



NHL DRAFT BOARD 2016 DRAFT BOOK

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contains Rankings, Outlooks, Mock Drafts, and more.*

TOP 100 DRAFT RANKINGS: 1-9

1 Auston Matthews
C, Zurich (SUI)

height: 6'2"
weight: 194 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 36GP, 24-22-46, +16, 6PIM
scouting report: One of the most complete players to enter the draft in recent memory, Matthews is a complete offensive dynamo with a vast skill set; Matthews can stick handle, pass, and most prominently shoot the puck; high hockey sense and two-way ability.
nhl comparable: Jonathan Toews

2 Patrik Laine
LW/RW, Tappara (FIN)

height: 6'4"
weight: 209 lbs
handedness: Right
statline: 46GP, 17-16-33, +6, 6PIM
scouting report: Finnish league playoff MVP and the same honors from the 2016 World Championships, Laine is a dynamic goal scoring machine. Laine boasts a shot that rivals the great Alex Ovechkin in release and strength, and he displays extreme power in his game.
nhl comparable: Alexander Ovechkin

3 Jesse Puljujarvi
RW, Karpat (FIN)

height: 6'3"
weight: 201 lbs
handedness: Right
statline: 50GP, 13-15-28, +5, 22PIM
scouting report: 2016 WJC's Top Forward, Puljujarvi has a complete game that's not unlike Dallas' Jamie Benn. Puljujarvi has size, speed, hockey sense, and a complete offensive skill set, including a deadly wrist shot and a dynamic set of hands.
nhl comparable: Jamie Benn

4 Matthew Tkachuk
LW, London (OHL)

height: 6'1"
weight: 194 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 57GP, 30-77-107, +45, 80PIM
scouting report: Tenacious is the best way to describe Matthew Tkachuk. Matthew plays a relentless brand of hockey, he has a great nose for the net and isn't afraid to chirp and agitate; has a high octane offensive game with great scoring ability and vision.
nhl comparable: Corey Perry

5 Pierre-Luc Dubois
LW, Cape Breton (QMJHL)

height: 6'3"
weight: 203 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 62GP, 42-57-99, +40, 112PIM
scouting report: Big, skilled forward that plays a complete 200 foot game, Dubois has high hockey sense, playmaking ability, and blends it all into a big, physical frame. Dubois can often overpower his opponents and impose his will, has gamechanging potential.
nhl comparable: Vincent Lecavalier

6 Mikhail Sergachev
D, Windsor (OHL)

height: 6'2"
weight: 205 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 67GP, 17-40-57, +15, 56PIM
scouting report: Highest goal-scoring defenseman in the OHL this season, Sergachev has a dominant, two-way package that includes great strength, physicality, and a booming point shot. Displays great poise in all 3 zones and has great offensive creativity.
nhl comparable: Drew Doughty

7 Alexander Nylander
RW, Mississauga (OHL)

height: 6'0"
weight: 176 lbs
handedness: Right
statline: 57GP, 28-47-75, +8, 18PIM
scouting report: Son of Michael and brother of William, Alexander Nylander is a dynamic offensive forward that is characterized by his explosive speed and creativity. Deadly accurate wrist shot and routinely beats defenders 1-on-1 with his slick set of hands.
nhl comparable: Vladimir Tarasenko

8 Jakob Chychrun
D, Sarnia (OHL)

height: 6'2"
weight: 194 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 62GP, 11-38-49, +23, 51PIM
scouting report: Remarkably versatile two-way defender that can play in all situations and log big minutes, Chychrun is an excellent skater and has a very competent and efficient offensive skill set, has great vision which is an asset both on the breakout and offensively.
nhl comparable: Mark Giordano

9 Olli Juolevi
D, London (OHL)

height: 6'2"
weight: 183 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 57GP, 9-33-42, +38, 16PIM
scouting report: Two-way defender that plays a very cerebral style of hockey, Juolevi is defined by his hockey smarts and consistently puts them on display with impeccable positioning and knowledge in the offensive zone. Rarely makes a bad play and is poised.
nhl comparable: Olli Maatta

TOP 100 DRAFT RANKINGS: 10-18

10 Tyson Jost C/LW, Penticton (BCHL)

height: 5'11"
weight: 192 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 48GP, 42-62-104, 43PIM
scouting report: BCHL MVP and Top Forward at the 2016 U-18's, Jost is a dynamic and gifted goal scorer who consistently abused goaltenders this year while playing for Penticton, possesses potentially the best shot in this draft class and has creative offensive instincts.
nhl comparable: Kyle Turris

11 Clayton Keller C, USA U-18 (USDP)

height: 5'10"
weight: 170 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 62GP, 37-70-107, 40PIM
scouting report: Boston University commit, Keller is a dynamic playmaking center that also displays a well-rounded offensive skill set. Remarkably creative, and quick in both skating ability and decision making, plays a decisive and dominant offensive game.
nhl comparable: Claude Giroux

12 Jake Bean D, Calgary (WHL)

height: 6'1"
weight: 172 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 68GP, 24-40-64, +8, 28PIM
scouting report: Highest goal-scoring defenseman in the WHL in 2016, Bean is an offensively gifted defender with remarkable creativity and awareness in the offensive zone. Destined to be a top tier powerplay QB in the NHL someday, very hard worker as well.
nhl comparable: Nick Leddy

13 Logan Brown C, Windsor (OHL)

height: 6'6"
weight: 218 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 59GP, 21-53-74, +24, 40PIM
scouting report: Hulking winger standing at 6'6", 218 lbs, Brown possesses deceptive mobility and creative offensive awareness for a player of his stature. Excellent at using his body to shield the puck and shows very good strength, defensively sound as well.
nhl comparable: Jordan Staal

14 Charlie McAvoy D, Boston Uni. (H-EAST)

height: 6'0"
weight: 205 lbs
handedness: Right
statline: 36GP, 3-21-24, +11, 51PIM
scouting report: Poised, patient, mobile, and intelligent, 4 words that sum up McAvoy's game very well. Excellent player breaking out of his own zone, recognizes his available options and has great vision when carrying or passing the puck. Great two-way game as well.
nhl comparable: Mattias Ekholm

15 Julien Gauthier RW, Val-d'Or (QMJHL)

height: 6'4"
weight: 225 lbs
handedness: Right
statline: 54GP, 41-16-57, +24, 24PIM
scouting report: Imposing power forward with a very complete package, excels as a pure goal scorer with a great nose for the net and a good shot, but Gauthier also possesses very good straight line speed and playmaking abilities, very intelligent as well.
nhl comparable: Rick Nash

16 Dante Fabbro D, Penticton (BCHL)

height: 6'0"
weight: 190 lbs
handedness: Right
statline: 45GP, 14-53-67, 30PIM
scouting report: Two-way defender with a very high offensive ceiling, Fabbro has excellent vision on both the breakout and in the offensive zone, very capable passer and has a hard and accurate shot. Defensive game is sound and possesses a good and active stick.
nhl comparable: Tyson Barrie

17 Michael McLeod C, Mississauga (OHL)

height: 6'2"
weight: 187 lbs
handedness: Right
statline: 57GP, 21-40-61, +10, 71PIM
scouting report: Power center that plays a very complete game, McLeod is a highly competitive player that makes himself hard to play against with his blend of speed and physicality. Very good playmaker and a sound defensive player, competes hard in all 3 zones.
nhl comparable: Boone Jenner

18 Kieffer Bellows C/LW, USA U-18 (USDP)

height: 6'1"
weight: 194 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 62GP, 50-31-81, 101PIM
scouting report: Bellows plays with a blend of power and skill that's tough not to love, very gifted goal scorer that can score in a number of ways, whether it's with his shot from the outside or hands in tight. Tenacious and aggressive player, loves to take the body hard and often.
nhl comparable: Nick Foligno

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19 Max Jones
LW, London (OHL)

height: 6'3"

weight: 201 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 63GP, 28-24-52, +30, 106PIM

scouting report: Buzzsaw forward that plays through his opposition, Jones is a power forward by trade that willingly takes the body and plays hard on his opponents. Has great skating ability and quick feet, as well as crafty hands in tight; very capable agitator as well.

nhl comparable: Brad Marchand

20 Alex DeBrincat
RW, Erie (OHL)

height: 5'7"

weight: 161 lbs

handedness: Right

statline: 60GP, 51-50-101, +18, 28PIM

scouting report: Undersized forward, but DeBrincat has such a dynamic offensive skill set that is impossible to ignore. Scoring a combined 102 goals the past two seasons in the OHL, DeBrincat is a pure sniper that has phenomenal hockey smarts, remarkably creative.

nhl comparable: Johnny Gaudreau

21 Luke Kunin
C, Wisconsin (BIG10)

height: 6'0"

weight: 196 lbs

handedness: Right

statline: 34GP, 19-13-32, +-9, 34PIM

scouting report: Incredibly intelligent player that understands his role in plays as they develop, Kunin has the potential to become an impactful NHL goal scorer with his lightning quick release on his shot and offensive vision; very hard worker and a good possession player.

nhl comparable: Adam Henrique

22 Vitali Abramov
LW, Gatineau (QMJHL)

height: 5'9"

weight: 170 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 63GP, 38-55-93, +36, 36PIM

scouting report: Undersized and underappreciated, it's hard not to be infatuated with Abramov's offensive game. Equally proficient as a playmaker and a goal scorer, Abramov thinks and plays the game quick, he can make and finish plays at speeds most cannot.

nhl comparable: Mats Zuccarello

23 Samuel Girard
D, Shawinigan (QMJHL)

height: 5'10"

weight: 165 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 67GP, 10-64-74, +24, 10PIM

scouting report: Led the QMJHL in points and assists as a defenseman as an 18 year old, Girard is a dynamic offensive defenseman with some of the best mobility in this draft and has a complete and creative offensive game with equally accurate shots and passes.

nhl comparable: Jared Spurgeon

24 Riley Tufte
LW, Blaine High (USHS)

height: 6'5"

weight: 190 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 25GP, 47-31-78, 53PIM

scouting report: Unique blend of size and skill that all teams covet, Tufte is a massive 6'5" winger that excels particularly as a goal scorer with a very heavy shot that can beat goaltenders from the outside, has some bite to his game but needs to build strength.

nhl comparable: James Neal

25 Tage Thompson
C/RW, UCONN (H-EAST)

height: 6'5"

weight: 185 lbs

handedness: Right

statline: 36GP, 14-18-32, -14, 12PIM

scouting report: Most dangerous powerplay player in college hockey in 2016, Thompson potted most of his goals with his booming shot which is one of the hallmarks of his game, versatile player with his offensive ability and physicality, needs to bulk up a bit more.

nhl comparable: Nick Bjugstad

26 Lucas Johansen
D, Kelowna (WHL)

height: 6'2"

weight: 176 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 69GP, 10-39-49, +11, 20PIM

scouting report: Two-way defender that is particularly proficient on the defensive side of the puck, very good one-on-one defender with an active stick and good skating ability. Offensive game is beginning to blossom with capable vision and a booming point shot.

nhl comparable: Kevin Klein

27 Markus Niemelainen
D, Saginaw (OHL)

height: 6'6"

weight: 205 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 65GP, 1-26-27, -23, 28PIM

scouting report: Defensive minded defenseman that possesses great two-way potential, defensive game is well developed already with great sense of positioning, recognition, and physical play. Offensive game needs fine tuning, but possesses a great point shot already.

nhl comparable: Marco Scandella

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28 Tyler Benson LW, Vancouver (WHL)

height: 6'0"

weight: 196 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 30GP, 9-19-28, E, 46PIM

scouting report: Ability and willingness to do everything well, Benson is a very complete player that plays with remarkable competitiveness. Natural leader, named captain of Vancouver at age 17, Benson has a fire to win and compete that makes coaches love him.

nhl comparable: Ryan Callahan

29 Adam Mascherin C/LW, Kitchener (OHL)

height: 5'10"

weight: 192 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 65GP, 35-46-81, +19, 16PIM

scouting report: Spark plug forward that excels particularly as a goal scorer, has a willingness to battle down low but also has the skill to score and create from the outside, plays with a bite to his game despite his size and plays a competitive 200 foot game.

nhl comparable: Kyle Palmieri

30 Dennis Cholowski D, Chilliwack (BCHL)

height: 6'1"

weight: 176 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 50GP, 12-28-40, +2, 16PIM

scouting report: Two-way defender with excellent, crisp skating ability and fantastic puck moving capabilities. Cholowski possesses high hockey sense and situational awareness, thinks the game at a high level and is versatile because of it; good offensive ceiling.

nhl comparable: Jay Bouwmeester

31 Pascal Laberge C, Victoriaville (QMJHL)

height: 6'1"

weight: 174 lbs

handedness: Right

statline: 56GP, 23-45-68, -3, 64PIM

scouting report: Two-way forward with high hockey sense and a well-rounded skill set, Laberge possesses a good set of hands that enable him to be equally effective as a playmaker and a goal scorer. Nimble skater, and uses his size proactively to shield the puck.

nhl comparable: Antoine Vermette

32 German Rubtsov C, Russia U-18 (MHL)

height: 6'0"

weight: 190 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 28GP, 12-14-26, +12, 10PIM

scouting report: May slip from initial rankings because of the Russian doping scandal, but Rubtsov is a highly talented two-way forward with a versatile skill set. He can skate, stick handle, and his most valuable asset is his high level of hockey IQ - thinks the game at a very high level.

nhl comparable: Frans Nielsen

33 Boris Katchouk LW, Sault Ste. Marie (OHL)

height: 6'1"

weight: 183 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 63GP, 24-27-51, +7, 61PIM

scouting report: High motor and a high level of skill to match, Katchouk possesses a great set of hands that are equally capable of creating plays and finishing them. Relentless forechecker, always keeps his feet moving and plays physical down low on opposing d-men.

nhl comparable: JT Miller

34 Kale Clague D, Brandon (WHL)

height: 6'0"

weight: 183 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 71GP, 6-37-43, +25, 54PIM

scouting report: Offensive defenseman by nature, but has worked on rounding out his overall defensive game. Possesses good vision and recognition, and has remarkable mobility on the breakout. Excellent skater with the vision to make plays, needs to gain consistency.

nhl comparable: Jake Gardiner

35 Rasmus Asplund LW, Farjestad (SWE)

height: 5'10"

weight: 176 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 46GP, 4-8-12, +10, 16PIM

scouting report: Fleet of foot two-way forward, Asplund is very intelligent hockey player that plays a strong 200 foot game. Excels as a playmaker with good vision in the offensive zone, could become a very good special teams player on both sides of the puck.

nhl comparable: Jacob Josefson

36 Brett Howden C, Moose Jaw (WHL)

height: 6'2"

weight: 190 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 68GP, 24-40-64, -7, 61PIM

scouting report: Power forward by trade that could yet add some grittiness to his game, but Howden plays a style that uses his frame to his advantage - strong on the puck and battles hard in front of the net for rebounds, has good hockey sense and hands in tight space to match.

nhl comparable: Brock Nelson

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37 Logan Stanley D, Windsor (OHL)

height: 6'7"

weight: 225 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 64GP, 5-12-17, +7, 103PIM

scouting report: Hulking blue liner with two-way potential, Stanley is a towering and daunting presence in his own zone with his massive reach and his willingness to play physical, gives very consistent efforts and moves very well on the ice for a player of his stature.

nhl comparable: Tyler Myers

38 Janne Kuokkanen LW, Karpas J20 (FIN-JR)

height: 6'1"

weight: 179 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 47GP, 22-31-53, +18, 53PIM

scouting report: Producer at every level he played at this season, Kuokkanen possesses a well-rounded offensive skill set that is highlighted by his slick set of hands that he uses to create plays and opportunities for his teammates, gifted playmaker with fantastic vision.

nhl comparable: Teuvo Teravainen

39 Taylor Raddysh RW, Erie (OHL)

height: 6'1"

weight: 203 lbs

handedness: Right

statline: 67GP, 24-49-73, +19, 18PIM

scouting report: Stocky winger that plays with a blend of strength and skill, Raddysh is an intelligent player that knows how to make the most out of his 6'1" frame, lacks foot speed but is very strong on his skates and hard to knock off puck; has good hands and strong shot.

nhl comparable: Patric Hornqvist

40 Nathan Bastian RW, Mississauga (OHL)

height: 6'3"

weight: 207 lbs

handedness: Right

statline: 64GP, 19-40-59, -3, 50PIM

scouting report: Well-rounded forward with few holes in his game, Bastian is a big winger that boasts very competent offensive skills, shoots well and has great playmaking vision. 200 foot player that can get up and down the ice with ease; could add some bite to his game.

nhl comparable: Alex Killorn

41 Filip Gustavsson G, Lulea J20 (SWE-JR)

height: 6'2"

weight: 185 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 20GP, 3.22GAA, .893SV%

scouting report: Top rated European goaltender, Gustavsson excelled particularly at the pro level with the prototypical Swedish goaltending style - strong positioning, excellent tracking of the puck, and tight butterfly that makes the most of his size.

nhl comparable: Robin Lehner

42 Sam Steel C, Regina (WHL)

height: 5'11"

weight: 177 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 72GP, 23-47-70, -8, 24PIM

scouting report: Quick and shifty playmaker with great two-way acumen, Steel possesses great foot speed and agility which he uses to play aggressive on the rush and get back in a hurry on the backcheck, has excellent hands and vision which he uses to dish the puck.

nhl comparable: Matt Nieto

43 Cameron Morrison LW, Youngstown (USHL)

height: 6'2"

weight: 203 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 60GP, 34-32-64, +38, 42PIM

scouting report: Power forward by nature, Morrison has excellent hands in tight and a natural nose for the net, gifted goal scorer in tight. Has the tenacity and ability to battle in front of the net and play physical, could improve upon his skating ability.

nhl comparable: James van Riemsdyk

44 Cameron Dineen D, North Bay (OHL)

height: 5'11"

weight: 183 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 68GP, 13-46-59, +18, 18PIM

scouting report: Highly talented offensive defenseman, Dineen is a smooth skater that can easily transition from defense and offense and lead the rush, great instincts in the offensive zone and has the hands and vision to quarterback a powerplay with ease.

nhl comparable: Brian Campbell

45 Jonathan Dahlen C/LW, Timra (SWE-2)

height: 5'11"

weight: 176 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 51GP, 15-14-29, E, 8PIM

scouting report: Natural goal scorer with a marvelous shot, Dahlen boasts an offensive skill set that includes a deadly quick and accurate wrist shot and a slick set of hands that he can use to create opportunities for his teammates and beat defenders one-on-one.

nhl comparable: Michael Cammalleri

TOP 100 DRAFT RANKINGS: 46-54

46 Carter Hart G, Everett (WHL)

height: 6'1"

weight: 170 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 63GP, 2.14GAA, .918SV%

scouting report: Top goaltender in the WHL in 2016, Hart plays the game with phenomenal positioning that puts him in favorable situations to make saves on a consistent basis, uses his size well and has strong rebound control, can be guilty of dropping to his butterfly too soon.

nhl comparable: Cory Schneider

47 Will Bitten C, Flint (OHL)

height: 5'10"

weight: 168 lbs

handedness: Right

statline: 67GP, 30-35-65, -29, 32PIM

scouting report: Versatile and assertive two-way center, Bitten is a marvelous skater with speed to burn and gifted goal scorers hands, also capable as a playmaker and can be used in all situations, needs to bulk up but there are few holes in Bitten's game.

nhl comparable: Cody Eakin

48 Libor Hajek D, Saskatoon (WHL)

height: 6'1"

weight: 196 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 69GP, 3-23-26, -19, 76PIM

scouting report: Defensive defenseman by trade, but Hajek has some untapped two-way potential that makes him an intriguing prospect. Often displays good vision and makes good passing decisions, defensively plays with great positioning, poise, and physicality.

nhl comparable: Ladislav Smid

49 Dillon Dube LW, Kelowna (WHL)

height: 5'10"

weight: 183 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 65GP, 26-40-66, +8, 50PIM

scouting report: Spark plug forward, Dube is an energetic player that has great speed and a very versatile skill set, he can shoot very well, possesses a good set of hands, and works very hard. Plays a 200 foot game and plays it with an energy most cannot.

nhl comparable: Matt Calvert

50 Noah Gregor C, Moose Jaw (WHL)

height: 5'11"

weight: 174 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 72GP, 28-45-73, -2, 33PIM

scouting report: Shifty and heady playmaker, Gregor plays the game utilizing his hockey smarts, elusiveness, and vision, can see and exploit holes in defenses with his slick hands and crisp passing ability. Needs to bulk up to play at the next level, but has raw talent.

nhl comparable: Jean-Gabriel Pageau

51 Carl Grundstrom LW, MODO (SWE)

height: 6'0"

weight: 190 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 49GP, 7-9-16, -2, 53PIM

scouting report: Aggressive goal scoring winger, Grundstrom utilizes a combination of speed, strength, and tenacity to create opportunities for himself in the offensive zone, drives the net hard and forechecks relentlessly, good nose for the net and decent hands.

nhl comparable: Nino Niederreiter

52 Frederic Allard D, Chicoutimi (QMJHL)

height: 6'1"

weight: 179 lbs

handedness: Right

statline: 64GP, 14-45-59, -7, 34PIM

scouting report: Tenacious offensive defenseman with high upside, Allard plays an aggressive style of play that is highlighted by a high compete level and willingness to create in the offensive zone, has a hard and accurate point shot, guilty of overzealous pinches at times.

nhl comparable: David Savard

53 Adam Fox D, USA U-18 (USDP)

height: 5'10"

weight: 183 lbs

handedness: Right

statline: 64GP, 9-50-59, 12PIM

scouting report: Offensive defenseman whose game is highlighted by elite playmaking ability, Fox possesses fantastic passing ability and vision, smooth skater and can transition from defense to offense well, needs to clean up his play in his own zone.

nhl comparable: John-Michael Liles

54 Tyler Parsons G, London (OHL)

height: 6'1"

weight: 185 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 49GP, 2.33GAA, .921SV%

scouting report: Highly athletic goaltender who plays similar to another American goaltender, LA's Jonathan Quick. Parsons displays phenomenal quickness and lateral movement, has good positioning and technicality to his game but can overcommit to initial shots.

nhl comparable: Jonathan Quick

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55 Henrik Borgstrom C, HIFK J20 (FIN-JR)

height: 6'3"

weight: 170 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 40GP, 29-26-55, +23, 20PIM

scouting report: University of Denver commit, Borgstrom is a high end offensive package that's highlighted by great vision, smarts, and hands, owns a good shot which he uses routinely to finish chances and has great creativity, needs to bulk up more to utilize his size.

nhl comparable: Patrik Berglund

56 Andrew Peeke D, Green Bay (USHL)

height: 6'3"

weight: 205 lbs

handedness: Right

statline: 56GP, 4-26-30, +7, 30PIM

scouting report: Big two-way defenseman with great mobility, Peeke owns a well-rounded skill set that includes great skating ability, high hockey sense and vision, and an efficient defensive game with good positioning and growing physicality.

nhl comparable: Jacob Trouba

57 Vladimir Kuznetsov LW, Acadie-Bathurst (QMJHL)

height: 6'1"

weight: 214 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 68GP, 25-33-58, -7, 34PIM

scouting report: Russian winger that plays a very North American style game, Kuznetsov is a goal scoring winger that isn't afraid to chip and chase and use his size to forecheck and grind, plays off the cycle well puts himself in good positions to put up points.

nhl comparable: Colin Wilson

58 Trent Frederic C, USA U-18 (USDP)

height: 6'2"

weight: 205 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 61GP, 20-20-40, 73PIM

scouting report: American center that impressed at the U-18's with a point-per-game performance, Frederic is a responsible 200-foot player that a versatile skill set, can play in all situations and is equally effective as a goal scorer and playmaker; great shutdown center.

nhl comparable: Travis Zajac

59 Otto Koivula LW, Ilves U20 (FIN-JR)

height: 6'4"

weight: 220 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 49GP, 26-32-58, +25, 18PIM

scouting report: Big winger with good offensive instincts, Koivula is a solid 3-zone player with good hockey sense and a willingness to use his size to his advantage, drives the net well to finish chances and protects the puck well, could improve skating and physicality.

nhl comparable: Brandon Sutter

60 Adam Brooks C, Regina (WHL)

height: 5'11"

weight: 176 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 72GP, 38-82-120, +41, 30PIM

scouting report: Overager who became arguably the most dangerous player in the WHL this season, leading the league in both assists and points, Brooks is a talented playmaker with slick hands and elite vision, capable two-way acumen and skating ability as well.

nhl comparable: Nick Bonino

61 Luke Green D, Saint John (QMJHL)

height: 6'1"

weight: 185 lbs

handedness: Right

statline: 61GP, 10-25-35, +18, 29PIM

scouting report: Two-way defender with offensive upside, Green is an excellent skater with a high level of mobility which he uses to transition from defense to offense with a high level of ease, good puck distributor, poised under pressure; needs to round out defensive game.

nhl comparable: John Moore

62 Zachary Sawchenko G, Moose Jaw (WHL)

height: 6'1"

weight: 179 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 51GP, 3.04GAA, .916SV%

scouting report: WHL First Team All-Star goaltender, Sawchenko is a highly athletic goaltender who plays aggressive on shooters and displays excellent lateral movement, uses his size well; needs to learn when to control his aggression on his challenges, but has good upside.

nhl comparable: Kari Lehtonen

63 Brayden Burke C/LW, Lethbridge (WHL)

height: 5'10"

weight: 163 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 72GP, 27-82-109, +36, 44PIM

scouting report: Overage forward who put his Lethbridge team on his back offensively, lacks size and strength but Burke has unteachable skill - slick puck handler and a gifted playmaker, excels particularly as a distributor and owns good acceleration and speed.

nhl comparable: David Desharnais

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64 Simon Stransky LW, Prince Albert (WHL)

height: 5'11"

weight: 185 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 62GP, 19-43-62, +16, 19PIM

scouting report: Czech winger with excellent playmaking abilities, has shiftiness and high end vision, very good puck handler and passer which is married well with his hockey sense. Not a fast player, but has great agility which he uses to slip past defenders.

nhl comparable: Jiri Hudler

65 Linus Lindstrom C, Skelleftea J20 (SWE-JR)

height: 6'0"

weight: 165 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 40GP, 14-30-44, +9, 28PIM

scouting report: Two-way center that plays a well-rounded game, Lindstrom excels in the offensive zone primarily as a playmaker with his crisp passing ability and vision, has good hands and high hockey sense; plays well in all 3 zones but needs to add muscle and get stronger.

nhl comparable: Oscar Lindberg

66 Max Lajoie D, Swift Current (WHL)

height: 6'0"

weight: 181 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 62GP, 8-29-37, -21, 28PIM

scouting report: Best defenseman on his Swift Current team, Lajoie is a mobile two-way defender whose skating technique makes him an asset in all 3 zones, makes good reads on the breakout and has good instincts on both offense and defense.

nhl comparable: David Schlemko

67 Jacob Moverare D, HV-71 J20 (SWE-JR)

height: 6'2"

weight: 198 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 41GP, 5-16-21, +3, 22PIM

scouting report: Mature and poised Swedish defenseman that can be used in all situations, Moverare is a phenomenal passer capable of making a quick breakout pass and join the rush effectively, could be more physical but has great defensive zone play as well.

nhl comparable: Niklas Hjalmarsson

68 Brandon Gignac C, Shawinigan (QMJHL)

height: 5'11"

weight: 172 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 67GP, 24-37-61, +9, 41PIM

scouting report: Skilled forward with a versatile offensive skill set, Gignac has a soft set of hands that while are typically better used for creating plays, are also capable of finishing opportunities that are presented to him, marvelous skater with great speed and agility.

nhl comparable: Mike Santorelli

69 Mikhail Berdin G, Russia U-18 (MHL)

height: 6'1"

weight: 163 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 22GP, 2.07GAA, .928SV%

scouting report: Efficient and economical goaltender, Berdin utilizes every bit of his frame to his advantage with great positioning, great rebound control and doesn't make any movements that aren't necessary, also tracks the puck very well.

nhl comparable: Semyon Varlamov

70 Givani Smith RW, Guelph (OHL)

height: 6'2"

weight: 205 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 65GP, 23-19-42, -27, 146PIM

scouting report: Prototypical power forward with a real mean streak, Smith is among the most physical players in this draft as he loves to play down low and grind his opponents down, has a real nose for the net, shows great strength but needs to work on his defensive play.

nhl comparable: Cal Clutterbuck

71 Jacob Cederholm D, HV-71 J20 (SWE-JR)

height: 6'3"

weight: 181 lbs

handedness: Right

statline: 35GP, 1-4-5, +3, 28PIM

scouting report: Efficient and poised defensive defenseman, Cederholm isn't a flashy player, but what he lacks in flash he makes up for in intelligence, consistently makes smart, simple plays in his own zone and is relied upon in shutdown situations, very physical as well.

nhl comparable: Nicklas Grossmann

72 Dmitri Sokolov C/LW, Sudbury (OHL)

height: 6'1"

weight: 205 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 68GP, 30-22-52, -40, 13PIM

scouting report: Stocky goal scoring Russian forward, Sokolov is most well noted for his wrist shot, which is both hard and accurate and is accompanied by a lightning quick release, very strong on the puck and protects it well, led his very weak Sudbury team in scoring.

nhl comparable: Vladislav Namestnikov

TOP 100 DRAFT RANKINGS: 73-81

73 Mitchell Mattson C, Grand Rapids (USHS)

height: 6'4"

weight: 190 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 25GP, 17-29-46, 22PIM

scouting report: Big centerman with a vast tool set, Mattson has great skating ability for a player his size and has great hands that are equally effective at creating and finishing offensive opportunities, needs to add more bite and aggressiveness to his game.

nhl comparable: Carl Soderberg

74 David Bernhardt D, Djurgardens (SWE-JR)

height: 6'3"

weight: 203 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 45GP, 10-28-38, +13, 30PIM

scouting report: Big defenseman with great offensive instincts, highest scoring defenseman in the Junior hockey circuit in Sweden utilizing his heavy shot, great playmaking vision, and passing ability, defensive zone play could use work but offensive d-men with his frame are rare.

nhl comparable: Alexander Edler

75 Maxime Fortier RW, Halifax (QMJHL)

height: 5'10"

weight: 177 lbs

handedness: Right

statline: 68GP, 31-46-77, -23, 22PIM

scouting report: Skilled and quick forward, Fortier's game is built around speed as he displays top notch acceleration and foot speed, has a very slick set of hands which he can use to set up teammates or bury chances, needs to improve overall strength.

nhl comparable: Tyler Johnson

76 Dylan Gambrell C, Uni. of Denver (NCHC)

height: 6'0"

weight: 183 lbs

handedness: Right

statline: 41GP, 17-30-47, +14, 19PIM

scouting report: Overager who was the 3rd highest rookie scorer in college in 2016, Gambrell is a dangerous offensive weapon with blazing speed and a well rounded offensive skill, he can shoot, pass, and stick handle to create opportunities for himself and teammates.

nhl comparable: Brandon Pirri

77 Jesper Bratt LW, AIK (SWE-2)

height: 5'10"

weight: 174 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 47GP, 8-9-17, +1, 6PIM

scouting report: Speed is the name of the game for Bratt, the Swedish winger has fantastic foot speed and acceleration which he uses to cause havoc for opposing defenses on the forecheck, has a very quick release on his shot, needs to bulk up and get stronger for the NHL.

nhl comparable: Jesper Fast

78 Aapeli Rasanen C, Tappara U20 (FIN-JR)

height: 6'0"

weight: 196 lbs

handedness: Right

statline: 50GP, 19-19-38, +17, 26PIM

scouting report: Two-way center with great hockey smarts, Rasanen has high two-way acumen with good defensive instincts and capable playmaking hands, shows good creativity in the offensive zone and can both create and finish chances, could become more physical.

nhl comparable: Joonas Donskoi

79 Otto Somppi C, Halifax (QMJHL)

height: 6'1"

weight: 181 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 59GP, 13-33-46, -15, 25PIM

scouting report: Another in a long line of a Finnish hockey renaissance, Somppi is an intelligent playmaking center with great distributors hands, can stick handle in tight and make crisp accurate passes, good two-way instincts but needs to fill out his 6'1" frame with more muscle.

nhl comparable: Calle Jarnkrok

80 Jordan Kyrrou C/RW, Sarnia (OHL)

height: 6'0"

weight: 178 lbs

handedness: Right

statline: 65GP, 17-34-51, +13, 14PIM

scouting report: Two-way forward with high hockey sense, Kyrrou's best assets are his smooth skating ability, which includes great acceleration and agility, and his playmaking ability with slick hands and crisp passing ability, needs to bulk up to play at the next level.

nhl comparable: William Karlsson

81 Victor Mete D, London (OHL)

height: 5'10"

weight: 165 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 68GP, 8-30-38, +53, 18PIM

scouting report: Offensive defenseman by trade, Mete is a smooth skating blue liner who plays his best hockey from the opponent's blue line and down, has strong instincts and creativity, as well as good vision to find teammates for opportunities, needs to add strength.

nhl comparable: Calvin de Haan

TOP 100 DRAFT RANKINGS: 82-90

82 Chad Krys D, USA U-18 (USDP)

height: 5'11"

weight: 183 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 53GP, 3-26-29, 78PIM

scouting report: Two-way defender that excels more prominently on the offensive side of the puck, Krys is a strong skater and uses that to his advantage on the breakout, has generally good instincts all around the ice but needs to get better in one-on-one situations.

nhl comparable: Alex Goligoski

83 Joey Anderson RW, USA U-18 (USDP)

height: 5'11"

weight: 190 lbs

handedness: Right

statline: 64GP, 27-30-57, 20PIM

scouting report: Goal scoring American winger that impressed at the U-18's, Anderson's best assets are his heavy and accurate shot, which is delivered with a very quick release, and his high hockey smarts. Works very hard in all 3 zones but lacks top end speed.

nhl comparable: Kris Versteeg

84 Filip Hronek D, Kralove (CZE)

height: 6'0"

weight: 163 lbs

handedness: Right

statline: 40GP, 0-4-4, +3, 22PIM

scouting report: Czech two-way defender, Hronek is a versatile player than can be used in all situations, has good defensive instincts and hockey smarts which he displayed playing against men this year, and showcased his offensive upside in the Czech juniors.

nhl comparable: Michal Rozsival

85 Hudson Elynuik C/LW, Spokane (WHL)

height: 6'5"

weight: 201 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 56GP, 19-25-44, +9, 46PIM

scouting report: Towering power center with a scoring touch, Elynuik's greatest asset is his strength which he uses to protect the puck and drive the net, scores most of his goals from in tight and has a good nose for the net, hard worker, could add some nastiness to his game.

nhl comparable: Eric Fehr

86 Veini Vehvilainen G, JYP (FIN)

height: 6'1"

weight: 183 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 28GP, 2.04GAA, .925SV%

scouting report: Overage goaltender who emerged as a solid #1 goaltender against men in Finland, Vehvilainen is a poised goaltender with good athleticism and positioning, makes the most of his size and is above average with his hand speed and rebound control.

nhl comparable: Jonas Hiller

87 David Quenneville D, Medicine Hat (WHL)

height: 5'8"

weight: 183 lbs

handedness: Right

statline: 64GP, 14-41-55, -21, 30PIM

scouting report: Offensive defenseman with NHL bloodlines, Quenneville is undersized but brings an exciting offensive package to the blue line, skates very well and has good agility, possesses great offensive vision and playmaking ability, can really fire the puck too.

nhl comparable: Torey Krug

88 Stepan Falkovsky D, Ottawa (OHL)

height: 6'7"

weight: 225 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 58GP, 9-23-32, +17, 35PIM

scouting report: Overage defenseman with a massive frame, Falkovsky likely projects as a defensive defenseman but has shown some two-way acumen as well, boasts a heavy point shot which is a constant threat in the offensive zone, could add more bite to his game.

nhl comparable: Andrej Sustr

89 Jordan Sambrook D, Erie (OHL)

height: 6'2"

weight: 185 lbs

handedness: Right

statline: 67GP, 9-18-27, +11, 40PIM

scouting report: Two-way defenseman with a higher propensity for the defensive side of the puck, Sambrook has great instincts in his own zone with great positioning and hockey sense, consistently makes strong reads and has the ability to quickly transition to offense.

nhl comparable: Justin Braun

90 Tim Gettinger LW, Sault Ste. Marie (OHL)

height: 6'5"

weight: 201 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 60GP, 17-22-39, -4, 32PIM

scouting report: Massive power winger with offensive upside, Gettinger is a good skater for a player his size with good straight line speed and agility, owns good hands in tight and a strong nose for the net, plays strong on the puck and is best on the cycle, could become meaner.

nhl comparable: Dainius Zubrus

TOP 100 DRAFT RANKINGS: 91-98

91 Benjamin Gleason D, Hamilton (OHL)

height: 6'0"

weight: 165 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 64GP, 7-25-32, -31, 44PIM

scouting report: Two-way defender that became one of Hamilton's best defenseman following a trade from London, Gleason has good instincts on both sides of the puck, good hockey sense and a strong sense of positioning, needs to bulk up and gain strength.

nhl comparable: Francois Beauchemin

92 Jack Kopacka LW, Sault Ste. Marie (OHL)

height: 6'2"

weight: 179 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 67GP, 20-23-43, -5, 12PIM

scouting report: Power winger with a high work ethic, Kopacka has a well rounded game with few holes, excels primarily as a goal scorer and has a good nose for the net, works well down low and has good strength on the puck, can still get meaner and more physical.

nhl comparable: Jamie McGinn

93 Ryan Lindgren D, USA U-18 (USDP)

height: 6'0"

weight: 196 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 61GP, 6-19-25, 60PIM

scouting report: Competitive two-way American defender, Lindgren isn't a flashy player but a very efficient player, has few holes in his game and has good instincts in both the offensive and defensive zones, has a very heavy shot but might not produce much in the pros.

nhl comparable: Jason Garrison

94 Kyle Maksimovich LW, Erie (OHL)

height: 5'9"

weight: 170 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 68GP, 27-44-71, +25, 22PIM

scouting report: Undersized winger with playmaking upside, Maksimovich is best characterized by his high end skating ability, owns good speed and agility and has a quick set of hands to match, very good passer; needs to gain strength and get better in his own end.

nhl comparable: Ales Hemsky

95 James Greenway D, USA U-18 (USDP)

height: 6'4"

weight: 205 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 64GP, 5-23-28, 62PIM

scouting report: Big two-way defenseman with good all-around abilities, Greenway is still fairly raw in most areas but shows good instincts and positioning in his own zone, has a good stick and 1-on-1 skills, willingness to jump into the play and contribute offense.

nhl comparable: Ron Hainsey

96 Linus Weissbach LW, Frolunda J20 (SWE-JR)

height: 5'9"

weight: 154 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 44GP, 17-31-48, +19, 34PIM

scouting report: Undersized Swedish winger with a high amount of skill, Weissbach has speed to burn and great agility, soft and smooth hands that he can use to distribute the puck and an accurate shot, needs to get better defensively and become much stronger.

nhl comparable: Viktor Arvidsson

97 Evan Fitzpatrick G, Sherbrooke (QMJHL)

height: 6'3"

weight: 203 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 54GP, 3.42GAA, .896SV%

scouting report: Positionally sound and efficient goaltender, Fitzpatrick relies on his size and sound positioning to stop pucks, plays the percentages and angles well and controls his rebounds well, can be guilty of relying on his size too much and needs to track the puck better.

nhl comparable: Michael Hutchinson

98 Nolan Stevens C, Northeastern (H-EAST)

height: 6'2"

weight: 185 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 41GP, 20-22-42, +13, 10PIM

scouting report: Overage two-way center with a well-rounded game, Stevens had a coming out party in his sophomore year at Northeastern, displays strong 200 foot play and good goal scoring ability, owns a good nose for the net and makes his living there.

projected: Zemgus Girgensons

TOP 100 DRAFT RANKINGS: 99-100+

99 Vojtech Budik
D, Prince Albert (WHL)

height: 6'1"

weight: 194 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 70GP, 3-13-16, E, 20PIM

scouting report: Czech defenseman with great defensive abilities, Budik is a smooth skater and owns excellent agility which is particularly useful with his 1-on-1 defending, has a good stick, excellent positioning, and good instincts; perfectly capable in a shutdown role.

projected: Zbynek Michalek

100 Kristians Rubins
D, Vasteras J20 (SWE-JR)

height: 6'4"

weight: 216 lbs

handedness: Left

statline: 21GP, 3-8-11, -5, 14PIM

scouting report: Big Latvian defenseman with two-way ability, owns a big reach and good stick in his own zone and a willingness to jump into the play and create offense, has a hard shot and good instincts in the offensive zone, skating could use improvement.

nhl comparable: Michael Stone

Rank	Player Name	Position	Team	League	Hand	HT	WT
101	Keaton Middleton	D	Saginaw	OHL	L	6'5"	234
102	Otto Makinen	C	Tappara U20	FIN-JR	L	6'0"	178
103	Wade Allison	RW	Tri-City	USHL	R	6'2"	205
104	Kevin O'Neil	C	Albany	USHS	R	5'10"	170
105	Michael Graham	C	Eden Prairie	USHS	R	6'2"	185
106	Daniel Marmenlind	G	Orebro J20	SWE-JR	L	6'1"	192
107	Daniel Kurovsky	RW	Vitkovice U20	CZE-JR	L	6'3"	198
108	Jamie Armstrong	LW	Avon Farms	USHS	R	6'2"	190
109	Tarmo Reunanen	D	TPS U20	FIN-JR	L	5'11"	163
110	Colton Point	G	Carleton	CCHL	L	6'4"	220
111	Yegor Korshkov	RW	Yaroslavl	KHL	L	6'3"	179
112	Carsen Twarynski	LW/D	Calgary	WHL	L	6'2"	201
113	Jordan Stallard	C	Calgary	WHL	L	6'2"	187
114	Cole Candella	D	Hamilton	OHL	L	6'1"	185
115	Ondrej Najman	C/LW	Jihlava U20	CZE-JR	R	6'1"	187
116	Matthew Phillips	C	Victoria	WHL	R	5'7"	161
117	Cliff Pu	RW	London	OHL	R	6'1"	187
118	Eetu Tuulola	RW	HPK U20	FIN-JR	R	6'3"	225
119	Matt Filipe	LW	Cedar Rapids	USHL	L	6'2"	203
120	Andrei Svetlakov	C	CSKA	KHL	L	6'0"	201
121	Oskar Steen	C/RW	Farjestad J20	SWE-JR	R	5'9"	187
122	Sebastian Repo	RW	Pelicans	FIN	R	6'2"	190
123	Joseph Woll	G	USA U-18	USDP	L	6'3"	196
124	Collin Adams	LW	Muskegon	USHL	L	5'9"	179

DRAFT RANKINGS: 125-160

Rank	Player Name	Position	Team	League	Hand	HT	WT
125	Filip Berglund	D	Skelleftea J20	SWE-JR	R	6'3"	209
126	Jakob Stukel	LW	Calgary	WHL	L	6'0"	185
127	Nicholas Caamano	RW	Flint	OHL	L	6'1"	183
128	Rem Pitlick	C	Muskegon	USHL	L	5'9"	194
129	Oleg Sosunov	D	Loko-Junior Yaroslavl	MHL-B	L	6'8"	243
130	Kasper Bjorkqvist	LW/RW	Blues J20	FIN-JR	L	6'1"	198
131	Connor Ingram	G	Kamloops	WHL	L	6'1"	194
132	Ondrej Kachyna	D	Hamilton	OHL	L	6'3"	192
133	Yevgeni Mityakin	RW	Yekaterinburg	MHL	L	6'3"	194
134	Alan Lyszczyrzczyk	LW	Sudbury	OHL	L	6'0"	181
135	Jack Lafontaine	G	Janesville	NAHL	L	6'2"	185
136	Pius Suter	C	Zurich	SUI	L	5'11"	176
137	Lucas Carlsson	D	Brynäs	SWE	L	6'0"	190
138	Griffin Luce	D	USA U-18	USDP	L	6'3"	214
139	Max Zimmer	LW	Chicago	USHL	L	5'11"	185
140	Igor Svyrev	C	Magnitogorsk	MHL	L	6'0"	192
141	Alexander Polunin	LW	Yaroslavl	KHL	R	5'8"	161
142	Jeremy Helvig	G	Kingston	OHL	L	6'2"	190
143	Riley Stillman	D	Oshawa	OHL	L	6'0"	181
144	Markus Nurmi	RW	TPS U20	FIN-JR	R	6'3"	168
145	Ross Colton	C	Cedar Rapids	USHL	L	6'0"	190
146	Lukas Carlsson	D	Sodertälje J20	SWE-JR	L	6'2"	201
147	Brandon Duhaime	RW	Tri-City	USHL	L	6'0"	185
148	Travis Barron	LW	Ottawa	OHL	L	6'1"	187
149	Artur Kayumov	LW/RW	Russia U-18	MHL	L	5'10"	154
150	Hardy Haman Aktell	D	Skelleftea U-18	SWE-18	L	6'3"	198
151	Connor Bunnaman	C	Kitchener	OHL	L	6'0"	183
152	Jonathan Ang	C	Peterborough	OHL	R	5'11"	163
153	Hugo Danielsson	D	Skelleftea J20	SWE-JR	L	6'3"	187
154	Georgi Kuznetsov	G	MVD	MHL	L	6'2"	165
155	Ondrej Vala	D	Kamloops	WHL	L	6'4"	216
156	Patrick Harper	C	Avon Farms	USHS	L	5'8"	154
157	Nicklas Sjölund	D	AIK J20	SWE-JR	R	6'2"	181
158	Jonathan Davidsson	RW	Djurgårdens J20	SWE-JR	R	5'11"	185
159	Anthony Salintiri	C	Sarnia	OHL	L	5'11"	170
160	Fredrik Karlström	C	AIK J20	SWE-JR	L	6'2"	185

DRAFT RANKINGS: 161-196

Rank	Player Name	Position	Team	League	Hand	HT	WT
161	Tanner Kaspick	C	Brandon	WHL	L	6'1"	201
162	Joona Koppanen	LW	Ilves U20	FIN-JR	L	6'5"	194
163	Yegor Zaitsev	D	MVD	MHL	L	6'0"	170
164	Jiri Karafiat	RW	Zlin U20	CZE-JR	L	6'1"	170
165	Sean Day	D	Mississauga	OHL	L	6'3"	229
166	Linus Nassen	D	Lulea J20	SWE-JR	L	6'0"	172
167	Connor Hall	D	Kitchener	OHL	L	6'2"	192
168	Vasili Glotov	C	Lvy	MHL	L	5'11"	159
169	Gabriel Sylvestre	D	Shawinigan	QMJHL	R	6'2"	176
170	Artur Shepelkov	D	CSKA	MHL	L	6'2"	198
171	Sebastian Aho	D	Skelleftea	SWE	L	5'10"	176
172	Josh Anderson	D	Prince George	WHL	L	6'2"	220
173	Daniil Miromanov	RW	Acadie-Bathurst	QMJHL	R	6'2"	174
174	Jake Ryczek	D	Waterloo	USHL	R	5'10"	165
175	Marshall Rifai	D	Hotchkiss	USHS	L	5'11"	161
176	Yegor Rykov	D	St. Petersburg	MHL	L	6'2"	205
177	Mikhail Maltsev	LW	Russia U-18	MHL	L	6'3"	198
178	Matias Lassen	D	Leksand	SWE-2	L	6'0"	181
179	Roman Krikunenko	C/LW	Yaroslavl	MHL	L	5'10"	159
180	Denis Alexeyev	C	Yaroslavl	MHL	R	6'0"	192
181	Tyler Soy	C	Victoria	WHL	L	6'0"	172
182	Ty Ronning	RW	Vancouver	WHL	R	5'9"	165
183	Dylan Wells	G	Peterborough	OHL	L	6'2"	183
184	Dmitry Alexeyev	D	Russia U-18	MHL	L	5'11"	179
185	Oskar Stal Lyrenas	RW	MODO J20	SWE-JR	R	6'1"	194
186	Tanner Laczynski	C	Lincoln	USHL	R	6'0"	174
187	Jacob Neveu	D	Rouyn-Noranda	QMJHL	R	6'2"	205
188	Evan Cormier	G	Saginaw	OHL	L	6'3"	201
189	Brandon Hagel	LW	Red Deer	WHL	L	6'0"	165
190	Mathias From	LW/RW	Rogle J20	SWE-JR	R	6'1"	187
191	Nikita Zhuldikov	D	Chelyabinsk	KHL	L	6'3"	209
192	Leevi Laakso	G	Sport U20	FIN-JR	L	6'0"	168
193	Garrett Pilon	C	Kamloops	WHL	R	5'10"	174
194	Kenneth Johnson	D	Shattuck St. Mary's	USHS	L	6'3"	214
195	Brogan O'Brien	LW	Prince George	WHL	L	6'2"	190
196	Ivan Kosorenkov	RW	Russia U-18	MHL	L	6'0"	181

DRAFT RANKINGS: 197-232

Rank	Player Name	Position	Team	League	Hand	HT	WT
197	Casey Fitzgerald	D	Boston College	H-EAST	L	5'11"	185
198	Tyler Johnson	G	Topeka	NAHL	R	6'3"	185
199	Niko Kuri	LW	Karpat U20	FIN-JR	L	6'2"	198
200	Niclas Almari	D	Jokerit U20	FIN-JR	L	6'2"	172
201	Patrick Bajkov	LW	Everett	WHL	R	6'0"	181
202	Gabriel Bilodeau	D	Gatineau	QMJHL	R	6'1"	172
203	Adam Brizgala	G	Sparta U20	CZE-JR	L	6'0"	209
204	Joseph Masonius	D	UCONN	H-EAST	L	6'0"	181
205	Ivan Kovalev	D	Russia U-18	MHL	L	6'1"	185
206	William Lockwood	RW	USA U-18	USDP	R	5'10"	172
207	Chase Priskie	D	Quinnipiac	ECAC	R	6'0"	190
208	Yegor Babenko	RW	Lethbridge	WHL	L	5'9"	157
209	Nicolas Mattinen	D	London	OHL	R	6'4"	220
210	Artur Lauta	RW	Omsk	KHL	R	6'0"	190
211	Austin Osmanski	D	Mississauga	OHL	L	6'4"	194
212	Hayden Verbeek	C	Sault Ste. Marie	OHL	R	5'10"	172
213	Dylan Coghlan	D	Tri-City	WHL	R	6'3"	187
214	Nikolaj Krag Christensen	C/LW	Rodovre	DEN	L	6'3"	201
215	Matthew Jurusik	G	University of Wisconsin	BIG10	L	6'1"	194
216	William Knierim	LW	Dubuque	USHL	R	6'3"	212
217	Dante Salituro	C	Ottawa	OHL	R	5'9"	174
218	Colby Sissons	D	Swift Current	WHL	L	6'1"	168
219	Domenic Commisso	C	Oshawa	OHL	R	5'9"	172
220	Luke McNnis	D	Youngstown	USHL	L	5'11"	174
221	Ilya Karpukhin	D	Russia U-18	MHL	L	6'1"	192
222	Maxwell Gerlach	C	Medicine Hat	WHL	R	5'9"	165
223	Alexander Yakovenko	D	Russia U-18	MHL	L	5'10"	157
224	Keenan Suthers	LW	USA U-18	USDP	L	6'7"	220
225	Andrei Kuzmenko	LW	CSKA	KHL	R	5'11"	194
226	Nick Pastujov	LW	USA U-18	USDP	L	6'0"	196
227	Fredrik Forsberg	RW	Leksand	SWE-2	R	6'0"	174
228	Ethan Spaxman	D	Merrimack	H-EAST	L	6'4"	194
229	Graham McPhee	LW	USA U-18	USDP	L	5'11"	172
230	Alexander Bjurstrom	C/RW	Brynäs J20	SWE-JR	R	5'10"	172
231	Josef Korenar	G	Jihlava U20	CZE-JR	L	6'1"	172
232	Damien Riat	C/RW	Geneve-Servette	SUI	R	6'0"	172

DRAFT RANKINGS: 233-250

Rank	Player Name	Position	Team	League	Hand	HT	WT
233	Mathieu Sevigny	LW	Drummondville	QMJHL	L	6'0"	172
234	Mitchell Eliot	D	Muskegon	USHL	R	6'0"	190
235	Gustaf Westlund	C	Gunnery	USHS	L	6'0"	170
236	Nathan Noel	C	Saint John	QMJHL	R	6'0"	179
237	Tye Felhaber	C	Saginaw	OHL	L	5'11"	194
238	Dominik Lakatos	C/LW	Liberec	CZE	L	5'11"	179
239	Beck Malenstyn	LW	Calgary	WHL	L	6'2"	192
240	Brandon Saigeon	C	Hamilton	OHL	L	6'1"	196
241	Jack Walker	LW/D	Victoria	WHL	L	5'11"	179
242	Jeffrey de Wit	C	Red Deer	WHL	R	6'2"	174
243	Kyle Betts	C	Powell River	BCHL	L	6'0"	165
244	Johannes Johannesen	D	Stavanger	NOR	R	5'11"	179
245	Noah Carroll	D	Guelph	OHL	L	6'0"	172
246	Rylan Toth	G	Red Deer	WHL	L	6'2"	194
247	James Sanchez	LW	USA U-18	USDP	L	6'2"	190
248	Justin Murray	D	Barrie	OHL	L	5'9"	172
249	Antti Kalapudas	C/LW	KalPa	FIN	L	6'0"	179
250	Mikhail Belyayev	RW	Yaroslavl	MHL	L	6'1"	161

BEST SHOT

1. Patrik Laine **LW/RW** Rank 2nd
2. Tyson Jost **C/LW** Rank 10th
3. Auston Matthews **C** Rank 1st
4. Jesse Puljujarvi **RW** Rank 3rd
5. Tage Thompson **C/RW** Rank 25th

FASTEST SKATER

1. Clayton Keller **C** Rank 11th
2. Vitali Abramov **LW** Rank 22nd
3. Alexander Nylander **RW** Rank 7th
4. Jesse Puljujarvi **RW** Rank 3rd
5. Alex DeBrincat **RW** Rank 20th

BEST HANDS

1. Alexander Nylander **RW** Rank 7th
2. Auston Matthews **C** Rank 1st
3. Clayton Keller **C** Rank 11th
4. Jesse Puljujarvi **RW** Rank 3rd
5. Matthew Tkachuk **LW** Rank 4th

HARDEST WORKER

1. Michael McLeod **C** Rank 17th
2. Auston Matthews **C** Rank 1st
3. Tyler Benson **LW** Rank 28th
4. Pierre-Luc Dubois **LW** Rank 5th
5. Jake Bean **D** Rank 12th

STRONGEST

1. Logan Brown **C** Rank 13th
2. Logan Stanley **D** Rank 37th
3. Patrik Laine **LW/RW** Rank 2nd
4. Mikhail Sergachev **D** Rank 6th
5. Pierre-Luc Dubois **LW** Rank 5th

MOST PHYSICAL

1. Logan Stanley **D** Rank 37th
2. Max Jones **LW** Rank 19th
3. William Knierim **LW** Rank 216th
4. Givani Smith **RW** Rank 70th
5. Kieffer Bellows **LW** Rank 18th

HIGHEST HOCKEY IQ

1. Auston Matthews **C** Rank 1st
2. Jesse Puljujarvi **RW** Rank 3rd
3. Olli Juolevi **D** Rank 9th
4. Charlie McAvoy **D** Rank 14th
5. German Rubtsov **C** Rank 32nd

BEST OFFENSIVELY

1. Patrik Laine **LW/RW** Rank 2nd
2. Auston Matthews **C** Rank 1st
3. Jesse Puljujarvi **RW** Rank 3rd
4. Alex DeBrincat **RW** Rank 20th
5. Alexander Nylander **RW** Rank 7th

BEST DEFENSIVELY

1. Olli Juolevi **D** Rank 9th
2. Lucas Johansen **D** Rank 26th
3. Auston Matthews **C** Rank 1st
4. Logan Stanley **D** Rank 37th
5. Trent Frederic **C** Rank 58th

DRAFT OUTLOOKS: ANA - ARZ

ANAHEIM DUCKS 2016 OUTLOOK



Picks in Rounds 1-3: 3 (24th, 30th, 85th)

Top 2015 Selection: D Jacob Larsson (1st Round, 27th Overall)

Top Prospects: D Jacob Larsson, LW Nick Ritchie, D Shea Theodore

Under-23 NHL Talent: G John Gibson, D Hampus Lindholm, C Rickard Rakell

NHL Graduate Candidates: C Nicolas Kerdiles, D Brandon Montour, RW Stefan Noesen, LW Nick Ritchie, D Shea Theodore

Organizational Needs: High-end Forward Prospects

Potential 1st Round Targets: RW Alex DeBrincat, C Luke Kunin, LW Vitali Abramov, LW Riley Tufte, C/RW Tage Thompson, LW Tyler Benson, C/LW Adam Mascherin, C/LW Pascal Laberge, C German Rubtsov, LW Boris Katchouk

Anaheim's organizational strength is easily on the blue line, with standout prospects such as Jacob Larsson, Shea Theodore, and Brandon Montour, and an already young NHL blue line with Hampus Lindholm, Cam Fowler, Sami Vatanen, and Simon Despres. While they still own solid young forward talent with Nick Ritchie in the pipeline, Rickard Rakell on the NHL roster, and graduate candidates such as Nicolas Kerdiles and Stefan Noesen, it would be surprising to see Anaheim not select a forward with their first selection at 24th Overall. Likely targets for Anaheim at 24th Overall may include but are not limited to Alex DeBrincat, Luke Kunin, Vitali Abramov, Riley Tufte, Tage Thompson, and Tyler Benson. The Ducks also own another 1st Rounder at 30th Overall from Toronto, where Mascherin, Laberge, Rubtsov, or Katchouk are possibilities.

ARIZONA COYOTES 2016 OUTLOOK



Picks in Rounds 1-3: 5 (7th, 20th, 37th, 53rd, 68th)

Top 2015 Selection: C Dylan Strome (1st Round, 3rd Overall)

Top Prospects: C Christian Dvorak, C/RW Nick Merkley, C Dylan Strome

Under-23 NHL Talent: C/LW Max Domi, LW Anthony Duclair, LW Jordan Martinook, RW Tobias Rieder, D Connor Murphy

NHL Graduate Candidates: C Christian Dvorak, C Dylan Strome, C/LW Henrik Samuelsson, D Philip Samuelsson

Organizational Needs: High-end Defense Prospects, Goaltending

Potential 1st Round Targets: D Mikhail Sergachev, RW Alexander Nylander, D Jakob Chychrun, D Olli Juolevi, LW Max Jones, C Luke Kunin, D Samuel Girard

Arizona boasts a prospect pool that is overflowing with high octane offensive talent, with standouts such as Dylan Strome, Nick Merkley, and Christian Dvorak, and more young NHL talent in Max Domi, Anthony Duclair, Jordan Martinook, and Tobias Rieder. While they have a stud on the blue line with Oliver Ekman-Larsson and young talent like Connor Murphy and Philip Samuelsson, defense is their organization's clear weakness. It's possible they go best player available at 7th Overall with someone like Alexander Nylander, but I'd be surprised to see them pass on defensemen Mikhail Sergachev, Jakob Chychrun, Olli Juolevi. The Yotes also have an additional 1st Rounder acquired from the NY Rangers at 20th Overall, where a few possible targets may include Max Jones, Alex DeBrincat, Luke Kunin, and Samuel Girard.

DRAFT OUTLOOKS: BOS - BUF



BOSTON BRUINS 2016 OUTLOOK

Picks in Rounds 1-3: 3 (14th, 29th, 49th)

Top 2015 Selection: D Jakub Zboril (1st Round, 13th Overall)

Top Prospects: LW Jake DeBrusk, G Malcolm Subban, D Jakub Zboril

Under-23 NHL Talent: D Colin Miller, D Joe Morrow, RW David Pastrnak

NHL Graduate Candidates: C Seth Griffith, G Malcolm Subban, LW Frank Vatrano, D Jakub Zboril

Organizational Needs: Top 6 Forward Prospects, Top 4 Defense Prospects

Potential 1st Round Targets: D Jake Bean, C Logan Brown, D Charlie McAvoy, RW Julien Gauthier, D Dante Fabbro, C Michael McLeod, LW Kieffer Bellows, D Lucas Johansen, D Markus Niemelainen, LW Tyler Benson, C Adam Mascherin

Boston is building a well-rounded prospect pool with a little bit of strength at every position, such as forwards Jake DeBrusk and Zachary Senyshyn, defensemen Jakub Zboril and Brandon Carlo, and elite goaltender prospect Malcolm Subban. That being said, their most immediate need appears to be on the blue line, with an aging Zdeno Chara and Dennis Seidenberg backed by Torey Krug and Adam McQuaid with little reinforcements in the pipeline. Forward appears to be in good shape for a few years at least with their core of Bergeron, Krejci, and Marchand intact, so while they may go best player available if someone like Logan Brown is available at their 1st selection at 14th Overall, I believe the more likely route may be for defenseman such as Jake Bean, Charlie McAvoy, or Dante Fabbro. They also have an additional 1st at 29th Overall from SJ.



BUFFALO SABRES 2016 OUTLOOK

Picks in Rounds 1-3: 5 (8th, 38th, 69th, 86th, 89th)

Top 2015 Selection: C Jack Eichel (1st Round, 2nd Overall)

Top Prospects: LW Justin Bailey, RW Hudson Fasching, D Brendan Guhle

Under-23 NHL Talent: C Jack Eichel, C Zemgus Girgensons, LW Johan Larsson, D Jake McCabe, C Sam Reinhart, D Rasmus Ristolainen, G Linus Ullmark

NHL Graduate Candidates: LW Justin Bailey, LW Nick Baptiste, RW Hudson Fasching, D Brycen Martin, D Casey Nelson

Organizational Needs: High-end Defense Prospects

Potential 1st Round Targets: D Mikhail Sergachev, RW Alexander Nylander, D Jakob Chychrun, D Olli Juolevi, C/LW Tyson Jost, C Clayton Keller

With the face of the franchise already in place with young star center Jack Eichel, Buffalo's organization strength is easily up front and particularly down the middle with an NHL supporting cast of Sam Reinhart, Zemgus Girgensons, Ryan O'Reilly, Evander Kane, and Johan Larsson. Furthermore, Buffalo has several strong graduate candidates at forward with players such as Hudson Fasching, Justin Bailey, and Nick Baptiste, and while they have some young defense talent in stud Rasmus Ristolainen, Jake McCabe, Casey Nelson, and Brendan Guhle, their most immediate organizational need is on the blue line. A play for what they feel is the best player available is possible at 8th Overall for someone like Alex Nylander, Tyson Jost, or Clayton Keller, however I'd be surprised to see them pass on defenders Mikhail Sergachev, Jakob Chychrun, or Olli Juolevi.

DRAFT OUTLOOKS: CGY - CAR



CALGARY FLAMES 2016 OUTLOOK

Picks in Rounds 1-3: 5 (6th, 35th, 54th, 56th, 66th)

Top 2015 Selection: D Rasmus Andersson (2nd Round, 53rd Overall)

Top Prospects: D Rasmus Andersson, RW Emile Poirier, LW Hunter Shinkaruk

Under-23 NHL Talent: C Sam Bennett, LW Johnny Gaudreau, C Sean

Monahan, D Dougie Hamilton

NHL Graduate Candidates: D Rasmus Andersson, D Oliver Kylington,

RW Emile Poirier, RW Daniel Pribyl, LW Hunter Shinkaruk, D Patrick Sieloff

Organizational Needs: Top 6 Forwards, Defensive Depth

Potential 1st Round Targets: LW Matthew Tkachuk, LW Pierre-Luc Dubois,

D Mikhail Sergachev, RW Alexander Nylander, D Jakob Chychrun, D Olli Juolevi

The Calgary Flames have an incredibly healthy pool of young talent heading into this draft, with forward prospect standouts such as Emile Poirier, Hunter Shinkaruk, Morgan Klimchuk, and defense prospects such as OHL standout Rasmus Andersson and Oliver Kylington. Their young NHL talent is all filled with elite talent at their respective positions with Sam Bennett, Johnny Hockey Gaudreau, Sean Monahan, and Dougie Hamilton, with others such as forward Daniel Pribyl and defender Patrick Sieloff knocking on the door for next year's club. They're truly in a position to go best player available in 2016, but with their steady defensive talent in Mark Giordano and TJ Brodie, I suspect their preferred target at 6th Overall is a forward. Selections such as Matthew Tkachuk, Pierre-Luc Dubois, or Alexander Nylander is what I suspect from the Flames on draft day.

CAROLINA HURRICANES 2016 OUTLOOK



Picks in Rounds 1-3: 6 (13th, 21st, 43rd, 67th, 74th, 75th)

Top 2015 Selection: D Noah Hanifin (1st Round, 5th Overall)

Top Prospects: C/LW Sebastian Aho, D Haydyn Fleury, G Alex Nedeljkovic

Under-23 NHL Talent: LW Phillip Di Giuseppe, D Noah Hanifin, C Elias

Lindholm, D Brett Pesce, C Victor Rask, D Jaccob Slavin, C/LW Teuvo Teravainen

NHL Graduate Candidates: C/LW Sebastian Aho, D Haydyn Fleury, D Roland

McKeown, C Andrew Poturalski, LW Sergei Tolchinsky

Organizational Needs: High-end Forward Prospects, Defensive Depth

Potential 1st Round Targets: D Jake Bean, C Logan Brown, D Charlie McAvoy,

RW Julien Gauthier, D Dante Fabbro, RW Alex DeBrincat, C Luke Kunin

Carolina is an organization that experienced great growth in their prospect pools at all positions, with a coming out party at forward for Sebastian Aho, strong NHL seasons from Noah Hanifin, Brett Pesce, and Jaccob Slavin on the blue line, and another year of development for goaltender Alex Nedeljkovic. Their defense for the future looks strong to say the least, with the aforementioned players to add to Justin Faulk and prospects Haydyn Fleury and Roland McKeown. While their forward group boasts some good players in Phillip Di Giuseppe, Elias Lindholm, Victor Rask, and the newly acquired Teuvo Teravainen, they likely need more talent there to fill out their roster. I believe their preferred target at 13th Overall is center Logan Brown, which may not be an option, which could force them to go for Jake Bean, Charlie McAvoy, or even Julien Gauthier.

DRAFT OUTLOOKS: CHI - COL



CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS 2016 OUTLOOK

Picks in Rounds 1-3: 2 (50th, 83rd)

Top 2015 Selection: LW Graham Knott (2nd Round, 54th Overall)

Top Prospects: LW Tyler Motte, D Ville Pokka, C Nick Schmaltz

Under-23 NHL Talent: N/A

NHL Graduate Candidates: RW Ryan Haggerty, RW Ryan Hartman, C Vince Hinostroza, C Mark McNeill, LW Tyler Motte, D Ville Pokka, C Nick Schmaltz

Organizational Needs: Elite Goaltending Prospect, Defensive Depth

Potential 2nd Round Targets: G Filip Gustavsson, D Cameron Dineen, G Tyler Parsons, C/LW Jonathan Dahlen, C Will Bitten, D Libor Hajek, D Frederic Allard, D Adam Fox, G Carter Hart, G Zachary Sawchenko

Dubbed the NHL's modern day dynasty, it's no surprise that in turn Chicago may be thinner than most in young NHL talent and prospect depth. However, with a championship core of Jonathan Toews, Patrick Kane, Brent Seabrook, and Duncan Keith, most of what Chicago truly needs is supplementary players over the next 4 to 5 years at the very least. Their prospect pool does have some gems at the top of it with Tyler Motte, Ville Pokka, and Nick Schmaltz, while their NHL graduate candidates include Ryan Haggerty, Ryan Hartman, Vince Hinostroza, Mark McNeill, and all three of the aforementioned prospects. Most of their young graduate talent is at forward, which leads me to believe they'll likely target a goaltender or defenseman at their 2nd Round selection with Filip Gustavsson, Cam Dineen, Tyler Parsons, Libor Hajek, Frederic Allard, or Adam Fox.



COLORADO AVALANCHE 2016 OUTLOOK

Picks in Rounds 1-3: 3 (10th, 40th, 71st)

Top 2015 Selection: RW Mikko Rantanen (1st Round, 10th Overall)

Top Prospects: C J.T. Compher, D Nicolas Meloche, RW Mikko Rantanen

Under-23 NHL Talent: D Chris Bigras, C/RW Mikhail Grigorenko, LW Gabriel Landeskog, C Nathan MacKinnon, D Nikita Zadorov

NHL Graduate Candidates: C J.T. Compher, G Calvin Pickard, RW Mikko Rantanen, RW Borna Rendulic

Organizational Needs: High-end Defense Prospects

Potential 1st Round Targets: D Jakob Chychrun, D Olli Juolevi, C/LW Tyson Jost, C Clayton Keller, D Jake Bean, D Charlie McAvoy, D Dante Fabbro

An organization currently defined by high octane offense, Colorado's prospect pool and current NHL talent is filled with high end offensive talent in prospects J.T. Compher, Mikko Rantanen, and NHLers Mikhail Grigorenko, the captain Gabriel Landeskog, and young stud Nathan MacKinnon. Throw others such as star center Matt Duchene and Carl Soderberg into the equation, and the Avalanche appear to set up front. While the Avalanche do have some youth on the blue line with Chris Bigras and Nikita Zadorov mixed with Tyson Barrie, but it's clear that their organizational weakness is on the blue line. Their 1st Round target at 10th Overall in my opinion should be defenders Jakob Chychrun, Olli Juolevi, or Jake Bean, but there has been wide speculation that the Avs may be strongly considering Veas center Tyson Jost.

DRAFT OUTLOOKS: CBJ - DAL



COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS 2016 OUTLOOK

Picks in Rounds 1-3: 3 (3rd, 34th, 65th)

Top 2015 Selection: D Zachary Werenski (1st Round, 8th Overall)

Top Prospects: RW Oliver Bjorkstrand, LW Sonny Milano, D Zachary Werenski

Under-23 NHL Talent: C Boone Jenner, D Seth Jones, C William Karlsson, G Joonas Korpi, D Ryan Murray, LW Brandon Saad, C Alexander Wennberg

NHL Graduate Candidates: RW Oliver Bjorkstrand, D Dillon Heatherington, LW Sonny Milano, LW Kerby Rychel, D Zachary Werenski, RW Daniel Zaar

Organizational Needs: High-end Center Prospects

Potential 1st Round Targets: RW Jesse Puljujarvi, C/LW Tyson Jost, C Clayton Keller, C Logan Brown, C Michael McLeod

The Blue Jackets own a prospect pool that is growing with loads of high end talent, particularly with standouts Zachary Werenski, Oliver Bjorkstrand, and Sonny Milano, all of which have the potential to become key contributors in Columbus in the near future. Their young NHL talent is well balanced and boasts more elite talent with forwards Boone Jenner, William Karlsson, Brandon Saad, Alexander Wennberg, and defensemen Ryan Murray and Seth Jones. Add all of this youth to their core players such as Jack Johnson, Nick Foligno, and Brandon Dubinsky, and the Jackets only real hole seems to be down the middle of the ice. While they have plenty of solid centers, they lack one with a real elite ceiling, and while the consensus pick at 3rd Overall is RW Jesse Puljujarvi, a trade back has been rumored where they could target Jost, Keller, Brown, or McLeod.



DALLAS STARS 2016 OUTLOOK

Picks in Rounds 1-3: 2 (25th, 90th)

Top 2015 Selection: RW Denis Gurianov (1st Round, 12th Overall)

Top Prospects: LW Jason Dickinson, RW Denis Gurianov, D Julius Honka

Under-23 NHL Talent: C Radek Faksa, RW Mattias Janmark, D John Klingberg, RW Valeri Nichushkin, D Jamie Oleksiak

NHL Graduate Candidates: D Mattias Backman, LW Jason Dickinson, D Julius Honka, D Esa Lindell, LW Curtis McKenzie, RW Brett Ritchie, C Devin Shore

Organizational Needs: High-end Defense Prospects, Goaltending

Potential 1st Round Targets: D Samuel Girard, D Lucas Johansen, D Markus Niemelainen, D Dennis Cholowski, D Kale Clague, D Logan Stanley

Known as potentially the most dangerous offensive team in the NHL, Dallas' organizational strength lives among their high octane forward core. Beginning with their stars in Jamie Benn, Tyler Seguin, and Jason Spezza, the youth they have in Jason Dickinson, Denis Gurianov, Brett Ritchie, Radek Faksa, Mattias Janmark, and Valeri Nichushkin gives the Stars one of the most daunting offensive rosters in the NHL. While they have a young developing stud in John Klingberg and prospect Julius Honka in the pipeline, their defense is truly the area of their organization that needs to be strengthened, and their 1st Round selection at 25th Overall is the perfect place to acquire a piece to strengthen that defensive core. Defensemen such as Samuel Girard, Lucas Johansen, Markus Niemelainen, Dennis Cholowski, Kale Clague, or Logan Stanley could be a great fit here.

DRAFT OUTLOOKS: DET - EDM



DETROIT RED WINGS 2016 OUTLOOK

Picks in Rounds 1-3: 2 (16th, 46th)

Top 2015 Selection: LW Yevgeni Svechnikov (1st Round, 19th Overall)

Top Prospects: D Joe Hicketts, LW Anthony Mantha, LW Yevgeni Svechnikov

Under-23 NHL Talent: C/LW Andreas Athanasiou, RW Tomas Jurco, C/LW Dylan Larkin

NHL Graduate Candidates: RW Martin Frk, LW Anthony Mantha, C Tomas Nosek, D Xavier Ouellet, D Robbie Russo, D Ryan Sproul, LW Yevgeni Svechnikov

Organizational Needs: Right Shot Defense Prospects, Center Prospects

Potential 1st Round Targets: D Charlie McAvoy, D Dante Fabbro, C Michael McLeod, C/LW Kieffer Bellows, C Luke Kunin, D Samuel Girard

Detroit owns a prospect pool that is noted most prominently for its high end prospects on the wing, with standouts such as Anthony Mantha and Yevgeni Svechnikov. Their youth on the NHL roster boasts more talent on the wing, with Tomas Jurco, Andreas Athanasiou, and Dylan Larkin, with veterans Gustav Nyquist and Tomas Tatar rounding out their talented core of wingers. Detroit owns some youth on the blue line, with prospect Joe Hicketts and current NHLer Danny DeKeyser being their most notable defenders for the future moving forward, and while Xavier Ouellet or Ryan Sproul could all step in and play a role, neither are likely to be a real impact player at the NHL level. Detroit's greatest needs would be on the right side of the blue line and at center, which may lead them to target Charlie McAvoy, Dante Fabbro, Michael McLeod, or Kieffer Bellows.



EDMONTON OILERS 2016 OUTLOOK

Picks in Rounds 1-3: 5 (4th, 32nd, 63rd, 84th, 91st)

Top 2015 Selection: C Connor McDavid (1st Round, 1st Overall)

Top Prospects: D Ethan Bear, C/LW Drake Caggiula, D Griffin Reinhart

Under-23 NHL Talent: C/LW Leon Draisaitl, D Oscar Klefbom, C Connor McDavid, C Ryan Nugent-Hopkins, D Darnell Nurse, RW Nail Yakupov

NHL Graduate Candidates: G Laurent Brossoit, C/LW Drake Caggiula, LW Jujhar Khaira, D Jordan Oesterle, D Griffin Reinhart, LW Anton Slepyshev

Organizational Needs: High-end Defense Prospects, Top 6 Wingers

Potential 1st Round Targets: LW Matthew Tkachuk, LW Pierre-Luc Dubois, D Mikhail Sergachev, D Jakob Chychrun, D Olli Juolevi

With the McDavid era underway in Edmonton, the Oilers seem to have the face of their franchise in place for the next decade at least. Their youth is characterized by high end offense, with the aforementioned Connor McDavid backed by Leon Draisaitl, Ryan Nugent-Hopkins, Nail Yakupov, and prospect Drake Caggiula, all to join veterans Taylor Hall and Jordan Eberle. They have some talent on the blue line with Oscar Klefbom and Darnell Nurse, as well as Griffin Reinhart and Ethan Bear to a lesser extent, but, it seems clear that the Oilers could use an elite defenseman or another winger to play with their stacked core of centers, which leads me to believe at 4th Overall they'll be targeting one of wingers Matthew Tkachuk, Pierre-Luc Dubois, or defensemen Mikhail Sergachev, Jakob Chychrun, or Olli Juolevi.

DRAFT OUTLOOKS: FLA - LA



FLORIDA PANTHERS 2016 OUTLOOK

Picks in Rounds 1-3: 2 (23rd, 33rd)

Top 2015 Selection: LW Lawson Crouse (1st Round, 11th Overall)

Top Prospects: LW Lawson Crouse, D Mike Matheson, D Ian McCoshen

Under-23 NHL Talent: C Aleksander Barkov, C Nick Bjugstad, D Aaron Ekblad, LW Jonathan Huberdeau, C Jared McCann, C/RW Vincent Trocheck

NHL Graduate Candidates: C/LW Connor Brickley, LW Lawson Crouse, C/RW Rocco Grimaldi, D Mike Matheson, D Ian McCoshen, C/LW Kyle Rau

Organizational Needs: Top 6 Winger Prospects, Elite Goaltending

Potential 1st Round Targets: RW Alex DeBrincat, C Luke Kunin, LW Vitali Abramov, LW Riley Tuft, C/RW Tage Thompson, LW Tyler Benson

The Panthers are a team most prominently headlined by their elite talent at center and defense, with young studs Aleksander Barkov and Nick Bjugstad manning the #1 and #2 spots at center in South Florida, with others like Vincent Trocheck and newly acquired Jared McCann eager for chances in the top 6. Their defense is highlighted by rising star Aaron Ekblad, with prospects Mike Matheson and Ian McCoshen both looking to make names for themselves with the Cats. With their 1st Round selection at 23rd Overall, I believe the Panthers will most likely target a winger to play alongside their growing core of young centers, and therefore I see Alex DeBrincat, Luke Kunin, Vitali Abramov, Riley Tuft, Tage Thompson, and Tyler Benson all as possible targets for Florida to supplement likely 2016 NHL Graduate Lawson Crouse on the wing.



LOS ANGELES KINGS 2016 OUTLOOK

Picks in Rounds 1-3: 1 (51st)

Top 2015 Selection: D Erik Cernak (2nd Round, 43rd Overall)

Top Prospects: D Erik Cernak, C/LW Adrian Kempe, RW Spencer Watson

Under-23 NHL Talent: LW Tanner Pearson, C Nick Shore

NHL Graduate Candidates: RW Justin Auger, D Kevin Gravel, C/LW Adrian Kempe, LW Michael Mersch, RW Spencer Watson

Organizational Needs: Top 4 Defense Prospects, Offensive Depth

Potential 2nd Round Targets: C/LW Jonathan Dahlen, C Will Bitten, D Libor Hajek, LW Carl Grundstrom, D Fredric Allard, D Adam Fox, C Henrik Borgstrom, D Andrew Peeke

Los Angeles is a team that's still considered among the league's elite and in a win now state, and therefore it's no surprise most of their core is comprised of mostly veterans and little youth outside of Tanner Pearson and Nick Shore. Their prospect pool is headlined most notably by Erik Cernak, Adrian Kempe, and 2014 7th Rounder Spencer Watson, a well balanced pool with a top talent at defense, center, and wing respectively. The Kings are likely in a position where they can go best player available with their first selection at 51st Overall, such as forwards Jonathan Dahlen, Will Bitten, Carl Grundstrom, or Henrik Borgstrom, however I believe defense is a greater necessity for their prospect pool which may cause them to primarily target players such as Libor Hajek, Frederic Allard, Adam Fox, or Andrew Peeke.

DRAFT OUTLOOKS: MIN - MTL

MINNESOTA WILD 2016 OUTLOOK



Picks in Rounds 1-3: 1 (15th)

Top 2015 Selection: C Joel Eriksson Ek (1st Round, 20th Overall)

Top Prospects: C Joel Eriksson Ek, D Mike Reilly, RW Alex Tuch

Under-23 NHL Talent: D Jonas Brodin, D Matt Dumba, RW Nino Niederreiter

NHL Graduate Candidates: C Cristoph Bertschy, C Grayson Downing, RW Kurtis Gabriel, D Gustav Olofsson, D Mike Reilly, RW Alex Tuch

Organizational Needs: High-end Defense Prospects, Offensive Depth

Potential 1st Round Targets: D Jake Bean, D Charlie McAvoy, RW Julien Gauthier, D Dante Fabbro, C Michael McLeod, C/LW Kieffer Bellows

Minnesota currently owns a crop of youth that is balanced at both forward and defense, with prospect standouts such as Joel Eriksson Ek, Alex Tuch, and Mike Reilly. Their young NHL talent includes defensemen Jonas Brodin, Matt Dumba, and forward Nino Niederreiter, which can be added to their core of Zach Parise, Mikael Granlund, Charlie Coyle, Ryan Suter, and Jared Spurgeon. While they have equal amounts at both positions, I believe their true high end talent is at forward for now and in the future. The Wild may simply go best player available at their 1st Round selection at 15th Overall with players like Julien Gauthier, Michael McLeod, or Kieffer Bellows, but their organizational need for high end defense behind Ryan Suter likely makes their target at 15th one of Jake Bean, Charlie McAvoy, or Dante Fabbro.

MONTREAL CANADIENS 2016 OUTLOOK



Picks in Rounds 1-3: 4 (9th, 39th, 45th, 70th)

Top 2015 Selection: D Noah Juulsen (1st Round, 26th Overall)

Top Prospects: G Zachary Fucale, D Noah Juulsen, RW Nikita Scherbak

Under-23 NHL Talent: RW Sven Andrighetto, C/LW Phillip Danault, C Alex Galchenyuk, LW Stefan Matteau, D Nathan Beaulieu

NHL Graduate Candidates: C Jacob de la Rose, D Morgan Ellis, G Zachary Fucale, C/LW Charles Hudon, LW Lucas Lessio, RW Michael McCarron

Organizational Needs: Elite Centers and High-end Defensemen

Potential 1st Round Targets: RW Alexander Nylander, D Jakob Chychrun, D Olli Juolevi, C/LW Tyson Jost, C Clayton Keller, D Jake Bean, C Logan Brown

Montreal is a club defined by a few highly elite players, such as goaltender Carey Price, defenseman PK Subban, and captain Max Pacioretty. Their NHL youth consists of just one real high end player in Alex Galchenyuk, with Sven Andrighetto, Phillip Danault, Stefan Matteau, and Nathan Beaulieu playing smaller roles, while their prospect pool offers depth on the wing with Nikita Scherbak and Michael McCarron, an elite goaltender prospect in Zachary Fucale, and one promising defender in Noah Juulsen, their 2015 1st Round selection. The Habs first selection in 2016 comes at 9th Overall, which while they could go best player with someone like Alexander Nylander, they may also target organizational needs at center and defense with players such as Jakob Chychrun, Olli Juolevi, Tyson Jost, Clayton Keller, Jake Bean, or Logan Brown.

DRAFT OUTLOOKS: NSH - NJ

NASHVILLE PREDATORS 2016 OUTLOOK



Picks in Rounds 1-3: 4 (17th, 47th, 76th, 78th)

Top 2015 Selection: C Yakov Trenin (2nd Round, 55th Overall)

Top Prospects: D Jack Dougherty, LW Kevin Fiala, C Vlad Kamenev

Under-23 NHL Talent: LW Viktor Arvidsson, LW Filip Forsberg, D Petter Granberg, C Ryan Johansen, RW Miikka Salomaki, C Colton Sissons

NHL Graduate Candidates: RW Pontus Aberg, LW Kevin Fiala, RW Max Gortz, C Vlad Kamenev, D Trevor Murphy

Organizational Needs: Top 6 Forwards, Defensive Depth

Potential 1st Round Targets: RW Julien Gauthier, D Dante Fabbro, C Michael McLeod, C/LW Kieffer Bellows, LW Max Jones, C Luke Kunin

The Predators are a team that for so long has been defined by elite goaltending and defense, and the current iteration of Nashville hockey is no different. Spanning past their solid defensive core highlighted by stars Shea Weber and Roman Josi, the Predators are also developing a core of young forward talent that just needs a few pieces to push it over the top, already highlighted by prospects Kevin Fiala, Vlad Kamenev, and NHL talent Filip Forsberg and Ryan Johansen to add to veterans James Neal and Craig Smith. Nashville's first selection comes in the 1st Round at 17th Overall, and while some depth on defense may be useful, I believe they'll likely target forwards with top 6 potential, such as Julien Gauthier, Michael McLeod, Kieffer Bellows, Max Jones, or Luke Kunin.

NEW JERSEY DEVILS 2016 OUTLOOK



Picks in Rounds 1-3: 4 (11th, 41st, 73rd, 77th)

Top 2015 Selection: C/LW Pavel Zacha (1st Round, 6th Overall)

Top Prospects: G MacKenzie Blackwood, D Steve Santini, C/LW Pavel Zacha

Under-23 NHL Talent: LW Joseph Blandisi, LW Reid Boucher, D Adam Larsson, D Damon Severson

NHL Graduate Candidates: RW Nick Lappin, C/LW Blake Pietila, C/LW John Quenneville, D Steve Santini, LW Miles Wood, C/LW Pavel Zacha

Organizational Needs: High-end Center Prospects, Left Shot Defensemen

Potential 1st Round Targets: D Mikhail Sergachev, D Jakob Chychrun, D Olli Juolevi, C/LW Tyson Jost, C Clayton Keller, D Jake Bean, C Logan Brown

New Jersey is a club that's still acquiring young talent as apart of a long overdue retool, and the talent acquired over the past couple years as well as their current young NHL talent is providing a good compass for the direction the Devils should take at the 2016 Draft. Their prospect pool is headlined most notably by forwards Pavel Zacha, John Quenneville, Blake Speers, defenseman Steve Santini, and goaltender MacKenzie Blackwood, while their young NHL talent offers forwards Joseph Blandisi and Reid Boucher, as well as right shot defensemen Adam Larsson and Damon Severson. The Devils own the 11th Overall selection, where they will likely target either or a left shot defenseman or a top center; targets may include defensemen Mikhail Sergachev, Jakob Chychrun, Olli Juolevi, Jake Bean, or forwards Tyson Jost, Clayton Keller, and Logan Brown.

DRAFT OUTLOOKS: NYI - NYR



NEW YORK ISLANDERS 2016 OUTLOOK

Picks in Rounds 1-3: 1 (19th)

Top 2015 Selection: C Mathew Barzal (1st Round, 16th Overall)

Top Prospects: C Mathew Barzal, C Anthony Beauvillier, C/LW Michael Dal Colle

Under-23 NHL Talent: C/LW Shane Prince, D Ryan Pulock, C/RW Ryan Strome

NHL Graduate Candidates: C Mathew Barzal, C/LW Michael Dal Colle, D Scott Mayfield, D Adam Pelech, C/LW Alan Quine

Organizational Needs: Top Pairing Defensemen, Depth on the Wings

Potential 1st Round Targets: C/LW Kieffer Bellows, LW Max Jones, RW Alex DeBrincat, LW Vitali Abramov, D Samuel Girard, LW Riley Tufte, C/RW Tage Thompson, D Lucas Johansen

The Islanders boast one of the most elite center pools in the National Hockey League, spanning past franchise center John Tavares, prospects Mathew Barzal, Anthony Beauvillier, Michael Dal Colle, and NHL talent Shane Prince, Ryan Strome, Brock Nelson, and Anders Lee are also capable of playing at the center ice position. The Islanders truly lack a legitimate top pairing defenseman, however depth on the wings would also be useful to support their centers. New York selects at 19th Overall in the 1st Round, their lone selection in the first 3 rounds, and while their organizational needs are pointing towards acquiring a young defenseman such as Samuel Girard or Lucas Johansen, their draft position may be better used on depth for the wings with selections such as Kieffer Bellows, Max Jones, Alex DeBrincat, Vitali Abramov, Riley Tufte, or Tage Thompson.



NEW YORK RANGERS 2016 OUTLOOK

Picks in Rounds 1-3: 1 (81st)

Top 2015 Selection: LW Ryan Gropp (2nd Round, 41st Overall)

Top Prospects: LW Pavel Buchnevich, LW Ryan Gropp, D Brady Skjei

Under-23 NHL Talent: C/RW J.T. Miller

NHL Graduate Candidates: LW Pavel Buchnevich, C/LW Marek Hrivik, D Brady Skjei, C/LW Adam Tambellini

Organizational Needs: Top 6 Forwards, Top 4 Defensemen

Potential 3rd Round Targets: LW Jesper Bratt, C Aapeli Rasanen, C Otto Somppi, C/RW Jordan Kyrou, D Victor Mete, D Chad Kryz, RW Joey Anderson, D Filip Hronek

The Rangers have been chasing a championship the past few seasons, so it comes as no surprise that their prospect pool is rather depleted following some years filled with deep playoff runs at the cost of most of New York's 1st and 2nd Round draft picks. Their pool of youth is almost exclusively headlined by forward J.T. Miller and Russian winger Pavel Buchnevich, a prospect from the KHL who will be joining the big club in 2016-17, while Ryan Gropp and Brady Skjei are two other notable prospects. The Rangers own just one selection in the first 3 Rounds of the 2016 Draft, which comes at 81st Overall, where they should really aim to target the best player available with possibilities being Jesper Bratt, Aapeli Rasanen, Otto Somppi, Jordan Kyrou, Victor Mete, Chad Kryz, Joey Anderson, or Filip Hronek.

DRAFT OUTLOOKS: OTT - PHI



OTTAWA SENATORS 2016 OUTLOOK

Picks in Rounds 1-3: 3 (12th, 42nd, 80th)

Top 2015 Selection: D Thomas Chabot (1st Round, 18th Overall)

Top Prospects: D Thomas Chabot, LW Francis Perron, C/RW Colin White

Under-23 NHL Talent: D Cody Ceci, C/RW Curtis Lazar, C Jean-Gabriel Pageau, LW Matt Puempel, C/RW Mika Zibanejad

NHL Graduate Candidates: D Thomas Chabot, D Fredrik Claesson, C/LW Ryan Dzingel, LW Max McCormick, LW Nick Paul, LW Francis Perron

Organizational Needs: High-end Centers, Top 4 Defensemen

Potential 1st Round Targets: C/LW Tyson Jost, C Clayton Keller, D Jake Bean, C Logan Brown, D Charlie McAvoy, RW Julien Gauthier, D Dante Fabbro

Ottawa enters this 2016 Draft with a prospect pool highlighted by a few players with impact potential, however not much high end depth after that. However, their current core is relatively young with forwards Bobby Ryan, Kyle Turris, Mark Stone, and Mike Hoffman, as well as stud defenseman Erik Karlsson, which makes the need for top talent in their prospect pool less important. Their prospect pool is highlighted by 2015 1st Rounders Colin White and Thomas Chabot, while their young talent includes Cody Ceci, Curtis Lazar, Mika Zibanejad, and Jean-Gabriel Pageau. Ottawa owns the 12th Overall selection in Round 1 of the 2016 Draft, which while might be a good opportunity to pick up a defenseman such as Jake Bean, Charlie McAvoy, or Dante Fabbro, I believe may be better used on a top center such as Tyson Jost, Clayton Keller, or Logan Brown.



PHILADELPHIA FLYERS 2016 OUTLOOK

Picks in Rounds 1-3: 5 (18th, 48th, 52nd, 79th, 82nd)

Top 2015 Selection: D Ivan Provorov (1st Round, 7th Overall)

Top Prospects: C/RW Travis Konecny, D Ivan Provorov, D Travis Sanheim

Under-23 NHL Talent: C Nick Cousins, C Sean Couturier, D Shayne Gostisbehere, C Scott Laughton

NHL Graduate Candidates: D Robert Hagg, C/RW Travis Konecny, LW Taylor Leier, D Samuel Morin, D Ivan Provorov, D Travis Sanheim

Organizational Needs: Top 6 Forward Prospects

Potential 1st Round Targets: RW Julien Gauthier, C Michael McLeod, C/LW Kieffer Bellows, LW Max Jones, RW Alex DeBrincat, C Luke Kunin

Philadelphia's organizational strength easily oozes from one position in particular, and it's the loaded talent pool they have on the blue line. Spanning past rookie sensation Shayne Gostisbehere, the Flyers have standout defensemen Ivan Provorov, Travis Sanheim, Samuel Morin, and Robert Hagg all awaiting their shot at the NHL roster over the next couple seasons. Up front, their prospect pool is much thinner, with not much high end talent past prospect Travis Konecny, as well as youth Sean Couturier and Scott Laughton on the NHL club. The Flyers possess one of the best young defense pools in the entire National Hockey League, and with their first selection coming at 18th Overall in the 1st Round, I would be floored if they do not target one of forwards Julien Gauthier, Michael McLeod, Kieffer Bellows, Max Jones, Alex DeBrincat, or Luke Kunin.

DRAFT OUTLOOKS: PIT - SJ



PITTSBURGH PENGUINS 2016 OUTLOOK

Picks in Rounds 1-3: 2 (55th, 61st)

Top 2015 Selection: RW Daniel Sprong (2nd Round, 46th Overall)

Top Prospects: C/LW Jake Guentzel, G Tristan Jarry, RW Daniel Sprong

Under-23 NHL Talent: D Olli Maatta, G Matt Murray, D Derrick Pouliot, C Oskar Sundqvist

NHL Graduate Candidates: D Lukas Bengtsson, C Jean-Sebastian Dea, C/LW Jake Guentzel, LW Dominik Simon, RW Daniel Sprong

Organizational Needs: Top 4 Defense Prospects, Winger Depth

Potential 2nd Round Targets: LW Carl Grundstrom, D Frederic Allard, D Adam Fox, D Andrew Peeke, LW Vladimir Kuznetsov, LW Otto Koivula, D Luke Green

The newly crowned Stanley Cup Champions, the Penguins naturally have a stacked present but a dry prospect pool. Their prospect pool is highlighted by their top selection of 2015, RW Daniel Sprong, while Jake Guentzel and Tristan Jarry make up a couple other notables from their pool. Their NHL youth possesses some elite talent in defensemen Olli Maatta, Derrick Pouliot, and sensational rookie goaltender Matt Murray. The Pens possess a defensive core that, while was strong enough to capture a Stanley Cup in 2016, is not nearly as strong as their high octane offensive core, so with their first selection coming in the 2nd Round at 55th Overall I believe their primary targets may be defensemen Frederic Allard, Adam Fox, Andrew Peeke, or Luke Green, however a selection of a winger would not be shocking either.



SAN JOSE SHARKS 2016 OUTLOOK

Picks in Rounds 1-3: 1 (60th)

Top 2015 Selection: RW Timo Meier (1st Round, 9th Overall)

Top Prospects: LW Nikolay Goldobin, RW Timo Meier, D Mirco Mueller

Under-23 NHL Talent: D Dylan DeMelo, C/LW Tomas Hertl, LW Matt Nieto, C Chris Tierney

NHL Graduate Candidates: RW Barclay Goodrow, LW Nikolay Goldobin, RW Timo Meier, D Mirco Mueller, D Joakim Ryan

Organizational Needs: Top 4 Defense Prospects, Goaltending Prospects

Potential 2nd Round Targets: D Luke Green, D Andrew Peeke, D Max Lajoie, D Jacob Moverare, G Zachary Sawchenko, D Jacob Cederholm, D Chad Krys

The 2016 Western Conference Champions, San Jose enters this draft with a strong now and a relatively deep future. The Sharks prospect pool is headlined by 3 former 1st Round draft picks, in forwards Nikolay Goldobin, Timo Meier, and defenseman Mirco Mueller. Their young talent includes most prominently young Czech forward Tomas Hertl, which in addition to their forward core starting with Joe Pavelski and Logan Couture, looks pretty formidable for the future. The Sharks organizational strength easily comes within their forward core, where their youth on the blue line leaves a bit to be desired, which is why at their first selection at 60th Overall in the 2nd Round I believe they'll look to target defenders Luke Green, Andrew Peeke, Max Lajoie, Jacob Moverare, Jacob Cederholm, Chad Krys, or perhaps even goaltender Zachary Sawchenko.

DRAFT OUTLOOKS: STL - TB



ST. LOUIS BLUES 2016 OUTLOOK

Picks in Rounds 1-3: 3 (28th, 59th, 87th)

Top 2015 Selection: D Vince Dunn (2nd Round, 56th Overall)

Top Prospects: C Ivan Barbashev, D Vince Dunn, D Jordan Schmaltz

Under-23 NHL Talent: D Joel Edmundson, C/LW Robby Fabbri, RW Dmitrij Jaskin, D Colton Parayko, LW Jaden Schwartz

NHL Graduate Candidates: C Ivan Barbashev, D Petteri Lindbohm, RW Ty Rattie, D Jordan Schmaltz, D Tommy Vannelli

Organizational Needs: Top 6 Winger Prospects

Potential 1st Round Targets: C/RW Tage Thompson, LW Tyler Benson, C/LW Adam Mascherin, C/LW Pascal Laberge, C German Rubtsov, LW Boris Katchouk

2016 Western Conference finalists, the Blues fought their way through a deep playoff run with staunch defensive play, and their systematic youth mimics the same commitment to defense. Much of the Blues' future is in the form of defensemen in prospects Jordan Schmaltz, Vince Dunn, and youngsters Colton Parayko and to a lesser extent Joel Edmundson. The Blues do own some youth up front, such as Fabbri, Schwartz, and Barbashev, but their strength is definitely on the blue line. St. Louis is a team that is filled with defensive talent in both the present and in the future, which leads me to believe they'll likely target a winger with top 6 upside with their first selection at 28th Overall with targets such as Tage Thompson, Tyler Benson, Adam Mascherin, Pascal Laberge, Boris Katchouk, or perhaps even center German Rubtsov.



TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING 2016 OUTLOOK

Picks in Rounds 1-3: 4 (27th, 44th, 58th, 88th)

Top 2015 Selection: C Mitchell Stephens (2nd Round, 33rd Overall)

Top Prospects: D Anthony DeAngelo, LW Nikita Gusev, C Brayden Point

Under-23 NHL Talent: LW Jonathan Drouin, RW Nikita Kucherov, C Vladislav Namestnikov, D Nikita Nesterov, C Cedric Paquette, G Andrei Vasilevskiy

NHL Graduate Candidates: D Anthony DeAngelo, LW Adam Erne, D Slater Koekkoek, D Dominik Masin, C Matthew Peca, C Brayden Point

Organizational Needs: Top 4 Defense Prospects, Winger Depth

Potential 1st Round Targets: LW Riley Tuft, C/RW Tage Thompson, D Lucas Johansen, D Markus Niemelainen, LW Tyler Benson, D Dennis Cholowski

2016 Eastern Conference Finalists, Tampa Bay is a team that's defined by their high octane offense and up tempo play. Though the current iteration of Bolts hockey is defined by offense, with young NHLers Jonathan Drouin, Nikita Kucherov, and Vladislav Namestnikov, their prospect pool offers some very good depth on the blue line in prospects Anthony DeAngelo, Slater Koekkoek, and Dominik Masin, all of whom have bright futures on the blue line for Tampa Bay. The Lightning are perhaps at a better position to pick best player available than most teams, with strong depth at all positions in their prospect pool, and strong possibilities for their first selection at 28th Overall may include forwards Riley Tuft, Tage Thompson, Tyler Benson, or defenders Lucas Johansen, Markus Niemelainen, or Dennis Cholowski.

DRAFT OUTLOOKS: TOR - VAN



TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS 2016 OUTLOOK

Picks in Rounds 1-3: 5 (1st, 31st, 57th, 62nd, 72nd)

Top 2015 Selection: C/RW Mitch Marner (1st Round, 4th Overall)

Top Prospects: RW Kasper Kapanen, RW Mitch Marner, C/RW William Nylander

Under-23 NHL Talent: D Frank Corrado, D Morgan Rielly

NHL Graduate Candidates: RW Connor Brown, D Connor Carrick, RW Zach Hyman, RW Kasper Kapanen, LW Brendan Leipsic, LW Josh Leivo, RW Mitch Marner, C/RW William Nylander, RW Nikita Soshnikov, D Nikita Zaitsev

Organizational Needs: High-end Centers, Elite Defensemen

Potential 1st/2nd Round Targets: C Auston Matthews, LW/RW Patrik Laine, D Samuel Girard, D Lucas Johansen, D Markus Niemelainen, D Dennis Cholowski

Toronto's rebuild may begin to reap the fruits of success sooner rather than later, with their stock piling of high end talent, the Leafs look poised to have an elite forward core for a very long time. Prospects William Nylander, Mitch Marner, Kasper Kapanen, and others highlight one of the most impressive forward pools in the NHL, however Toronto owns only one high end defenseman in Morgan Rielly. The consensus 1st Overall pick for the Toronto Maple Leafs seems to be Auston Matthews, however Patrik Laine may make a final bid for that honor come draft day. The Maple Leafs do own the top selection of the 2nd Round with 31st Overall, which I believe will likely be used to select a defenseman with good upside, some targets may include Samuel Girard, Lucas Johansen, Markus Niemelainen, Dennis Cholowski, Kale Clague, or Logan Stanley.

VANCOUVER CANUCKS 2016 OUTLOOK



Picks in Rounds 1-3: 2 (5th, 64th)

Top 2015 Selection: RW Brock Boeser (1st Round, 23rd Overall)

Top Prospects: RW Brock Boeser, G Thatcher Demko, C Brendan Gaunce

Under-23 NHL Talent: LW Sven Baertschi, RW Emerson Etem, C Markus Granlund, C Bo Horvat, D Ben Hutton, D Nikita Tryamkin, RW Jake Virtanen

NHL Graduate Candidates: C Alex Friesen, C Brendan Gaunce, LW Ronalds Kenins, D Andrey Pedan, D Jordan Subban

Organizational Needs: Elite Defensemen, Top 6 Forwards

Potential 1st Round Targets: LW Matthew Tkachuk, LW Pierre-Luc Dubois, D Mikhail Sergachev, RW Alexander Nylander, D Jakob Chychrun, D Olli Juolevi

Following a disappointing season to say the least, the Canucks will look to the draft to find a cornerstone piece to hopefully kick off a retool in Vancouver. Vancouver owns some good young talent at both the NHL level and in their prospect pool, with prospects Brock Boeser, Brendan Gaunce, Thatcher Demko, and NHL talent Sven Baertschi, Emerson Etem, Markus Granlund, Bo Horvat, and Jake Virtanen, however their cupboards look barren on defense with not much past Jordan Subban. The Canucks prospect pool seems to be crying out for an elite defenseman, and with their first selection coming at 5th Overall they have an opportunity to fill that vacancy with Mikhail Sergachev, Jakob Chychrun, or Olli Juolevi, however it is possible they may decide on one of the top wingers in Matthew Tkachuk, Pierre-Luc Dubois, or Alexander Nylander.

DRAFT OUTLOOKS: WSH - WPG



WASHINGTON CAPITALS 2016 OUTLOOK

Picks in Rounds 1-3: 1 (26th)

Top 2015 Selection: G Ilya Samsonov (1st Round, 22nd Overall)

Top Prospects: D Madison Bowey, G Ilya Samsonov, RW Jakub Vrana

Under-23 NHL Talent: LW Andre Burakovsky, RW Tom Wilson

NHL Graduate Candidates: RW Riley Barber, D Madison Bowey, C/RW Travis Boyd, LW Chandler Stephenson, RW Jakub Vrana

Organizational Needs: Top 4 Defensemen, Forward Depth

Potential 1st Round Targets: D Samuel Girard, LW Riley Tufte, C/RW Tage Thompson, D Lucas Johansen, D Markus Niemelainen, LW Tyler Benson, C/LW Adam Mascherin, D Dennis Cholowski, D Kale Clague, D Logan Stanley

Washington is lauded as one of the best offensive teams in the National Hockey League, a title acquired through a high octane core with supplements from their prospect pool. Their core of Alex Ovechkin, Nick Backstrom, and Evgeny Kuznetsov is backed by youngsters Andre Burakovsky, Tom Wilson, and prospect Jakub Vrana, while their blue line offers little in terms of under-23 NHL talent or prospect depth past Kelowna Rocket Madison Bowey. The Capitals seem to have futures secure at both forward and in goal, and with their lone selection in the first 3 Rounds coming at 26th Overall, it seems like a perfect opportunity for Washington to select a piece for their blue line in Samuel Girard, Lucas Johansen, Markus Niemelainen, Dennis Cholowski, Kale Clague, or Logan Stanley.



WINNIPEG JETS 2016 OUTLOOK

Picks in Rounds 1-3: 3 (2nd, 22nd, 36th)

Top 2015 Selection: C Kyle Connor (1st Round, 17th Overall)

Top Prospects: C Kyle Connor, C Nic Petan, D Josh Morrissey

Under-23 NHL Talent: C Andrew Copp, C/RW Marko Dano, LW Nikolaj Ehlers, G Connor Hellebuyck, C Adam Lowry, C Mark Scheifele, D Jacob Trouba

NHL Graduate Candidates: C Kyle Connor, C Chase De Leo, D Brenden Kichton, RW Scott Kosmachuk, LW J.C. Lipon, D Josh Morrissey, C Nic Petan

Organizational Needs: Elite Winger Prospects

Potential 1st Round Targets: C Auston Matthews, LW/RW Patrik Laine, RW Alex DeBrincat, C Luke Kunin, LW Vitali Abramov, LW Riley Tufte

Big time winners at the NHL Draft Lottery, Winnipeg has a growing crop of young talent with depth at most positions. Their prospect pool is headlined by the most dangerous player in college hockey in center Kyle Connor, as well forward Nic Petan and defenseman Josh Morrissey. Their young NHL talent offers many young centers, such as Mark Scheifele, Adam Lowry, and Marko Dano. At 2nd Overall, it's almost all but certain that Patrik Laine will be their selection, unless Auston Matthews is passed on by Toronto, however the Jets own a second 1st Rounder at 22nd Overall acquired from Chicago which gets a bit more interesting. 22nd Overall is an opportunity to supplement their centers with more talent on the wings, with wingers such as Alex DeBrincat, Vitali Abramov, Riley Tufte, or Tage Thompson being possibilities for the Jets.

2016 NHL MOCK DRAFT: 1-10

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**Auston Matthews, C, Zurich (SUI)***HT / WT: 6'2" / 194 lbs Hand: Left Nationality: USA*

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**Patrik Laine, LW/RW, Tappara (FIN)***HT / WT: 6'4" / 209 lbs Hand: Right Nationality: Finland*

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**Matthew Tkachuk, LW, London (OHL)***HT / WT: 6'1" / 194 lbs Hand: Left Nationality: USA*

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**Mikhail Sergachev, D, Windsor (OHL)***HT / WT: 6'2" / 205 lbs Hand: Left Nationality: Russia*

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**Pierre-Luc Dubois, LW, Cape Breton (QMJHL)***HT / WT: 6'3" / 203 lbs Hand: Left Nationality: Canada*

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**Jakob Chychrun, D, Sarnia (OHL)***HT / WT: 6'2" / 194 lbs Hand: Left Nationality: Canada*

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**Olli Juolevi, D, London (OHL)***HT / WT: 6'2" / 183 lbs Hand: Left Nationality: Finland*

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**Alexander Nylander, RW, Mississauga (OHL)***HT / WT: 6'0" / 176 lbs Hand: Right Nationality: Sweden*

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**Tyson Jost, C/LW, Penticton (BCHL)***HT / WT: 5'11" / 192 lbs Hand: Left Nationality: Canada*

2016 NHL MOCK DRAFT: 11-20

11

Clayton Keller, C, USA U-18 (USDP)

HT / WT: 5'10" / 170 lbs Hand: Left Nationality: USA

12

Logan Brown, C, Windsor (OHL)

HT / WT: 6'6" / 218 lbs Hand: Left Nationality: Canada

13

Jake Bean, D, Calgary (WHL)

HT / WT: 6'1" / 172 lbs Hand: Left Nationality: Canada

14

Charlie McAvoy, D, Boston University (H-EAST)

HT / WT: 6'0" / 205 lbs Hand: Right Nationality: USA

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Dante Fabbro, D, Penticton (BCHL)

HT / WT: 6'0" / 190 lbs Hand: Right Nationality: Canada

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Michael McLeod, C, Mississauga (OHL)

HT / WT: 6'2" / 187 lbs Hand: Right Nationality: Canada

17

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Samuel Girard, D, Shawinigan (QMJHL)

HT / WT: 5'10" / 165 lbs Hand: Right Nationality: Canada

2016 NHL MOCK DRAFT: 21-30

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via LA

Luke Kunin, C, University of Wisconsin (BIG10)

HT / WT: 6'0" / 196 lbs Hand: Right Nationality: USA

22

via CHI

Alex DeBrincat, RW, Erie (OHL)

HT / WT: 5'7" / 161 lbs Hand: Right Nationality: USA

23**Vitali Abramov, LW, Gatineau (QMJHL)**

HT / WT: 5'9" / 170 lbs Hand: Left Nationality: Russia

24**Riley Tufte, LW, Blaine High (USHS)**

HT / WT: 6'5" / 190 lbs Hand: Left Nationality: USA

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HT / WT: 6'5" / 185 lbs Hand: Right Nationality: USA

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via SJ

German Rubtsov, C, Russia U-18 (MHL)

HT / WT: 6'0" / 190 lbs Hand: Left Nationality: Russia

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Adam Mascherin, C/LW, Kitchener (OHL)HT / WT: 5'10" / 192 lbs Hand: Left Nationality: Canada

2016 COMMUNITY MOCK DRAFT



Every year, the Community Mock Draft is a great outlet for readers to see opinions that span past mine on the upcoming draft, so it was a no brainer to bring this level of content to you in this Draft Book. The Community Mock Draft is created with around 15-18 key contributors, ranging from close friends to forum posters with deep understanding of the draft. This year was particularly interesting in the level of variation of opinions on this crop of prospects. Naturally, some may be higher on certain players than others, and this mock draft with differing opinions showcases multiple new possibilities that could occur come June 24th. Below is a list of our esteemed contributors this year, and happy Draft season!

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2016 COMM. MOCK DRAFT: 11-20

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Mikhail Sergachev, D, Windsor (OHL)

HT / WT: 6'2" / 205 lbs Hand: Left Nationality: Russia

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Dante Fabbro, D, Penticton (BCHL)

HT / WT: 6'0" / 190 lbs Hand: Right Nationality: Canada

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Tyson Jost, C/LW, Penticton (BCHL)

HT / WT: 5'11" / 192 lbs Hand: Left Nationality: Canada

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Jake Bean, D, Calgary (WHL)

HT / WT: 6'1" / 172 lbs Hand: Left Nationality: Canada

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Kieffer Bellows, C/LW, USA U-18 (USDP)

HT / WT: 6'1" / 194 lbs Hand: Left Nationality: USA

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Max Jones, LW, London (OHL)

HT / WT: 6'3" / 201 lbs Hand: Left Nationality: USA

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Michael McLeod, C, Mississauga (OHL)

HT / WT: 6'2" / 187 lbs Hand: Right Nationality: Canada

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Julien Gauthier, RW, Val-d'Or (QMJHL)

HT / WT: 6'4" / 225 lbs Hand: Right Nationality: Canada

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Charlie McAvoy, D, Boston University (H-EAST)

HT / WT: 6'0" / 205 lbs Hand: Right Nationality: USA

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Luke Kunin, C, University of Wisconsin (BIG10)

HT / WT: 6'0" / 196 lbs Hand: Right Nationality: USA

2016 COMM. MOCK DRAFT: 21-30

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via LA

Logan Stanley, D, Windsor (OHL)

HT / WT: 6'6" / 216 lbs Hand: Left Nationality: Canada

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via CHI

Kale Clague, D, Brandon (WHL)

HT / WT: 6'0" / 183 lbs Hand: Left Nationality: Canada

23**Dennis Cholowski, D, Chilliwack (BCHL)**

HT / WT: 6'1" / 176 lbs Hand: Left Nationality: Canada

24**German Rubtsov, C, Russia U-18 (MHL)**

HT / WT: 6'0" / 190 lbs Hand: Left Nationality: Russia

25**Alex DeBrincat, RW, Erie (OHL)**

HT / WT: 5'7" / 161 lbs Hand: Right Nationality: USA

26**Pascal Laberge, C/LW, Victoriaville (QMJHL)**

HT / WT: 6'1" / 174 lbs Hand: Right Nationality: Canada

27**Riley Tufte, LW, Blaine High (USHS)**

HT / WT: 6'5" / 190 lbs Hand: Left Nationality: USA

28**Brett Howden, C, Moose Jaw (WHL)**

HT / WT: 6'2" / 190 lbs Hand: Left Nationality: Canada

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via SJ

Tage Thompson, C/RW, UCONN (H-EAST)

HT / WT: 6'5" / 185 lbs Hand: Right Nationality: USA

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via PIT, from TOR

Boris Katchouk, LW, Sault Ste. Marie (OHL)HT / WT: 6'1" / 190 lbs Hand: Left Nationality: Canada

