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2020 NHL DRAFT GUIDE

TOP 50 PROSPECTS

(+12 HONORABLE MENTIONS)



Welcome to my 4th annual Draft Guide!!!

As always, just want to highlight that these are my Top-50 prospects for this year's draft as I see them. I expect that many will read this and disagree with my rankings because it generally doesn't match-up with the consensus. I can only say that "I call 'em, like I see 'em" and I'm not about to rank a player higher because it's the popular opinion. With some players, I just don't see it for a variety of reasons... they may still end up very good NHL players.

The 2020 Draft – The Revenge of the 5'10" skilled forward!!!!

The 2020 Draft has a lot of very good prospects but personally, I don't think it's as good as last year's edition where there was first round talent overflowing well into the second round. I find that after the first 20 or so players, there's a drop-off with a lot of 'hit or miss' prospects and I can see teams being all over the board on some guys. As always, the Top-10 is very strong and the next 10 are pretty good but after that it seems to kind of dry up. Curiously, with this draft in particular I find that there are quite a few 5'10" (or so) highly-skilled, left-hand shot forwards that are there for the taking.

Player Height & Weight

Player height & weight were taken from the NHL Central Scouting's Final Rankings.

My Favourites / Underrated / Darkhorse

Players that are highlighted in **blue** are 'my favourites' and generally it means that I think they are ranked too low. I believe that they are going to develop into NHL players in some capacity or have a better chance than some think. Those are the players that I find are underrated and should probably be picked higher than the consensus has them slotted. For the rest of the players, some I like and some maybe not as much. In those cases, I can usually make an argument on both sides of the fence why they would end up translating to the NHL or why they won't.

Specifically this year, with all that's going on in the world – writing this draft guide was a challenge. I wasn't even sure if I was going to be doing one this year but I managed to get through it and I hope you enjoy it!

Cheers!

- Phil Morin

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2020 NHL DRAFT – TOP 50 PROSPECTS

(PLAYERS IN BLUE DENOTES : FAVOURITES / UNDERATED / DARKHORSE)

#	NAME	COMPARABLE	UPSIDE	FLOOR
1	<u>Alexis Lafrenière, LW</u>	Taylor Hall	Franchise Scoring Winger	Top Line Scoring Winger
2	<u>Quinton Byfield, C</u>	Anze Kopitar	Top Line Playmaking Center	Top Line Playmaking Center
3	<u>Tim Stützle, C</u>	Elias Pettersson	Top Line Playmaking Center	Top Line Playmaking Center
4	<u>Yaroslav Askarov, G</u>	Andrei Vasilevskiy	Franchise Goaltender	Starting Goaltender
5	<u>Alexander Holtz, RW</u>	David Pastrnak	Top Line Goalscoring Winger	2 nd Line Goalscoring Winger
6	<u>Lucas Raymond, LW</u>	Travis Konecny	Top Line Offensive Winger	2 nd Line Offensive Winger
7	<u>Anton Lundell, C</u>	Brayden Schenn	Top Line Two-Way Center	2 nd Line Two-Way Center
8	<u>Hendrix Lapierre, C</u>	Ryan O'Reilly	Top Line Two-Way Center	2 nd Line Two-Way Center
9	<u>Jamie Drysdale, RD</u>	Kris Letang	Top Pairing Offensive Defenceman	#3 Offensive Defenceman
10	<u>Cole Perfetti, LW</u>	Jake Guentzel	Top Line Goalscoring Winger	2 nd Line Goalscoring Winger
11	<u>Marco Rossi, C</u>	Kevin Fiala	Top Line Playmaking Center	2 nd Line Playmaking Center
12	<u>Jake Sanderson, LD</u>	Josh Morrissey	Top Pairing Two-Way Defenceman	#4 Two-Way Defenceman
13	<u>Tyson Foerster, RW</u>	Filip Forsberg	Top Line Scoring Winger	2 nd Line Scoring Winger
14	<u>Jake Neighbours, LW</u>	Gabriel Landeskog	Top Line Power Forward	3 rd Line Power Forward
15	<u>Jérémie Poirier, LD</u>	Thomas Chabot	Top Pairing Offensive Defenceman	#4 Offensive Defenceman
16	<u>Kaiden Guhle, LD</u>	Travis Sanheim	Top Pairing Two-Way Defenceman	#4 Two-Way Defenceman
17	<u>Connor Zary, C</u>	William Karlsson	2 nd Line Two-Way Center	3 rd Line Two-Way Center
18	<u>Jack Quinn, RW</u>	Tyler Toffoli	2 nd Line Goalscoring Winger	3 rd Line Goalscoring Winger
19	<u>Seth Jarvis, RW</u>	Tyler Johnson	2 nd Line Offensive Forward	3 rd Line Offensive Forward
20	<u>Rodion Amirov, LW</u>	Mike Hoffman	2 nd Line Offensive Winger	3 rd Line Offensive Winger
21	<u>Femil Viro, LD</u>	Devon Toews	#3 Two-Way Defenceman	#5 Depth Defenceman
22	<u>Dawson Mercer, RW</u>	Kyle Turris	2 nd Line Offensive Winger	3 rd Line Offensive Winger
23	<u>Helge Grans, RD</u>	Rasmus Ristolainen	#3 Offensive Defenceman	#5 Depth Defenceman
24	<u>John-Jason Peterka, RW</u>	Jake Debrusk	2 nd Line Two-Way Winger	3 rd Line Two-Way Winger
25	<u>Dylan Holloway, LW</u>	Nick Foligno	2 nd Line Power Forward	3 rd Line Power Forward
26	<u>Ryan O'Rourke, LD</u>	Esa Lindell	#3 Two-Way Defenceman	#6 Depth Defenceman
27	<u>Jacob Perreault, RW</u>	Sam Reinhart	2 nd Line Goalscoring Winger	4 th Line Utility Winger
28	<u>Ridly Greig, LW</u>	Andrew Coglianò	3 rd Line Two-Way Winger	4 th Line Utility Winger
29	<u>Jan Bednar, G</u>	Robin Lehner	Starting Goaltender	Back-up Goaltender
30	<u>Thomas Bordeleau, LW</u>	Max Domi	2 nd Line Playmaking Winger	3 rd Line Playmaking Winger
31	<u>Ty Smilanic, C</u>	Chris Tierney	2 nd Line Two-Way Forward	3 rd Line Two-Way Center
32	<u>Braden Schneider, RD</u>	Matt Niskanen	#3 Two-Way Defenceman	#6 Depth Defenceman
33	<u>Justin Barron, RD</u>	Damon Severson	#3 Two-Way Defenceman	#6 Depth Defenceman
34	<u>Alex Laferriere, RW</u>	Kyle Palmieri	2 nd Line Two-Way Winger	3 rd Line Two-Way Winger
35	<u>Sam Colangelo, RW</u>	Jake Virtanen	2 nd Line Power Forward	3 rd Line Power Forward
36	<u>Brendan Brisson, C</u>	Alex Galchenyuk	2 nd Line Goalscoring Center	AHL Call-Up
37	<u>Mavrik Bourque, C</u>	Sam Gagner	2 nd Line Offensive Forward	4 th Line Utility Forward
38	<u>Lukas Cormier, LD</u>	Will Butcher	#4 Puck-Moving Defenceman	#6 Depth Defenceman
39	<u>Alexander Pashin, RW</u>	Mats Zuccarello	2 nd Line Offensive Winger	KHL Star
40	<u>Brock Faber, RD</u>	MacKenzie Weegar	#4 Defensive Defenceman	#6 Depth Defenceman
41	<u>Daemon Hunt, LD</u>	Michal Kempny	#4 Two-Way Defenceman	#6 Depth Defenceman
42	<u>Will Cuyllé, LW</u>	Miles Wood	3 rd Line Power Forward	4 th Line Utility Winger
43	<u>Donovan Sebrango, LD</u>	Alec Martinez	#4 Two-Way Defenceman	#6 Depth Defenceman
44	<u>Zion Nybeck, RW</u>	Conor Sheary	2 nd Line Offensive Winger	SHL Star
45	<u>Justin Sourdif, RW</u>	Noel Acciari	3 rd Line Two-Way Winger	4 th Line Utility Winger
46	<u>Noel Gunler, RW</u>	Alex Nylander	2 nd Line Offensive Winger	SHL Star
47	<u>Daniil Gushchin, LW</u>	Carl Hagelin	2 nd Line Two-Way Winger	KHL Star
48	<u>Connor McClennon, RW</u>	Brendan Gallagher	3 rd Line Scoring Winger	4 th Line Depth Winger
49	<u>Jaromir Pytlík, C</u>	Travis Zajac	2 nd Line Two-Way Center	Czech Extraliga Star
50	<u>Jan Mysak, C</u>	Sonny Milano	3 rd Line Offensive Forward	Czech Extraliga Star





#1. ALEXIS LAFRENIÈRE, LW

POTENTIAL:

Upside: Franchise Scoring Winger

Floor: Top Line Scoring Winger

COMPARABLE: Taylor Hall

Team: Rimouski, QMJHL

Height: 6'1"

Weight: 193lbs

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SCOUTING REPORT:

This year, the choice for 1st overall is just about unanimous across the board and it's Alexis Lafrenière of the Rimouski Oceanic. If he had been born less than a month earlier, he would have given Jack Hughes and Kappo Kaako a run for their money in last year's draft.

It's easy to see why he's the obvious choice and it's something that's been coming for a long time. When you're putting up 42 goals and 80 points as a 16 year old in the QMJHL, it's hard not to take notice. This past season, he really cemented his position as the top prospect in this year's draft when he was named Best Forward and MVP at the World Junior Championship – a tournament that is usually reserved for the best 19 year olds on the planet. Usually when draft eligible players manage to just 'stand out' it's already a pretty good sign – let alone winning the MVP!

I think what I like most about Lafrenière is his phenomenal compete level. With his skill and immense talent no one would really 'bat an eye' if he took a few shifts off here and there but that's just not part of his make-up. He plays the same way throughout the entire game. You would think that with a stat line of over 2 points-per-game, Lafrenière would be strictly a skill player but he's got a lot of jam and a lot of grit to his game as well.

So the New York Rangers ended up *winning* the draft lottery and it's going to be very interesting to see if they are going to take Lafrenière, select someone else or trade down. While it feels like it should be 'a no-brainer' to select him, it really shouldn't be when you consider they already have Panarin and Kreider signed long-term and Kappo Kaako on the right side as well. History has not been kind to teams that are built through the wings and one of the top centers available would probably be a much better fit – when you consider what their needs are. All things considered, I expect the Rangers will make Lafrenière the 1st overall pick and they'll figure out how to address other needs later on in the future.

COMPARABLE:

My comparable for Alexis Lafrenière is Taylor Hall because that's who he reminds me of in terms of the way he skates, handles the puck and overall offensive ability. He plays a grittier, more physical game than Hall though so when you have that kind of combination of compete, skill, talent and two-way play, it's no surprise that he's the undisputed choice for the 1st overall pick.

Alexis Lafreniere, Left Wing
Born Oct 11 2001 -- Saint-Eustache, PQ
Height 6.01 -- Weight 193 -- Shoots L

--- Regular Season ---					---- Playoffs ----							
Season	Team	Lge	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2017-18	Rimouski Oceanic	QMJHL	60	42	38	80	54	7	4	3	7	12
2018-19	Rimouski Oceanic	QMJHL	61	37	68	105	72	13	9	14	23	14
2019-20	Rimouski Oceanic	QMJHL	52	35	77	112	50					





#2. QUINTON BYFIELD, C

POTENTIAL:

Upside: Top Line Playmaking Center

Floor: Top Line Playmaking Center

COMPARABLE: Anze Kopitar

Team: Sudbury, OHL

Height: 6'4"

Weight: 215lbs

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SCOUTING REPORT:

When you consider a dynamic 6'4" – 215lbs center as your consolation prize to getting the 1st overall pick, that's definitely nothing to cry about. Being an august birthday, Byfield is one of the youngest players in this draft and has shown all the signs that he's going to be an impact center in the not too distant future.

Byfield has the size, talent, skating ability and compete level that teams are going to be looking for and that's why he's a great choice at this spot. He is obviously very athletically gifted but there is so much more than that with this player. He has excellent offensive and defensive awareness. The way he carries the puck at high speed and his ability to see the ice and make offensive plays is certainly impressive. He's an excellent playmaker that can find his teammates wide open thanks to his high hockey IQ. Byfield is very noticeable and has the ability to make things happen just about every single time he's on the ice. Very strong on the puck and hard to knock off due to his size and lower body strength he's also a player who's very responsible in the defensive aspects of the game.

What stood out for me was just how competitive this kid is. He just really battles hard along the boards, in the corners, in both defensive and offensive zones. He just doesn't take shifts off. To put things in perspective: if he was born only 1 month later – he'd only be eligible for the 2021 draft. He already put up 82 points in 45 games this past season so what kind of season could we expect if he wasn't draft eligible this year? My guess is very 'Lafrenière-like'.

So when you're looking at the overall package of the player – there's just so much to like. If he ended up being the #1 pick, I'd be surprised that Lafrenière had been passed over but not surprised that a team selected Byfield in that spot. He's just that good. To sum up, I'll be very surprised if this player isn't a #1 center in the NHL within a few years.

COMPARABLE:

My comparable for Byfield is Anze Kopitar because that's who he reminds me of most when I watch him play. I believe that he will have the same kind of impact on the team that selects him when he makes his debut in the NHL. As mentioned, he's still quite young so another year of junior hockey certainly wouldn't hurt his development.

Quinton Byfield, Center
Born Aug 19 2002 -- Newmarket, ONT
Height 6.04 -- Weight 215 -- Shoots L

Season	Team	Lge	--- Regular Season ---					---- Playoffs ----				
			GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2017-18	Newmarket Hurricanes	OJHL	1	1	1	2	0	--	--	--	--	--
2018-19	Sudbury Wolves	OHL	64	29	32	61	38	8	3	5	8	16
2019-20	Sudbury Wolves	OHL	45	32	50	82	44					





#3. TIM STÜTZLE, C

POTENTIAL:

Upside: Top Line Playmaking Center

Floor: Top Line Playmaking Center

COMPARABLE: Elias Pettersson

Team: MANNHEIM, DEL

Height: 6'1"

Weight: 187lbs

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SCOUTING REPORT:

Tim Stützle upped his draft stock at the World Junior Championships while playing for Germany as a 17 year old. He was so impressive that he rocketed up the rankings all the way to the Top-3 on most lists. All I can say to that is: "rightfully so".

As I already mentioned, it's a difficult tournament to stand-out and be noticed in since your teammates and the competition is often filled with more experienced 19 year olds. Now there is something to be said for 'opportunity' and he did get that but at the same time, it's not like he had a ton of support while competing against the usual powerhouse countries and their top players. It's also not like he had a ton of help with some top 19 year old players to anchor him on his line as it consisted of two draft-eligible players in [JJ Peterka \(#24\)](#) and [Lukas Reichel \(#55\)](#). It makes his standout performance even more impressive.

Stützle is an excellent skater with outstanding acceleration. When he really gets going, he's incredibly fast. He can stop on a dime and turn the play the other way, all while controlling the puck. He's a tremendous playmaker with excellent vision and offensive awareness. I also found him to have a solid defensive game and he doesn't neglect that part of the game at all. He has good hand-eye coordination and he's adept at takeaways thanks to being strong on the puck. Something else that stood out to me is that he is very dangerous manning the point on the power play. The Germans had a set play where he would exit the zone while they had possession of the puck in the corner and had him come back in the zone with speed to catch teams off-guard.

What I like most about Tim Stützle aside from his strong two-way play and the way he competes and sees the ice is that he wants the puck on his stick and he wants to be a difference maker every time he's out there.

COMPARABLE:

Last year, I compared Kappo Kaako to Elias Pettersson *in terms of skating style and puck control*. This year, I'm comparing Tim Stützle to Elias Pettersson because overall I find they play the game the same way. I believe this is the kind of impact you can expect and I will be very surprised if he fails to live up to that comparison.

Tim Stutzle, Center
Born Jan 15 2002 -- Viersen, Germany
Height 6.01 -- Weight 187 -- Shoots L

Season	Team	Lge	--- Regular Season ---					---- Playoffs ----					
			GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	
2019-20	Mannheim Eagles	DEL	41	7	27	34	12						





#4. YAROSLAV ASKAROV, G

POTENTIAL:

Upside: Franchise Goaltender

Floor: Starting Goaltender

COMPARABLE: Andrei Vasilevskiy

Team: SKA St. Petersburg, KHL

Height: 6'3"

Weight: 176lbs

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SCOUTING REPORT:

Last year I had Spencer Knight at #4 which many people told me was way too high for a goaltender (including a bunch of NHL teams I guess, since quite a few passed on him) but Knight did go on to have a superb first season at Boston College. It's early but he's looking real good. So with a goaltender like Yaroslav Askarov, the way I look at it is - if you've identified a goaltender that can potentially change your franchise - why wouldn't you select him extremely high in the draft? I guess the answer is that teams drafting that high also have other holes to fill and I understand that. Goalies are typically more unpredictable to predict with accuracy than the rest of the players but I feel like Askarov's pedigree up to this point is about as impressive as you can get.

He's won at every level in his age group. The only time I've ever seen him struggle is at last year's WJC where he was put in as a 17 year old. That's a difficult spot to be placed in *at that age* playing *that position* against *that competition*. It's probably even a little unfair. He seems to have bounced back in a big way... at the time of this writing, Askarov is putting up fantastic numbers in the KHL in the 2020-21 season that's already underway.

He is a very agile goaltender with excellent athletic abilities mixed in with great technique. He has extremely quick reflexes and lateral movement that enable him to make fantastic saves. With lightning fast legs, he's able to thwart shot attempts at the corners with superb pad saves. He's very confident and it shows in his demeanor and for a goaltender, that's a must. He always seems to be in good position, square to the shooter and doesn't tend to give up unnecessary rebounds.

I find that goalies are always a bit of a tougher read but Askarov has all the makings of a future starting goaltender with the potential to be a franchise goaltender and that's why I have him as high as I do. My prediction is that there is going to be a team that is going to swoop in and trade-up to draft this guy and steal him right from under the nose of a team all set to pick him a few picks away. If it happens, it's going to be an epic heist! ☺

COMPARABLE:

In terms of size and demeanor Askarov reminds me a lot of fellow countryman Andrei Vasilevskiy. I had Vasilevskiy ranked 8th on my list in 2012 when the Lightning made him the 20th overall pick. I think that Askarov is more athletic but I believe that as far as impact on a roster, that's the kind of long-term solution in goal that the team selecting him can expect and perhaps maybe even more.

Yaroslav Askarov, Goalie
Born Jun 16 2002
Height 6.03 -- Weight 176 -- Shoots R

Season	Team	Lge	GP	Min	GA	EN	SO	GAA	W	L	T	Svs	Pct
2019-20	St. Petersburg SKA	KHL	1	60	2	0	0	2.00	1	0	0	23	0.920
2019-20	St. Petersburg SKA-Neva	VHL	18	--	43	0	0	2.45	12	3	3	--	0.920





#5. ALEXANDER HOLTZ, RW

POTENTIAL:

Upside: Top Line Goalscoring Winger

Floor: 2nd Line Goalscoring Winger

COMPARABLE: David Pastrnak

Team: DJURGARDENS, SHL

Height: 6'1"

Weight: 187lbs

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SCOUTING REPORT:

It's been a long time coming for Alexander Holtz, well at least for those who have been watching this player excel at every level for a few years now. He and Lucas Raymond (#6) have been Sweden's best offensive duo for quite some time even when they were both underaged players playing in international tournaments. I am a big fan of Holtz and probably one of the few who like him a bit more than his linemate. He's a little bigger and a better goalscorer even if Raymond might be the better overall pure talent. I feel like Holtz game will translate to the NHL very well and it's just a matter of time before he starts filling the net and giving nightmares to NHL goaltenders.

He boasts outstanding offensive awareness and he's a creative player who handles the puck extremely well. He's strong on his skates and can take a hit to make a play. He has a deadly, accurate shot with an NHL release. He's a great skater with above average speed and I find that he is an underrated playmaker. A lot is made about how good his shot is and rightfully so but he has the ability to find teammates and set them up as well with accurate tape-to-tape passes. He's a hard worker and battles for loose pucks in the corners and along the boards. Physical play isn't really his game but he won't shy away from it either.

I don't think he's the kind of player that's going to win the selke anytime soon but that doesn't mean that he's a defensive liability either. I think his defensive game is just 'ok' and when you take into consideration that his offensive game is excellent bordering on elite - it's certainly easier to live with.

I can't really imagine any kind of realistic scenario where this player isn't a Top-10 pick in this year's draft. If he drops out of the Top-10, someone screwed up large and another team will benefit. (see: NHL Draft 2012 -> Filip Forsberg)

COMPARABLE:

I am comparing Alexander Holtz to David Pastrnak as I find they both have the same type of skillset and play a similar offensive game. Both are snipers who love to let their shot rip and both are also underrated playmakers who can surprise with a pretty passing play to a linemate. This is the type of player I'm expecting Holtz to become sooner rather than later.

Alexander Holtz, Right Wing
Born Jan 23 2002
Height 6.01 -- Weight 187 -- Shoots R

Season	Team	Lge	--- Regular Season ---					---- Playoffs ----				
			GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2018-19	Djurgardens IF	SweHL	3	0	0	0	0	--	--	--	--	--
2019-20	Djurgardens IF	SweHL	35	9	7	16	12					





#6. LUCAS RAYMOND, LW

POTENTIAL:

Upside: Top Line Offensive Winger

Floor: 2nd Line Offensive Winger

COMPARABLE: Travis Konecny

Team: FROLUNDA, SHL

Height: 5'11"

Weight: 170lbs

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SCOUTING REPORT:

Like his linemate in international play Alexander Holtz (#5), Lucas Raymond is a sure-fire Top-10 pick. He's a very well-rounded offensive player excelling in many different facets of the game. He's a great skater with breakaway speed. He's an accomplished playmaker that can thread the needle. He can put the puck in the net thanks to a great shot and deceptively quick release. He has lightning quick hands with which he can stickhandle and deke-out opponents. In the offensive zone, he has quick feet and he's very shifty so he's difficult to contain. You don't have to watch him very long to figure out that this is a player with high hockey IQ, great vision and a strong compete level.

He also does a lot of little things that don't really show up on the scoreboard on a nightly basis. He's a daunting forechecker that can cause turnovers due to his speed and checking ability. Raymond is a sneaky smart player who can be an excellent option on special teams. He is very creative on the power play and makes good decisions with the puck. He isn't a very physical player but doesn't shy away from contact at all either – it's just not his game. While I wouldn't call him a defensive dynamo, I feel like he holds his own in that regard and is responsible defensively. Offense is always going to be his calling card but it won't be long before he's called upon in all situations by his coach.

All of these attributes all lead to one thing – he's destined to be a Top-6 forward for an NHL club and in my mind, he's about as blue-chip as it gets.

As with Alexander Holtz, if Lucas Raymond somehow drops out of the Top-10 it's a horrible mistake. In all likelihood, both of these Swedes will be gone by the time pick #9 rolls around at the very latest and quite probably a lot sooner.

COMPARABLE:

I find that Lucas Raymond compares really well to a player like Travis Konecny. Now I know what you're saying "Travis Konecny?" but when you really think about it, I think it's pretty accurate. Konecny has had back-to-back-to-back 24 goal seasons so we're talking about consistent goalscoring and he actually led the Flyers in points this past season. That's a team with a lot of talented players and he was their top scorer. It's not just the scoring though – it's the skating, the compete level and the overall offensive skill. I think Raymond has the talent to potentially be even better.

Lucas Raymond, Left Wing
Born Mar 28 2002
Height 5.11 -- Weight 170 -- Shoots R

Season	Team	Lge	--- Regular Season ---					---- Playoffs ----				
			GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2018-19	Frolunda HC	SweHL	10	2	0	2	0	--	--	--	--	--
2019-20	Frolunda HC	SweHL	33	4	6	10	4					





#7. ANTON LUNDELL, C

POTENTIAL:

Upside: Top Line Two-Way Center

Floor: 2nd Line Two-Way Center

COMPARABLE: Brayden Schenn

Team: HIFK, LIIGA

Height: 6'1"

Weight: 185lbs

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SCOUTING REPORT:

Anton Lundell has been coming for quite some time. I remember being impressed with him at the U18 tournament back in April, 2018 playing essentially as a 'double underager'. Eight months or so later he took his game to the World Junior Championship as a 17 year old and I thought his game had grown by leaps and bounds. As a late birthday, Lundell has had to wait until this year to hear his name called on draft day and I will be surprised if it's not in the Top-10.

The first thing I noticed about this player is that he's a great forechecker and wants the puck on his stick. He will continue to check tenaciously to cause a turnover. With tremendous work ethic and compete level, he'll quickly become one of the coach's favourites to play in all situations.

Along with his 200 foot game, the thing I like most about Lundell is that he is the kind of player that is hard to play against. He's not the biggest player but I found that he plays a game where he is physically imposing. He'll take the body and the hit when it's there and he's really strong along the boards and on the cycle.

There isn't a lot of flash with this player but there sure is a lot of substance. He put up very good numbers playing in the LIIGA for a player his age. He may not be the type of player that will take the puck and go end to end but I think his skillset is going to translate very well at the next level. Versatility is one of his strong suits as he can play any of the forward positions without missing a beat. He's very effective either at center or on the wing.

All in all, there is just too much too like - you're looking at a player who is going to center your 1st or 2nd line for a decade. I kind of see him this way - I think he's the type of player who can be a #1 center on a rebuilding team or the ideal two-way #2 center on a contender.

COMPARABLE:

As far as a comparable, I think a lot of people probably see a 'young Mikko Koivu' when watching Lundell and I don't think that's too far wrong. I could certainly see that but I feel like Lundell is a little more dynamic and versatile so my comparable for him is Brayden Schenn. I think in terms of impact on a roster and in a Top-6, that's the kind of player you are getting. I feel like he's one of the safest picks in the draft to become a really good NHL player for a lot of years.

Anton Lundell, Center
Born Oct 3 2001 -- Espoo, Finland
Height 6.01 -- Weight 185 -- Shoots L

Season	Team	Lge	--- Regular Season ---					---- Playoffs ----				
			GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2018-19	HIFK Helsinki	SM-li	38	9	10	19	8	12	0	0	0	29
2019-20	HIFK Helsinki	SM-li	44	10	18	28	18					





#8. HENDRIX LAPIERRE, C

POTENTIAL:

Upside: Top Line Two-Way Center

Floor: 2nd Line Two-Way Center

COMPARABLE: Ryan O'Reilly

Team: CHICOUTIMI, QMJHL

Height: 6'0"

Weight: 179lbs

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SCOUTING REPORT:

If Hendrix Lapierre hadn't been injured this past year, I have little doubt that he'd be a Top-5 prospect on most lists. It was reported that he had suffered 3 concussions within a 10 month period starting in February of 2019. However, it seems now that the last 2 times he was out of the lineup was due to a spinal injury suffered at the time of the 1st concussion. I guess it remains to be seen if teams are going to take that at face value or just not risk it at all and select someone 'safer'.

Hendrix Lapierre is my favourite prospect in this draft. I just love the way he sees the ice, makes incredible plays with his outstanding passing ability mixed in with his work work ethic and compete. He can take control of a game with his puck possession and playmaking abilities.

He's a smart, cerebral player with tremendous two-way ability. Lapierre is strong on faceoffs and very good at takeaways. His vision and hockey IQ are just unreal. He has excellent puck handling abilities and really likes to hang on to the puck to make a play. He's a shifty player with an array of moves and dekes that will leave defenders in the lurch. Lapierre is an incredibly smooth skater and has tremendous poise and sense of timing that gives him an advantage.

What I like most about Hendrix Lapierre is that he wants to be a difference maker at both ends of the ice. If he didn't have any injury concerns, he'd be right there with Byfield and Stutzle on my list, that's how good he is. I had the opportunity to check him out in a pre-season game since the QMJHL is under way and I thought he looked great. I wanted to see if there were any lingering issues and if he was going to play the same way as before. I came away satisfied with what I saw.

To sum up, we are talking about a Top-5 talent in this draft that has some question marks about his health or ability to stay healthy. I don't anticipate a team selecting him as high as I have him ranked but I do believe that the deeper you go into the 1st round, the more likely is it that a team that's already deep in talent and prospects will feel like this is a good gamble. If that scenario holds true, then it's just a case of the rich getting richer.

COMPARABLE:

My comparison for Hendrix Lapierre is Ryan O'Reilly as I find they both play a strong, complete game offensively and defensively. I think that Lapierre has the potential to be even better offensively as he is more dynamic. He's going to be one of the most interesting prospects to watch on draft day.

Hendrix Lapierre, Center
Born Feb 9 2002 -- Gatineau, PQ
Height 6.00 -- Weight 179 -- Shoots L

Season	Team	Lge	--- Regular Season ---					---- Playoffs ----				
			GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2018-19	Chicoutimi Saguenens	QMJHL	48	13	32	45	18	4	3	2	5	2
2019-20	Chicoutimi Saguenens	QMJHL	19	2	15	17	10					





#9. JAMIE DRYSDALE, RD

POTENTIAL:

Upside: Top Pairing Offensive Defenceman

Floor: #3 Offensive Defenceman

COMPARABLE: Kris Letang

Team: Erie, OHL

Height: 5'11"

Weight: 175lbs

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SCOUTING REPORT:

I feel that Jamie Drysdale is the best defenceman in this draft class. I have him ranked 9th because I like the other 8 players ahead of him a little better but that's not a knock on him at all. I expect him to be selected probably a little higher since a lot of teams drafting in those spots certainly do have needs on defence.

Drysdale is first and foremost an elite skater and excellent puck mover. He has fantastic hockey IQ and solid positioning which allows him to defend as well as he attacks. He closes gaps well and has a good stick with great hand-eye coordination. With outstanding hockey sense he thinks the game at a high level. On the power play, he makes good decisions and knows how to get his shot through. With strong passing abilities he is an asset on special teams.

Although he is smaller in stature than your typical d-man - and I believe the trends with that are slowly changing - he will engage and take players out of the play without issue. He doesn't shy away from physical contact and will battle in front of the net.

I've been watching Drysdale for a long time and he has made steady improvements to his game over the past few years to get to the position to be able to be a Top-10 pick and it's well deserved. What I find most impressive about him is the way he's able to transition the puck from the defensive zone to the launch the offence. That and his decision making is what set him apart for me.

Just the fact that he was able to crack Team Canada's roster as a 17 year old defenceman in last year's World Junior Championships should tell you how highly he is regarded and just how strong and consistent of a performer he is. Overall, my feeling is that Drysdale is an extremely safe pick and the chances that he doesn't become a solid Top-3 d-man in the NHL are incredibly low.

COMPARABLE:

I have heard comparisons to Tyson Barrie but I don't really agree with that. I think that Drysdale is better defensively and a more well-rounded player in general. My comparable for him is Kris Letang - not in terms of style but in terms of strong overall play offensively and defensively. I think that's the type of defenceman Jamie Drysdale can potentially turn into in a few years.

Jamie Drysdale, Defense
Born Apr 8 2002 -- Toronto, ONT
Height 5.11 -- Weight 175 -- Shoots R

Season	Team	Lge	--- Regular Season ---					---- Playoffs ----				
			GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2017-18	St. Michael's Buzzers	OJHL	1	0	0	0	0	--	--	--	--	--
2018-19	Erie Otters	OHL	63	7	33	40	20	--	--	--	--	--
2019-20	Erie Otters	OHL	49	9	38	47	24					





#10. COLE PERFETTI, LW

POTENTIAL:

Upside: Top Line Goalscoring Winger

Floor: 2nd Line Goalscoring Winger

COMPARABLE: Jake Guentzel

Team: SAGINAW, OHL

Height: 5'10"

Weight: 177lbs

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SCOUTING REPORT:

One thing that I think everyone can agree on is that Cole Perfetti is a ton of fun to watch! I realize that he is ranked a lot higher on most lists and I will explain my reasoning here.

First things first – I believe that if Perfetti is to translate to the NHL, it will be as a winger and a very dynamic one at that. I do like him and his skillset quite a bit and I think that the odds are really good that he's going to become a Top-6 forward in the NHL for a long time. It's just that IF for whatever reason he struggles and can't make it as a Top-6 forward, I think he's the type of player that would have a hard time in the bottom-6. So then you are faced with a 'Top-6 or bust' type of situation even if the 'bust percentage' is *very* low. For the rest of the players in my Top-9, I have no such concerns. With Perfetti, it's a bit murkier and that's the reason why he's at #10.

There is a ton to like about this kid. First and foremost is his scoring ability. He has an incredible shot and can beat goaltenders in several different ways whether it's with a quick 'laser' wrist shot or a 'deke-you-out-of-your-jockstrap' dangle. His hands and ability to control the puck are just ridiculous. He is a natural goalscorer as his back-to-back 37 goal seasons in the OHL would attest and his performance at the Hlinka-Gretzky tournament was exceptional.

His ability to score goals is well documented but I feel like his passing ability is maybe a little bit undersold. Perfetti has elite offensive awareness, vision and hockey IQ. With outstanding puck control, he's a dangerous threat on the power play every time. He has a ton of poise and will hang on to the puck to make a better pass. He's a good skater and can get to high speeds when he really gets going.

Overall defensively he's probably just 'ok' and there is room for improvements on that front. I like the fact that he is tenacious and doesn't give up on plays. Certainly Perfetti is the type of player that will make other teams pay when they give him too much time or make a mistake. He is a pressure player and can come through in the clutch.

COMPARABLE:

I am comparing Perfetti to Jake Guentzel as I find that's the kind of player I see him turning into. I feel like he will be a small but talented winger that can fill the net and come through when it counts.

Cole Perfetti, Left Wing
Born Jan 1 2002 -- Whitby, ONT
Height 5.10 -- Weight 177 -- Shoots L

Season	Team	Lge	--- Regular Season ---					---- Playoffs ----				
			GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2018-19	Saginaw Spirit	OHL	63	37	37	74	10	16	8	6	14	4
2019-20	Saginaw Spirit	OHL	61	37	74	111	16					





#11. MARCO ROSSI, C

Team: OTTAWA, OHL

Height: 5'9"

Weight: 183lbs

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POTENTIAL:

Upside: Top Line Playmaking Center

Floor: 2nd Line Playmaking Center

COMPARABLE: Kevin Fiala

SCOUTING REPORT:

Marco Rossi is another player that many have extremely high on their list and for good reason. He has a remarkable offensive skillset that includes some pretty high-end playmaking ability, on-ice vision and offensive awareness. The way he controls the puck, draws opponents towards him and then slides a slick pass to his teammates reminds me of Pavel Datsyuk in a lot of ways. That was his favourite player growing up so it's no surprise that we see some of those same skills in his game. He is a very talented puck handler and it sometimes seems like he can stickhandle in a phone booth. He can really shoot the puck as well and has a quick release.

I don't think he's a speed demon but I think that his skating is fine. One thing that is very noticeable about his game is that he's a battler and he works hard shift-in, shift-out. I think it would be a very big surprise if Rossi fell out of the Top-10. Barring some kind of trade, he'll likely be drafted by a team that's in the process of rebuilding and that will be the perfect situation for him.

For me, out of all of the skill players at the top end of the draft, I feel like he's the guy I'm most 'iffy' on as to if he's going to be able to translate to the NHL. I can easily come up with arguments for and against. He missed the cut-off for last year's draft by 8 days or so and then if he goes in 2019, I think he's a 1st round pick but probably not in the Top-10. He's still quite the talent and I won't be surprised at all if he get drafted a lot higher but I think he's good value here at #11.

COMPARABLE:

My comparable is Kevin Fiala because I find the way he controls the puck and makes superb plays to be very similar. I feel that Rossi can potentially become that kind of player but just as with Fiala, it's going to take some time to get there and patience will be required.

Marco Rossi, Center
Born Sep 23 2001 -- Feldkirch, Austria
Height 5.09 -- Weight 183 -- Shoots L

Season	Team	Lge	--- Regular Season ---					---- Playoffs ----				
			GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2017-18	GCK Lions	Swiss	18	4	3	7	6	--	--	--	--	--
2018-19	Ottawa 67's	OHL	53	29	36	65	32	17	6	16	22	18
2019-20	Ottawa 67's	OHL	56	39	81	120	40					





#12. JAKE SANDERSON, LD

Team: U.S. NTDP, USHL

Height: 6'2"

Weight: 185lbs

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POTENTIAL:

Upside: Top Pairing Two-Way Defenceman

Floor: #4 Two-Way Defenceman

COMPARABLE: Josh Morrissey

SCOUTING REPORT:

A lot of fans will remember Jake Sanderson's dad Geoff as he had a great NHL career most notably with the Hartford Whalers/Carolina Hurricanes. His calling card in the NHL apart from being a very solid offensive player was the fact that he was also one of the fastest skaters of that era. I think Jake gets his skating gene from his dad because he's also one of the smoothest skating defencemen in this draft.

In today's NHL, the demand for having defencemen who can not only move the puck well but quickly is probably at an all-time high. Teams have figured out that identifying those d-men who can process the game at a high level with their decision making means the difference between keeping control of the puck or potentially being hemmed-in their own zone. Enter – Jake Sanderson. He excels at these quick decisions and moves the puck out swiftly and turns the play the other way with crisp tape-to-tape passes.

What I like most about Sanderson is that he doesn't make low percentage, high risk attempts at forcing plays. He plays a consistently safe style of game, almost mistake-free that eventually is frustrating for opponents to play against. He's got great positioning and he uses his frame well to defend although he's going to need to fill-out and get stronger for the next level.

I feel that Sanderson's upside is that of a number #2 that plays more of a two-way game rather than a point producing rearguard. I'll be surprised if he's still on the board at #15.

COMPARABLE:

My comparable for Jake Sanderson is Josh Morrissey as I find they play the same type game based on puck movement and consistent, smart decision making. Which ever team drafts him won't be disappointed.

Jake Sanderson, Defense
Born Jul 8 2002 -- Whitefish, MT
Height 6.02 -- Weight 185 -- Shoots L

Season	Team	Lge	--- Regular Season ---					---- Playoffs ----				
			GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2018-19	U.S. National U17 Team	Exhib	22	2	15	17	18					
2018-19	U.S. National U17 Team	USHL	22	2	5	7	0	2	0	1	1	0
2019-20	U.S. National U18 Team	USHL	19	2	12	14	8					





#13. TYSON FOERSTER, RW

Team: BARRIE, OHL

Height: 6'2"

Weight: 194lbs

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POTENTIAL:

Upside: Top Line Scoring Winger

Floor: 2nd Line Scoring Winger

COMPARABLE: Filip Forsberg

SCOUTING REPORT:

Tyson Foerster was in a bit of a tough spot this past season with the Barrie Colts as that team was very young and he did not have a lot of help on most nights. There was a 33 point gap between him and the next highest point getter on the Colts last season. All things considered, I think that makes Foerster's 36 goal, 80 point campaign all that more impressive.

The first thing you notice with Foerster is that he has a great shot. He has a hard and accurate wrist shot with a deceptively quick release. He has a dynamite slapper that's hard to stop even when the goalie knows it's coming. He likes to setup on his off-wing on the power play and just rip it. He's a hard worker and battles hard – he's a good forechecker and finishes his checks.

Foerster has a high hockey IQ with the ability to process the game quickly and make a play in a split second. He can really shoot it but he's also an underrated playmaker as he sees the ice pretty well. He's a strong skater with big lengthy strides but could probably stand to work on his quickness and first few steps.

This is a player that just kept getting better and better as the season went on. He was definitely their go-to guy on offense and he delivered. He is definitely one of my favourites in this year's draft. I was impressed with his play each time I saw him.

COMPARABLE:

My comparable for Tyson Foerster is Filip Forsberg as they are both big, rangy wingers who can really shoot the puck. I think that's the type of player he can potentially turn into if all goes well with his development. I have a feeling that Foerster is going to be drafted in the later part of the 1st round by one of the better teams in the league and it won't be long before he fits right in and then he's just going to take off.

Tyson Foerster, Right Wing
Born Jan 18 2002 -- Alliston, ONT
Height 6.02 -- Weight 194 -- Shoots R

Season	Team	Lge	--- Regular Season ---					---- Playoffs ----				
			GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2017-18	Stouffville Spirit	OJHL	2	0	0	0	0	--	--	--	--	--
2018-19	Barrie Colts	OHL	64	10	13	23	24	--	--	--	--	--
2019-20	Barrie Colts	OHL	62	36	44	80	53					





#14. JAKE NEIGHBOURS, LW

Team: EDMONTON, WHL

Height: 6'0"

Weight: 195lbs

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POTENTIAL:

Upside: Top Line Power Forward

Floor: 3rd Line Power Forward

COMPARABLE: Gabriel Landeskog

SCOUTING REPORT:

Some will view this as a reach and for the record, I'm not anticipating that Neighbours will get drafted this high – all I'm saying is "I think that he should". Just like with Nicholas Robertson last year when I ranked him **11th** – I feel just as confident in ranking Neighbours 14th this year.

I think Neighbours is the most underrated player in this draft. This is a smart, two-way player with good offensive instincts. He has a strong work ethic and never cheats you on effort; I love players like that. He's tough to play against and always finishes his checks. Neighbours plays a rugged style of game and is defensively responsible. He plays until the buzzer and is constantly disrupting and causing turnovers due to being a hard forechecker.

I like what I saw with his offensive game. I feel like he is a pretty underrated playmaker who can make smart passes due to his great anticipation. I thought he was excellent at the Hlinka-Gretzky tournament where he played with Quinton Byfield and was a nice compliment to that line. He goes to the right areas to score and has a feel for how the play is going to develop. Neighbours is strong on the cycle and on the puck and is difficult for opponents to check.

Obviously, I'm a huge fan and he's clearly one of my favourites. I could see him developing into a top-line power forward on a rebuilding team and maybe more of a solid 2nd line power forward on a contender. I think the take-away is that he's going to be a really good player who can play anywhere in the Top-9 and that's where the value is for me.

COMPARABLE:

I find that Jake Neighbours is a really underrated playmaker because of the way he's able to see the ice and the way he controls and hangs on to the puck reminds me of Gabriel Landeskog. I would be a little surprised if he ended up *that good* but a slightly lesser version is a possibility. I love this player and I'll be absolutely floored if he's not on an NHL Top-9 within 3-4 years.

Jake Neighbours, Left Wing
Born Mar 29 2002 -- Airdrie, ALTA
Height 6.00 -- Weight 195 -- Shoots L

Season	Team	Lge	--- Regular Season ---					---- Playoffs ----				
			GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2017-18	Edmonton Oil Kings	WHL	11	0	4	4	6	--	--	--	--	--
2018-19	Edmonton Oil Kings	WHL	47	11	13	24	25	16	4	8	12	10
2019-20	Edmonton Oil Kings	WHL	64	23	47	70	39					





#15. JÉRÉMIE POIRIER, LD

Team: SAINT-JOHN, QMJHL

Height: 6'0"

Weight: 196lbs

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POTENTIAL:

Upside: Top Pairing Offensive Defenceman

Floor: #4 Offensive Defenceman

COMPARABLE: Thomas Chabot

SCOUTING REPORT:

I think that the first thing you notice with Jérémie Poirier is just how confident he is with the puck. The way he controls the puck and dictates the flow of the game is reminiscent of the way Thomas Chabot did in junior after being drafted playing for those same Sea Dogs. Now obviously a lot of people are going to scoff and suggest 'Poirier is no Chabot, c'mon now' but does anyone really think that Chabot looked amazing his draft year but still fell to #18 in 2014? Of course not, he had stuff to work on as well.

Are there going to be times where Poirier overhandles the puck and it causes a bad breakaway and a goal against? Almost assuredly, but if I'm coaching that kid – I don't want him to change a thing in the way he plays with the puck because the good outweighs the bad by a large margin. Over time, he will need to pick his spots and make sure that his decisions are the right ones but with what I am seeing with this player, he is trending in the right direction. As with Hendrix Lapierre I got a sneak-peek in the QMJHL pre-season and I thought he looked great!

In the last calendar year, I think he is perhaps the prospect that's improved the most. He is a smart kid with a high hockey IQ that moves the puck very well. He makes tape-to-tape accurate passes and loves to skate the puck out of the defensive zone. He excels at selling the pass and creating space to get more options. Poirier has the ability to get his shot through from the point and he absolutely loves to shoot and direct the puck towards the net to make good things happen. I feel like he will need some time to shore up the defensive part of his game.

COMPARABLE:

My comparison for Poirier is the aforementioned Thomas Chabot because of the way he can control the puck and dictate the flow of the game. I think he has the potential to be a top pairing d-man or at least a guy who can play in a top-4 and that's why I have him ranked as high as I do. This kid is going to be a player.

Jeremie Poirier, Defense
Born Jun 2 2002 -- Salaberry-de-Valleyf, PQ
Height 6.00 -- Weight 196 -- Shoots L

Season	Team	Lge	--- Regular Season ---					---- Playoffs ----				
			GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2018-19	Saint John Sea Dogs	QMJHL	61	6	15	21	45	--	--	--	--	--
2019-20	Saint John Sea Dogs	QMJHL	64	20	33	53	50					





#16. KAIDEN GUHLE, LD

POTENTIAL:

Upside: Top Pairing Two-Way Defenceman

Floor: #4 Two-Way Defenceman

COMPARABLE: Travis Sanheim

Team: PRINCE ALBERT, WHL

Height: 6'2"

Weight: 186lbs

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SCOUTING REPORT:

Over the past 2 years, I've liked what I've seen from Kaiden Guhle. I think he's a player who is continually getting better at the finer details of the game. He uses his size well to make big hits or take opponents out of the play. He's a player who is very intense and has an edge to his game. He's a very good puck mover and makes smart passes. He can anticipate plays and he closes gaps well. I don't want to say he's a 'can't miss' prospect but I believe he's a great bet to make the NHL in some capacity.

COMPARABLE:

My comparable for Kaiden Guhle is Travis Sanheim as that's who he reminds me of in terms of puck moving ability and physicality. I think that's the type of player he is going to develop into and it probably would be in his best interest to follow the same development path.

Kaiden Guhle, Defense

Born Jan 18 2002 -- Sherwood Park, ALTA

Height 6.02 -- Weight 186 -- Shoots L

Season	Team	Lge	--- Regular Season ---					---- Playoffs ----				
			GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2017-18	Prince Albert Raiders	WHL	8	0	1	1	4	--	--	--	--	--
2018-19	Prince Albert Raiders	WHL	65	3	14	17	40	23	0	3	3	8
2019-20	Prince Albert Raiders	WHL	64	11	29	40	56					

#17. CONNOR ZARY, C

POTENTIAL:

Upside: 2nd Line Two-Way Center

Floor: 3rd Line Two-Way Center

COMPARABLE: William Karlsson

Team: KAMLOOPS, WHL

Height: 6'0"

Weight: 178lbs

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SCOUTING REPORT:

What impresses me most about Connor Zary is that he's a quick thinker and makes good decisions with the puck. He processes the game at a high level and that's something that's going to help him get to the next level. I thought he was really good at the U18 tournament back in April 2019. He's a very good playmaker with strong offensive awareness. He's no slouch defensively and doesn't neglect that part of the game. He's a good skater that competes hard and he's got a really good shot at developing into a middle-6 forward in the NHL.

COMPARABLE:

I find that Connor Zary is very similar to William Karlsson in the way he skates and makes plays offensively. I think that's the type of player he can develop into, if all goes well.

Connor Zary, Center

Born Sep 25 2001 -- Saskatoon, SASK

Height 6.00 -- Weight 178 -- Shoots L

Season	Team	Lge	--- Regular Season ---					---- Playoffs ----				
			GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2017-18	Kamloops Blazers	WHL	68	11	18	29	26	--	--	--	--	--
2018-19	Kamloops Blazers	WHL	63	24	43	67	55	4	3	1	4	6
2019-20	Kamloops Blazers	WHL	57	38	48	86	51					





#18. JACK QUINN, RW

POTENTIAL:

Upside: 2nd Line Goalscoring Winger

Floor: 3rd Line Goalscoring Winger

COMPARABLE: Travis Toffoli

Team: OTTAWA, OHL

Height: 6'0"

Weight: 176lbs

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SCOUTING REPORT:

Jack Quinn had a meteoric rise in the draft rankings and why not, he put up 52 goals in 62 games this past season. Quinn only missed the cut-off for last year's draft by a mere 4 days but made the most of his opportunity with the 67s this past season. Quinn has great hands and possesses an array of great dekes and dangles. He is especially deadly on the power play where he can unleash his rocket shot. He's a good skater with deceptive acceleration; he's got a good explosive burst that can surprise opponents. I found that he's a pretty good playmaker but he's a shoot-first player for sure.

COMPARABLE:

My comparable is former Ottawa 67s Tyler Toffoli as I find they play a similar game that includes hard work, puck possession and goalscoring. I'm not 100% convinced that he's going to translate but if he does I think he'll become the same type of player as Toffoli and that's not bad at all.

Jack Quinn, Right Wing
Born Sep 19 2001 -- Cobden, ONT
Height 6.00 -- Weight 176 -- Shoots R

Season	Team	Lge	--- Regular Season ---					---- Playoffs ----				
			GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2018-19	Ottawa 67's	OHL	61	12	20	32	23	18	3	4	7	0
2019-20	Ottawa 67's	OHL	62	52	37	89	32					

#19. SETH JARVIS, RW

POTENTIAL:

Upside: 2nd Line Offensive Forward

Floor: 3rd Line Offensive Forward

COMPARABLE: Tyler Johnson

Team: PORTLAND, WHL

Height: 5'10"

Weight: 175lbs

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SCOUTING REPORT:

Seth Jarvis was impressive at the Hlinka-Gretzky tournament in August 2019 and he was able to build on that when he went on to have a fantastic season in the WHL. This is a player with outstanding offensive awareness and great vision. He's a solid playmaker and knows how to put the puck in the net. He gets to the right areas to score and he has a hard, accurate shot. He's also versatile as he can play wing or center.

COMPARABLE:

To me, Seth Jarvis compares well to a player like Tyler Johnson. Both are smart and can make great plays offensively, they can find the back of the net and can play either wing or center. I think if Jarvis realizes his potential, he'll be that type of player.

Seth Jarvis, Right Wing
Born Feb 1 2002 -- Winnipeg, MAN
Height 5.10 -- Weight 175 -- Shoots R

Season	Team	Lge	--- Regular Season ---					---- Playoffs ----				
			GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2018-19	Portland Winterhawks	WHL	61	16	23	39	19	5	0	3	3	4
2019-20	Portland Winterhawks	WHL	58	42	56	98	24					





#20. RODION AMIROV, LW

POTENTIAL:

Upside: 2nd Line Offensive Winger

Floor: 3rd Line Offensive Winger

COMPARABLE: Mike Hoffman

Team: SALAVAT YULAEV UFA, KHL

Height: 6'0"

Weight: 177lbs

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SCOUTING REPORT:

Rodion Amirov has come a long way since I got my first good look at him at the U18 tournament as an underaged player a few years back. I made a note back then that he needed to pay better attention to some of finer details of the game and he's improved quite a bit since then. The first thing you notice with Amirov is just how good of a skater he is. When you combine his wonderful skating ability with the fact that he's a very good playmaker and a dangerous shooter, he's a great bet to go in the 1st round. Overall, I feel like he's a pretty safe pick and I'll be shocked if he isn't selected on the first day of the draft.

COMPARABLE:

I think Amirov is a player who compares well to a player like Mike Hoffman. In the way that he skates, shoots and makes plays as well as an underated defensive game – that's the type of player I see Amirov turning into if all goes well with his development.

Rodion Amirov, Left Wing

Born Oct 2 2001

Height 6.00 -- Weight 177 -- Shoots L

Season	Team	Lge	--- Regular Season ---					---- Playoffs ----				
			GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2019-20	Ufa Salavat Yulayev	KHL	21	0	2	2	4	--	--	--	--	--

#21. EEMIL VIRO, LD

POTENTIAL:

Upside: #3 Two-Way Defenceman

Floor: #5 Depth Defenceman

COMPARABLE: Devon Toews

Team: TPS, LIIGA

Height: 6'0"

Weight: 165lbs

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SCOUTING REPORT:

Eemil Viro is the kind of player that I immediately liked, as soon as I got my first look at him. I love the way he skates and I think he's a very good puck-mover. I find that he closes gaps well and his positioning is solid. He'll engage physically and take opponents out of the play but I wouldn't call him a physical d-man. Mostly though, with this player I just love the way he processes the game. He's going to need some development time to fill-out and get stronger. He will probably be a 2nd round pick but I think that teams would be wise to select him in the later part of the first round when the picks can tend to be more of a gamble.

COMPARABLE:

My comparable for Eemil Viro is currently one of the most underated defenceman in the NHL in Devon Toews. That's the type of player he reminds me of. Not a lot of flash but good at everything and just gets the job done.

Eemil Viro, Defense

Born Apr 3 2002 -- Vantaa, Finland

Height 6.00 -- Weight 165 -- Shoots L

Season	Team	Lge	--- Regular Season ---					---- Playoffs ----				
			GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2019-20	TPS Turku	SM-li	29	0	3	3	8					





#22. DAWSON MERCER, RW

POTENTIAL:

Upside: 2nd Line Offensive Winger

Floor: 3rd Line Offensive Winger

COMPARABLE: Kyle Turriss

Team: CHICOUTIMI, QMJHL

Height: 6'0"

Weight: 180lbs

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SCOUTING REPORT:

I'm not as high on Dawson Mercer as most but that doesn't mean that I can't see that he has an excellent offensive skillset. He is a very good playmaker with top-end passing ability. He's an outstanding stickhandler and controls the puck extremely well. This is a player with great vision and superb offensive awareness. He has the ability to create space for himself and his teammates and he knows how to get into the right areas to score. I didn't find him to be that great of a skater as I think he might need to work on his first few steps but he gets to where he needs to be.

COMPARABLE:

My comparable for Dawson Mercer is Kyle Turriss as I find they have a very similar skillset and they both have the same skating style. I think Mercer has a very good chance at becoming a middle-6 forward, if he continues to improve and fulfills his potential.

Dawson Mercer, Right Wing
Born Oct 27 2001 -- Bay Roberts, NFLD
Height 6.00 -- Weight 180 -- Shoots R

Season	Team	Lge	--- Regular Season ---					---- Playoffs ----				
			GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2018-19	Drummondville Voltigeurs	QMJHL	68	30	34	64	50	16	5	11	16	8
2019-20	Drummondville Voltigeurs	QMJHL	26	18	24	42	21					
2019-20	Chicoutimi Saguenens	QMJHL	16	6	12	18	4					

#23. HELGE GRANS, RD

POTENTIAL:

Upside: #3 Offensive Defenceman

Floor: #5 Depth Defenceman

COMPARABLE: Rasmus Ristolainen

Team: MALMO, SHL

Height: 6'2"

Weight: 206lbs

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SCOUTING REPORT:

The body of work with Helge Grans is such that it makes him a very intriguing prospect. Solid puck control & movement, good puck distribution and a hard slapper from the point are all attributes that he possesses. He has strong instincts on the power play and has the ability to get his shot through. He's got ideal size and is a strong skater. He can make smart, tape to tape outlet passes. His defensive game is a work in progress but he's going to have some time to improve it as he develops.

COMPARABLE:

I feel like Helge Grans compares well to a player like Rasmus Ristolainen. A big d-man who can skate, move the puck and also put up points. That's the type of player I feel he could potentially turn into. I know people are all over the board on him but I'll be surprised if he's not a 1st round pick.

Helge Grans, Defense
Born May 10 2002
Height 6.02 -- Weight 206 -- Shoots R

Season	Team	Lge	--- Regular Season ---					---- Playoffs ----				
			GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2019-20	Malmo Redhawks J20	J20 SuperElit	27	4	23	27	10	--	--	--	--	--
2019-20	Malmo Redhawks	SweHL	21	1	2	3	4					





#24. JOHN-JASON PETERKA, RW

POTENTIAL:

Upside: 2nd Line Two-Way Winger

Floor: 3rd Line Two-Way Winger

COMPARABLE: Jake Debrusk

Team: EHC MUNCHEN, DEL

Height: 5'11"

Weight: 192lbs

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SCOUTING REPORT:

The first thing you notice when you see JJ Peterka is that he's a high energy forward with a great skating stride. His skating style reminds me of Jeff Friesen for those who might remember him. Peterka is a solid playmaker and can make plays at high speeds. He has tremendous compete and battles hard in the corners. A lot of times, the main reasons players aren't able to make it at the next level is because they can't keep up skating-wise or they can't keep up with the speed at which the game is being played. I don't really have those concerns with this player. He can process the game at a high level. I think he's got a great shot at being a middle-6 winger when it's all said and done.

COMPARABLE:

I think J-J Peterka compares well to a player like Jake Debrusk because he's a great skater with a solid two-way game who can put up offensive numbers. I think that's the type of player he can turn into if he continues to improve and develop.

John-Jason Peterka, Right Wing
Born Jan 14 2002 -- Muenchen, Germany
Height 5.11 -- Weight 192 -- Shoots L

Season	Team	Lge	--- Regular Season ---					---- Playoffs ----					
			GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	
2019-20	Munich EHC	DEL	42	7	4	11	14						

#25. DYLAN HOLLOWAY, LW

POTENTIAL:

Upside: 2nd Line Power Forward

Floor: 3rd Line Power Forward

COMPARABLE: Nick Foligno

Team: UNIV. OF WISCONSIN, NCAA

Height: 6'0"

Weight: 203lbs

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SCOUTING REPORT:

What's most obvious about Dylan Holloway is that he plays with a heavy, physical game with an edge. He's a good skater with good size that plays a north-south game. He's strong in the corners and always finishes his checks. He gets himself into the right lanes for chances at the net. I think he has a good shot at becoming a middle-6 winger that's hard to play against. I don't see a ton of creativity, so I'd lean more towards the 3rd line but the reason why he's a 1st round pick is because his floor is pretty high and the game he plays is custom made for the NHL playoffs.

COMPARABLE:

I feel that Dylan Holloway compares well to a player like Nick Foligno because they both play a hard-nosed, physical style of game all the while being able to contribute offensively. I believe that's the type of player he could develop into, sooner rather than later.

Dylan Holloway, Left Wing
Born Sep 23 2001 -- Bragg Creek, ALTA
Height 6.00 -- Weight 203 -- Shoots L

Season	Team	Lge	--- Regular Season ---					---- Playoffs ----					
			GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	
2019-20	U. of Wisconsin	Big-10	35	8	9	17	49						





#26. RYAN O'ROURKE, LD

POTENTIAL:

Upside: #3 Two-Way Defenceman

Floor: #6 Depth Defenceman

COMPARABLE: Esa Lindell

Team: SAULT STE-MARIE, OHL

Height: 6'0"

Weight: 178lbs

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SCOUTING REPORT: Ryan O'Rourke is a very interesting prospect. He's got a great head for the game and plays it the right way. He served as captain of the Soo Greyhounds and it's really rare to have a 17 year old captain in the CHL. He's the type of defenceman that likes to mix it up and he plays the game with an edge. I like the way he closes gaps and takes the body. O'Rourke has good poise and solid offensive and defensive awareness. He's a very good puck mover and makes good outlet passes out of the defensive zone. I found that he's probably just an average skater but he makes up for it with smarts and solid positioning. I think he'll be selected somewhere in the 2nd round but it could be a home run pick if he improves just a bit in a few key areas.

COMPARABLE: In terms of puck moving ability and physical play, my comparable for Ryan O'Rourke is Esa Lindell as I find he plays that kind of game that is hard to play against. I also feel that O'Rourke has some underated offensive abilities that could make him a superb pick considering where he'll be taken.

Ryan O'Rourke, Defense
Born May 16 2002 -- Pickering, ONT
Height 6.00 -- Weight 178 -- Shoots L

Season	Team	Lge	--- Regular Season ---					---- Playoffs ----				
			GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2018-19	Soo Greyhounds	OHL	62	8	14	22	64	11	0	2	2	4
2019-20	Soo Greyhounds	OHL	54	7	30	37	79					

#27. JACOB PERREAULT, RW

POTENTIAL:

Upside: 2nd Line Goalscoring Winger

Floor: 4th Line Utility Winger

COMPARABLE: Sam Reinhart

Team: SARNIA, OHL

Height: 5'11"

Weight: 192lbs

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SCOUTING REPORT: Jacob's dad Yanic was a 3rd round pick of the Leafs back 1991 after putting up an astounding 185 pts in the QMJHL. He eventually adapted his game and made the NHL as a strong utility player. It's obvious that Jacob gets his impressive hockey sense from him dad. He is a smart player with high hockey IQ. He is creative and can change angles to get the lanes he needs to shoot or pass. He has a deadly shot and can really fill the net. I think he's just average defensively and needs to continue to improve that part of his game. Like his dad, I won't be surprised if he's able to adapt his game to make the NHL.

COMPARABLE: Jacob Perreault reminds me of Sam Reinhart in terms of skating style and in the way he sees the ice but probably more of a goalscorer. I think at this point in the draft, he's good value here.

Jacob Perreault, Right Wing
Born Apr 15 2002 -- Hinsdale, IL
Height 5.11 -- Weight 192 -- Shoots R

Season	Team	Lge	--- Regular Season ---					---- Playoffs ----				
			GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2019-20	Sarnia Sting	OHL	57	39	31	70	40					





#28. RIDLY GREIG, LW

POTENTIAL:

Upside: 3rd Line Two-Way Winger

Floor: 4th Line Utility Winger

COMPARABLE: Andrew Cogliano

Team: BRANDON, WHL

Height: 5'11"

Weight: 163lbs

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SCOUTING REPORT:

Another 2nd generation player as Ridly's dad Mark played in the NHL for Hartford and Philadelphia. What's really noticeable about this player, right off the bat - is just how much of a hard worker he is. Excellent work ethic and I've got a lot of time for players like that. He's got a quick stride and good acceleration. He doesn't shy away from the physical aspects of the game although he will need to get bigger and stronger for the next level. He's very good on the cycle and has plays a strong defensive game as well. I don't think I see Top-6 potential with this player but I'll be very surprised if he can't make his way into a bottom-6 at some point in time. I think he's a sure bet to make the NHL in that capacity.

COMPARABLE:

The way Greig skates and plays a strong two-way game reminds me a lot of Andrew Cogliano. I think he can become that type of player who can also fill-in higher in the lineup when needed.

Ridly Greig, Left Wing

Born Aug 8 2002 -- Lethbridge, ALTA

Height 5.11 -- Weight 163 -- Shoots L

Season	Team	Lge	--- Regular Season ---					---- Playoffs ----				
			GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2018-19	Brandon Wheat Kings	WHL	63	14	21	35	57	--	--	--	--	--
2019-20	Brandon Wheat Kings	WHL	56	26	34	60	83					

#29. JAN BEDNAR, G

POTENTIAL:

Upside: Starting Goaltender

Floor: Back-up Goaltender

COMPARABLE: Robin Lehner

Team: KARLOVY VARY,CZE. EXTRALIGA

Height: 6'4"

Weight: 196lbs

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SCOUTING REPORT:

After such a promising 2018-19 campaign where Jan Bednar won rookie of the year as a 17 year old in the Czech Extraliga, he struggled for much of last season. He had a pretty good start last season as I thought he played very well at the Hlinka-Gretzky tournament. Against Canada where the Czechs were clearly outclassed, I thought he was outstanding in a 7 to 1 loss. I really like his size and athleticism as well as his lateral movement. I find that he tracks the puck really well and has good focus. He has very good technique, positioning and makes difficult saves look routine. What I like most about him is his demeanor when he is on his game as I find he gives off a kind of "I got this" vibe.

COMPARABLE:

Even though he had an 'off year' I don't think it wipes out everything else he's done in the past. The goaltender he reminds me of most is Robin Lehner as they are both big, athletic netminders.

Jan Bednar, Goalie

Born Aug 26 2002

Height 6.04 -- Weight 196 -- Shoots L

Season	Team	Lge	GP	Min	GA	EN	SO	GAA	W	L	T	Svs	Pct
2018-19	Karlov Vary HC	Czech	10	593	27	0	0	2.73	2	8	0	297	0.917
2019-20	Karlov Vary HC	Czech	13	710	52	0	1	4.39	2	9	0	395	0.883





#30. THOMAS BORDELEAU, LW

POTENTIAL:

Upside: 2nd Line Playmaking Winger

Floor: 3rd Line Playmaking Winger

COMPARABLE: Max Domi

Team: U.S. NTDP, USHL

Height: 5'10"

Weight: 175lbs

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SCOUTING REPORT: Thomas Bordeleau is a speedster that can make plays at high velocity. He's a strong skater with excellent acceleration. He has good playmaking abilities with great vision and superb puck control. He has tremendous puck poise and is an imaginative player with high offensive awareness. He's a strong forechecker with great hand-eye coordination which helps make him a good option on the PK. I like what I've seen from this player and I think he's got a good shot at eventually potentially becoming a middle-6 forward. Obviously, size is a drawback and he's going to need to make the most of his opportunities when they come.

COMPARABLE: My comparable for Thomas Bordeleau is Max Domi as I find they play the same type of game while both being a bit undersized. I won't be surprised if he falls a bit lower into the 2nd round but I think the value is good right here.

Thomas Bordeleau, Left Wing
Born Jan 3 2002 -- Houston, TX
Height 5.10 -- Weight 175 -- Shoots L

Season	Team	Lge	--- Regular Season ---					---- Playoffs ----				
			GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2018-19	U.S. National U17 Team	USHL	34	10	12	22	28	2	1	0	1	2
2019-20	U.S. National U18 Team	USHL	19	7	11	18	8					

#31. TY SMILANIC, C

POTENTIAL:

Upside: 2nd Line Two-Way Forward

Floor: 3rd Line Two-Way Center

COMPARABLE: Chris Tierney

Team: U.S. NTDP, USHL

Height: 6'1"

Weight: 175lbs

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SCOUTING REPORT: When I got my first look at Ty Smilanic, I immediately liked what I saw. He's a solid all-around player who can play in any facet of the game. I would describe him as a very good skater with good offensive and defensive instincts. He works hard every shift thanks to a strong work ethic. He does a lot of the little things well that don't show up on the scoresheet. In my view, I think he's a player that maybe doesn't have as high of a total upside as some other guys but thanks to his all-around game may have a better shot at the NHL as a solid, yet unspectacular 3rd line two-way center.

COMPARABLE: I think a good comparable for Ty Smilanic is a player like Chris Tierney because of his ability to contribute on offense while being able to handle defensive duties as well. I think he can potentially end up a player of that calibre if all goes well with his development.

Ty Smilanic, Center
Born Jan 20 2002 -- Denver, CO
Height 6.01 -- Weight 175 -- Shoots L

Season	Team	Lge	--- Regular Season ---					---- Playoffs ----				
			GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2019-20	U.S. National U18 Team	USHL	12	3	6	9	4					





#32. BRADEN SCHNEIDER, RD

POTENTIAL:

Upside: #3 Two-Way Defenceman

Floor: #6 Depth Defenceman

COMPARABLE: Matt Niskanen

Team: BRANDON, WHL

Height: 6'2"

Weight: 202lbs

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SCOUTING REPORT:

Braden Schneider has been on the radar for quite some time. I'm not as high on him as most but whenever you start talking about a defenceman with that kind of size, that can skate the way he can and also provide some offense, he will certainly garner attention. I found that at times he can try to do too much which can get him into trouble and his overall puck skills are maybe only just average. If he can consistently play within his skillset and just play his tough, physical brand of hockey – that will certainly go a long way in helping him at the next level.

COMPARABLE:

My comparable for Braden Schneider is Matt Niskanen because of the way he can play a strong, physical game that's tough to play against all the while providing some offensive production.

Braden Schneider, Defense

Born Sep 20 2001 -- Prince Albert, SASK

Height 6.02 -- Weight 202 -- Shoots R

Season	Team	Lge	--- Regular Season ---					---- Playoffs ----				
			GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2018-19	Brandon Wheat Kings	WHL	58	8	16	24	26	--	--	--	--	--
2019-20	Brandon Wheat Kings	WHL	60	7	35	42	42					

#33. JUSTIN BARRON, RD

POTENTIAL:

Upside: #3 Two-Way Defenceman

Floor: #6 Depth Defenceman

COMPARABLE: Damon Severson

Team: HALIFAX, QMJHL

Height: 6'2"

Weight: 195lbs

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SCOUTING REPORT:

If Justin Barron had been available in last year's draft, I think he would have been a slam-dunk 1st round pick. That's how impressive he was prior to last season. Unfortunately, he had an issue with a blood clot in 2019-20 that limited him and he had a bit of a down year. He's a fantastic skater who can really get up the ice and make smart plays. He has high on ice-awareness, good positioning great offensive ability. In short, he has all the makings of a prospect that flags to be a Top-4 d-man in the NHL. If his health issues are truly behind him, I think he will be a steal in this year's draft.

COMPARABLE:

I find that Damon Severson is a suitable comparable for Justin Barron in terms of being a steady offensive threat and the ability to play big minutes. If Barron is fully healthy going forward, my expectations is that he would be able to surpass that.

Justin Barron, Defense

Born Nov 15 2001 -- Halifax, NS

Height 6.02 -- Weight 195 -- Shoots R

Season	Team	Lge	--- Regular Season ---					---- Playoffs ----				
			GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2018-19	Halifax Mooseheads	QMJHL	68	9	32	41	34	23	2	11	13	10
2019-20	Halifax Mooseheads	QMJHL	34	4	15	19	6					





#34. ALEX LAFERRIERE, RW

POTENTIAL:

Upside: 2nd Line Two-Way Winger

Floor: 3rd Line Two-Way Winger

COMPARABLE: Kyle Palmieri

Team: DES MOINES, USHL

Height: 6'0"

Weight: 173lbs

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SCOUTING REPORT I find that Alex Laferriere is really underated and he is one of my favourites in this year's draft. He is a smart player with a strong work ethic that doesn't take shifts off. He excels playing down low on the cycle and he's not afraid to get into the dirty areas to score. He's a good skater with a fine skating stride. Laferriere is adept at controlling the puck - can make plays to setup his teammates or use his very good shot to score. What I like most about this player is that he's shown some solid defensive instincts to go with his offensive game. All in all, I think this is a player that's under a lot of radars and he has the potential to surprise at the next level.

COMPARABLE: My comparable for Alex Laferriere is Kyle Palmieri as I find he plays that same kind of game of a scoring winger with a solid defensive game. I think he can turn into that kind of player but just like with Palmieri, it will probably take some time to keep improving little by little. Really love this player!

Alex Laferriere, Right Wing
Born Oct 28 2001 -- Chatham, NJ
Height 6.00 -- Weight 173 -- Shoots R

Season	Team	Lge	--- Regular Season ---					---- Playoffs ----				
			GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2019-20	Des Moines Buccaneers	USHL	42	19	26	45	42					

#35. SAM COLANGELO, RW

POTENTIAL:

Upside: 2nd Line Power Forward

Floor: 3rd Line Power Forward

COMPARABLE: Jake Virtanen

Team: CHICAGO, USHL

Height: 6'2"

Weight: 205lbs

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SCOUTING REPORT: Every time I've seen Sam Colangelo play, I've generally come away liking what I saw. First and foremost, I really like his size and physical play and he's got a really, really good shot. Colangelo also has a great set of hands and a good sense of timing to setup teammates. He has a powerful skating stride especially once he gets going but I would like to see him improve his quickness. As with many young power-forwards, the challenge is to try and remain engaged and consistent. In the end, I like his skillset and his potential and I think that this type of player is hard to find so they must be properly developed and brought along slowly.

COMPARABLE: I find that a good comparable for Sam Colangelo is Jake Virtanen as they are about the same size and play a similar physical game. As with Virtanen, it may take some time for Colangelo to reach his potential so a good 2-3 years playing in the NCAA will be great for his development.

Sam Colangelo, Right Wing
Born Dec 26 2001 -- Stoneham, MA
Height 6.02 -- Weight 205 -- Shoots R

Season	Team	Lge	--- Regular Season ---					---- Playoffs ----				
			GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2018-19	Chicago Steel	USHL	11	3	0	3	4	2	0	0	0	4
2019-20	Chicago Steel	USHL	44	28	30	58	47					





#36. BRENDAN BRISSON, C

POTENTIAL:

Upside: 2nd Line Goalscoring Center

Floor: AHL Call-up

COMPARABLE: Alex Galchenyuk

Team: CHICAGO, USHL

Height: 5'11"

Weight: 179lbs

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SCOUTING REPORT: There is no doubt that the son of super agent Pat Brisson is a highly skilled prospect but I found that there is a bit of non-chalance to his game and that kind of rubs me the wrong way. I can see the talent – that he’s got a very good, accurate shot, that he’s a creative playmaker and a strong skater. Brisson was one of the top scorers in the USHL in 2019-20. I see the skillset but I’m not 100% convinced that it will translate to the pro ranks. For me, he is very much a ‘boom-or-bust’ prospect and if he can’t make it as a Top-6 forward, I’m not so sure he’d be able to play in a bottom-6.

COMPARABLE: Brendan Brisson’s game reminds me a lot of Alex Galchenyuk and the way he plays. There is a lot of skill and pure talent and it’s certainly possible he reaches his potential but it’s far from certain. I hope I am wrong and he lights it up because he looks like a good kid. ☺

Brendan Brisson, Center
Born Oct 22 2001 -- Manhattan Beach, CA
Height 5.11 -- Weight 179 -- Shoots L

Season	Team	Lge	--- Regular Season ---					---- Playoffs ----				
			GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2019-20	Chicago Steel	USHL	45	24	35	59	50					

#37. MAVRIK BOURQUE, C

POTENTIAL:

Upside: 2nd Line Offensive Forward

Floor: 4th Line Utility Forward

COMPARABLE: Sam Gagner

Team: SHAWINIGAN, QMJHL

Height: 5'10"

Weight: 178lbs

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SCOUTING REPORT: I was impressed with Mavrik Bourque at the Hlinka-Gretzky tournament with his versatility in the way that he was able to adapt his game and play a supporting role on the 4th line. He’s a player with good speed & acceleration and he’s a hard worker. I also like the fact that he’s a tenacious forechecker. He’s a smart player which gives him an edge on special teams. He put up a ton of points in Shawinigan but I don’t see that offense translating to the NHL. Every time I’ve seen him play in a top-line offensive role - I’ve come away disappointed. Perhaps it’s just that my expectations were too high but I feel he’s a long-shot to develop into a Top-6 forward. That’s why I have him ranked lower than most.

COMPARABLE: My comparable for Mavrik Bourque is Sam Gagner as that’s who he reminds me of most. I think that Bourque is probably better defensively but I feel like he is one of the riskier picks in the 1st round. In the 2nd round maybe with teams that have multiple picks, he’s better value and lower risk.

Mavrick Bourque, Center
Born Jan 8 2002 -- Plessisville, PQ
Height 5.10 -- Weight 178 -- Shoots R

Season	Team	Lge	--- Regular Season ---					---- Playoffs ----				
			GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2018-19	Shawinigan Cataractes	QMJHL	64	25	29	54	30	6	2	3	5	2
2019-20	Shawinigan Cataractes	QMJHL	49	29	42	71	30					





#38. LUKAS CORMIER, LD

POTENTIAL:

Upside: #4 Puck-Moving Defenceman

Floor: #6 Depth Defenceman

COMPARABLE: Will Butcher

Team: CHARLOTTETOWN, QMJHL

Height: 5'10"

Weight: 180lbs

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SCOUTING REPORT:

Lukas Cormier is a great skater with excellent puck control. He's a very good puck mover that can make tape-to-tape outlet passes out of the zone. He's a smart payer with good all-around awareness. He loves to shoot the puck and knows how to get his shot through. Initially, I wasn't really enthralled with this player when I first started paying attention to him but he grew on me and I started to like him more and more. Being such a good puck mover, he's likely to garner a lot of interest on draft day. He's going to need to improve his defensive game which means a couple more years of junior hockey and probably a few years in the AHL before he can make his mark.

COMPARABLE:

My comparable for Lukas Cormier is Will Butcher because that's who he reminds me of and I think that's the type of defenceman he can potentially become if he continues to improve.

Lukas Cormier, Defense
Born Mar 27 2002 -- Sainte-Marie-de-Kent, NB
Height 5.10 -- Weight 180 -- Shoots L

Season	Team	Lge	--- Regular Season ---					---- Playoffs ----				
			GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2018-19	Charlottetown Islanders	QMJHL	63	15	21	36	46	6	1	4	5	0
2019-20	Charlottetown Islanders	QMJHL	44	6	30	36	28					

#39. ALEXANDER PASHIN, RW

POTENTIAL:

Upside: 2nd Line Offensive Winger

Floor: KHL Star

COMPARABLE: Mats Zuccarello

Team: TOLPAR UFA, MHL

Height: 5'8"

Weight: 154lbs

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SCOUTING REPORT:

I have absolutely no doubt that if Alexander Pashin was 6'0 – 185lbs – he would be a 1st round pick in this year's draft. He is *that* talented. He really stood out as one of Russia's most dangerous players at the Hlinka-Gretzky Cup when he put up 7 goals in 5 games. He has excellent speed and quickness and knows how to use bursts of acceleration to surprise opponents. He has superb puck control and is an excellent playmaker. To me, he's a catalyst that seems to be able to make things happen every time he's on the ice. His hockey IQ is off the charts. On the flipside, he's either a Top-6 forward in the NHL or he's probably going to stay in the KHL. Does he even want to come to North America? I don't have the answer to that. In the end, I will be surprised if he's drafted this high but someone should definitely take a flyer on him in the later rounds. It might be a good idea to have his rights when he's 22.

COMPARABLE:

I think Mats Zuccarello is a good comparable in terms of high-end skill and a smaller player who still made his mark. Like Zuccarello, I could see Pashin taking a longer path to the NHL.

Alexander Pashin, Right Wing
Born Jul 28 2002
Height 5.08 -- Weight 154 -- Shoots L

Season	Team	Lge	--- Regular Season ---					---- Playoffs ----				
			GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2019-20	Ufa Tolpar	MHL	37	17	22	39	35	3	0	1	1	0





#40. BROCK FABER, RD

POTENTIAL:

Upside: #4 Defensive Defenceman

Floor: #6 Depth Defenceman

COMPARABLE: MacKenzie Weegar

Team: U.S. NTDP, USHL

Height: 6'0"

Weight: 190lbs

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SCOUTING REPORT I loved what I saw from Brock Faber and that's why he's one of my favourites in this year's draft. He's not flashy but he plays a no-nonsense type of 'in your face' hockey. He's a very good skater that plays a strong defensive game. I found that he's a good puck-handler and can move it pretty well. Faber has strong positioning, a good stick, is great at closing gaps and taking his man to the boards and off the puck. He can anticipate plays and that makes him a good option on the PK. He's the type of player that will block shots and will pay the price to make a play. I think he's at his best when he's just playing his game and not trying to do too much. I think he's pretty underrated and has a very good shot at becoming a good NHLer as he continues to develop and improve.

COMPARABLE: I think Brock Faber compares well to a player like MacKenzie Weegar. Not a lot of flash but just a good skater, puck-mover that plays a solid defensive game. I think Weegar is also underrated and that's the type of defenceman I see Faber potentially turning into.

Brock Faber, Defense
Born Aug 22 2002 -- Maple Grove, MN
Height 6.00 -- Weight 193 -- Shoots R

Season	Team	Lge	--- Regular Season ---					---- Playoffs ----				
			GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2018-19	U.S. National U18 Team	USHL	1	0	0	0	2	--	--	--	--	--
2019-20	U.S. National U18 Team	USHL	19	1	8	9	8					

#41. DAEMON HUNT, LD

POTENTIAL:

Upside: #4 Two-Way Defenceman

Floor: #6 Depth Defenceman

COMPARABLE: Michal Kempny

Team: MOOSE JAW, WHL

Height: 6'0"

Weight: 198lbs

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SCOUTING REPORT: In my viewings of Daemon Hunt, I liked what I saw because he doesn't try to do anything too fancy, he just plays a safe game within his skillset. He skates very well, has a good head for the game and is a very good puck-mover. He has good defensive awareness and will continue to progress on that end. He played on a poor Moose Jaw team in 2019-20 and it's sometimes difficult to stand out when you're that type of player on that kind of team. He suffered a serious injury in January when his arm was cut by a skate which limited him to only 28 games played. I think that players who are able to keep things simple and risk-free are important as well as they tend to solidify the rest of the defense.

COMPARABLE: Michal Kempny is my comparable for Hunt as I find they both play the same style of game. I think he's a good bet to eventually find his way in the NHL as that type of defenceman.

Daemon Hunt, Defense
Born May 15 2002 -- Brandon, MAN
Height 6.00 -- Weight 198 -- Shoots L

Season	Team	Lge	--- Regular Season ---					---- Playoffs ----				
			GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2018-19	Moose Jaw Warriors	WHL	57	7	13	20	10	4	0	0	0	0
2019-20	Moose Jaw Warriors	WHL	28	0	15	15	17					





#42. WILL CUYLLE, LW

POTENTIAL:

Upside: 3rd Line Power Forward

Floor: 4th Line Utility Winger

COMPARABLE: Miles Wood

Team: WINDSOR, OHL

Height: 6'3"

Weight: 204lbs

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SCOUTING REPORT

Will Cuyllle is the type of player you love to have on your team and other teams hate to play against. He's probably not going to wow anyone with his offensive skills or creativity but he just plays a hard 'north-south' game. He's a tenacious checker and a hard hitter that knows how to use his size to his advantage. Cuyllle plays with a 'snarl' and gets in his opponents faces and lets him know he's out there. He has a good hard shot and he drives to the net every chance he gets. The one thing that I really like about him is that for such a big kid, he's a really good skater. I find that he really moves well around the ice. I have him ranked this high because I feel like the way he plays will really translate to the NHL and teams that don't have this kind of 'presence' in their lineup really feel it in the playoffs.

COMPARABLE:

To me, Will Cuyllle is a Miles Wood clone and I think that's exactly the type of player he could potentially turn into if he reaches his potential. He's one of my favourites for sure.

Will Cuyllle, Left Wing
Born Feb 5 2002 -- Toronto, ONT
Height 6.03 -- Weight 204 -- Shoots L

Season	Team	Lge	--- Regular Season ---					---- Playoffs ----				
			GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2018-19	Windsor Spitfires	OHL	63	26	15	41	50	4	2	1	3	6
2019-20	Windsor Spitfires	OHL	62	22	20	42	37					

#43. DONOVAN SEBRANGO, LD

POTENTIAL:

Upside: #4 Two-Way Defenceman

Floor: #6 Depth Defenceman

COMPARABLE: Alec Martinez

Team: KITCHENER, OHL

Height: 6'1"

Weight: 189lbs

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SCOUTING REPORT:

In the role he was asked to play, I thought Donovan Sebrango did very well at the Hlinka-Gretzky tournament back in August 2019. He isn't a very flashy player that stands out one way or another but he just goes out and does his job. Sebrango is a strong skater that makes good outlet passes out of the zone. I find that he is at his best when plays it is safe and doesn't try to do too much. He can play a physical game and takes care of traffic in front of the net. He also has an offensive component to his game but I think he's unlikely to be a big point producer at the next level.

COMPARABLE:

I think that Alec Martinez is a good comparable in terms of skating ability, puck movement and overall gameplay. I think Sebrango could surprise and develop into #4 but I see him more developing into a quality bottom pairing guy.

Donovan Sebrango, Defense
Born Jan 12 2002 -- Kingston, ONT
Height 6.01 -- Weight 189 -- Shoots L

Season	Team	Lge	--- Regular Season ---					---- Playoffs ----				
			GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2018-19	Kitchener Rangers	OHL	62	7	19	26	54	4	0	0	0	2
2019-20	Kitchener Rangers	OHL	56	6	24	30	33					





#44. ZION NYBECK, RW

POTENTIAL:

Upside: 2nd Line Offensive Winger

Floor: SHL Star

COMPARABLE: Conor Sheary

Team: HV71, SHL

Height: 5'6"

Weight: 182lbs

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SCOUTING REPORT:

Despite his diminutive size, there are a lot of people who are extremely high on Zion Nybeck. After all, he has a dynamic skillset and has been proving people wrong for a long time. What I like about him is that he doesn't give up on plays, has good determination and an even better hockey sense. He's a quick and shifty player with very good offensive awareness. The way I see him is that if he's drafted by a team and put into a perfect scenario – much like Sheary was when he was added to the Penguins lineup – I think that could be something that could work out where he's a Top-6 forward. If not, I think he's a 'Top-6 or bust' prospect because I don't see him as a bottom-6 player in the NHL.

COMPARABLE:

I think Nybeck compares well to a player like Conor Sheary in terms of what he can become in the NHL if he realizes his full potential and is put in an ideal situation. I think he's a risky pick and for that reason, I have him ranked lower than most.

Zion Nybeck, Right Wing
Born May 12 2002
Height 5.06 -- Weight 182 -- Shoots L

Season	Team	Lge	Regular Season					Playoffs				
			GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2019-20	HV71 Jonkoping	J20 SuperElit	42	27	39	66	28					
2019-20	HV71 Jonkoping	SweHL	15	1	0	1	0					

#45. JUSTIN SOURDIF, RW

POTENTIAL:

Upside: 3rd Line Two-Way Winger

Floor: 4th Line Utility Winger

COMPARABLE: Noel Acciari

Team: VANCOUVER, WHL

Height: 5'11"

Weight: 173lbs

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SCOUTING REPORT:

The first chance I got to see Justin Sourdif play, I thought he lacked a bit in his attention to detail. I think he was trying to do too much and his decision making was lacking at times. The more I got to see him play, the more I think he just may end up having issues processing the game at the next level *as a Top-6 forward*. That doesn't mean he can't have a great career as a 3rd or 4th line player. I can't question his work ethic as he's a tremendously hard worker and tenacious forechecker. In the end, perhaps it's just that my expectations were too high but I just don't see Top-6 forward potential with this player. He could end up as a defensive specialist if he's able to adapt to a defensive role.

COMPARABLE:

My comparable for Justin Sourdif is underrated, hard-working winger Noel Acciari. I think Sourdif could end up as that type of player if all goes well with the rest of his development.

Justin Sourdif, Right Wing
Born Mar 24 2002 -- Surrey, BC
Height 5.11 -- Weight 173 -- Shoots R

Season	Team	Lge	Regular Season					Playoffs				
			GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2018-19	Vancouver Giants	WHL	64	23	23	46	31	17	2	6	8	16
2019-20	Vancouver Giants	WHL	57	26	28	54	44					





#46. NOEL GUNLER, RW

POTENTIAL:

Upside: 2nd Line Offensive Winger

Floor: SHL Star

COMPARABLE: Alex Nylander

Team: LULEA, SHL

Height: 6'2"

Weight: 176lbs

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SCOUTING REPORT: Unlike most, I am not a huge fan of Noel Gunler. I can't really explain why – it's kind of just a gut feeling but sometimes you have to trust your instincts. He reminds me a ton of Alex Nylander and while that's not necessarily a bad thing, I'd be willing to bet that if the Sabres got a 'do over' with that 8th overall pick, they'd go in a different direction. So if you're taking a chance on this guy in the 2nd round, it's not so bad but I think 1st round is a bit of a reach. Gunler has a bit of a choppy stride but I wouldn't call him a bad skater – he gets to where he needs to go. He's got a great shot and a lot of offensive ability. For me, I just see him as another 'Top-6 or bust' kind of prospect and I'm not really convinced on the Top-6 part. So I think he's a risky pick but in the middle of the 2nd round, it could be worth it.

COMPARABLE: My comparable for Noel Gunler is the aforementioned Alex Nylander. I think there is a nice skillset there but unless he's a fixture as a Top-6 forward, I could see him struggle to find his way.

Noel Gunler, Right Wing
Born Oct 7 2001
Height 6.02 -- Weight 176 -- Shoots R

Season	Team	Lge	--- Regular Season ---					---- Playoffs ----				
			GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2019-20	Lulea HF	SweHL	45	4	9	13	16					

#47. DANIIL GUSHCHIN, LW

POTENTIAL:

Upside: 2nd Line Two-Way Winger

Floor: KHL Star

COMPARABLE: Carl Hagelin

Team: MUSKEGON, USHL

Height: 5'8"

Weight: 165lbs

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SCOUTING REPORT: Daniil Gushchin is another highly-skilled, diminutive forward that has a chance to be selected within the first few rounds of the draft. Unlike most of the others, I think he has a shot at playing in the bottom-6 if he can't crack a Top-6. His game is built on speed and he has that in spades as well as excellent acceleration. He's a player with great vision and anticipation that has the ability to setup his linemates. Gushchin does not hesitate to shoot the puck when he gets the chance. He is already used to the North American game having put up impressive numbers in the USHL for 2 years running. I could see him potentially playing the role of a strong utility player on the PK due to his speed and smarts.

COMPARABLE: I think Carl Hagelin compares well to Daniil Gushchin as a player with fantastic speed that can be dangerous on the PK. I think that's the kind of role I see for Gushchin at the NHL level.

Danil Gushchin, Left Wing
Born Feb 6 2002 -- Yekaterinberg, Russia
Height 5.08 -- Weight 165 -- Shoots L

Season	Team	Lge	--- Regular Season ---					---- Playoffs ----				
			GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2018-19	Muskegon Lumberjacks	USHL	51	16	20	36	30	2	0	0	0	0
2019-20	Muskegon Lumberjacks	USHL	42	22	25	47	42					





#48. CONNOR McCLENNON, RW

POTENTIAL:

Upside: 3rd Line Scoring Winger

Floor: 4th Line Depth Winger

COMPARABLE: Brendan Gallagher

Team: WINNIPEG, WHL

Height: 5'8"

Weight: 163lbs

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SCOUTING REPORT:

If Connor McCleennon ends up proving a lot of people wrong and develops into a productive NHL player, I won't be surprised. There is just no quite in his game and I love that about him. He's a great worker, always hustling putting in his max effort. He doesn't shy away from getting into those dirty areas to try and score. He plays with no fear despite his smaller frame and he even gets in his opponents faces. He also comes with a fair bit of skill too. McCleennon is a good shooter and can pass the puck pretty well – I find that he's kind of a catalyst or a gamebreaker. Odds are this is a player who is going to be selected later on in the draft but he could surprise a lot of people.

COMPARABLE:

I think that Brendan Gallagher is a player who compares very well to McCleennon because of his skill level and the way he competes. I see McCleennon potentially developing as that type of player. Nobody thought much of Gallagher as a 5th round pick in 2010 either.

Connor McCleennon, Right Wing
Born Jun 25 2002 -- Wainwright, ALTA
Height 5.08 -- Weight 163 -- Shoots R

Season	Team	Lge	--- Regular Season ---					---- Playoffs ----				
			GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2018-19	Kootenay Ice	WHL	46	14	15	29	18	--	--	--	--	--
2019-20	Winnipeg Ice	WHL	42	21	28	49	25					

#49. JAROMIR PYTLIK, C

POTENTIAL:

Upside: 2nd Line Two-Way Center

Floor: Czech Extraliga Star

COMPARABLE: Travis Zajac

Team: SAULT STE-MARIE, OHL

Height: 6'2"

Weight: 200lbs

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SCOUTING REPORT:

Jaromir Pytlik is a player that I've had my eye on for some time. I was really impressed with his game at the U18 tournament back in April 2019. I was projecting him to be a sure-fire 1st round pick in this year's draft but I feel like his progression isn't where I thought it would be. I still think he's a very intriguing prospect but I can make an argument for and one against as to if he's going to be a player at the next level. I like the way he skates and handles the puck. He is a good all-around player that can create offense, score goals and provide solid defense. He could be a fantastic pick if it turns out that he just had a bit of an off year or maybe he's just trending in the wrong direction.

COMPARABLE:

I find that Travis Zajac is a player that compares really well to Jaromir Pytlik. I think he could become that kind of player if he reaches his full potential.

Jaromir Pytlik, Center
Born Sep 25 2001 -- Dacice, Czech Rep.
Height 6.02 -- Weight 200 -- Shoots R

Season	Team	Lge	--- Regular Season ---					---- Playoffs ----				
			GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2018-19	Soo Greyhounds	OHL	26	11	8	19	18	11	4	4	8	6
2019-20	Soo Greyhounds	OHL	56	22	28	50	36					





#50. JAN MYSAK, C

POTENTIAL:

Upside: 3rd Line Offensive Forward

Floor: Czech Extraliga Star

COMPARABLE: Sonny Milano

Team: HAMILTON, OHL

Height: 5'10"

Weight: 175lbs

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SCOUTING REPORT:

I am really surprised to see so many people rank Mysak as highly as they do. From the 'get-go', I wasn't really a fan. I first got a look at him playing internationally for the Czech Republic and thought to myself "well, maybe his play in the OHL was really impressive?!" then I got a look at him in the OHL and I was equally disappointed. He's a very good skater than can get to high speeds when he really gets going. He can create plays and can really fire the puck. I found that he needs to keep his feet moving when he's not attacking and can at times, be a step behind defensively. That one is a big red flag for me because the willingness to play good defense as a center isn't a switch that you can turn on and off – those are habits that you better have or else you'll find yourself a winger in no time flat. I hope I'm wrong and he turns out great because he seems like a really good kid.

COMPARABLE:

My comparable for Jan Mysak is Sonny Milano as he's also a great skater with the same kind of skillset. If Mysak isn't able to shore up his defensive game, I believe it's going to be a struggle at the NHL level. I won't be surprised if he drops come draft day.

Jan Mysak, Center

Born Jun 24 2002 -- Litvinov, Czech Rep.

Height 5.10 -- Weight 175 -- Shoots L

Season	Team	Lge	--- Regular Season ---					---- Playoffs ----					
			GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	
2019-20	Litvinov HC	Czech	26	5	4	9	2						
2019-20	Hamilton Bulldogs	OHL	22	15	10	25	10						

HONORABLE MENTIONS

#51. SHAKIR MUKHAMADULLIN, LD - UFA SALAVAT YULAEV, KHL – 6'4" / 178lbs

Comparable -> *Marcus Pettersson*

Loved this guy at the 2019 U18 tournament but I haven't seen the kind of progress that I was expecting. Great size, very good skater and puck mover could surprise if he just had an 'off year'.

#52. TOPI NIEMELA, RD – KARPAT, LIIGA – 5'10" / 156lbs

Comparable -> *Filip Hronek*

Niemela is a dynamic player with great puck-moving abilities. He's an excellent skater that will need to fill-out and get stronger for the next level. Decision-making still a work in progress.

#53. MAXIM GROSHEV, RW – NEFTEKHIMIK, KHL – 6'2" / 194lbs

Comparable -> *Denis Gurianov*

He's a power forward type that is dangerous off the rush. Good top speed and confidence in his abilities. Plays hard in all three zones. May not have top-end upside.





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#54. EMIL ANDRAE, LD – HV71, SUPERELIT – 5’8” / 181lbs

Comparable -> *Victor Mete*

He’s undersized but a great skater and effective puck mover. Makes good outlet passes out of the zone. I don’t project him to be a big point producer at the next level.

#55. LUKAS REICHEL, LW – EISBAREN BERLIN, DEL – 6’0” / 170lbs

Comparable -> *Danton Heinen*

He’s a good skater and solid all-around player that’s shown the ability to be able to play outside of his age group. I don’t see Top-6 upside but he could be a solid depth forward.

#56. LUKE TUCH, LW – U.S. NTDP, USHL – 6’2” / 203lbs

Comparable -> *Warren Foegele*

Alex’s younger brother is only an average skater in terms of quickness. He needs to use his big frame to his advantage. If he can do that consistently, he’s got a great shot as a 3rd line winger.

#57. WILLIAM DUFOUR, RW – DRUMMONDVILLE, QMJHL – 6’2” / 195lbs

Comparable -> *Josh Anderson*

Already on his 3rd team in 2 years – could be a red flag but he put up better than a point-per-game after coming over in a trade from Chicoutimi. Kind of a hit or miss prospect but I like him.

#58. BRANDON COE, RW – NORTH BAY, OHL – 6’4” / 188lbs

Comparable -> *Oskar Sunqvist*

A big kid that plays a heavy game and hits hard. He plays a north-south game with strong defensive instincts. Could be the ideal 3rd/4th liner with size and grit.

#59. DYLAN PETERSON, RW – U.S. NTDP, USHL – 6’4” / 194lbs

Comparable -> *Joel Armia*

He’s a pretty good skater for such a big kid. He’s strong along the boards and gets into the right areas to score. Good work ethic with deceptive puck control and passing abilities.

#60. MITCHEL MILLER, RD – TRI-CITY, USHL – 5’10” / 180lbs

Comparable -> *Troy Stecher*

I thought he stood out at the 2018 Hlinka-Gretzky Cup as an underager. He’s a very good puck mover that’s solid yet unspectacular. He just goes out and does his job. He could surprise.

#61. LUKE PROKOP, RD – CALGARY, WHL – 6’4” / 217lbs

Comparable -> *Erik Cernak*

Very intriguing prospect that is very raw but there is something there with this player. Has an underrated offensive component to his game.

#62. SIMON KUBICEK, RD – CALGARY, WHL – 6’2” / 205lbs

Comparable -> *Jason Demers*

Very impressed with Kubicek at the 2019 Under 18 tournament and then again in last year’s WJC. I thought he handled himself quite well despite being an underaged d-man. He’s underrated.

