maneuvering. While Stancl is effective at moving the puck forward and creating scoring opportunities for himself or teammates, he would benefit from further development in acceleration and playmaking abilities. Stancl's frame, skills, and potential make him an attractive prospect.

His ability to process the game quickly and make sound decisions on the ice are essential attributes that will serve him well at the professional level.

## 137 KENTA ISOGAI

POS LEFT WING  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 5-11  
WEIGHT 174  
NHL CS -



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	YOUNGSTOWN	USHL	61	14	25	39	14

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
AA	BA	A	AA	A	AA

Isogai, a remarkable skater with noteworthy speed and excellent hand skills, excels in transition skating and proves to be an effective puck-carrier while leading the offense. His edgework and ability to change direction, coupled with his speed, make him formidable. Despite a wealth of talent, generating high-quality chances remains a challenge for him, impacting his potential for future success in the NHL. With a strong competitive streak, Isogai is adept at covering his own zone and is a tenacious player on the forecheck due to his ability to cover a significant amount of ice quickly. Adept at puck possession, his superior speed and acceleration make him a driving force in transition games. His improved puckhandling skills and playmaking ability, coupled with his commendable vision, enable him to exploit passing lanes more consistently. However, a notable shortcoming in his game is his strength, affecting his shooting skills and his performance in board battles. On both ends of the ice, Isogai consistently pushes the pace of play, presenting a formidable threat to defenses due to his speed and puck skills. His ability to handle the puck well in tight spaces and to navigate through traffic makes him a capable playmaker, especially in transition games. A significant concern in his game is his shot; despite a quick release, both accuracy and power are works in progress. Overall, Isogai is a prospective candidate. His skill set and skating prowess hold promise for the next level, provided he enhances some critical areas of his game.

His ceiling may be somewhat limited, but his potential to be a bottom-six forward contributing to all situations and providing occasional offense remains valuable.

## 138 IAN BLOMQUIST

POS GOALIE  
CATCH RIGHT  
HEIGHT 6-3  
WEIGHT 187  
NHL CS 3 INTG



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	MIN	GAA	SO	SV%
22-23	VASTERAS	SWE 2	17	909	2.97	1	.904

ATHL	POSN	READ	TRACK	RB CTR	TECHN
BA	A	A	A	A	BA

Blomquist is a butterfly goalie who possesses good size and an array of skills. With by a calm demeanor and fluid crease mobility with efficient edgework, he exhibits an engaging puck-tracking ability. Blomquist's pre-shot stance is tall, which enables him to effectively peer over and around net-front traffic, battling for sightlines and locating pucks through screens. However, he has been criticized for lacking a standout skill that distinguishes him from his peers, with some regarding him as too ordinary. Yet, this is counterbalanced by his evident maturity and clear developmental trajectory. His situational reads are sound, and his use of an overlap technique on dead-angle shots is commendable. While he hasn't fully incorporated the hip-healthy Panda maneuver, favoring the reverse-vertical-horizontal on walkout plays, elements of the Panda are present and indicate continuous development and expansion of his save options. Despite his proficient projection, Blomquist's glove work requires improvement. Even though his glove appears comfortable and is usually well-placed, he struggles with glove-side shots, indicating this area as a developmental target. His slow speed to spots occasionally forces him to overcompensate on subsequent opposite-direction passes. He has shown the ability to make big saves and maintain good positioning. However, he has also conceded soft goals and allowed pucks to slip through him rather easily. Some may question his age, but his continuous improvement and extra years of development could prove beneficial.

Blomquist may not be a future No. 1, but his solid professionalism and potential as a depth piece makes him a noteworthy candidate amongst the goalie class.

**139** PIER-OLIVIER ROY

POS DEFENSE  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 5-10  
WEIGHT 165  
NHL CS 208 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	VICTORIAVILLE	QMJHL	68	6	62	68	29

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
HE	BA	A	A	AA	A

Roy, an agile, pass-first defenseman, commands the blue line with a blend of exceptional mobility and keen tactical understanding. His on-ice movement, characterized by smooth strides, precise pivots, and outstanding edgework, manifests both speed and agility, pivotal assets to his game. In particular, Roy excels in strategizing zone-exits, consistently showcasing astute decision-making abilities and an uncanny ability to connect with his teammates. This quality, coupled with a marked confidence and above-average anticipation, enables him to carry the puck skillfully, demonstrating a resolute calm even under the weight of opposing pressure. His superior mobility is also a significant asset, creating ample space for him on the ice, and proving adept at drawing opponents away to open up passing lanes. This complements his offensive prowess, particularly on power plays where he thrives, expertly feeding the half-wall one-timer, demonstrating a commendable ability to dictate and shape the offensive dynamics of his team. On defense, his game is characterized by notable gap control, demonstrating an aggressive approach to closing in on attackers. His leadership on the ice is evident in his communication as he directs assignments and provides guidance, cementing his position as a valuable asset to the team dynamics. Despite his wealth of strengths, Roy's potential as a power play virtuoso at the next level may be hindered by his underwhelming shooting threat. Roy embodies the blend of mobility and vision that teams seek in defensemen.

*His age makes him one of the older players in the draft, yet his improvements and skating skills make him an intriguing prospect not to be overlooked.*

**140** LUKE PATTERSON

POS CENTER  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-1  
WEIGHT 181  
NHL CS -



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	CAPE BRETON	QMJHL	54	10	12	22	32

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	A	A	A	BA

Patterson is a solid center with great knowledge of the game, excelling as an offensive depth forward with impressive puck control skills and the ability to use deception tactics to evade opponents. He effectively utilizes stops and starts when pursuing pucks, creating better angling opportunities along the wall, and often generates offensive chances off the rush due to his straight-line speed and acceleration. Defensively, he is positionally smart and willing to block shots, but could be more assertive when engaging in battles along the wall or in corners, leveraging his stature to benefit his team on both ends of the ice. As a smart 200-foot player, Patterson demonstrates strong scoring instincts around the net, quick hands, and persistence. He aggressively seeks open space when his team gains possession and plays a robust north-south game, unafraid to navigate through opposing players to secure prime ice positioning. He employs his slick hands to create separation from opponents and is a decent passer, though not particularly dazzling as a playmaker. His presence on the ice can create havoc for the opposition. His skating is characterized by wide strides and a bent posture, resulting in acceptable acceleration but lacking outstanding speed, and his dull edges limit his lateral mobility. Patterson's hockey sense and abilities make him well-suited for a middle-six role that demands responsibility, forechecking, and offensive contributions. With his blend of intelligence, skill, and determination, Patterson is a promising prospect.

*His continued development is key, but his potential to excel in a depth role makes him an attractive candidate for teams seeking a versatile, reliable player.*

**141** ARVID BERGSTROM

POS DEFENSE  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 5-11  
WEIGHT 161  
NHL CS 54 INT



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	DJURGARDEN	SWE JR.	41	2	21	23	18

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
AA	A	A	AA	A	A

Bergstrom is a defenseman with good skating skills and mobility, which grants him ample time and space to initiate plays from his own zone. His agility allows him to capitalize on crucial moments, showcasing his creativity and vision when starting breakouts. Active and stable in puck transportation, Bergstrom excels at determining when to make a quick first pass or seek a longer, more challenging option. In the offensive zone, he thrives as an involved player who can skillfully navigate the blue line and remains calm under pressure from opponents, patiently waiting for the right moment to shoot or pass. Defensively, Bergstrom is adept at applying pressure, engaging in physical battles, and using his skating skills to maintain a close gap with forwards when challenged. He efficiently dislodges the puck and initiates counterattacks. However, Bergstrom still needs to make smarter decisions when controlling the puck, as his penchant for attempting decisive passes can lead to issues. Bergstrom is an all-around, fast, and mobile defender who performs well in various game situations. His exceptional vision and decision-making enable him to act calmly under pressure and effectively distribute the puck on the power play. Although not an elite defender, he successfully pressures puck carriers and maintains appropriate gaps, primarily due to his mobility and skating. To further enhance his game, Bergstrom could work on his defense and find more shooting chances from the blue line. Overall, Bergstrom is an impressive all-round defender with a bright future.

*As he develops and refine his skills, particularly in his own zone and physical play, he is expected to garner attention as a valuable prospect with potential.*

**142** GRAYDEN SIEPMANN

POS DEFENSE  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 5-10  
WEIGHT 185  
NHL CS -



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	CALGARY	WHL	61	9	34	43	22

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
HE	A	A	A	A	A

Siepman presents unique strengths and promising potential. His most striking feature is his skating ability, characterized by a smooth, effortless stride that enables rapid changes in direction. He efficiently navigates open areas and exhibits impressive speed, even from a standstill. This agility serves him well in responding to counterattacks, allowing him to sustain involvement in plays without needing to adopt a defensive posture prematurely. Offensively, Siepman demonstrates engaging up-ice presence and takes on a significant role as an offensive catalyst. He's comfortable probing deep into the zone and possesses puck skill and shiftiness that helps him slip through contact, maintaining possession until opportunities arise. His crisp, accurate passing and cross-ice awareness, coupled with his ability to hold onto the puck for extended periods, can dominate opponents' attention. This focus enables him to quickly exploit defensive lapses with backdoor passes to uncovered teammates. While Siepman's slender build raises concerns about his ability to defend at higher levels, his modern approach to defense demonstrates potential to overcome such challenges. He leverages his footwork to take direct, forcing routes to the puck-carrier, and aims to minimize backward skating against attackers. Despite lacking a heavy slap shot, he compensates by releasing quick one-timers and snap wrist shots at ideal moments. Although areas for refinement remain, Siepman has shown signs of improvement.

*His continued growth and potential to further develop strength suggest Siepman is a valuable investment in this year's draft.*

**143** DANIIL BOUROSH

POS RIGHT WING  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 6-1  
WEIGHT 188  
NHL CS 163 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	ROUYN-NORANDA	QMJHL	66	41	29	70	12

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	HE	A	A	A	A

Bourosh presents himself as an intriguing power forward with superior goal-scoring instincts combined with exceptional forechecking abilities. Leveraging his sturdy, solid frame, he exhibits a knack for playing physically, particularly in corners, thereby posing significant challenges for opponents aiming to dispossess him. One distinctive characteristic of his gameplay is his proactive positioning. His swift snapshot release, coupled with his tenacity and goal-scoring mindset, become conspicuous in the heat of the game. Although he is not naturally gifted in terms of driving plays, Bourosh utilizes his decent hands adeptly, creating necessary space and delivering accurately aimed passes to his teammates. While his straight-line skating speed might not be the fastest, he benefits from a low center of gravity, which imparts an enhanced balance and strength. In terms of agility and explosion, there's room for improvement. He shows proficiency in finishing bodychecks in the offensive zone and showcases a wickedly powerful release that aids him in scoring from various angles. His slick puck-handling abilities enable him to execute impressive maneuvers during offensive rushes, though does require more creativity. He is a skilled and deceptive attacker, showing commendable puckhandling skills, playmaking abilities, and an ability to quickly release and adjust the angle of his shots. He appears to generate most of his offense from odd-man rushes, suggesting a need for diversification for consistent success at pro levels.

*While there is still work to be done, Bourosh, with his goal-scoring instincts, robust forechecking skills, and physical presence, holds promise.*

**144** WILLIAM VOTE

POS RIGHT WING  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 5-8  
WEIGHT 160  
NHL CS 145 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	USA U18	NTDP	53	15	23	38	10

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
BA	A	A	A	AA	A

Vote is an undersized winger who possesses strong defensive instincts but lacks a standout skill that could help him excel in the NHL. His positioning and game intelligence are at a high level, particularly in the defensive zone, where he consistently covers passing lanes with his stick and demonstrates good positioning. Despite his small stature, Vote puts in 100% effort on every shift, displaying quick feet, fluent hands, and a willingness to plant himself in front of the net. While he can distribute the puck well and exhibits solid positioning on the penalty kill, his offensive upside is limited, and he does not seem overly dynamic with the puck on his stick. His straight-line speed and skating could use improvement, as his slow pace and struggles with slides hinder his overall game. Additionally, his small size and lack of physicality make him less effective in battling against bigger players, both in front of the net and along the boards. Despite this, Vote is a well-rounded player with a wide range of tools to work with and a strong work ethic. His defensive responsibilities are evident, including on the penalty kill, as he collapses to the front quickly on breakdowns and shows no lack of effort. He can be shifty with the puck, but consistency in creating offense remains a challenge. He projects as a potential third-line winger who can contribute to a solid two-way game and help out on the penalty kill. Although Vote may not have an easily discernible path to an NHL career, his continued development and growth could pique the interest of teams.

*With consistent production and further refinement of his skills, Vote's ability to adapt to different situations and battler mentality are valuable assets.*

**145** GABRIEL SZTURC

POS CENTER  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 5-11  
WEIGHT 186  
NHL CS 220 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	KELOWNA	WHL	56	24	55	79	44

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	A	A	A	A

Szturc has emerged as a standout prospect after remaining on the fringes last season. He boasts a superb hockey mind that consistently positions him effectively in all three zones, often appearing at the right place at the right time. His calm, cerebral approach in the offensive zone often flusters aggressive defenders, and he possesses the ability to decelerate play to his pace and dismantle static defensive structures with smart puck movement. He excels in tight spaces, making quick reads that make him an ideal candidate for the bumper spot on a power play. Szturc has also improved his defensive presence, showcasing excellent positioning and an understanding of his support responsibilities. However, there are concerns regarding his ability to translate his game to higher levels. His physical tools don't make a strong impression. Although he has some pace in his stride, he lacks quickness in short bursts. His defensive disruptions are limited due to a lack of strength, and while his vision in the offensive zone is solid, his hands can occasionally be clunky, and he doesn't pose a shooting threat from range. Still, he has assumed greater responsibilities, successfully leading transitions, pushing defenders on their toes, and taking on more significant defensive roles. He shows an aptitude for high-pressure situations and the ability to make intelligent passes into tight spaces. He has improved his physical game significantly, although there's still room for growth. The positives in his game include development year-over-year in fixing some of those deficiencies.

*Despite some areas of concern, Szturc's development trajectory and the growth in his game make him a promising prospect for the draft.*

**146** JEREMY WILMER

POS LEFT WING  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 5-8  
WEIGHT 154  
NHL CS -



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	BOSTON	H-EAST	37	9	23	32	16


SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
HE	A	AA	A	A	A

Wilmer, an undersized forward, boasts elite hands and playmaking instincts that render him an offensively-minded powerhouse. His superior edgework and puckhandling skills allow him to elude opposition with ease. Notably, his agility, complemented by head and stick fakes, enables him to swiftly change direction, making it challenging for opponents to body-check him. Particularly on the power play, Wilmer's prowess shines through; his skill set is ideally suited for the half-wall position where he can employ his vision to set up teammates in the offensive zone. His playmaking abilities make him a valuable asset, even though he leans more towards playmaking than goal scoring. Despite his strong offensive game, Wilmer's size presents challenges; his ability to absorb contact is limited, making it easy for opponents to separate him from the puck. His physical stature and gameplay suggest that he would be best suited for a top-six role in the NHL, although there are clear limitations to his game when he is not in possession of the puck. His susceptibility to being knocked off his feet and his inability to create ample space for himself through his skating raise valid concerns about his future performance against NHL competition. Wilmer's determination is commendable and he does showcase moments of impressive play, such as delivering excellent passes, but his inconsistencies are evident. His lack of presence when not in possession of the puck and his difficulty in making a consistently positive impact warrant skepticism about his potential.

*While Wilmer's unique skill set and potential make him an interesting prospect for the 2023 draft, teams will carefully weigh his strengths and weaknesses.*

**147** CHARLIE ROBERTSON

POS GOALIE  
CATCH LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-3  
WEIGHT 167  
NHL CS 13 NAG



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	MIN	GAA	SO	SV%
22-23	NORTH BAY	OHL	21	1155	3.17	3	.892

ATHL	POSN	READ	TRACK	RB CTR	TECHN
A	BA	BA	BA	A	A

Robertson is a butterfly-style goaltender who challenges shooters by positioning himself at the top of the crease, effectively limiting their options. He boasts an intimidating presence due to his good size and taller stance, even with his slighter build. Robertson navigates the blue paint well, displaying efficient up-down movements and excelling when facing routine attacks under ideal circumstances. By setting his feet on shots and swiftly closing holes with a tight butterfly stance, he demonstrates a solid foundation with considerable room for growth. Although there are some reservations about his ability to react to mid-range shots, Robertson's athleticism and high hand positioning offer potential for improvement. His performance tends to falter when forced to deviate from routine situations, often losing his balance, sliding outside his posts, and struggling with recovery between saves. However, he showcases a no-quit attitude and can effectively read familiar attack patterns, track the puck, and make stops. His calm, purposeful, and seemingly robotic movements in the crease can give the illusion of slow movement. Despite not frequently using his stick to direct low shots, he controls rebounds well. He tends to go down early on sharp-angle shots, compromising his positioning and leaving openings. Additionally, his puck play is relatively weak and primarily consists of stopping pucks for his defense. Despite areas needing improvement, Robertson presents a promising prospect from a player development standpoint.

*He will be considered because of his combination of determination, adaptability, and skill that could benefit any team seeking a promising goaltender.*

**148** JAKE LIVANAVAGE

POS DEFENSE  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 5-10  
WEIGHT 175  
NHL CS 181 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	CHICAGO	USHL	47	6	29	35	51

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	A	A	AA	A

Livanavage showcases commendable intelligence and skill with the puck, making significant contributions on the offensive end. His calm demeanor, patience, and fast-paced decision-making set him apart when in possession. As a crucial figure on the power play, he efficiently skates the puck up, weaving through opposition before dropping it back to a teammate. His shot, while not having the quickest release or best precision, is powerful and consistent, often finding its mark. Defensively, Livanavage isn't hesitant to engage physically, displaying competence in his own end. However, a notable area for improvement lies in his offensive pacing; he rarely leads the play, which restricts him from creating high-danger opportunities. His offensive efforts primarily result in a higher quantity of chances rather than quality ones. His scrappy style of play tends to irk opposition, and his high IQ ensures he's usually in the right position defensively, making intelligent outlet passes. The need for greater overall strength is apparent, as adding muscle to his frame would enhance his effectiveness. Defensively, he uses his stick well to strip the puck from opponents and disrupt passing lanes, and he positions himself effectively in the defensive zone. However, he could sometimes be overpowered by larger opponents. His ability to either pass to forwards or carry the puck himself to transition out of the defensive zone is commendable. With a potent mix of offensive instincts and patience, Livanavage demonstrates potential to be an effective pro.

*Livanavage's development and continued growth of his offensive skills could potentially see him become a valuable addition in various game situations.*

**149** KADEN HAMMELL

POS DEFENSE  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 6-1  
WEIGHT 173  
NHL CS 95 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	EVERETT	WHL	67	9	17	26	34

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	A	A	AA	AA

Hammell's performance showcased steady improvement throughout the season. Initial concerns regarding Hammell's agility and foot-speed have significantly diminished, as he has made substantial strides in these areas over the course through the year. Consequently, his defensive positioning and offensive space filling improved remarkably, with his increased length contributing significantly to his growing confidence as a defensive leader. Although his puck skills may not rival the top players in his age group, Hammell displays intelligence and composure that enable him to execute sound first passes and contribute to offense during rushes. His primary strength lies in his defensive capabilities; he is an engaged and aggressive defender with proactive positioning and quick reactions to close gaps on puck carriers. His pressure often limits the time opponents have to think, forcing them into errors. Hammell's potential to develop into a long, heavy, and mobile defender who can shrink the ice and make it challenging for opponents to play in high-danger areas aligns with current NHL trends. While Hammell's offensive capabilities may encounter limitations as he advances, his defensive promise makes him a valuable asset. Hammell's improved mobility, anticipation skills, and aggressive physical engagement, coupled with second and third efforts to complicate offensive opportunities for the opposition, all contribute to his defensive strength. His performances, particularly those characterized by his effort defensively, have underlined his value in this class.

*His progression and commitment to making it challenging for opponents to generate chances have positioned Hammell as a noteworthy prospect.*

**150** EMIL KUUSLA

POS LEFT WING  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 5-9  
WEIGHT 167  
NHL CS 45 INT



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	JOKERIT	FIN JR.	36	18	17	35	40

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	A	AA	A	A

Kuusla is a small yet quick-witted winger with a defensive mindset, which makes him a reliable player from a coaching perspective. His strong skating and puckhandling skills enable him to challenge defenders in one-on-one situations and protect the puck despite his size. His good sliding and ability to maintain control of the puck in tight spaces contribute to his overall skill set. Kuusla is known for his readiness in his own end, applying pressure on the puck while maintaining smart defensive form. Kuusla's work ethic on the backcheck is a positive aspect of his game as well. However, his offensive zone performance requires improvement, as he often struggles to free himself or find ideal scoring positions. As a skilled winger, Kuusla's decision-making is generally quick, and he possesses a decent release that helps him beat goalies. He has a keen awareness of what to do with the puck before he even gains possession of it, allowing him to make rapid decisions once it hits his tape. However, he sometimes opts for high-risk, high-reward plays instead of safer options, which is an area where he can improve. Kuusla's skating technique is commendable, but his speed and overall strength could benefit from further development. Once he becomes stronger, it is expected that his speed will improve as well. Despite some areas for improvement, Kuusla's offensive upside, coupled with his defensive mentality, warrants interest. He has the potential for growth in his puck skills and offensive awareness, which makes him an intriguing prospect.

*Kuusla's ability to beat defenders, his quick decision-making, and commitment to offensive and defensive elements makes him an intriguing option.*

**151 COLE BROWN**

POS LEFT WING  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 5-11  
WEIGHT 186  
NHL CS 220 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	HAMILTON	OHL	60	17	25	42	41

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	A	A	A	AA

**Brown, a tall, lanky winger, uses his imposing size and long reach to excel along the walls in all three zones of the ice. With smooth strides and impressive puckhandling abilities, he exhibits the unique skill of utilizing his length to retrieve loose pucks and shield them effectively from opponents. These traits are reinforced by his capacity to find open spaces in the offensive zone and assert his presence in front of the net. Although a thinner frame could be viewed as a drawback, Brown shows surprising strength on his edges, permitting him to maintain possession and create scoring opportunities, despite a noted lack of explosiveness. His offensive strategy currently lacks a level of assertiveness, often suffering from hesitation in his decision-making, which detracts from his chances. By enhancing his foot-speed and adopting a more aggressive attitude with the puck, Brown could witness significant growth. His defensive instincts are admirable, proficiently disrupting passes and seizing upon turnovers; however, his physical impact is inconsistently executed, diminishing his effectiveness on the forecheck and along the boards in his own end. This inconsistency extends to his scoring chance generation, which is hampered by a lack of assertiveness in attacking the middle. If he concentrates on developing his lower body strength and incorporating more quickness, Brown has the potential to evolve into a formidable scoring threat and dependable player at even strength. His skill set and athleticism make him an attractive prospect.**

*With the right development, this promising prospect could evolve into a vital asset for any team in the league.*

**152 JURAJ PEKARCİK**

POS LEFT WING  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-1  
WEIGHT 183  
NHL CS 41 INT



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	NITRA	SVK	30	0	3	3	27

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
AA	A	A	AA	A	HE

**Pekarcik impresses with his speed and power on the ice. He excels at rushing the puck through the neutral zone and driving it to the opponents' end, demonstrating the ability to outmaneuver top defenders in his class. With a long reach and commendable defensive work using his stick, he is a high-motor player who impacts the game across the ice. While not considered an elite skater, Pekarcik displays quick reactions and solid first-stride acceleration. There is potential for improvement in agility, footwork, and balance, but his ability to shift weight and navigate through defenders remains noteworthy. Pekarcik's quick hands and good puck control enable him to execute skilled moves to outplay defenders. His ability to solve problems in the offensive zone corners and retrieve the puck off the wall is notable. Off puck, Pekarcik effectively finds space between checks or pockets of space on the weak side. However, there are instances where he overestimates his abilities and skates into traffic. Pekarcik's size and willingness to engage in battles for loose pucks and deliver hits make him a challenging opponent. Defensively, Pekarcik is reliable, with proper positioning above the puck, strong backchecking, and a knack for cutting off opponents' most dangerous options. His forecheck is relentless, thanks to his speed, size, and determination to win the puck. While his footwork and outside edges could use improvement, his playmaking skills off the offensive zone cycle and quickness around the opponents' net are promising.**

*Although questions remain about his offensive production, Pekarcik's potential for growth and development cannot be overlooked.*

**153 BRAD GARDINER**

POS CENTER  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 6-1  
WEIGHT 178  
NHL CS 57 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	OTTAWA	OHL	68	19	20	39	33


SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	A	A	A	HE

**Gardiner is an outstanding forechecking forward known for his relentless motor and high-level skills without the puck. He is often below the opponent's goal line, outworking rivals for loose pucks, and thriving in the cycle. Never stationary in the offensive zone, he creates scoring opportunities or frees up space for his teammates through continuous movement. While possessing average puck skills, Gardiner displays commendable playmaking potential, especially when maneuvering from low to high. Though his transition abilities and skating might restrict his potential, his work ethic makes him a tough opponent. Even if he isn't a high scorer, his dedication and proficiency in the cycle game make him a reliable choice in a bottom-six role. His play also shines on the penalty kill. Gardiner displays intelligence and strong positional sense on the ice, creating quality scoring chances through his quick feet and ability to shift directions smoothly. He exhibits decent speed in open ice and successfully shields the puck against tight checking due to his projectable frame. Gardiner's solid positional play extends to the defensive end, where he uses an active stick to disrupt opposing rush plays and readily engages in physical battles for possession. His shot is potent, demonstrating a quick, powerful release that enables him to generate scoring opportunities. However, he lacks elite puck skills and the confidence to make more challenging passes in traffic. Adding physical strength to improve his stride power and speed could enhance his offense.**

*While Gardiner's skills might not be standout, his work ethic and style make him a desirable prospect for the 2023 draft.*

**154 TANNER LUDTKE**

POS CENTER  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-0  
WEIGHT 185  
NHL CS 53 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	LINCOLN	USHL	56	32	34	66	30

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	A	A	BA	A

**Ludtke, a player of remarkable versatility, implements a balanced two-way game style that puts reliability over flamboyant showmanship. He is an embodiment of well-rounded abilities, his style consistently grounding itself in fundamental hockey skills, rather than overreliance on any particular standout attribute. He exhibits a reliable range of skills that manifest in a successful track record of face-offs, strategic on-the-move decisions, and a consistently strong defensive approach that continually fortifies his team's back end. His skating, while perhaps not the most illustrious or eye-catching, is more than sufficient to ensure effective transitions and movement across the ice. This reliability lends a sense of steadfast dependability to his gameplay, contributing to his overall effectiveness. Ludtke is also aware of his teammates' positions when on the puck, a strength that indicates a strong sense of spatial awareness. However, he tends to employ a strategy of numerous throw-aways and dump-ins when he's controlling the puck. Although these moves can be effective at times, they could potentially be replaced with a more aggressive strategy of actively trying to maneuver around or outwit opponents. This approach, by capitalizing on his existing puck skills, could give way to increased offensive activity and momentum. Ludtke could also refine his game is his overall pace of play. He often shows a preference for slowing down the game, a tactic that might benefit from adjustment to better suit the dynamism and speed inherent to pro hockey.**

*Ludtke presents a solid foundation of skills, coupled with a strong sense of reliability and consistency evident in his game.*

**155 SAIGE WEINSTEIN**

POS DEFENSE  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-0  
WEIGHT 179  
NHL CS 132 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	SPOKANE	WHL	57	4	14	18	96

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	A	A	A	HE

**Weinstein shows potential despite some areas requiring improvement. He possesses a defensive style that may not boast any standout traits but demonstrates commitment and tenacity in his own zone. He employs his body effectively in defense, not by delivering hefty hits, but through establishing body position during puck battles. His skill at boxing opponents away from his own net makes it challenging for adversaries to secure optimal positioning in front of the goalie. However, Weinstein has areas that need attention, notably defending against the rush. His backward skating requires development, and agile forwards can often exploit this weakness, causing him to overcommit and be outmaneuvered. Additionally, his puckhandling skills suggest discomfort, as he often opts for easier plays like chipping the puck out of his zone or rimming it to a winger on the wall, even when time and open space present opportunities for more strategic play. Despite this, Weinstein's skating stride stands out with its power, acceleration, form, and pacing. These attributes allow him to effectively close attacking lanes in the neutral zone, angle off opponents, execute early poke checks, and outpace rivals during puck retrieval. As an outlet defender, Weinstein shows promise when choosing simpler options. However, attempts to advance the puck or pass through layers often lead to turnovers, suggesting his need for growth in transitioning offense. Weinstein's physical attributes seem transferable to higher levels of play, making him a potential asset.**

*While Weinstein has areas to work on, his physicality and potential for development make him a prospect to consider for the 2023 draft.*

**156 XAVIER DAIGLE**

POS DEFENSE  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-1  
WEIGHT 174  
NHL CS -



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	CAPE BRETON	QMJHL	68	4	16	20	26

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	BA	A	A	AA	A

**Daigle is a consistently reliable and trusted shutdown defenseman, lauded for his commendable positional awareness and effective stickchecking ability, offering invaluable dependability in challenging on-ice situations. His focused and strategic approach to the game, coupled with a keen knack for making sound defensive reads, allows him to effectively anticipate and react to swiftly developing plays. On his skates, he displays agility and nimbleness, showcasing fluid mobility that spans all directions, even though his speed does not stand out as a particular strength. Despite these notable attributes, there are certain areas in Daigle's play that could benefit from targeted improvement. His passing skills are somewhat underwhelming and inconsistent, occasionally leading to avoidable icings due to inaccuracies and variable velocity in his outlets. Daigle's offensive contributions are also somewhat limited, lacking a degree of creativity and puckhandling finesse that would add a much-needed dimension to his play. Consequently, he often exhibits noticeable hesitation in transitioning the puck and falls short in engaging physically in board battles. There is a clear need to enhance his physicality. Nonetheless, his unflashy yet efficient plays, superior anticipation, and consistent diligence in circulating the puck in the offensive zone are key assets. While he sometimes lacks intensity, his ability to maintain control over gaps and consistently keep opponents at the perimeter is commendable. Daigle's timely stickwork and skill significantly add to his overall appeal.**

*Daigle is an intriguing prospect because of his dependability, potential to shoulder heavy minutes, and projected capability to fit into a bottom-pair role.*

**157 BRADY SCHULTZ**

POS DEFENSE  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 5-10  
WEIGHT 183  
NHL CS -



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	HALIFAX	QMJHL	68	6	36	42	46

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
AA	A	A	A	A	A

Schultz is a highly mobile defenseman known for making an impact in all three zones through his sturdy defensive plays and clever offensive contributions. His commendable ability to escape pressure and protect the puck underlines his impressive skill set. Further demonstrating his competence, Schultz's passing is consistently accurate and crisp, making him adept at hitting open lanes to foster smooth transitions through the neutral zone. In the offensive zone, Schultz takes his skills to another level. His knack for maneuvering the blue line, coupled with his ability to distribute the puck both down and across the zone, enables him to initiate offense from a wide range of locations. His approach often proves more effective and showcases his adaptability on the ice. Defensively, Schultz's situational awareness is noteworthy. He maintains control of the inside of the ice, demonstrating a keen understanding of the game's dynamics. He's also a force to reckon with on the penalty kill, particularly effective at getting into shot lanes, closing in on puck carriers, and grinding out possessions along the boards to run down the clock. Schultz's prowess as a skater cannot be understated. He showcases strength on his feet with good four-way direction ability, contributing to his powerful presence on the ice. Though there is room for improvement in his top-end speed, even at its current level, Schultz exhibits quickness over shorter distances. Schultz might not immediately catch the eye, but teams would be wise to take note of him.

Schultz's overall skill set, backed by his ability to potentially develop into a solid middle-pair defender, speaks volumes about his promise on the ice.

**158 TOM LEPPA**

POS CENTER  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-0  
WEIGHT 174  
NHL CS 89 INT



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	JOKERIT	FIN JR.	45	19	12	31	24

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	A	A	AA	AA

Leppa is a reliable two-way center with a strong work ethic, excelling on the defensive end of the ice and consistently demonstrating determination in every play. His well-rounded game features effective puck protection along the boards and a mature defensive approach, enabling him to dominate opponents and maintain possession. Although not a large player, Leppa plays with a level of intensity and physicality that belies his size, making him a formidable presence on the ice. His solid positioning and ability to identify passing lanes during transitions contribute to his proficiency in both offensive and defensive zones, causing turnovers and pressuring the opposition effectively. As an excellent penalty killer, Leppa uses his stick to break up passes and constantly moves both his stick and his head around to force opponents into hasty decisions. He thrives on driving the net with the puck, using his body to shield it, and engaging in battles in front of the net due to his apt positioning. Leppa's offensive upside is limited, as he is not a dynamic playmaker or scorer, but his ability to generate long cycles can still contribute to team success. His skating could benefit from improved edgework, and while his top speed is decent, he requires ample open ice to be most effective. Leppa's lack of an offensive ceiling might not make him a sexy pick, but his 200-foot approach and responsible penalty killing efforts won't go unnoticed. Continued development and the demonstration of increased offensive potential could further bolster his outlook, making him an intriguing prospect.

Leppa's compete level, physical play, and skills as a responsible two-way center could attract the attention of teams seeking a bottom-six player.

**159 RYAN FINE**

POS CENTER  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 5-7  
WEIGHT 177  
NHL CS 200 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	USA U18	NTDP	55	16	20	36	8

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	A	A	A	A

Fine is a natural goal scorer with a powerful shot, excelling at wrist shots from the slot and one-timers from the point on the power play. His ability to find open spaces between the dots for scoring opportunities, coupled with his knack for creating offense with clever passes, makes him a constant threat in the offensive zone. Fine's offensive prowess doesn't hinder his defensive play, as he actively recovers lost pucks and isn't afraid to put himself between shots and the net. His good understanding of the game is evident in his anticipation of plays and guidance to teammates through gestures while defending. Playing as a right winger, Fine demonstrates confidence when handling the puck, although his dynamism may not match that of top-tier prospects. His skating is strong yet unspectacular, with quick feet that allow him to play with pace. Fine's poise with the puck is apparent, as he holds onto it for an extra half-second before making plays, even when opponents close in on him. He maintains his composure and directs traffic with gestures, showcasing his confidence on the ice. Fine is adept at working the boards and is not afraid to crash the net or position himself in front of opposing goaltenders, although he may not find standout success in these areas. His defensive positioning can be inconsistent, occasionally neglecting his responsibilities by venturing too far into his own zone. While Fine may not possess elite-level skills, his comfort with the puck, confidence, and willingness to contribute in all areas of the ice make him a prospect worth monitoring.

Although Fine may not be one of the top prospects in his age group, his offensive potential could make him a sleeper pick in the 2023 draft.

**160 AUSTIN ROEST**

POS CENTER  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 5-10  
WEIGHT 175  
NHL CS 113 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	EVERETT	WHL	60	32	46	78	28

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
AA	A	A	A	A	AA

Roest has significantly improved over the course of the year, shifting from the periphery of the conversation to becoming a well-rounded two-way center with a cerebral approach to offense. His progress in effectively maneuvering in tight spaces and making an impact without getting overpowered is laudable. This development results from increased competitiveness and a more gritty approach to the game, all while maintaining his instinctive judgement for picking battles. His willingness to engage in physical contests leaves the defense off balance and echoes the success of undersized centers. His skating skills, marked by stability, explosive acceleration, and smooth strides in open space, provide a solid foundation. Despite lacking dynamism, Roest, in the offensive zone, displays versatility and astuteness. He maintains a composed demeanor with the puck, waiting for plays to develop and demonstrating vision to find teammates through compact passing lanes. His quick release enables him to exploit goaltenders when given excessive space by defenders. Roest is also recognized for a robust 200-foot game. He displays a high degree of activity and awareness in his zone, demonstrating above-average acceleration and a potential for further improvement in skating. His offensive zone intelligence is evident when choosing to make plays or chase deep chips during entries. However, Roest struggles to capitalize on numerous opportunities his diligent efforts afford him, highlighting the need to focus on his finishing skills.

Roest presents an intriguing prospect with the potential to become a dependable depth player who can seamlessly integrate into varying roles in the lineup.

**161 PRESTON LOUNSBURY**

POS CENTER  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 5-11  
WEIGHT 166  
NHL CS 187 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	MONCTON	QMJHL	58	11	17	28	18

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
AA	A	A	A	A	A

Lounsbury distinguishes himself as an adaptable forward, demonstrating consistent engagement, reliable work ethic, and a keen ability to participate actively in a game's progression. His responsible and focused approach to the game is reflected in his commitment to execute small but significant tasks effectively, contributing positively to overall team performance. A crucial element of Lounsbury's defensive strategy is his deep commitment to puck support, which he couples with his ability to follow well-planned skating routes. His speed is notable and is facilitated by an efficient stride, which he couples with strong edges and skillful use of straight-line cross-overs. This combination allows him to reach his top speed within a few strides and cover substantial ice stretches with relative ease. Furthermore, he demonstrates an admirable degree of positional versatility, moving from the middle to left with ease. In terms of his puckhandling, Lounsbury is proficient in navigating through the neutral zone and showcases maneuverability at top speeds. His skill set includes impressive stick work in close quarters, as exhibited by his ability to advance the puck to the net. Lounsbury may initially appear as an unexpected choice given his current status as a somewhat lesser-known prospect. However, his relentless work ethic and the exciting skill set that he pairs with his defensive accountability suggest that he is a prospect worth considering. Indeed, he may soon draw significant attention and consideration from scouts and teams alike.

Lounsbury will be a sought-after prospect offering value to teams seeking a versatile forward who combines defensive reliability with offensive agility.

**162 TOMAS SUCHANEK**

POS GOALIE  
CATCH LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-1  
WEIGHT 180  
NHL CS 9 NAG



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	MIN	GAA	SO	SV%
22-23	TRI-CITY	WHL	46	2618	3.05	1	.912

ATHL	POSN	READ	TRACK	RB CTR	TECHN
A	A	AA	A	A	HE

Suchanek, a hybrid-style goaltender, displays a notable assertiveness in challenging shooters on their initial attempt. This aggression, while often successful, can occasionally lead to overcommitment and put him out of position. His crease movement is strong and smooth, particularly evident when the puck moves from below his goal line into the slot. In such situations, he swiftly pushes to the top of his crease, effectively reducing the shooter's angle. However, this assertive movement can sometimes seem haphazard, giving the impression that he's not fully in control. Following an initial save, Suchanek may grapple with recovering and repositioning for subsequent saves if the rebound eludes him. With his average goaltender size, he struggles somewhat in tracking pucks from the point and can lose sight of the puck amidst traffic in front of him, contributing to rebound control issues. However, Suchanek's remarkable competitive spirit is commendable. Even when he finds himself out of position, his unwavering effort to block the puck is evident as he strives to intercept it with any part of his body or equipment. This tenacity, while impressive, does not entirely compensate for the areas of his game that need refinement. Predicting a goaltender's trajectory is notoriously challenging. As it stands, Suchanek projects most likely as a depth goaltender within an NHL organization, with the potential ceiling of a backup role. However, his development and performance thus far suggest that he may go undrafted again.

His competitiveness and commitment could turn him into an asset for a team willing to invest time and resources necessary to help him reach full potential.

**163 MELVIN WERSALL**

POS LEFT WING  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-0  
WEIGHT 158  
NHL CS 107 INT



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	DJURGARDEN	SWE JR.	31	14	9	23	26


SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
AA	A	A	A	AA	A

**Wersall is an impressive winger with a range of skills to offer, particularly his offensive awareness, creative mindset, playmaking, and puckhandling abilities. He constantly keeps his feet moving, maintaining a high pace and successfully beating defenders over short and long distances. Exceptional in changing direction and finding new angles, he effectively creates gaps to set up difficult passes or take shots on his own. Although Wersall prefers to find a decisive pass, it would be beneficial for him to shoot more when entering the offensive zone. Without the puck, he competes hard on both sides of the ice and does not shy away from physical challenges. His quick hands and great mobility allow him to slide through defenses, while his solid and hard-working two-way play makes him an asset to his team. However, Wersall could improve in the area of physical battle, as more power in his body would make him harder to stop. He is a dangerous player around the net, capable of shooting quickly and often, as well as setting up solid passes in small areas. Although not overly physical, he enjoys forechecking and pokechecking to win pucks from defenders. By working on his offensive toolbox, gaining more strength, and focusing on playing more straightforwardly, he could become an even more dangerous player. Challenging and pushing to get inside the defense to create more dangerous scoring chances would also benefit his overall performance. Wersall's development has been trending in the right direction, especially in his offensive skills.**

*Wersall, an unpredictable forward with a strong skill set, is an interesting prospect that'll require a team to invest in his continued growth and development.*

**164 BENJAMIN BRUNELLE**

POS RIGHT WING  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-3  
WEIGHT 188  
NHL CS 186 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	ROUYN-NORANDA	QMJHL	67	8	15	23	18

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
BA	A	A	A	A	AA

**Brunelle, a tall and lanky winger, possesses an extended reach that proves beneficial in closing in on puck-carriers and executing an effective forecheck deep within the offensive zone. Despite being a somewhat raw skater, his impressive work ethic shines through in his performance. With commendable speed and agility, Brunelle exhibits the capacity to navigate his way through the zone adeptly. His quick hands serve as a great asset, especially when extracting pucks off the wall and steering them into quality shooting areas closer to the net-front. His shot, characterized by a speedy release and a bit of zip, is certainly noteworthy. Unafraid of the physical game, Brunelle is willing to withstand a beating in front of the opposition's net in order to establish a screen or set up for tips. His ability to roll off defenders while keeping his stick free and ready for tips and rebounds demonstrates his adaptability and tenacity. His impressive short-range game is a standout, as he is able to rapidly close the 10-foot distance, dislodge pucks, and fiercely contend for possession. After adjusting to his first full season at this level, Brunelle exhibits considerable promise for future development. He showcases a keen understanding of his positioning on the ice and timing, which if coupled with consistent improvement in his skating, will likely catch the eye of more than one NHL team. The most probable trajectory for him would be to hone his skills in the minors before eventually contending for a bottom-six role with the parent club.**

*His current performance and potential for growth suggest he could become an asset in the right system with proper guidance and continued development.*

**165 HARPER BENTZ**

POS RIGHT WING  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 6-0  
WEIGHT 170  
NHL CS -



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	FARGO	USHL	53	2	11	13	2

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
HE	A	BA	A	BA	A

**Bentz has consistently demonstrated a commendable prowess in skating. His footwork is both quick and deft, which puts him among the top-tier prospects in the class. With exceptional speed and agility at his disposal, Bentz is well-equipped to apply formidable pressure on defenders. However, despite these notable strengths, there are areas where his game shows signs of faltering, most notably in his offensive strategies. Specifically, once Bentz gains possession of the puck, a clear uncertainty emerges, suggesting a need for further development in his overall game sense. Though his high-end speed and agility could be valuable in spearheading offensive plays, Bentz currently falls short in showcasing an ability to make sound decisions and distribute the puck effectively. Bentz was often dispossessed with relative ease, particularly when his progress as a speedy winger was hindered. There is a promising likelihood that he will develop and strengthen his game during his college years, which could help to mitigate some of the challenges that have been observed in his game thus far. Even though Bentz has shown some shortcomings, it remains paramount to acknowledge his exceptional skating, which holds considerable potential for the right NHL system. Bentz could potentially carve out a role as a third-line player who brings to the table a proficiency in areas such as puck retrieval and defensive play. The baseline performance expectation for Bentz is currently not particularly high, but the upside he brings is considerable.**

*Bentz is a player with high upside, solid foundational skills, and potential despite certain deficiencies that need to be addressed.*

**166 AUSTIN BURNEVIK**

POS RIGHT WING  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-4  
WEIGHT 199  
NHL CS 92 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	USA U17	NTDP	55	11	15	26	12

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
BA	BA	A	A	A	A

**Burnevik, a well-structured center with a notable physical frame, exhibits a certain level of adeptness with his handling skills, making him a player of interest. Despite some issues with skating, his size provides an advantageous offset, allowing him to stay competitive on the ice. He demonstrates the confidence and skill to engage opposing defensemen single-handedly, utilizing his dexterity to navigate through challenges. Nevertheless, the combined elements of Burnevik's speed and dexterity may limit the level of finesse in his play as he ascends into higher tiers of hockey. An observable factor in his offensive game is a consistent reluctance to occupy high-risk areas on the ice, often leading to long-distance shots with reduced chances of success. From a defensive standpoint, Burnevik's positioning often leaves much to be desired, with a tendency to position himself too high in his own zone, resulting in diminished effectiveness in disrupting opponents' plays. While his skating may appear passable from a distance, a closer examination reveals a lack of explosiveness in his stride, characterized by slow foot movement and subpar acceleration. It is evident that Burnevik's overall gameplay requires polishing, with multiple aspects that need to be addressed. With his existing set of skills and a considerable scope for development, he could emerge as a player of considerable interest for the if key improvements are made. Based on his current performance and potential for growth, Burnevik could project as a bottom-six center in the NHL.**

*As a rough diamond with room for considerable improvement, Burnevik presents an intriguing prospect for teams looking to invest in long-term potential.*

**167 SAWYER MYNIO**

POS DEFENSE  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-1  
WEIGHT 173  
NHL CS 62 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	SEATTLE	WHL	68	5	26	31	40


SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	A	A	AA	A

**Mynio has established himself as a competent, defensively-focused defenseman whose attention to detail and dedication to his role have led to significant success. His performance in the defensive zone is marked by precision and reliability, as he manages to consistently prevent high-danger scoring opportunities. His strategy hinges on maintaining tight neutral zone gaps, swiftly retrieving pucks, and facilitating their movement out of the defensive zone. Mynio's mobility enhances his defensive effectiveness, allowing him to maintain proximity to unfolding plays and serving as the first line of defense when the opposition encroaches upon his team's zone. Notably, Mynio exhibits a knack for engaging attackers, pressuring them into early decisions, and holds his own in physical skirmishes along the boards, despite not being particularly sizeable. His ability to absorb and navigate forechecks, while maintaining puck possession, speaks volumes about his combination of strength and agility. As for puck retrievals, Mynio is adept at using feints and spins to evade pressure. His defensive acumen and composure make him a valuable asset when it comes to protecting a lead. While his defensive skills are impressive, Mynio's offensive contribution is rather limited, apart from occupying open spaces and occasionally delivering powerful one-timers. His game is characterized by a well-paced, physical style of play that suggests potential for professional success. Despite offensive limitations, Mynio remains a dependable defenseman who rarely errs.**

*As it stands, Mynio's reliable defensive presence and potential for growth make him a viable late-round consideration.*

**168 TY HALABURDA**

POS CENTER  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 5-11  
WEIGHT 178  
NHL CS 89 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	VANCOUVER	WHL	66	21	16	37	12

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	A	A	AA	AA

**Halaburda is an intriguing forward who excels in many aspects of the game, even though he may not possess a singular standout trait. His greatest strength lies in his thinking and processing abilities on the ice, as he consistently keeps his head up, both with and without the puck, to identify threats or options. With a strong work ethic and relentless intensity, he is trusted in every scenario. His speed enables him to challenge the opposition effectively when they have the puck, and he is highly adept at presenting his stick as a passing option. Offensively, he demonstrates good instincts below the dots in the offensive zone and maintains an active, non-static positioning. Despite his lack of size and strength, Halaburda consistently makes micro-adjustments in posture and footwork to keep defenders off balance and create space for himself. He possesses the ability to change his shooting angle at the last second to get the puck through coverage, but needs to add strength and zip to his shot to become a more dangerous scoring threat. His lack of defining physical skillset or high-end creativity may limit his ability to generate offense. This raises concerns about his projection. Halaburda's advanced abilities in this area and his strong character make him a promising prospect, but his physical profile does not fit the mold of most lower-line players at the NHL level. With more of a lunch-bucket approach than high-end creativity, Halaburda has the potential to develop into a bottom-six, fourth-line role in the NHL.**

*His combination of game sense, effort, and intelligence make him worthy of consideration in the upcoming 2023 draft, albeit potentially in the later rounds.*



**169** EMMANUEL VERMETTE

POS LEFT WING  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-0  
WEIGHT 193  
NHL CS 121 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	CHICOUTIMI	QMJHL	58	17	22	39	45

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	BA	A	BA	A	A

Vermette distinguishes himself as a judicious and well-rounded player, possessing an impressive array of skills that consistently contribute to his performance on the ice. His skating mechanics are particularly noteworthy. His style, defined by distinct knee flexion and forceful leg extension, permits him to amass remarkable speed, a fact that becomes especially prominent when observing his swift and sudden strides in the neutral zone. Unselfishness is another element that sets Vermette apart. His intelligence in strategizing aids him in making intricate plays that afford his teammates greater operational time and space. This knack for understanding the dynamics of the ice and finding teammates with remarkable regularity underscores his value as a team player. However, there is a marked deficiency in creativity and control when he's on the offensive, entering the zone. Vermette's approach is characterized by a clear 'puck-to-the-net' mentality. His frequent ventures into the slot and his display of swift hands in the vicinity of the net are testament to this. Despite this, Vermette's performance as a shooter is subpar. Vermette does demonstrate a reliable defensive performance, particularly in his proactivity in challenging defenders at his blue line, thereby generating turnovers. Yet, he grapples with difficulties when tasked with removing the puck from his zone and occasionally falters in accurate positioning. These are issues that will require careful attention and refinement for him to thrive at higher competitive levels.

*With additional development and structure, Vermette shows promise to become a versatile player adept in a bottom-six role at the pro level.*

**170** YEGOR SIDOROV

POS LEFT WING  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-0  
WEIGHT 176  
NHL CS 81 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	SASKATOON	WHL	53	40	36	76	39

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	AA	BA	A	BA	A

Sidorov is a skilled player who has demonstrated significant improvements in size and strength. Despite these advancements, concerns about his game persist. He possesses pro-ready tools, including exceptional skating, stickhandling in space, and a powerful shot. As one of the more dangerous goal-scoring threats in the WHL when given time and space, he has the accuracy and velocity to score consistently and is especially lethal with a half-wall one-timer on the power play. However, Sidorov's offensive abilities often seem one-dimensional, and his impact on the game's progression is minimal. He struggles to utilize his teammates effectively, spends much of the game on the periphery, and displays apathy and disdain for defensive responsibilities. Sidorov's skating is a strength, as he exhibits a lengthy stride and smooth footwork in tight spaces, along with impressive hand skills that allow him to create time and space by quickly changing the attack angle. Despite these physical skills, he faces significant limitations due to his inability or unwillingness to venture into dangerous areas on the ice. Sidorov is frequently glued to the perimeter and lacks perseverance when dealing with physical contact, often choosing to pull up and create space with his hands rather than powering through. This predictability makes him easy to defend and undermines any potential skill or pace advantage. His lack of urgency and competitiveness has been a consistent issue, making it difficult to project his success at higher levels without substantial improvements.

*Sidorov remains a divisive prospect who will need to make significant strides in his overall game to reach his full potential.*

**171** ADAM ZIDLICKY

POS RIGHT WING  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-0  
WEIGHT 165  
NHL CS -



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	KITCHENER	OHL	32	4	8	12	25


SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
AA	A	AA	A	A	A

Zidlicky is an offensive-minded forward who demonstrates confidence with the puck and a penchant for generating offense. He has a fast-paced and agile skating style, with impressive four-way mobility that allows him to maintain speed while navigating through traffic. Zidlicky displays a keen awareness of each play and matches his opponents' pace effectively, sticking to them like glue. His ability to catch and release the puck is noteworthy, as is his effective use of crossovers to generate momentum. Despite his smaller stature, he shows strength on the ice, fending off defenders and exhibiting strong balance when controlling the puck. As a playmaker, Zidlicky excels in setting up his linemates for scoring opportunities and makes intelligent placements for passes or tipped plays to move the offense forward. His powerful snap shot has proven to be effective for scoring goals. However, Zidlicky's defensive game may need some improvement, as he appears to have a limited impact in his own end. While he fills lanes adequately and finishes checks, he occasionally looks for offensive opportunities by leaving the zone before a clear. Further, his defensive efforts may not be as consistent as his offensive contributions, which is an area he could develop further to become a more well-rounded player. Zidlicky's darting style of play, combined with his offensive prowess, potential as a scorer and playmaker, and his ability to adapt to various situations on the ice, make him an intriguing prospect in this class.

*As he continues to hone his skills, particularly in the defensive zone, Zidlicky's value as a prospect is likely to increase.*

**172** YOAN LOSHING

POS CENTER  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 5-10  
WEIGHT 165  
NHL CS -



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	MONCTON	QMJHL	57	33	30	63	32

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
AA	A	A	A	AA	A

Loshing is a dynamic offensive winger, renowned for his smooth skating and ability to generate offense while contributing defensively in all three zones. He maneuvers with agility and speed, using his quickness to find open spaces and create safe pass options for his linemates. His adept puck-handling and sudden give-and-go plays allow him to evade defenders and attack from any location on the ice. His shot is quick and accurate. Furthermore, Loshing is unafraid to engage physically, actively participating in scrums, battling in corners, and pressuring defenders to disrupt their possession. His offensive skills are bolstered by a lethal wrist shot and excellent playmaking ability, creating opportunities with strong, precise cross-ice passes. His transition game is commendable, owing to his peripheral vision and excellent hand-eye coordination. Defensively, Loshing is reliable, maintaining an active stick in the neutral zone to interfere with opposition plays and demonstrating good defensive zone positioning. His agility is underscored by his fluid footwork in all directions, using sudden stops and sharp edges to his advantage. Despite his offensive prowess, he often opts for long-range shots when other options may be more advantageous. Defensively, he could engage more actively in his zone, applying more pressure on opponents and improving his stick work. The only significant physical limitation appears to be his size. Loshing's potential is palpable, however. His combination of shooting, skating abilities, and playmaking skills suggests promise.

*Loshing's potential to develop into a middle-six offensive player who is defensively responsible makes him a noteworthy prospect for the draft.*

**173** THOMAS MILIC

POS GOALIE  
CATCH LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-0  
WEIGHT 179  
NHL CS 28 NAG



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	MIN	GAA	SO	SV%
22-23	SEATTLE	WHL	33	1964	2.08	4	.928

ATHL	POSN	READ	TRACK	RB CTR	TECHN
A	A	A	BA	A	A

Milic, a hybrid goaltender, employs a compact stance, keeping his arms close to his body. His agility ensures rapid, controlled movements within the crease, and he remains admirably square to the puck while moving laterally, seldom getting out of position by over-pursuing. His playing style, while not overly aggressive, allows him to maintain control of his movements as he doesn't need to traverse significant lateral distances. Milic's glove side is notably more refined than his blocker, and his rebound control on shots to his left side—regardless of the shot's height—is superior to his opposite wing. Occasionally, the angling of his blocker results in dangerous rebounds, although at times, he directs shots to corners adeptly. His shorter stature presents challenges when tracking the puck through traffic. While his puck-playing ability isn't extraordinary, he is skilled at halting rims and setting the puck up for his defensemen. Despite his junior career performance, concerns about Milic's physical tools persist. His height, listed generously at six feet, could deter some NHL teams, and his athleticism doesn't sufficiently alleviate these concerns. However, Milic's strengths lie in his mental processing, predictive skill, steadiness of thought, and competitiveness. These intangible facets, though harder to measure, could serve as his advantage. His track record of consistently outperforming more hyped and prototypical goaltending prospects for years suggests he may be an exception to the rule if given the chance to further his development under NHL watch.

*Despite his skills, Milic may find himself on the draft bubble again this year, given the abundance of goalies available in the later rounds.*

**174** EMIL PIENINIEMI

POS DEFENSE  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-2  
WEIGHT 170  
NHL CS 31 INT



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	KARPAT	FIN JR.	31	1	12	13	18

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	A	A	BA	A

Pieniniemi is a two-way defender with strengths in transitioning the puck up the ice and showcasing good offensive instincts. He demonstrates poise in the offensive zone, creating time and space for himself, although his decision-making on the power play has room for improvement. His skating is decent, enabling him to bring the puck up the ice from the defensive zone, but he has struggled under pressure in his own zone, sometimes appearing to panic and make poor decisions with the puck. Pieniniemi's stick work is impressive on the defensive side, utilizing it to poke pucks away and disrupt passing lanes. Offensively, he exhibits a strong understanding of game situations and adeptly makes the right decisions with the puck. His puck support on offense is very good, as he is constantly on the right spot at the blue line, unafraid to take shots, move the puck, or fake shots to create better opportunities. By improving the power and accuracy of his shot, he could create even more scoring chances. Defensively, his reach and stick work are notable, but he occasionally overplays, leading to vulnerabilities near the boards. Pieniniemi has been beaten with both physical play and quick changes of direction, indicating areas for improvement. To reach his potential as a modern two-way blueliner, he must develop quicker decision-making, especially during high-pressure situations. Improving physical play and shot strength will be crucial to Pieniniemi's growth as a player. Strengthening his one-on-one performance will enhance his appeal as a prospect.

*Pieniniemi's combination of offensive and defensive skills, along with his potential for further development, make him an interesting prospect to watch.*

**175 HUDSON THORNTON**

POS DEFENSE  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 5-11  
WEIGHT 180  
NHL CS 206 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	PRINCE GEORGE	WHL	68	23	51	74	41

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
BA	A	A	A	AA	A

**Thornton's game is characterized by an aggressive, attack-oriented mentality;** the moment he secures possession, he immediately seeks offensive opportunities, either by threading cross-ice passes to teammates or by taking the puck himself. However, concerns about his stride, which some regard as below average, and his size present potential obstacles to his transition to the NHL. Thornton's offensive acumen extends to quarterbacking the power play from the blue line, where he exhibits adept puckhandling and the ability to elude defenders with deceptive footwork and body language. His shots and passes demonstrate both power and precision. However, Thornton's defensive capabilities are somewhat hindered by short strides and questionable agility, which occasionally leave him flat-footed and vulnerable to attacks on the rush. His physical strength could potentially prove a disadvantage in physical battles. While he shows an understanding of defensive techniques and possesses commendable own-zone awareness, his actual ability to transition the puck out of his own zone remains a point of concern. His puck retrieval in his own end impresses, as does his sense of positioning, which provides his partners with a safe, easy option. However, to elevate his status as an all-around offensive defenseman, Thornton could benefit from increased strength and an improved shot from the point. Despite these areas for improvement, Thornton's offensive and defensive awareness hint at his potential to develop into a middle-pair blueliner.

*Strengthening his physicality to win puck battles and improving his shot could significantly boost Thornton's prospects moving forward.*

**176 JUSTIN GILL**

POS CENTER  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-1  
WEIGHT 190  
NHL CS 116 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	SHERBROOKE	QMJHL	68	44	49	93	41

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	A	A	AA	A

**Gill is a smart and poised player, whose approach to the game is characterized by patience and astute vision.** This allows him to accurately decipher unfolding action before initiating any calculated moves. Notably, his game is marked by powerful and effortless strides, enabling him to maintain an active presence and participation during gameplay. His balance on the ice is impressive, largely due to his proper stance and the ability to make abrupt stops without losing control. Gill possesses promising shooting abilities, particularly excelling in sneaky shots from a distance and masterfully executing a one-timer from the half-wall. These skills allow him to send the puck across the ice with notable strength and precision. However, despite his otherwise proficient puck control, he occasionally loses possession during critical zone entries. Gill has showcased his expertise at the faceoff dot, an attribute that has positioned him among the best in his league this season. He diligently supports defenders and is effective at covering the middle ice area, embodying defensive motivation. Despite these strengths, he can sometimes lose his bearings during the opponent's cycle play and may exhibit slower reaction times. In certain instances, Gill might come across as hesitant, favoring conservative strategies over riskier maneuvers. Nonetheless, his positioning on the ice is typically commendable. His track record with maintaining puck possession and successfully picking up passes has been inconsistent, yet he does not shy away from net-front battles.

*Despite some struggles, Gill's promising performance and the potential for development indicate that he could show positive returns on investment.*

**177 PETERIS BULANS**

POS DEFENSE  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-0  
WEIGHT 181  
NHL CS -



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	ACADIE-BATHURST	QMJHL	29	5	13	18	8

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	A	A	A	A

**Bulans is a raw defenseman displaying a combination of offensive and defensive skills.** As a player with a poised approach at both ends of the ice, he exits his zone calmly, utilizing the boards efficiently to distribute the puck. Defensively, Bulans showcases his steady approach and some decent offensive tools by playing both sides of special teams. This highlights his versatility and importance to his team. Although he possesses a long but slightly labored stride and does not exhibit elite speed, he is willing and able to skate the puck out of trouble from his own end, demonstrating better bursts over short ranges. He could improve his effectiveness in holding pucks in on attempted clears, and work on getting his wrist shot through from the point. Bulans' reads, anticipation, and aggressiveness are impressive, but there is room for growth in his defensive game to become fully reliable at both ends. As an offensive-minded player with a calm demeanor, Bulans excels in puck-moving and skating the puck out of trouble from his own end. While his explosiveness and lateral movements could benefit from improvement, his passing quality can be inconsistent. Generally, he finds teammates with simple feeds. Defensively, Bulans' contribution could be enhanced by scanning more frequently and being more aggressive and resolute in puck battles. Increasing his physical presence and putting more pressure on attackers would make him a more formidable defenseman. His skating, defensive awareness, and positioning need development, as does his physicality.

*With more experience and exposure, Bulans could refine his skills and become a promising NHL prospect, but only time will tell if he can reach his full potential.*

**178 JACOB STEINMAN**

POS GOALIE  
CATCH LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-0  
WEIGHT 185  
NHL CS -



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	MIN	GAA	SO	SV%
22-23	MONCTON	QMJHL	46	2485	3.09	3	.899

ATHL	POSN	READ	TRACK	RB CTR	TECHN
A	A	A	A	A	BA

**Steinman stands out with his proficient execution of the hybrid style, which is notably marked by his outstanding lateral mobility and lightning-quick reactions.** Emphasizing agility in every aspect of his play, Steinman is adept at executing quick hand and foot movements, showcasing his ability to maintain a composed demeanor even in the high-stakes pre-shot phase, thereby significantly contributing to his overall efficacy on the ice. He further strengthens his presence with superior puck-tracking abilities, displaying a calm and steady stance that underscores his position as a stronghold for his team. Steinman's technique in executing butterfly movements is characterized by finesse and precision, ensuring a consistently tight seal along the ice and a robust vertical seal when positioned against the posts. Another remarkable facet of his game is his competitive spirit. Steinman's unique ability to manage and deflect quality scoring opportunities, to effectively control rebounds, and to sequentially orchestrate impressive saves, sets him apart as a formidable goaltender. Moreover, his capacity to make critical saves in high-pressure situations, thereby causing significant shifts in game momentum, is a testament to his skills and strategic acumen. However, there is room for improvement in ensuring that he brings consistent performance. While Steinman might not currently be at the forefront of the scouting radar, his ongoing development trajectory and potential underscore his viability as a promising candidate.

*His talent and tenacity, combined with his potential for further growth, suggest that he could make a significant impact in the future of pro hockey.*

**179 ALBERT WIKMAN**

POS DEFENSE  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-1  
WEIGHT 191  
NHL CS 32 INT



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	FARJESTAD	SWE JR.	43	2	10	12	47

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	A	A	A	AA

**Wikman primarily focuses on a defense-first style of play but at times demonstrates intriguing potential as a two-way player.** He excels in the physical facets of hockey, demonstrating pronounced strength in key areas such as along the boards and right in front of the net, using his body effectively to maintain control. He showcases the adept ability to utilize his stick to dispossess opponents when they come within his reach, displaying a clear understanding of leverage and angles. However, a minor struggle he faces is his lack of anticipation, which can cause him difficulty when he needs to close the gap with opponents. When it comes to skating, Wikman's skills are adequate but don't stand out as extraordinary. He exhibits decent mobility and effective lateral movement, which are traits he employs while navigating around the blue line, thereby creating open passing and shooting lanes. However, he falls short in terms of exceptional speed on the ice, which might pose a challenge at higher levels of play. On the offensive side, Wikman's contributions tend to fluctuate, though he can demonstrate a level of offensive awareness. One of the areas where Wikman shines is his ability to maintain possession in his own end. He consistently manages successful zone exits, either through precise breakout passes or by personally carrying the puck over the red line. These elements of his game make him a viable asset. Despite his strengths, Wikman's lack of standout speed and anticipation could potentially hinder his transition to the NHL.

*Considering his defensive reliability, combined with flashes of two-way playing ability, makes him an interesting prospect in the later rounds.*

**180 ZACHARY SCHULZ**

POS DEFENSE  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-1  
WEIGHT 195  
NHL CS 96 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	USA U18	NTDP	44	0	7	7	48

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	A	A	A	A

**Schulz, a defense-first player, exhibits reliability and consistency on the ice, qualities that are underpinned by effective communication with his teammates.** His abilities shine in the defensive realm, where he often excels in guiding and directing forwards on their defensive assignments, demonstrating not just his understanding of the game but his capacity to share this understanding with others. A physical player, Schulz readily engages opponents with robust body checks, leveraging his strength to dispossess opponents and disrupt offensive flow. His skating ability is worth noting, with well-executed pivots allowing him to seamlessly adjust and engage with wide-attacking forwards. His agility enables him to match the speed of attackers, which contributes to his sturdy defensive presence. However, a minor weakness arises when he's under pressure in his own end; there's a tendency to hesitate before making a decisive move. Schulz's focus on the net-front when defending in his own end could also benefit from enhancement. Schulz typically adopts a less prominent role, more often than not, he isn't the go-to player to propel offensive plays during sustained possession or cycling periods. Despite this, Schulz's outstanding communication skills, commitment to physical play, and ability to pace his skating all position him as a trustworthy defenseman whose primary responsibilities lie in his own end. He might not stand out as a marquee player, but his steadiness and dedication to his defensive duties make him a valuable asset on any team.

*Schulz's comprehensive skills and work ethic render him a viable prospect for teams to consider in the 2023 draft.*

**181** JULIUS SUMPF

POS LEFT WING  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-1  
WEIGHT 176  
NHL CS -





YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	SALZBURG	AUT	23	9	9	18	4

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	A	A	A	A

Sumpf is a responsible two-way center with solid skills, excellent vision, and strong puck management. His game is well-suited for playing against more skilled teams, as he excels in both the offensive and defensive zones. He displays clever off-puck movements and is quick to support teammates during breakouts, either by playing deep or stretching the ice to create space. As a quality skater, Sumpf maintains excellent control in the neutral zone and demonstrates good hands and offensive vision when finding teammates with accurate passes. Sumpf's heads-up approach to the game is apparent in his ability to anticipate and make smart decisions. He is deceptively fast, with a smooth stride that enables him to glide up the ice, and shifts his balance well when attacking through the neutral zone. Effective as a playmaker, Sumpf supports his teammates in the offensive end and shines on the power play with strong puck control. He is also notable for his faceoff prowess and leadership on the ice, directing his teammates between stoppages. With good size and solid two-way abilities, Sumpf's defensive positioning is sound, forcing opponents to the outside and interrupting plays. He stays close to his check and engages physically along the boards. Offensively, Sumpf has displayed solid vision and puck control, but needs to work on his acceleration and agility to enhance his skating. Although he may lack an elite standout skill, his all-around abilities make him an attractive prospect to consider.

Despite the challenges he faces, Sumpf's potential as a reliable two-way player with a strong work ethic makes him a worthwhile prospect down the middle.

**182** PETER VESTERHEIM

POS CENTER  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 5-11  
WEIGHT 165  
NHL CS 73 INT





YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	MORA	SWE JR.	41	12	27	39	6

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	A	A	A	AA

Vesterheim is a skilled two-way center with great mobility and a strong work ethic, making him a valuable asset in all situations. His hockey sense, vision, and ability to make smart decisions both with and without the puck contribute to his overall effectiveness on the ice. Vesterheim is always in motion, ready to receive the puck and initiate an attack with quick, short passes or more complex cross-ice attempts. However, there are areas where he could improve, such as his acceleration and performance around his own net. His struggles with strength and power lead to lost battles, putting his team in difficult situations. With time and development, he could become a more potent threat by taking more shots and refining his physicality in skating and battles. As a center with a good motor, Vesterheim gets involved in all three zones, showcasing high awareness and maturity in his play. He excels at controlling situations with fast, smart decisions, whether making straightforward plays or executing more difficult actions. Offensively, he transports and protects the puck effectively, showing good vision and playmaking. Defensively, Vesterheim is fully committed to helping his defenders along the boards or in front of the net, serving as a reliable link between defenders and wingers. While he is not the fastest or most technical player, improving his puck control and edge around the net could enhance his scoring potential. Vesterheim's impression reveals a player with notable potential who needs further development to take his game to the next level.

While he may not be a top pick, Vesterheim demonstrated skills and a willingness to improve that make him a player to watch.

**183** TOMMASO DE LUCA

POS CENTER  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 5-11  
WEIGHT 178  
NHL CS 158 NA





YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	SPOKANE	WHL	65	16	33	49	50




SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	AA	A	A	A	AA

De Luca showcases an array of offensive strengths, De Luca is adept at wielding a forceful wrist shot with a rapid release, making him a formidable threat from a distance. His competence, however, extends beyond shooting abilities. Notably, he exhibits exceptional prowess off the rush. Although he may not possess top-tier speed, his agility and skillful puckhandling allow him to outwit defenders, effectively cutting towards the center of the ice. Upon successfully navigating to the net-front, De Luca's exceptional puck control comes to the fore. He has the capacity to swiftly elevate the puck in close proximity, often leaving goaltenders struggling to respond. In addition, De Luca's aptitude as a puck distributor cannot be understated. His top-notch vision and precise ability to thread the puck through tight spaces to his teammates are standout attributes. What sets De Luca apart is his exemplary work ethic paired with an intuitive understanding of the game. His strategic forechecking approach, primarily involving an active stick, equips him to intercept or disturb passes, thus facilitating his team's offensive turnarounds. On the defensive end, De Luca demonstrates commendable abilities, playing effectively along the walls and beneath his goal-line. His active stick is once again a crucial asset, enabling him to regain puck possession and swiftly advance it up the ice. Despite his impressive skill set, there is room for De Luca to incorporate a more physical dimension to his defensive game, as he can at times over-depend on his stick.

With his demonstrated abilities and continuous potential for growth, De Luca remains a compelling prospect in this draft class.

**184** MARCUS NGUYEN

POS RIGHT WING  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 5-10  
WEIGHT 172  
NHL CS -

YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	PORTLAND	WHL	66	23	23	46	64

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	AA	A	A	A	A

Nguyen is a forward known for his relentless puck-hound style, constantly using his excellent puckhandling skills to force the opposition into turnovers. He maintains his speed while moving up the ice, pushing defenders back and exploiting any openings with his lateral crossovers. In the offensive zone, Nguyen is a nuisance to opposing defenders below the goal line, going hard for every loose puck and using his low center of gravity to establish body position. Defensively, he excels along the wall, ensuring pucks are cleared while demonstrating a willingness to sacrifice his body in shooting lanes. Although Nguyen possesses a good wrist and snapshot, developing a more consistent scoring touch could improve his chances of becoming an NHL regular. In terms of skating, Nguyen's stride is powerful and he can pivot and transition his balance quickly, making him an effective forechecker and neutral zone player. He uses physicality effectively, finishing checks to slow opponents' pace and maintaining quality positioning. While not the most physically imposing or puck demanding player, he excels in numerous small aspects of the game, showcasing intelligence in team-style attacks, breakouts, and transition give-and-gos, as well as finding passing and shot angles from the half-wall. As a winger, Nguyen relies on his above-average speed to create chances off the rush and keep defenders guessing with lateral crossovers. His playmaking ability could be improved by holding the puck and allowing teammates to assist, leading to better opportunities, too.

Nguyen projects as a possible bottom-six forward in the NHL, with potential as a serviceable penalty killer due to his speed.

**185** ANGUS MACDONELL

POS CENTER  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 5-9  
WEIGHT 180  
NHL CS 142 NA





YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	MISSISSAUGA	OHL	64	29	12	41	92

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	A	A	A	AA

MacDonell is a center who demonstrates a strong understanding of how to use his skills effectively to limit opposition opportunities. He excels defensively and is known for his high work ethic. His ability to scan and evaluate oncoming plays, adjusting his positioning accordingly, contributes to his responsible play in his own end. MacDonell connects seamlessly with his defensemen, jumping in to assist them in battles and providing a quick outlet when needed. With poise and confidence when handling the puck, he directs traffic in his end using physical gestures, making him a reliable choice for penalty-killing duties. Although not a significant play-driver offensively, He is a solid skater who identifies lanes to join the rush. However, he could benefit from increased movement in the offensive zone, rather than solely parking himself at the net-front after arrival. In the defensive zone, his positioning and awareness are particularly apparent, and his physical play makes him a challenging opponent. MacDonell's defensive awareness and hard work shine. He proves difficult for opponents to track in the offensive zone, applying hard pressure on the opposition's defensemen during changes and consistently finishing his checks. His backchecking is relentless, giving forwards little time and always supporting his defensemen in rushes and board battles. MacDonell embodies the type of player that every team needs in their bottom lines to achieve success. His defensive prowess, relentless work ethic, and responsible play make him a promising prospect.

With continued development and refinement of his offensive contributions, MacDonell has the potential to be an even more valuable asset to future teams.

**186** DANIEL ALEXANDER JENCKO

POS CENTER  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-0  
WEIGHT 170  
NHL CS 110 INT





YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	MALMO	SWE JR.	41	11	12	23	6

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	A	AA	A	A

Jencko is a forward with intriguing tools and a puzzling overall game. He showcases quick hands and moves with frequency through the neutral zone, but could be more efficient in choosing routes and arriving on time at his destination. Possessing a decent release and good pace, his quick and accurate snap shot is noteworthy. Jencko's versatility allows him to play on both sides of special teams, highlighting his skill level and general awareness. Although he's not afraid to lay a hit along the boards defensively, he needs to improve boxing out and battling for space. By focusing more on intention and purpose, he could better support his teammates and open up passing lanes. As an offensive winger, Jencko's vision and puckhandling can open up tight defenses. He excels from the offensive blue line, displaying unpredictability and a knack for finding open shots. His quick wrist shot and ability to create chances on the power play make him a valuable asset. However, he needs to work on his tempo, as he maintains the same speed in almost every situation. Improvements in his strength and physical play would also benefit his overall game. There are many areas in which he must improve without the puck, too, such as his forecheck and backcheck intensity, board battle success, and overall defensive attitude. His offensive skills are not enough to compensate for his lack of interest on defense. Jencko has potential as an offensive-minded winger with intriguing skills, but he needs to address areas of improvement to be considered a strong pick.

By refining his defensive play, tempo, and overall intensity, he could become a more well-rounded prospect and garner more interest from NHL organizations.

**187 PAUL FISCHER**

POS DEFENSE  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-1  
WEIGHT 195  
NHL CS 58 NA




YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	USA U18	NTDP	48	4	15	19	14

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
BA	A	BA	BA	A	A

Fischer is a defenseman with several aspects of his game needing development, and although he doesn't excel in any particular area, he possesses some notable qualities. He needs to improve his positioning to better separate opponents from the puck, and although he has an active stick, he can be out-battled physically and sometimes finds himself on the wrong side of coverage during crease scrambles. Fischer's decision-making can be hesitant, especially when identifying which opponent to cover, and his skating ranks as average, with room to improve his edges and speed when skating backward. Despite these challenges, Fischer's long reach makes him an effective checker, and he battles hard along the boards for loose pucks. While his strides are long and slow, his overall mobility allows him to win races to pucks and occasionally jump-start a breakout. Fischer is not a great puck-carrier, but he often jumps up into the play to provide a passing option. He has a good release on his wrist shot and gets it off his stick quickly. Fischer's defensive play in his own zone is his strength, and he defends physically in front of his net, actively using his stick to steal pucks. He is also adept at protecting the puck, but his weaknesses emerge when defending against rushes, as he tends to focus too much on the puck and forget to cover his player. Improvements in his skating and decision-making could see Fischer develop into a bottom-pairing defender who can shut down opposing lines, however, his limited upside makes it difficult to nail his projection.

*By focusing on his defensive play and addressing areas for improvement, Fischer may increase his chances of carving out a minor role in the NHL.*

**188 KRISTIAN KOSTADINSKI**

POS DEFENSE  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-5  
WEIGHT 214  
NHL CS 62 INT





YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	FROLUNDA	SWE	43	2	8	10	69

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
BA	A	A	BA	AA	AA

Kostadinski is a defenseman of imposing physical presence, excelling in his defensive responsibilities and consistently asserting dominance in his own zone. His considerable size and strength serve as central assets in his defensive play, enabling him to deploy a physical style that disrupts opponents effectively. Kostadinski's sense of anticipation is commendable, and his superior positioning skill facilitates the breaking up of opposing attacks and the initiation of turnovers. His extended reach, coupled with an unyielding tenacity, make him a formidable one-on-one opponent. His readiness to engage in battles on the ice is an undeniable asset. Kostadinski stands out beyond regular play as well, making a name for himself as a reliable and gritty penalty killer. His high level of determination and courage is evident in these high-pressure situations, reinforcing his reputation as a sturdy, dependable defenseman. However, it's important to note that Kostadinski's offensive capabilities currently lag behind his defensive prowess. His control over the puck, while adequate, lacks the finesse and vision necessary to pose a significant threat during transitions. Enhancing his puckhandling and vision could make Kostadinski a more formidable two-way threat. An area of concern for Kostadinski is his mobility. His defensive strength could be challenged by swift, agile forwards. Improving his mobility should thus be a priority in his developmental journey. Overall, Kostadinski is a player who excels in his defensive role, though his offensive skills are yet to be fully developed.

*Kostadinski could mature into a robust two-way threat, contributing substantial defensive solidity and depth to any team lucky enough to secure him.*

**189 KALEM PARKER**

POS DEFENSE  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 6-0  
WEIGHT 192  
NHL CS 93 NA





YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	VICTORIA	WHL	68	6	32	38	64

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
AA	A	A	A	A	A

Parker has shown significant progression this season in all situations. His skating has continued to improve, and the fluidity of his stride complements his preferred style as a roving, two-way presence. This season, his enhanced mobility has allowed him to translate this style to higher levels more effectively. His counterattacks are purposeful, and he demonstrates a comfort level venturing deep into the offensive zone that many defenders lack. As an offensive catalyst, his puck movement is patient and unpredictable, drawing opponents in and then punishing their over-aggressiveness with well-placed passes. However, there are questions about whether his offensive creation talent can remain effective at higher levels. On the defensive end, Parker is commendably committed and not solely an offensive player. He understands his responsibilities when off-puck, although his execution can be improved. His aggressive intentions are commendable but can be ineffective due to his lack of strength. His tendency to puck watch can also lead to him losing position. What stands out in Parker's game is his quick adjustment to plays, made possible by his fluid skating. His turns, edges, cuts, and forward strides allow him to gain ground in almost every situation. As he adds more power to his skating, he should be able to carve out more consistent plays off the rush as he exhibits strong engagement defensively. His potent wrist shot from the point and ability to hold or delay for a prime shooting path further enhance his offensive threat.

*With his solid fundamentals, Parker consistently impresses, making him a noteworthy prospect despite the fact that his path to the NHL may be a long one.*

**190 AXEL LANDEN**

POS DEFENSE  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 6-1  
WEIGHT 185  
NHL CS 44 INT





YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	HV71	SWE JR.	44	10	6	16	47

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	A	A	A	A

Landen is a defensively strong, right-shot defenseman who can play on both sides but typically operates on the right. Known for his power, determination, and physicality, Landen effectively pressures attackers, reducing their time with the puck through an active stick and good gap control. In front of the net, he is a persistent nuisance, lifting sticks and engaging in pushing and shoving. With a strong work ethic, he capitalizes on every shift, proudly wearing an "A" on his chest for Sweden. Landen's skating is fluid, maintaining momentum to achieve good positioning even at higher paces. He uses his skating to create open shooting lanes for his wrist shot and rarely turns the puck over. While not a playmaking defenseman, he possesses a solid breakout pass. However, his offensive contributions should not be overestimated, as he prefers a simple play style. Faster decision-making with the puck would be a beneficial improvement for Landen. As an all-round defenseman, Landen's aggressive style is well-suited for shutting down opponents in his end. His mid-zone and own-zone game is assertive, pressuring puck carriers effectively. When he has the puck, he often moves it forward with quick, accurate passes and looks for empty areas to receive the puck back. Though a decent puck handler, his playmaking abilities are limited during breakouts or transitions, and his decision-making needs further development. Landen's performance on the ice demonstrates potential, but he must continue to refine his technical skills and hockey sense.

*Although it is uncertain whether Landen will be selected in the 2023 draft, his overall performance and potential make him an interesting prospect to watch.*

**191 HUGO PETTERSSON**

POS LEFT WING  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 6-0  
WEIGHT 180  
NHL CS 61 INT





YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	HV71	SWE JR.	45	12	15	27	2

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
BA	A	A	A	A	AA

Pettersson, an energetic winger, plays with high intensity regardless of his position on the ice. He displays quick, mobile skating with impressive frequency, making directional changes and challenging defenses with ease. With good balance and smooth hands, he demonstrates strong puckhandling skills and quick decision-making. In his own zone, Pettersson showcases a high work ethic, covering shots and maintaining a positive attitude. Despite his energy, he can occasionally be non-present in offensive aspects and could benefit from taking more initiative when the puck isn't on his stick. Although his size isn't an issue, gaining strength would increase his effectiveness and power. Pettersson possesses goal-scoring potential, complemented by a solid shot and an ability to create space for himself and others in the offensive zone. His skating, however, is considered average in some elements, but his frequency and edges stand out. Defensively, Pettersson performs his role effectively, backchecking and making smart decisions with the puck. In the offensive zone, Pettersson's creative mindset and unpredictable delivery make him a valuable asset. His passing skills are commendable, often finding teammates with precision. Around the net, Pettersson is a dangerous presence with a powerful wrist shot that can score from various angles. He possesses a unique ability to find and secure the puck in tight situations. He could also be more involved in the overall game, as he can occasionally be invisible when the puck isn't in the offensive zone.

*Although his offensive skills are eye-catching, it remains unclear if they are sufficient for a guaranteed selection in the 2023 draft.*

**192 QUENTIN MILLER**

POS GOALIE  
CATCH LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-2  
WEIGHT 183  
NHL CS 11 NAG





YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	MIN	GAA	SO	SV%
22-23	QUEBEC	QMJHL	20	1082	2.11	2	.911

ATHL	POSN	READ	TRACK	RB CTR	TECHN
A	A	A	A	BA	A

Miller is an efficient goaltender with good mobility and the ability to move around his crease quickly while following the play as the puck moves across the zone. He reads the attack well, actively tracks pucks, and challenges shooters by coming well outside the blue paint. Tall in his butterfly, Miller seals the ice effectively on plays in tight or when dealing with bouncing pucks around the crease. His fast legs can flare out to take away low shots, and his blocker control is adept at steering pucks toward the corner. As a patient goaltender, Miller displays calmness when facing shooters, boasting good edges and speed. His post-to-post movement is smooth, and his accurate entry and exit from the posts demonstrate his technical prowess. With a tall stance, he achieves powerful lateral movements, and his ability to cut down angles and retreat to either post is impressive. Miller holds his feet well and handles routine shots confidently, although he may struggle with more dangerous chances. His positioning and play tracking are generally good, but there's room for improvement in rebound control, as pucks occasionally linger around the crease on saveable shots. While Miller's hands are good, they could be more active, as they currently indicate a blocking style rather than reactionary save selections. When playing the puck, he is most effective when keeping things simple. Although he demonstrates a sound foundation, Miller requires more refinement in his glove hand and should either kick more pucks away from the net or have the puck stick to him.

*It is difficult to pinpoint exactly where Miller fits in the goalie class, but he could reward a patient team willing to bet on his promising potential.*

**193** VILMER ALRIKSSON

POS LEFT WING  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-6  
WEIGHT 214  
NHL CS 94 INT



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	DJURGARDEN	SWE JR.	43	12	9	21	22

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	A	A	A	AA

**Alriksson is a powerful and strong winger** who makes it difficult for opponents to find creative opportunities due to his impressive size and physical attributes. These advantages enable him to win physical battles and maintain good skating ability, allowing him to gain speed over longer distances. Combined with his strength and courage, Alriksson becomes a force in front of the goal and when competing for rebounds. His reach is useful in covering and protecting his areas, hindering opponents' creativity. A strong competitor in both directions of the game, he has a decent shot, and his intelligence and mindset put him in good positions to score goals from rebounds or shots. However, Alriksson needs to improve his puck-handling and decision-making when the tempo of the game increases, as he lacks the creative vision required to excel in these areas. An annoying forward to play against, his big body frame limits opponents' time for creativity, and he can cover long distances with relatively high speed. With a lot of strength and power in his play, Alriksson is aggressive, often taking positions in front of the goal to set screens, deflect shots, or grab rebounds. Hard to move, he is an asset around the net and along the boards. Working hard both ways, Alriksson contributes on defense by finishing situations, but his play with the puck is an area that requires evaluation moving forward. He lacks vision and creativity to make unpredictable plays in general. Continued development of his puckhandling abilities may improve his chances of being selected in the draft.

*While Alriksson has some defensive skills that are appealing, his offensive weaknesses are significant, and his full potential may be unclear.*

**194** ROMAN KUKUMBERG

POS LEFT WING  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-1  
WEIGHT 183  
NHL CS 56 INT



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	BRATISLAVA	SVK	18	0	1	1	2

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
AA	A	A	A	A	HE

**Kukumberg is a versatile forward with a** balanced skillset, solid skating abilities, and good size. He demonstrates strong positioning and competes in all three zones, providing support to defenders during breakouts. Kukumberg plays with grit, fearlessly entering corners and establishing a net presence. Physically, he is relatively strong and adept at delivering hits. He showcases a scoring drive, finding space in the neutral zone, making accurate pass receptions, and driving the puck straight to the net. In the offensive zone, Kukumberg exhibits good vision, imagination, and puck protection skills, using his strong hands and balance on his skates to draw defenders and create opportunities for his teammates. Kukumberg makes an impact all over the ice, proving to be a dual threat in front of the net and playing both power play and penalty kill roles. He demonstrates quick feet, impressive edgework, and good route selection, making himself an easy option for the puck carrier. He maintains control of the puck, displays good skills in tight spaces, and exhibits determination. His accuracy in picking corners may be lacking, too. Defensively, Kukumberg scans and maintains a good position, showing a strong forecheck and backcheck in games. Although he is a mobile skater with two-way potential and some noteworthy skills, he is not without areas for improvement. His body positioning and puck protection could be better, and his stickhandling occasionally falters. Additionally, he may be too passive at times, not scanning enough or puck-watching.

*Despite shortcomings, his overall potential and development make him an interesting player to watch, even if his current skills may not place him at draft level.*

**195** ALEXANDER HELLNEMO

POS GOALIE  
CATCH LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-2  
WEIGHT 183  
NHL CS 1 INTG



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	MIN	GAA	SO	SV%
22-23	SKELLEFTEA	SWE JR.	23	1374	2.31	2	.916

ATHL	POSN	READ	TRACK	RB CTR	TECHN
A	BA	BA	BA	A	A

**Hellnemo plays an athletic hybrid style,** relying on smooth crease movements and arriving early at save locations. Boasting good athleticism, he can turn away shots to the lower portion of the net and direct pucks away from danger with quick pads. Hellnemo has a good glove and moves well when maintaining a tall posture in his butterfly stance. However, his tracking ability needs improvement, as he struggles to re-establish visual attachment after losing sight of the puck, making it difficult for him to read player movements and zone locations to predict the point of attack. Hellnemo appears smaller than listed in the crease and has difficulty dealing with net-front traffic and battling for his ice. Sometimes not set for shots, he is late to close holes through his body, necessitating future development in building the strength to handle the physical rigors of staying on pucks and battling opponents. Hellnemo's fast post-to-post movement can surprise with saves he otherwise shouldn't make, but this is offset by some positional deficiencies where he may be square to the shooter but off-angle. Hellnemo utilizes his decent size well in the butterfly, keeping his shoulders high when down on the ice. His spread-out stance compacts when preparing to make saves, and he effectively absorbs shots towards his center mass with good angles and centering. He moves efficiently around the blue paint, however his hands lack fluidity when stopping the puck. His rebounds on low shots can be sloppy, too, as he doesn't use his stick effectively to direct shots.

*Hellnemo may draw interest from organizations seeking to develop a goalie with a solid athletic foundation but still requiring tactical refinement.*

**196** GUSTAF KANGAS

POS CENTER  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-0  
WEIGHT 172  
NHL CS -



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	VASTERAS	SWE	27	7	13	20	2

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
BA	A	BA	A	A	A

**Kangas is a versatile forward with some** areas in his game that need improvement for a successful NHL career. Though a touch slow from a standstill, his awkward stride doesn't significantly affect his top-end speed. However, he was caught cheating and jumping his route from defense to offense, which may raise questions about commitment and decision-making abilities. In the offensive zone, he can sense passing lanes but struggles to generate possession and production. Kangas displays intelligence in the offensive zone, delivering surprising passes and causing confusion near the net. He can be outbattled in front, though, but additional strength, particularly lower-body, can remedy this. He is skilled at sensing rebounds and supporting teammates on rushes. He stays on the puck and protects it well because of his stability, even in corners. His skating does require improvement, however, as his first steps struggle to keep pace with top players in his age group. A straight-line forward, he has a hard wrist shot but could add some snap to his release. In his own zone, he plays physically along the boards and serves as a smart link between defenders and wingers. However, he can be caught standing still, making it difficult to face quicker opponents. With activity in his feet, this issue can be mitigated, but it remains an area for improvement. He is a tough, energetic forward who plays with power and challenges opponents when he has the puck. Kangas' offensive cunning could make him an appealing choice for an organization.

*With the right development, Kangas has potential and could become an interesting prospect with the potential to outpace his draft stock.*

**197** ADAM CEDZO

POS LEFT WING  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 5-10  
WEIGHT 163  
NHL CS 78 INT



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	TRINEC	CZE JR.	39	23	23	46	31

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	BA	A	A	BA

**Cedzo is an offensive-minded forward** with a goal-scoring mentality and impressive puck skills. He excels in finding soft areas of coverage to unleash his shot, using a variety of shot types to challenge netminders. His stickhandling abilities are strong, allowing him to control defenders' feet and create scoring chances for himself. Although undersized, Cedzo compensates with smooth, practical skills and quick skating that enable him to join the rush play with pace. However, his playmaking abilities are somewhat basic, and he sometimes focuses too much on using his shot, passing up open opportunities. Defensively, Cedzo is reliable, making good reads, getting in lanes, and helping to move the puck out of the defensive zone. His speed and acceleration are above average, but he occasionally struggles to separate with his skating, resulting in arriving late on some plays. Cedzo's vision of the ice and playmaking skills show promise, but his passes don't always hit their target or are easily handled by teammates. Additionally, his puck management in the neutral zone can be questionable. This skilled, offensive-minded forward is reliable in all three zones, possessing a scoring touch, good shot, and solid ideas for setting up teammates. However, he needs to develop significantly in some areas to be considered for the 2023 draft. His stickhandling skills are outstanding, and his small-area skating ability complements his puck control. Cedzo is aware of his position in the defensive zone and can play in all three zones, making him a potential prospect of note.

*Improvements are needed in puck management, playmaking tendencies, and strength inside contact for him to be a well-rounded pro player.*

**198** WILLE JOHANSSON

POS CENTER  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 5-10  
WEIGHT 170  
NHL CS -



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	FARJESTAD	SWE	41	2	11	13	12

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
BA	A	A	BA	HE	AA

**Johansson is a small, defensive-minded** center with fantastic awareness and understanding of the game, especially in defensive situations. He exhibits a high work ethic and intensity in his actions, never leaving his defenders on their own and taking responsibility all over the rink. As a decent passer, Johansson sets up his wingers with accurate, hard passes and demonstrates great instincts for when to hold onto or pass the puck. His decision-making is fast and often accurate. As a two-way center, he frequently finds open areas to be playable in and knows how to transport the puck forward. Although not the biggest or strongest player, he still manages to play great defense across all three zones. Johansson excels in penalty kill situations, covering horizontal passing lines and keeping opponents' sticks tied up. He also shows courage by blocking even the hardest slap shots. However, there are areas where he needs improvement. His strength will likely increase with time, but he should also work on developing his skating skills, as he sometimes struggles to support rushes due to being too slow. Additionally, his puckhandling skills are not sufficient. Despite his heady play overall, he needs to create more opportunities and take more decisive actions, as he currently does not generate many scoring chances on his own. Enhancing his finesse and crispness in the offensive zone will be crucial in the coming years. Despite these areas for improvement, Johansson's intelligence and understanding of the game make him an interesting candidate.

*While it is uncertain he will be selected, Johansson's potential and defensive prowess could make him a worthwhile pick for a team willing to take the chance.*

**199** ISAC HEDQVIST

POS CENTER  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 5-9  
WEIGHT 158  
NHL CS 112 INT



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	LULEA	SWE JR.	41	14	20	34	38

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	AA	A	A	A

Hedqvist is a forward with a strong affinity for puck control, showcasing high-level puckhandling and creativity that makes opponents vulnerable in the offensive zone. His vision, smoothness with the puck, and ability to deceive opponents by quickly changing direction while skating are stand-out qualities. Additionally, Hedqvist's deceptive play style keeps adversaries guessing whether he will shoot or find an open pass for a teammate's scoring opportunity. He plays a crucial role in his team's power play, frequently making a difference from the left circle. Defensively, Hedqvist's performance is a mixed bag. He reads the game well and is often positioned correctly, anticipating turnovers effectively. He can play with an aggressive edge, battling along the boards and delivering hits to assert his presence. However, his strength is somewhat lacking when faced with increased tempo and physical play. Hedqvist's skating abilities are not subpar, but he needs to improve both acceleration and maintaining speed over longer distances. As a smart, technically skilled center, Hedqvist demonstrates excellent hockey sense when handling the puck. He moves well in the offensive zone and sets himself up in playable positions for teammates to find. Quick with both his hands and head, Hedqvist navigates through trafficked areas with ease and remains calm under pressure. While his shot could use some refinement, his overall decision-making is at a high level. Hedqvist, who can play multiple forward positions, is a versatile option for teams to consider.

*With continued development in size and strength, Hedqvist has the potential to be a valuable offensive center in the later rounds of the draft.*

**200** KALLE CARLSSON

POS CENTER  
SHOOT LEFT  
HEIGHT 6-0  
WEIGHT 172  
NHL CS 136 INT



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	OREBRO	SWE JR.	44	11	24	35	26

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
A	A	AA	AA	A	A

Carlsson is a highly intelligent and creative center with excellent decision-making skills and a high hockey IQ. His offensive awareness and patience allow him to execute advanced passes and capitalize on open areas on the ice. As a strong playmaker, Carlsson controls the puck and creates scoring opportunities for his team. His puckhandling and ability to transport the puck through traffic make him a valuable asset on the ice, and his adaptability allows him to play multiple roles in various game situations. Carlsson is also a solid link between defenders and wingers, helping his teammates in all three zones. In his own zone, he demonstrates good energy, work ethic, and awareness, finding the right areas to protect and cover. Although not the strongest player, he plays with physicality and aggression when necessary. Carlsson's size and strength are areas of concern, as they affect his defensive performance and ability to compete in physical battles. His speed, positioning, and effectiveness in solving problems are also areas that need improvement. While Carlsson's best tools lie in the offensive parts of the game, he could benefit from being more desperate in the offensive zone and taking more shots or crashing the net more often to create scoring chances. He has the potential to be a dynamic center in the future if he continues to work on his strength and skating. His smart, reliable two-way play and adaptability make him an intriguing option for teams looking to add depth and versatility to their roster.

*Carlsson could become a valuable player in the NHL, contributing his creativity, intelligence, and skill set to the team that selects him in the draft.*

**201** VOJTECH PORT

POS DEFENSE  
SHOOT RIGHT  
HEIGHT 6-2  
WEIGHT 168  
NHL CS 172 NA



YEAR	TEAM	LEA	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
22-23	EDMONTON	WHL	46	4	13	17	14

SKATE	SHOT	PLAY	PUCK	SENSE	COMP
BA	AA	A	AA	A	A

Port demonstrating an inventive offensive style distinguished by creativity and mental adaptability. Always keenly aware of his options, he exhibits exceptional poise, persistently retaining the puck until a highly advantageous opportunity arises. His intentions are masterfully concealed as he demonstrates the flexibility to adapt his decisions dynamically. Port showcases the ability to twist his torso to maintain engagement with the play, while adeptly incorporating hesitations and stutter steps to buy himself time. Believing in Port's offensive potential seems warranted as it appears he is just beginning to explore his full capability. As his confidence grew, so did the display of his superior skills akin to elite offensive defensemen in the league. Port possesses superior hands compared to most defenders, a keen sense of timing for joining the play, a soft touch on his passes, and a powerful shot. In terms of defense, Port is still honing his skills, although he demonstrates a solid understanding of the play and confronts attackers early. However, once the play is established in his zone, he becomes less effective. Despite his considerable size, he sometimes struggles to separate attackers from the puck. Addressing this lack of strength is a priority for his development, but his frame suggests additional muscle. A critical area for improvement is his skating ability. Port's stride, affects his separation speed. He often finds it challenging to evade pressure on the back end, and if he starts in the defensive zone, he can be overwhelmed from a possession standpoint.

*There is evident professional potential in Port's game, and the progression in his first North American season signals promise and sleeper potential.*

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