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2017 Draft Rankings: 1-9

1 Nico Hischier C, Halifax

Height: 6'0"

Weight: 174

Handedness: Left

Stats: 57 GP, 38-48-86, +20, 24 PIM

Scouting Report: One of the most dominant players in Junior hockey in 2017, Hischier is an elite package of skill, skating ability, and smarts. Fantastic three-zone player and has the hands to both distribute the puck and finish in tight, possesses great vision in the offensive zone and uses his skating to create separation.

NHL Comparable: Pavel Datsyuk

2 Nolan Patrick C, Brandon

Height: 6'2"

Weight: 198

Handedness: Right

Stats: 33 GP, 20-26-46, +9, 36 PIM

Scouting Report: Well-rounded center with high-end offensive talent, Patrick is a highly intelligent and competitive center that does all the little things you need to win. More of a shooter than a passer, but has the vision to create plays for his linemates. Strong on his skates and can extend plays on the cycle. Future #1 NHL center.

NHL Comparable: Anze Kopitar

3 Casey Mittelstadt C/LW, Eden Prairie

Height: 6'1"

Weight: 201

Handedness: Left

Stats: 25 GP, 21-43-64, 8 PIM

Scouting Report: Explosive and dynamic offensive talent, Mittelstadt is arguably the most creative player in this draft with a set of hands that routinely make defenders and goaltenders alike look foolish. Good at creating offense on the rush but also understands his role positionally in the offensive zone.

NHL Comparable: Tyler Seguin

4 Miro Heiskanen D, HIFK

Height: 6'0"

Weight: 174

Handedness: Left

Stats: 37 GP, 5-5-10, -1, 4 PIM

Scouting Report: Two-way defenseman with elite skating ability, Heiskanen is among the best skaters in this draft class with an effortless skating stride that he routinely uses to break the puck out of his own zone. Fantastic vision with the puck both in transition and in the offensive zone; very solid defensively as well.

NHL Comparable: Roman Josi

5 Gabriel Vilardi C, Windsor

Height: 6'2"

Weight: 192

Handedness: Left

Stats: 49 GP, 29-32-61, +13, 12 PIM

Scouting Report: Intelligent and dynamic offensive minded center, Vilardi is a dominant possession player who can battle down low for pucks and keep plays alive on the cycle. More of a shooter than a passer, but makes everyone he plays with better. Responsible three-zone center with great offensive upside.

NHL Comparable: Mark Scheifele

6 Elias Pettersson C/LW, Timrå

Height: 6'2"

Weight: 161

Handedness: Left

Stats: 43 GP, 19-22-41, +15, 14 PIM

Scouting Report: Two-way forward with elite playmaking ability, Pettersson is a crafty and intelligent center who will only get better as he fills in his frame. Smooth hands and great passing ability, and has the ability to finish off plays as well. Jack of all trades type player with high offensive NHL potential.

NHL Comparable: Henrik Zetterberg

7 Owen Tippett RW, Mississauga

Height: 6'2"

Weight: 203

Handedness: Right

Stats: 60 GP, 44-31-75, +24, 36 PIM

Scouting Report: The top pure goal scorer available in this draft, Tippett's greatest weapon is his elite level shot with a lightning quick release and deadly precision. Strong skater with good speed and is capable of carrying the puck himself, consistently creates offense for both himself and his linemates.

NHL Comparable: Jeff Skinner

8 Timothy Liljegren D, Rögle

Height: 6'0"

Weight: 198

Handedness: Right

Stats: 19 GP, 1-4-5, -3, 4 PIM

Scouting Report: Smooth skating, offensive minded blue liner who loves to be a difference maker, Liljegren wants the puck on his stick and makes the most of it with great offensive zone vision and strong puck moving ability. Can be prone to risking the high percentage play, but has elite NHL potential as a payoff.

NHL Comparable: John Klingberg

9 Cody Glass C, Portland

Height: 6'2"

Weight: 170

Handedness: Right

Stats: 69 GP, 32-62-94, +31, 36 PIM

Scouting Report: Arguably the biggest riser in this draft class, Glass is a cerebral and intelligent two-way center who kicked his offensive game into another gear in 2017. Excels more as a playmaker than a scorer with tremendous vision in the offensive zone; consistently makes the players around him better.

NHL Comparable: Logan Couture

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10 Cale Makar D, Brooks

Height: 5'10"

Weight: 176

Handedness: Right

Stats: 54 GP, 24-51-75, 18 PIM

Scouting Report: Offensive defenseman with a well-rounded skill set, Makar is an elite package of offensive tools with a quick skating stride, excellent vision and passing ability, and a capable point shot that he used to notch 24 goals for Brooks in 2017. Captained Canada West's U19 team, where he tallied 8 pts in 4 GP.

NHL Comparable: Tyson Barrie

11 Eeli Tolvanen LW, Sioux City

Height: 5'10"

Weight: 179

Handedness: Left

Stats: 52 GP, 30-24-54, +18, 26 PIM

Scouting Report: Tenacious and competitive goal scoring forward, Tolvanen is a pure goal scorer that battles hard for loose pucks and works hard on the forecheck; is able to finish opportunities with a lightning quick release on his wrist shot and has deadly accuracy, owns good hands in tight as well.

NHL Comparable: Kyle Palmieri

12 Michael Rasmussen C, Tri-City

Height: 6'5"

Weight: 203

Handedness: Left

Stats: 50 GP, 32-23-55, -13, 50 PIM

Scouting Report: Big and versatile center, Rasmussen is a competitive player who is a jack of all trades. Responsible two-way player and is a nightmare for other teams down low and in front of the net. Excellent goal scoring touch that can bang home rebounds in front or rifle in an opportunity from the slot.

NHL Comparable: Ryan Getzlaf

13 Juuso Välimäki D, Tri-City

Height: 6'2"

Weight: 201

Handedness: Left

Stats: 60 GP, 19-42-61, +2, 34 PIM

Scouting Report: Reliable minute munching defenseman that took his offensive game to the next level in 2017, Välimäki is an intelligent blue liner that consistently makes smart plays on both sides of the puck. Knows the right time to jump into the rush or come down from the point to finish plays with his capable shot.

NHL Comparable: Oscar Klefbom

14 Nick Suzuki C, Owen Sound

Height: 5'11"

Weight: 183

Handedness: Right

Stats: 65 GP, 45-51-96, +51, 10 PIM

Scouting Report: Competitive and intelligent center that was the motor that drove his Owen Sound team this year, Suzuki is a smart goal scoring center that plays above his size and is very strong on the puck. Consistently can anticipate and read plays and convert them into positive opportunities for his team.

NHL Comparable: Joe Pavelski

15 Kailer Yamamoto C/W, Spokane

Height: 5'8"

Weight: 159

Handedness: Right

Stats: 65 GP, 42-57-99, +14, 46 PIM

Scouting Report: Undersized but explosive forward, Yamamoto is an elite package of speed and skill that can change a game in a single rush up the ice. Lightning fast and agile skater with remarkable hands, can make a slick move around a defender or dish pucks to a teammate for an easy apple. Strong scoring touch as well.

NHL Comparable: Tyler Johnson

16 Martin Necas C/RW, Kometa Brno

Height: 6'1"

Weight: 168

Handedness: Right

Stats: 41 GP, 7-8-15, -2, 6 PIM

Scouting Report: Well-rounded center with a blossoming offensive game, Necas is a remarkable skater with good speed and agility which adds a dimension of explosiveness to his game, has a good shot with both accuracy and a quick release; has good hands and can make plays for his teammates; hard worker as well.

NHL Comparable: Jakub Voracek

17 Cal Foote D, Kelowna

Height: 6'3"

Weight: 209

Handedness: Right

Stats: 71 GP, 6-51-57, +39, 41 PIM

Scouting Report: Big and mobile blue liner that is a jack of all trades, Foote is reliable and efficient on both sides of the puck, won't wow you in any areas but has the poise that you look for in a young defender. Can play with a physical edge at times and defends very well in his own end with an active stick and good physicality.

NHL Comparable: Colton Parayko

18 Nicolas Hague D, Mississauga

Height: 6'6"

Weight: 214

Handedness: Left

Stats: 65 GP, 18-28-46, +22, 107 PIM

Scouting Report: Towering defenseman with surprising mobility and offensive acumen, Hague is a smart blue liner that knows the right time to jump in and join an offensive play as it develops. Has a good shot that he used to pot 32 goals over the past two seasons; uses his size to his advantage and plays very physically.

NHL Comparable: Dougie Hamilton

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19 Lias Andersson C/LW, HV-71

Height: 5'11"

Weight: 198

Handedness: Left

Stats: 42 GP, 9-10-19, +21, 18 PIM

Scouting Report: Well-rounded center that excels particularly as a goal scorer, Andersson has good two-way acumen with strong hockey smarts, battles hard for loose pucks and plays bigger than his frame suggests; has a good goal scorers touch and isn't afraid to drive the net to bury rebounds.

NHL Comparable: Rickard Rakell

22 Kristian Vesalainen LW/RW, Frölunda

Height: 6'3"

Weight: 207

Handedness: Left

Stats: 26 GP, 1-5-6, -1, 2 PIM

Scouting Report: Big Finnish winger with a tool box bursting at the seams, Vesalainen is a Swiss army knife player who can do a little of everything, strong skater with good speed who can get in quick on the forecheck, capable as both a playmaker and goal scorer and isn't afraid to drive the front of the net.

NHL Comparable: Blake Wheeler

25 Ryan Poehling C, St. Cloud State

Height: 6'3"

Weight: 185

Handedness: Left

Stats: 35 GP, 7-6-13, -8, 12 PIM

Scouting Report: Big and well-rounded center, Poehling is an intelligent and competitive center that can do a bit of everything; equally effective as a playmaker and goal scorer and shows both strong hockey smarts and two-way acumen. Good straight line speed but needs to work on his all-around agility.

NHL Comparable: Mika Zibanejad

20 Klim Kostin RW/C, Balashikha

Height: 6'3"

Weight: 196

Handedness: Left

Stats: 9 GP, 1-0-1, -1, 4 PIM

Scouting Report: Power winger who plays a very North American style game, Kostin is a big Russian winger who works well off the cycle game and owns good puck protection skills, works hard down low for loose pucks and can finish off extended offensive possessions with a strong shot. Capable of playing center as well.

NHL Comparable: Nino Niederreiter

23 Erik Brännström D, HV-71

Height: 5'10"

Weight: 172

Handedness: Left

Stats: 35 GP, 1-5-6, +10, 2 PIM

Scouting Report: Highly skilled offensive minded blue liner with natural leadership qualities, Brännström is a smooth and effortless skater who can easily move the puck out of his own end and start the rush. Has good vision on both the rush and in the offensive zone and is capable of finishing plays.

NHL Comparable: Alex Goligoski

26 Urho Vaakanainen D, JYP

Height: 6'1"

Weight: 187

Handedness: Left

Stats: 41 GP, 2-4-6, +5, 12 PIM

Scouting Report: Smart and efficient blue liner who excels more in a shut down role, Vaakanainen plays a reliable and intelligent game as he consistently makes the smart plays on both sides of the puck, strong in his own zone and can break up plays with strong positioning and a good active stick.

NHL Comparable: Jason Demers

21 Maxime Comtois C/LW, Victoriaville

Height: 6'2"

Weight: 201

Handedness: Left

Stats: 64 GP, 22-29-51, -7, 88 PIM

Scouting Report: Competitive and physical forward, Comtois plays an efficient offensive game and is equally efficient as a goal scorer and a playmaker. A spark plug on the forecheck and is willing to grind down low for loose pucks and works hard to extend possessions. Is equally effective as a wing and center.

NHL Comparable: JT Miller

24 Jason Robertson LW, Kingston

Height: 6'1"

Weight: 179

Handedness: Left

Stats: 68 GP, 42-39-81, +3, 29 PIM

Scouting Report: American forward who excels as a pure goal scorer, Robertson has a natural goal scorers touch and can consistently find the soft spots of the ice to get off his strong and accurate shot. Isn't afraid to drive the front of the net and has a good nose for the net; skating is a bit choppy but the natural talent is there.

NHL Comparable: Bobby Ryan

27 Jake Oettinger G, Boston University

Height: 6'4"

Weight: 205

Handedness: Left

Stats: 35 GP, 2.11 GAA, .927 SV%

Scouting Report: Big and poised goaltender, Oettinger in his Freshman year at Boston University showcased maturity beyond his years with great composure in the crease. Well thought out in his movements and plays the angles well, is able to track pucks with ease and shows good athleticism moving across the crease.

NHL Comparable: Martin Jones

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28 Nikita Popugaev RW, Prince George

Height: 6'6"

Weight: 203

Handedness: Right

Stats: 71 GP, 29-40-69, +12, 29 PIM

Scouting Report: Massive power winger with a shoot first mentality, Popugaev uses his size to his advantage to make life for opposing defenders and goaltenders a nightmare down low and in front of the crease. Has an accurate and heavy shot that he can let go to beat goaltenders from far out.

NHL Comparable: Nikolai Antropov

29 Jesper Boqvist C, Timrå

Height: 6'0"

Weight: 179

Handedness: Left

Stats: 19 GP, 3-9-12, E, 0 PIM

Scouting Report: Quick and electric offensive minded center, Boqvist is a fantastic skater who is unafraid to challenge opposing defenders on the rush with his speed and stick handling ability; can be prone for too often going for the homerun play but is constantly looking to create offensive opportunities for his team.

NHL Comparable: Derick Brassard

30 Joshua Norris C, USA U-18

Height: 6'1"

Weight: 192

Handedness: Left

Stats: 61 GP, 27-34-61, 36 PIM

Scouting Report: Well-rounded and intelligent three-zone center, Norris is a high energy forward who is unafraid to do whatever it takes to win; aggressive forechecker and has good instincts in the offensive zone, is equally effective as a goal scorer and playmaker, uses his high motor to create scoring opportunities.

NHL Comparable: Travis Zajac

31 Jaret Anderson-Dolan C, Spokane

Height: 5'11"

Weight: 181

Handedness: Left

Stats: 72 GP, 39-37-76, +4, 22 PIM

Scouting Report: Speedy two-way forward with natural goal scoring ability, Anderson-Dolan is defined by his quick skating ability that he uses to create separation from defenders to create opportunities for himself and his linemates; can get the puck off his stick in a hurry and can shoot in full stride.

NHL Comparable: Vincent Trocheck

32 Isaac Ratcliffe LW, Guelph

Height: 6'5"

Weight: 194

Handedness: Left

Stats: 67 GP, 28-26-54, -2, 65 PIM

Scouting Report: Buzzsaw of a winger with NHL-ready size, Ratcliffe is a physically dominant forward who hits to hurt and is a nightmare for opposing defenders; plays hard on the forecheck and never passes up an opportunity to finish a check, has a real nose for the net and isn't afraid to battle in front for rebounds.

NHL Comparable: David Backes

33 Conor Timmins D, Sault Ste. Marie

Height: 6'1"

Weight: 181

Handedness: Right

Stats: 67 GP, 7-54-61, +53, 69 PIM

Scouting Report: Two-way defenseman who found his offensive game in a big way in 2017, Timmins is an intelligent and physical blue liner with great skating ability, can easily move the puck out of his zone himself with his smooth skating stride and vision on the breakout; all situations minute munching defenseman.

NHL Comparable: Matt Niskanen

34 Kole Lind RW, Kelowna

Height: 6'0"

Weight: 172

Handedness: Right

Stats: 70 GP, 30-57-87, +36, 79 PIM

Scouting Report: Tenacious and speedy two-way winger with natural scoring ability, Lind is not a power forward by trade but isn't afraid to engage his opponents physically, can score from almost anywhere on the ice with both a good nose for the net and a shot capable of beating goaltenders from the outside.

NHL Comparable: Max Pacioretty

35 Shane Bowers C, Waterloo

Height: 6'0"

Weight: 170

Handedness: Left

Stats: 60 GP, 22-29-51, +14, 20 PIM

Scouting Report: Versatile center with a natural scorers touch, Bowers is truly a jack of all trades but a master of none, which is not a slight but rather a compliment. Owns good speed, awareness in all zones, and a well-rounded offensive toolbox. Has the hands to score in tight but can finish from the outside as well.

NHL Comparable: Bryan Little

36 Robert Thomas C, London

Height: 5'10"

Weight: 176

Handedness: Right

Stats: 66 GP, 16-50-66, +41, 26 PIM

Scouting Report: Two-way center who identifies as a pure playmaker, Thomas is a cerebral and intelligent player who sees the ice well and in turn can find his teammates with ease, excellent passer and also displays good hands in tight; doesn't shy away from contact and is willing to fight for loose pucks.

NHL Comparable: Ryan Spooner

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37 Henri Jokiharju D, Portland

Height: 6'0"

Weight: 170

Handedness: Right

Stats: 71 GP, 9-39-48, +14, 38 PIM

Scouting Report: Intelligent and poised offensive minded blue liner, Jokiharju's greatest asset is his ability to rush the puck out of his own zone with great vision and smooth skating ability, doesn't panic when the puck is on his stick and in turn is capable of facilitating a powerplay as its QB; solid top 4 NHL potential.

NHL Comparable: Nick Leddy

38 Marcus Davidsson C, Djurgardens

Height: 6'0"

Weight: 192

Handedness: Left

Stats: 45 GP, 5-4-9, -4, 6 PIM

Scouting Report: Versatile and poised two-way center, Davidsson is a good skater that is willing to do a little of everything for his team; can drive to the front of the net to finish opportunities but also has the vision in the offensive zone to find his teammates with a crisp pass, will only get better with strength.

NHL Comparable: Mikael Backlund

39 Morgan Frost C, Sault Ste. Marie

Height: 5'11"

Weight: 161

Handedness: Left

Stats: 67 GP, 20-42-62, +15, 36 PIM

Scouting Report: Intelligent playmaking center with strong skating ability, Frost filled in during the absence of Blake Speers this season for the Greyhounds with a versatile skill set that included strong two-way play, crisp passing ability, excellent offensive zone vision, and agile skating ability.

NHL Comparable: Frans Nielsen

40 Artem Minulin Swift Current

Height: 6'2"

Weight: 198

Handedness: Right

Stats: 70 GP, 8-42-50, +28, 21 PIM

Scouting Report: An intelligent and cerebral two-way defenseman, Minulin's game is defined by his ability to understand and read plays as they develop in both zones, as he displays strong positioning and knows the proper times to pinch or join the rush. Not flashy by any means, but is reliable in all areas.

NHL Comparable: Anton Stralman

41 Robin Salo D, Sport

Height: 6'0"

Weight: 185

Handedness: Left

Stats: 54 GP, 1-15-16, E, 14 PIM

Scouting Report: Two-way defender who excels more in a shutdown role, Salo is an intelligent defenseman who reads the play well and is capable of breaking up plays with his active stick and strong positioning; may never develop a high end offensive skill set, but is an excellent passer on the breakout.

NHL Comparable: Adam Larsson

42 Jonah Gadjovich LW, Owen Sound

Height: 6'2"

Weight: 201

Handedness: Left

Stats: 60 GP, 46-28-74, +35, 32 PIM

Scouting Report: Stocky winger who is a goal scorer by trade, Gadjovich has natural goal scorers instincts as he always seems to be in the right place at the right time; willing to drive the net to bang home rebounds or find deflections in front, and is strong on his skates to win battles in front against opposing defenders.

NHL Comparable: Anders Lee

43 Reilly Walsh D, Proctor Academy

Height: 6'0"

Weight: 176

Handedness: Right

Stats: 30 GP, 30-39-69

Scouting Report: Offensive minded defenseman with great goal scoring instincts, Walsh possesses great vision in the offensive zone and is able identify when to sneak down from the point to finish offensive opportunities; Harvard commit was one of the top goal scoring defenseman in the US in 2017.

NHL Comparable: Kevin Shattenkirk

44 Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen G, HPK U20

Height: 6'4"

Weight: 196

Handedness: Left

Stats: 35 GP, 1.78 GAA, .917 SV%

Scouting Report: Big Finnish goaltender with a well-rounded skill set, Luukkonen takes up a lot of the net with his strong sense of positioning and plays his angles well, has good hands and can track the puck well to limit his rebounds, works well at looking around screens in front of his net as well.

NHL Comparable: Pekka Rinne

45 Antoine Morand C/LW, Acadie-Bathurst

Height: 5'9"

Weight: 170

Handedness: Left

Stats: 67 GP, 28-46-74, +21, 52 PIM

Scouting Report: Speedy and shifty playmaker, Morand plays a mixture of skill and intelligence as he anticipates the play well and displays excellent vision; moves effortlessly in all four directions and uses his speed and agility to pick apart opposing defenses, however is prone to being knocked off the puck.

NHL Comparable: Jaden Schwartz

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46 Filip Chytil LW, HC Zlin

Height: 6'0"

Weight: 179

Handedness: Left

Stats: 38 GP, 4-4-8, -5, 16 PIM

Scouting Report: Intelligent and skilled forward, Chytil plays with a high amount of hockey sense and sees the play very well in both the offensive and defensive zones, agile skater and can turn on a dime, can make plays at full stride and possesses both strong passing ability and an accurate wrist shot.

NHL Comparable: Ondrej Palat

47 Aleksi Heponiemi LW, Swift Current

Height: 5'10"

Weight: 143

Handedness: Left

Stats: 72 GP, 28-58-86, +15, 18 PIM

Scouting Report: Undersized but highly skilled winger, Heponiemi is a natural playmaker with hands that could stick handle in a phone booth and elite-level breakaway speed, challenges defenders off the rush to keep up with him or be left behind. Needs to bulk up a lot, as he's prone to getting knocked off the puck.

NHL Comparable: Johnny Gaudreau

48 Michael DiPietro G, Windsor

Height: 6'0"

Weight: 198

Handedness: Left

Stats: 51 GP, 2.35 GAA, .917 SV%

Scouting Report: Athletic, poised, and smart goaltender, DiPietro owns less than ideal NHL size but compensates with excellent positioning and mobility, doesn't play sporadically and is both reserved and calculated in his movements. Composed in pressure situations; Memorial Cup champion with Windsor in 2017.

NHL Comparable: Antti Raanta

49 Pierre-Olivier Joseph D, Charlottetown

Height: 6'0"

Weight: 161

Handedness: Left

Stats: 62 GP, 6-33-39, +14, 54 PIM

Scouting Report: Strong and efficient two-way blue liner, Joseph is a smooth skater that shows good instincts in all areas of the ice. Owns a good stick and reads the play well to break up offensive opportunities as they develop; efficient offensive player that makes high percentage passes, plays calm with the puck.

NHL Comparable: Mattias Ekholm

50 Mason Shaw C, Medicine Hat

Height: 5'9"

Weight: 181

Handedness: Left

Stats: 71 GP, 27-67-94, +12, 57 PIM

Scouting Report: Spark plug forward who plays bigger than his size suggests, Shaw is a tenacious ball of energy who plays unafraid of bigger opponents as he works hard down low and is willing to drive the front of the net. Natural playmaker who owns both good vision and passing ability to find teammates.

NHL Comparable: Brendan Gallagher

51 Matthew Strome LW, Hamilton

Height: 6'3"

Weight: 201

Handedness: Left

Stats: 66 GP, 34-28-62, +9, 62 PIM

Scouting Report: Competitive and creative power forward, the third Strome brother has a promising offensive skill set with a great set of hands that he can use to bat down and deflect pucks as well as dangle opposing defensemen. Doesn't shy away physically and displays good puck protection ability.

NHL Comparable: Brock Nelson

52 Keith Petruzzelli G, Muskegon

Height: 6'6"

Weight: 190

Handedness: Left

Stats: 35 GP, 2.40 GAA, .918 SV%

Scouting Report: Massive goaltender with strong positional awareness, Petruzzelli stands tall in the crease at 6'6" and uses his frame to his advantage with great positional play, cuts down the angles well and gives his opponents little to shoot at, tracks the puck well but needs to get better with his hands.

NHL Comparable: Devan Dubnyk

53 Ivan Lodnia RW/C, Erie

Height: 5'10"

Weight: 181

Handedness: Right

Stats: 66 GP, 24-33-57, +21, 24 PIM

Scouting Report: Goal scoring forward with a high motor, Lodnia is an offensive minded forward who is always working from his opponent's blue line and down, stocky forward who is strong on his skates and on the puck; leaves something to be desired defensively but has boom or bust potential.

NHL Comparable: Tomas Tatar

54 Grant Mismash C, USA U-18

Height: 6'0"

Weight: 183

Handedness: Left

Stats: 65 GP, 26-35-61, 106 PIM

Scouting Report: Aggressive and highly physical center, Mismash is a tenacious forward who excels particularly as a goal scorer, consistently fights for ice down low and in front of the net and loves to engage his opponents physically; also possesses strong two-way acumen and hockey smarts.

NHL Comparable: Nick Foligno

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55 Alexei Lipanov C, Balashikha

Height: 6'0"

Weight: 170

Handedness: Left

Stats: 21 GP, 3-5-8, +5, 8 PIM

Scouting Report: Speedy and intelligent two-way center, Lipanov's greatest asset is his high end skating ability that he consistently uses to his advantages to pressure defenses and exploit poor positioning, reliable two-way player who supports his defensemen in his own zone and works well in transition.

NHL Comparable: Vlad Namestnikov

56 Filip Westerlund D, Frölunda

Height: 5'11"

Weight: 181

Handedness: Right

Stats: 33 GP, 0-4-4, +3, 6 PIM

Scouting Report: Smooth skating defenseman who plays with great maturity, Westerlund is an intelligent and efficient blue liner who understands his role in both zones, has a good active stick and displays good positioning; can easily transition the puck out of his own zone on the breakout.

NHL Comparable: Mark Streit

57 Lucas Elvenes C/RW, Rögle J20

Height: 6'0"

Weight: 168

Handedness: Left

Stats: 41 GP, 15-30-45, +1, 22 PIM

Scouting Report: Skilled and versatile winger, Elvenes is an agile skater whose crisp edge work allows him to create separation from defenders to create scoring opportunities, sees the ice well and displays good vision in finding his teammates, capable as a shooter as well but prefers to dish the puck rather than fire it.

NHL Comparable: Josh Bailey

58 Alex Formenton LW, London

Height: 6'1"

Weight: 159

Handedness: Left

Stats: 65 GP, 16-18-34, +21, 50 PIM

Scouting Report: Speedy and energetic winger, Formenton's game is defined by elite level speed that he uses to both harass defenders on the forecheck and create opportunities for himself in transition, identifies more as a goal scorer and owns a good shot; poised to breakout in London with more ice time.

NHL Comparable: Carl Hagelin

59 Josh Brook D, Moose Jaw

Height: 6'2"

Weight: 185

Handedness: Right

Stats: 69 GP, 8-32-40, +17, 61 PIM

Scouting Report: Intelligent defenseman with good two-way acumen, Brook is a well-rounded blue liner who understands the fundamentals of the game well, makes smart and efficient plays on both sides of the puck and projects well in a shutdown role; doesn't shy away from engaging physically.

NHL Comparable: Nikita Zaitsev

60 Rickard Hugg C/LW, Leksands J20

Height: 5'10"

Weight: 183

Handedness: Left

Stats: 32 GP, 13-25-38, +13, 2 PIM

Scouting Report: Intelligent forward with great playmaking ability, Hugg is a slick handler of the puck and displays good vision and passing ability, can dish the puck to linemates with ease but also is willing to drive the net to put home opportunities himself, reads the play well but needs to get more engaged defensively.

NHL Comparable: Johan Larsson

61 Olle Eriksson Ek G, Färjestad J20

Height: 6'2"

Weight: 187

Handedness: Left

Stats: 30 GP, 2.16 GAA, .924 SV%

Scouting Report: Athletic and instinctual goaltender, Eriksson Ek relies on his athleticism to cover ground in his crease and reacts well to pucks, has good hands which he uses to limit rebounds and tracks the puck well, can occasionally get into trouble with his movements and needs to learn to be more reserved.

NHL Comparable: Jake Allen

62 Austen Keating C, Ottawa

Height: 6'0"

Weight: 170

Handedness: Left

Stats: 67 GP, 22-41-63, -2, 24 PIM

Scouting Report: Hard-working forward who excels as a playmaker, Keating is a pass-first center who possesses good offensive zone vision and passing ability, battles hard for loose pucks and is willing to support his defensemen in his own zone; willing to go to the net and has a surprisingly strong wrist shot.

NHL Comparable: Derek Stepan

63 Eemeli Räsänen D, Kingston

Height: 6'7"

Weight: 205

Handedness: Right

Stats: 66 GP, 6-33-39, -7, 41 PIM

Scouting Report: Big defenseman with surprising offensive acumen, Räsänen is a towering defender who utilizes his long reach to challenge opposing attackers both on the rush and in his own zone, good offensive instincts and owns a good point shot. Skating can be choppy and could stand to be more physical.

NHL Comparable: Tyler Myers

2017 Draft Rankings: 64-72

64 Adam Ruzicka C/RW, Sarnia

Height: 6'4"

Weight: 209

Handedness: Left

Stats: 61 GP, 25-21-46, -15, 30 PIM

Scouting Report: Power center with a versatile skill set, Ruzicka excels in the offensive zone as a goal scorer with a good nose for the net, can bang home rebounds but is also capable of scoring from the outside, strong puck protector and is capable of extending plays on the cycle; needs to get more consistent in his defensive effort.

NHL Comparable: Kevin Hayes

65 Scott Reedy C, USA U-18

Height: 6'1"

Weight: 187

Handedness: Right

Stats: 60 GP, 22-20-42, 51 PIM

Scouting Report: Intelligent and competitive two-way center, Reedy is a do-it-all forward who sees the ice really well and understands how he fits into the play at all times, excels more as a goal scorer and battles hard for loose pucks, strong on the forecheck and also backchecks hard to support his defensemen.

NHL Comparable: Nick Bonino

66 Max Gildon D, USA U-18

Height: 6'3"

Weight: 187

Handedness: Left

Stats: 63 GP, 11-22-33, 56 PIM

Scouting Report: Two-way defenseman with untapped offensive potential, Gildon is a big, lanky blue liner that displays good instincts all over the ice, plays strong positionally and can transition the puck well, doesn't shy away physically and plays hard on opposing attackers; capable of contributing offensively.

NHL Comparable: Nick Holden

67 Ivan Chekhovich LW/C, Baie-Comeau

Height: 5'10"

Weight: 172

Handedness: Left

Stats: 60 GP, 26-33-59, -3, 14 PIM

Scouting Report: Scrappy and fluid offensive minded forward, Chekhovich is a competitive winger who strives to be a difference maker, not an elite skater but shows good mobility and agility, good puck handler and isn't afraid to drive the net, works hard down low and protects the puck well.

NHL Comparable: Patric Hornqvist

68 Stelio Mattheos C, Brandon

Height: 6'1"

Weight: 194

Handedness: Right

Stats: 69 GP, 26-35-61, -16, 59 PIM

Scouting Report: Two-way center that excels as a goal scorer, Mattheos drives the net hard and challenges defenders to knock him off the puck as he displays very good puck protection skills, strong on his skates and shows good smarts and hockey sense in both zones; two-way player who works hard in both ends.

NHL Comparable: Mike Fisher

69 Maxim Zhukov G, Green Bay

Height: 6'3"

Weight: 181

Handedness: Left

Stats: 31 GP, 2.25 GAA, .913 SV%

Scouting Report: Big and athletic goaltender, Zhukov stands at a respectable NHL size at 6'3" and uses his size well. Covers the net efficiently and plays calculated in his movements, has good agility and can move from post to post with ease; has good hands and sees the puck well, plays poised and calm in his net.

NHL Comparable: Tuukka Rask

70 Luke Martin D, Uni. of Michigan

Height: 6'2"

Weight: 201

Handedness: Right

Stats: 35 GP, 1-6-7, +2, 12 PIM

Scouting Report: Two-way defender that plays a simple yet reliable game, Martin is a defense first blue liner whose hallmark to his game is smart, efficient plays on both sides of the puck, positions himself well and plays hard on his opponents, although could stand to play with a bit more bite to his game.

NHL Comparable: Ron Hainsey

71 Morgan Geekie C/RW, Tri-City

Height: 6'2"

Weight: 168

Handedness: Right

Stats: 72 GP, 35-55-90, +22, 40 PIM

Scouting Report: Overage two-way center that plays a competitive and gritty style in both zones, Geekie is among the WHL's top defensive forwards with fantastic faceoff skills and defensive hockey sense, creates his offense in the dirty areas and isn't afraid to battle with opposing defenders down low and in front.

NHL Comparable: Brandon Sutter

72 Zachary Gallant C, Peterborough

Height: 6'1"

Weight: 183

Handedness: Left

Stats: 60 GP, 21-26-47, +4, 74 PIM

Scouting Report: Two-way center that plays with an edge to his game, Gallant is a tenacious and energetic forward who plays like he's 6'5" in his 6'1" frame, doesn't shy away physically and consistently engages contact with opposing defenders, can finish opportunities in tight and work the cycle game well.

NHL Comparable: Boone Jenner

2017 Draft Rankings: 73-81

73 Sasha Chmelevski C, Ottawa

Height: 6'0"

Weight: 187

Handedness: Right

Stats: 58 GP, 21-22-43, -24, 20 PIM

Scouting Report: Offensive minded center with high offensive potential, Chmelevski is an offense first player who possesses great vision and ability distributing the puck, can finish off his own plays as well with slick hands and a capable shot; needs to gain consistency and interest in playing a reliable defensive game.

NHL Comparable: Sam Gagner

74 David Farrance D, USA U-18

Height: 5'11"

Weight: 187

Handedness: Left

Stats: 64 GP, 7-30-37, 38 PIM

Scouting Report: Offensive minded defenseman with great skating ability, Farrance is a smooth and effortless skater that can transition the puck with ease, has soft hands and is a very strong passer, good vision in the offensive zone and can get shots on goal through traffic with a quick shot.

NHL Comparable: TJ Brodie

75 Nicholas Henry RW, Regina

Height: 6'0"

Weight: 190

Handedness: Right

Stats: 72 GP, 35-46-81, +32, 49 PIM

Scouting Report: Intelligent and competitive winger, Henry excels as a goal scorer thanks in large part to his high hockey IQ and positional awareness, consistently finds himself in the right area of the ice and doesn't need the puck on his stick long to make a difference; skating could use improvement.

NHL Comparable: Mark Stone

76 Kirill Ustimenko G, Dynamo St. Peters.

Height: 6'3"

Weight: 179

Handedness: Left

Stats: 27 GP, 1.74 GAA, .938 SV%

Scouting Report: Athletic goaltender with great lateral agility, Ustimenko owns good NHL level size at 6'3" and combines that size with strong athleticism and puck tracking ability, can move well in his crease and controls his rebounds very effectively; anticipates and reads the play very well.

NHL Comparable: Kari Lehtonen

77 Maxime Fortier RW, Halifax

Height: 5'10"

Weight: 176

Handedness: Right

Stats: 68 GP, 32-55-87, -1, 20 PIM

Scouting Report: Quick and skilled forward, Fortier uses his skating ability to create separation from defenders and is a slick handler of the puck, can both dish the puck and finish in tight, sees the ice in the offensive zone well; needs to bulk up more and take a greater interest in the defensive side of the puck.

NHL Comparable: Radim Vrbata

78 Jake Leschyshyn C, Regina

Height: 5'11"

Weight: 181

Handedness: Left

Stats: 47 GP, 17-23-40, +14, 22 PIM

Scouting Report: Two-way center that works hard with and without the puck on his stick, Leschyshyn plays with a competitive edge and battles hard for loose pucks, displays excellent vision with the puck and can dish the puck to teammates for scoring opportunities, works well off the cycle; understands the game well.

NHL Comparable: Paul Stastny

79 Ostap Safin C/LW, Sparta Praha

Height: 6'4"

Weight: 198

Handedness: Left

Stats: 8 GP, 1-1-2, -1, 2 PIM

Scouting Report: Big bodied forward that plays a very versatile style of hockey, Safin is a jack of all trades that can play in all situations, protects the puck well and can be dominant in the cycle game, speed isn't top notch but is strong on his skates and is hard to knock off the puck; responsible three-zone player.

NHL Comparable: Dainius Zubrus

80 Noel Hoefenmayer D, Ottawa

Height: 6'0"

Weight: 190

Handedness: Left

Stats: 62 GP, 14-26-40, -13, 36 PIM

Scouting Report: Smart two-way defenseman with tremendous skating ability, Hoefenmayer is an effortless skater than moves well in all four directions, can skate the puck himself and is very smooth on his skates, sees the ice well and can quickly step up on attackers; positional game could use some work.

NHL Comparable: Ben Hutton

81 Evan Barratt C, USA U-18

Height: 5'11"

Weight: 187

Handedness: Left

Stats: 63 GP, 18-38-56, 76 PIM

Scouting Report: Playmaking center that plays with a high energy level, Barratt displays great offensive zone vision and poise with the puck, not an elite skater but has good agility and smooth skating stride, battles hard for loose pucks and doesn't shy away from playing physically against opposing defenders.

NHL Comparable: William Karlsson

2017 Draft Rankings: 82-90

82 Yaroslav Alexeyev LW, Sherbrooke

Height: 5'11"

Weight: 152

Handedness: Left

Stats: 60 GP, 24-28-52, -15, 29 PIM

Scouting Report: Skilled and energetic forward, Alexeyev plays with a package of speed and skill with good straight line speed and agility, strong handler of the puck and while he can dish it excels more as a goal scorer with a capable, accurate shot; needs to bulk up more and become more consistent.

NHL Comparable: Viktor Arvidsson

83 Lane Zablocki RW, Red Deer

Height: 6'0"

Weight: 184

Handedness: Right

Stats: 64 GP, 28-26-54, +13, 97 PIM

Scouting Report: Blue collar player that is willing to do whatever it takes to win, Zablocki works hard in all areas of the ice and plays with a physical component to his game, gets in hard on the forecheck and plays aggressively on opposing defenders, good two-way ability and is willing to get down and block shots.

NHL Comparable: Ryan Callahan

84 Mario Ferraro D, Des Moines

Height: 5'11"

Weight: 179

Handedness: Left

Stats: 60 GP, 8-33-41, +7, 42 PIM

Scouting Report: Smooth skating, composed defenseman, Ferraro has some promising offensive upside with excellent offensive zone vision and passing ability, very good with the puck on his stick and can skate the puck well, has a heavy shot and can be a weapon on a powerplay; can play too aggressive at times.

NHL Comparable: Dmitri Orlov

85 Greg Meireles C, Kitchener

Height: 5'10"

Weight: 168

Handedness: Right

Stats: 66 GP, 17-25-42, -12, 33 PIM

Scouting Report: Speedy forward with a good offensive skill set, Meireles is capable of dishing the puck but prefers to be the shooter on a line with a very capable shot, competitive player who works and forechecks hard against opposing defenders, very good skater; needs to add some muscle to his frame.

NHL Comparable: Erik Haula

86 Tommy Miller D, USA U-18

Height: 6'2"

Weight: 176

Handedness: Right

Stats: 65 GP, 3-17-20, 18 PIM

Scouting Report: Two-way defenseman with a greater focus on the defensive side of the puck, Miller is a lanky and efficient blue liner that will only get better as he adds muscle, displays good positioning in his own zone and is a very smooth skater with the puck on his stick, can play with a physical edge as well.

NHL Comparable: Brett Pesce

87 Joni Ikonen C, Frölunda J20

Height: 5'10"

Weight: 168

Handedness: Right

Stats: 40 GP, 22-19-41, +8, 42 PIM

Scouting Report: Crafty and skilled forward who excels as a goal scorer, Ikonen possesses good straight line speed and agility and owns a very strong, accurate wrist shot, loves to stick handle and make plays with the puck in tight quarters; can be prone to over-handling the puck, but has the potential to be a boom or bust pick.

NHL Comparable: Jakob Silfverberg

88 Stuart Skinner G, Lethbridge

Height: 6'4"

Weight: 207

Handedness: Left

Stats: 60 GP, 3.26 GAA, .905 SV%

Scouting Report: Big goaltender who makes the most out of his frame, Skinner is a calm and reserved goaltender who makes the most out of his movements, relies on his size to make stops and displays good positioning and strong sense of his angles; can be prone to rebounds and his hands could use some work.

NHL Comparable: Robin Lehner

89 Dylan Samberg D, Hermantown

Height: 6'3"

Weight: 190

Handedness: Left

Stats: 43 GP, 15-25-49, 57 PIM

Scouting Report: Two-way defenseman with a mean streak, Samberg is a big bodied blue liner who loves to play physical and use every bit of his frame to his advantage to separate attackers from the puck, always gets engaged in a game physically and displays strong offensive instincts as well.

NHL Comparable: Ian Cole

90 Mikey Anderson D, Waterloo

Height: 5'11"

Weight: 194

Handedness: Left

Stats: 54 GP, 5-29-34, +29, 52 PIM

Scouting Report: Intelligent and reliable two-way defenseman, Anderson isn't the flashy or sexy player but will consistently make the right play in his own zone, has a stocky frame can play with a physical edge, isn't afraid to throw his weight around and also has shown some decent offensive upside.

NHL Comparable: Thomas Hickey

2017 Draft Rankings: 91-98

91 Dayton Rasmussen G, Chicago

Height: 6'2"

Weight: 201

Handedness: Left

Stats: 38 GP, 2.45 GAA, .912 SV%

Scouting Report: Poised goaltender that displays a strong foundational game, Rasmussen is a composed and calm goaltender that tracks the puck well and plays a more cerebral game rather than reactionary, is reserved in his movements but does display good mobility in his crease moving from post to post.

NHL Comparable: Cory Schneider

92 D'Artagnan Joly RW, Baie-Comeau

Height: 6'2"

Weight: 161

Handedness: Right

Stats: 66 GP, 16-32-48, -10, 35 PIM

Scouting Report: Competitive two-way forward with strong upside, Joly is a hard-working winger that isn't afraid to engage physically and battle for loose pucks, is willing to drive to the net but excels more as a playmaker with strong puck distributing ability and good vision; will get better as he fills in his frame.

NHL Comparable: Charlie Coyle

93 Jack Rathbone D, Dexter

Height: 5'10"

Weight: 177

Handedness: Left

Stats: 22 GP, 16-19-35

Scouting Report: Two-way defenseman with impressive puck-moving ability, Rathbone is a smooth skater that can move the puck effortlessly out of his own zone, displays good vision in transition and isn't afraid to move down from the point in the offensive zone to finish off scoring opportunities.

NHL Comparable: Nathan Beaulieu

94 Joel Teasdale C, Blainville-Boisbrand

Height: 5'11"

Weight: 196

Handedness: Left

Stats: 60 GP, 18-29-47, +22, 25 PIM

Scouting Report: Workmanlike forward who consistently displays strong hockey smarts, Teasdale is a two-way forward that possesses good mobility and offensive instincts; won't wow you in any area but is willing to do it all, thinks the game at a high level and as such has good two-way upside.

NHL Comparable: Phillip Danault

95 Pavel Shen C/W, Mamonty Yugry

Height: 6'1"

Weight: 183

Handedness: Left

Stats: 46 GP, 16-29-45, +16, 71 PIM

Scouting Report: Intriguing and highly skilled Russian winger, Shen is a competitive and skilled forward that isn't afraid of the rough stuff, confident player with the puck and excels as a goal scorer, has natural scoring instincts and has a good, accurate wrist shot, good puck distributor as well.

NHL Comparable: Nikita Kucherov

96 Gustav Lindstrom D, Almtuna

Height: 6'2"

Weight: 187

Handedness: Right

Stats: 48 GP, 2-7-9, -11, 26 PIM

Scouting Report: Two-way defender that has good puck-moving ability, Lindstrom is a good skater with excellent vision transitioning out of his own zone, can hit a streaking forward with a long outlet pass but won't often force a play that isn't there, has a very good point shot that is both heavy and accurate.

NHL Comparable: Tobias Enstrom

97 Jonas Røndbjerg RW, Växjö J20

Height: 6'0"

Weight: 176

Handedness: Left

Stats: 42 GP, 9-22-31, +13, 4 PIM

Scouting Report: Well-rounded Danish forward that has a versatile skill set, Røndbjerg is a powerful skater with good straight line speed and acceleration, traditionally excels more as a goal scorer with a strong, quick wrist shot, has good hands in tight and can create well for his teammates, high hockey IQ as well.

NHL Comparable: Tanner Pearson

98 Cale Fleury D, Kootenay

Height: 6'1"

Weight: 190

Handedness: Right

Stats: 70 GP, 11-27-38, -61, 67 PIM

Scouting Report: Two-way defenseman that plays an efficient game, Fleury isn't a sexy defenseman in the way he plays but consistently makes good reads and moves the puck efficiently, is a good passer and can transition the puck in that way, not overly aggressive but can play with some physicality as well.

NHL Comparable: Paul Martin

2017 Draft Rankings: 99-100

99 MacAuley Carson LW, Sudbury

Height: 6'1"

Weight: 205

Handedness: Left

Stats: 68 GP, 30-20-50, +4, 37 PIM

Scouting Report: Goal scoring forward that doesn't shy away from the physical game, Carson is a natural goal scorer who isn't afraid to drive to the dirty areas to score goals, although he can still score from the outside with capable wrist shot, protects the puck well and isn't afraid to engage in physicality.

NHL Comparable: Justin Williams

100 Ian Scott G, Prince Albert

Height: 6'3"

Weight: 168

Handedness: Left

Stats: 50 GP, 3.69 GAA, .895 SV%

Scouting Report: Prototypical butterfly goaltender with good NHL size, Scott is a tall and lanky goaltender that uses every bit of his 6'3" frame to take up the net, is more of a blocking goaltender and as such can be prone to allowing rebounds, plays at the top of his crease and cuts down his angles well.

NHL Comparable: Corey Crawford

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101	Andrei Svetlakov	C	CSKA Moskva	KHL	L	6'0"	203	Russia
102	Jack Studnicka	C	Oshawa	OHL	R	6'1"	170	Canada
103	Emil Bemström	C	Leksands J20	SWE-JR	R	5'10"	174	Sweden
104	Dmitri Rodionychyev	D	Nizhny Novgorod	KHL	R	6'3"	229	Russia
105	Michael Pastujov	LW	USA U-18	USDP	L	6'0"	192	USA
106	Artem Manukyan	RW	Omskie Yastreby	MHL	R	5'7"	139	Russia
107	Pavel Koltygin	LW	Drummondville	QMJHL	L	6'0"	192	Russia
108	Kasper Kotkansalo	D	Sioux Falls	USHL	L	6'2"	190	Finland
109	Jarret Tyszka	D	Seattle	WHL	L	6'3"	192	Canada
110	Cayden Primeau	G	Lincoln	USHL	L	6'3"	179	USA
111	Lucas Andersen	LW/RW	Rødovre	DEN-2	R	6'2"	176	Denmark
112	Otto Latvala	D	HPK U20	FIN-JR	R	6'5"	190	Finland
113	Adam Tilander	D	North Bay	OHL	R	6'0"	190	Sweden
114	Aatu Luusaniemi	C/RW	Kärpät U20	FIN-JR	R	6'1"	192	Finland
115	Jesse Korskenkorva	C/RW	Kärpät U20	FIN-JR	L	6'0"	179	Finland
116	Johnny Kovacevic	D	Merrimack	H-EAST	R	6'3"	220	Canada
117	Patrick Khodorenko	C	Michigan State	BIG10	L	6'0"	196	USA
118	Ryan Sandelin	C	Hermantown	USHS	R	6'0"	190	USA
119	Markus Phillips	D	Owen Sound	OHL	L	6'0"	207	Canada
120	Nate Schnarr	C	Guelph	OHL	R	6'3"	181	Canada
121	David Kvasnicka	D	Plzen U20	CZE-JR	L	5'10"	174	Czech Republic
122	MacKenzie Entwistle	C	Hamilton	OHL	R	6'3"	181	Canada
123	Clayton Phillips	D	Fargo	USHL	L	5'11"	174	USA
124	Jack Ahcan	D	St. Cloud State	NCHC	L	5'8"	183	USA
125	Adam Ahman	G	HV-71 J20	SWE-JR	L	6'0"	163	Sweden
126	Alexei Toropchenko	RW	MVD Balashikha	MHL	L	6'3"	187	Russia
127	Daniil Vovchenko	RW	Severstal Cherepovets	KHL	R	5'10"	172	Russia
128	Leon Gawanke	D	Cape Breton	QMJHL	R	6'1"	181	Germany
129	Jerry Turkulainen	RW/LW	JYP	FIN	R	5'7"	146	Finland

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130	Sami Moilanen	RW	Seattle	WHL	L	5'9"	174	Finland
131	Brady Lyle	D	North Bay	OHL	R	6'1"	194	Canada
132	Andrei Altybarmakyan	LW	St. Petersburg	VHL	L	5'10"	183	Russia
133	Georgi Ivanov	C	Loko Yaroslavl	MHL	L	6'0"	187	Russia
134	Ian Mitchell	D	Spruce Grove	AJHL	R	5'10"	166	Canada
135	Brady Bjork	C	Notre Dame	USHS	L	6'0"	170	USA
136	Jacob Svensson	C/RW	Almtuna J20	SWE-JR	L	6'0"	181	Sweden
137	Robbie Stucker	D	St. Thomas	USHS	R	6'3"	178	USA
138	Josh Wilkins	C	Providence	H-EAST	L	5'11"	181	USA
139	Noah Cates	LW	Stillwater	USHS	L	6'0"	165	USA
140	Tom Hedberg	D	Barrie	OHL	L	5'11"	161	Sweden
141	Fabian Zetterlund	C	Färjestad J20	SWE-JR	R	5'11"	196	Sweden
142	Dmitri Samorukov	D	Guelph	OHL	L	6'2"	181	Russia
143	Kirill Slepets	RW	Loko Yaroslavl	MHL	L	5'10"	154	Russia
144	Scooter Brickey	D	Des Moines	USHL	R	6'3"	190	USA
145	Tyler Steenbergen	C	Swift Current	WHL	L	5'10"	181	Canada
146	Jordy Bellerive	C	Lethbridge	WHL	L	5'10"	194	Canada
147	Nick Campoli	C	North York	OJHL	L	5'11"	174	Canada
148	Maxim Mizyurin	C	Val-d'Or	QMJHL	L	6'3"	220	Russia
149	Jonatan Asplund	D	Djugårdens J20	SWE-JR	L	6'3"	194	Sweden
150	Zach Solow	C	Dubuque	USHL	R	5'9"	181	USA
151	Daniel Bukac	D	Brandon	WHL	R	6'5"	187	Czech Republic
152	Joseph Garreffa	C/LW	Kitchener	OHL	L	5'7"	168	Canada
153	Tyler Inamoto	D	USA U-18	USDP	L	6'2"	196	USA
154	Linus Nyman	LW	Kingston	OHL	L	5'10"	159	Finland
155	Benjamin Jones	C	Niagara	OHL	L	6'0"	187	Canada
156	Dylan Coghlan	D	Tri-City	WHL	R	6'2"	190	Canada
157	Micah Miller	C	Grand Rapids	USHS	R	5'9"	181	USA
158	Zachary Lauzon	D	Rouyn-Noranda	QMJHL	L	6'0"	163	Canada
159	Brady Gilmour	C	Saginaw	OHL	L	5'10"	170	Canada
160	Matt Villalta	G	Sault Ste. Marie	OHL	L	6'2"	170	Canada
161	Cole Guttman	C	Dubuque	USHL	R	5'10"	163	USA
162	Maxim Shvyryov	C	Magnitogorsk	MHL	L	6'0"	205	Russia
163	Martin Bodak	D	Tappara U20	FIN-JR	R	6'1"	176	Slovakia
164	Jan Vaclavek	LW	Zlin U20	CZE-JR	L	6'0"	168	Czech Republic
165	Patrik Hrehorcak	C/LW	Trinec U20	CZE-JR	L	5'10"	174	Slovakia
166	Vladislav Yeryomenko	D	Calgary	WHL	L	6'0"	176	Belarus
167	Bryce Misley	C	Oakville	OJHL	L	6'2"	187	Canada
168	Isaac Johnson	LW	Des Moines	USHL	R	6'2"	170	USA
169	Denis Smirnov	LW	Penn State	BIG10	L	5'10"	185	Russia
170	Jan Kern	C	Sparta Praha U20	CZE-JR	L	5'10"	183	Czech Republic
171	Vladimir Vybiral	LW	Mikulas U20	SVK-JR	L	6'0"	174	Slovakia
172	Alex D'Orio	G	Saint John	QMJHL	R	6'2"	198	Canada
173	Jakub Lacka	LW	Trinec U20	CZE-JR	R	5'10"	174	Slovakia

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174	Sveri Lahtinen	RW/LW	Pelicans U20	FIN-JR	L	6'0"	170	Finland
175	Sebastian Walfridsson	D	MOD0 J20	SWE-JR	L	6'0"	192	Sweden
176	Kyle Olson	C/RW	Tri-City	WHL	R	5'10"	150	Canada
177	Carson Meyer	RW	Miami Univ. (Ohio)	NCHC	R	5'11"	185	USA
178	Karl Markstrom	D	Almtuna J20	SWE-JR	L	5'10"	187	Sweden
179	Ben Mirageas	D	Chicago	USHL	L	6'1"	174	USA
180	Scott Walford	D	Victoria	WHL	L	6'2"	190	Canada
181	Thomas Gregoire	D	Sherbrooke	QMJHL	R	5'11"	170	Canada
182	Parker Kelly	C/LW	Prince Albert	WHL	L	5'11"	168	Canada
183	Matteo Pietroniro	D	Baie-Comeau	QMJHL	L	6'1"	181	Canada
184	Artur Tyanulin	RW	Ottawa	OHL	R	5'10"	174	Russia
185	Jordan Hollett	G	Regina	WHL	L	6'4"	194	Canada
186	Nick Perbix	D	Elk River	USHS	R	6'4"	194	USA
187	Jan Hladonik	LW	Trinec U20	CZE-JR	L	5'9"	161	Czech Republic
188	Alexis Binner	D	Green Bay	USHL	L	6'4"	209	Sweden
189	Jonathan Smart	D	Regina	WHL	L	6'0"	194	Canada
190	Matt Timms	D	Peterborough	OHL	L	5'10"	187	Canada
191	Alexander Yaremchuk	LW/RW	Mamonty Yugry	MHL	L	5'11"	172	Russia
192	Nate Knoepke	D	USA U-18	USDP	R	6'3"	201	USA
193	Shawn Boudrias	RW	Gatineau	QMJHL	R	6'3"	190	Canada
194	Benton Maass	D	Elk River	USHS	R	6'2"	190	USA
195	Kevin Hancock	C/LW	Owen Sound	OHL	L	5'11"	183	Canada
196	Dylan Ferguson	G	Kamloops	WHL	L	6'1"	192	Canada
197	Maxim Sushko	LW	Owen Sound	OHL	L	6'0"	179	Belarus
198	Denis Mikhnin	LW/RW	Rimouski	QMJHL	L	5'11"	168	Russia
199	Nikita Sokolov	D	Atlanty Mytishchi	MHL	L	6'4"	187	Russia
200	Brendan De Jong	D	Portland	WHL	R	6'4"	192	Canada
201	Jocktan Chainey	D	Halifax	QMJHL	L	6'1"	194	Canada
202	Brannon McManus	C/RW	Chicago	USHL	R	5'10"	179	USA
203	Joshua Maniscalco	D	USA U-18	USDP	R	6'1"	201	USA
204	Kirill Belyayev	LW/RW	Khanty-Mansiysk	KHL	L	6'2"	218	Russia
205	David Noel	D	Val-d'Or	QMJHL	L	6'1"	172	Canada
206	Jan Drozg	RW	Leksands J18	SWE-J18	R	6'0"	168	Slovenia
207	Ondrej Chrték	LW	Liberec U20	CZE-JR	L	6'0"	154	Czech Republic
208	Arvid Soderblom	G	Frölunda J20	SWE-JR	L	6'3"	179	Sweden
209	Denis Latyshevich	C	Mamonty Yugry	MHL	L	6'1"	181	Russia
210	Venjamin Baranov	D	Dynamo St. Petersburg	MHL	L	6'1"	198	Russia
211	Morgan Barron	C	St. Andrew's	CAHS	L	6'2"	200	Canada
212	Mark Rubinchik	D	Saskatoon	WHL	L	6'0"	185	Russia
213	Oliver Castleman	RW	Niagara	OHL	L	5'10"	181	Canada
214	Ivan Kozlov	C/LW	Val-d'Or	QMJHL	L	6'0"	209	Russia
215	Kirill Maximov	LW	Niagara	OHL	R	6'2"	190	Russia
216	Cole Fraser	D	Peterborough	OHL	R	6'2"	192	Canada
217	Mark Kastelic	C	Calgary	WHL	R	6'3"	205	USA

2017 Draft Rankings

Rank	Name	Position	Team	League	Hand	HT	WT	Nation
218	Daniil Skorikov	C/LW	Tolpar Ufa	MHL	L	6'3"	174	Russia
219	Max Martin	D	Prince George	WHL	L	6'0"	194	Canada
220	Samuel Bucek	LW	Shawinigan	QMJHL	R	6'3"	192	Slovakia
221	Ryan Peckford	C	Victoria	WHL	L	6'0"	183	Canada
222	Erik Smolka	LW	Dual Trenčin U20	SVK-JR	L	6'2"	192	Slovakia
223	Antoine Crete-Belzile	D	Blainville-Boisbrand	QMJHL	L	6'0"	187	Canada
224	Ryan Bowen	RW	Lethbridge	WHL	R	6'2"	176	Canada
225	Alex-Olivier Voyer	C/RW	Rimouski	QMJHL	R	6'2"	185	Canada
226	AJ Pratt	C/LW	Red Deer	WHL	R	6'3"	209	USA
227	Jacob Paquette	D	Kingston	OHL	L	6'3"	207	Canada
228	Mac Hollowell	D	Sault Ste. Marie	OHL	R	5'10"	168	Canada
229	Arnaud Durandau	LW	Halifax	QMJHL	L	5'11"	181	Canada
230	Thomas Reichel	LW	Rosenheim U19	GER-JR	L	6'3"	194	Germany
231	Fedor Gordeev	D	Flint	OHL	L	6'5"	207	Canada
232	Ty Lewis	LW	Brandon	WHL	L	5'11"	185	Canada
233	Jiri Patera	G	Slavia Praha U20	CZE-JR	L	6'2"	209	Czech Republic
234	Renars Krastenbergs	LW	Oshawa	OHL	L	6'0"	176	Latvia
235	Mark Pavlikov	D	Loko Yaroslavl	MHL	L	5'11"	170	Russia
236	Sean Durzi	D	Owen Sound	OHL	R	5'11"	185	Canada
237	Jaroslav Dvorak	LW	Kralove U20	CZE-JR	L	6'0"	181	Czech Republic
238	Mathieu Charlebois	D	Halifax	QMJHL	L	6'2"	212	Canada
239	Alexander Volkov	LW/RW	St. Petersburg	VHL	L	6'1"	192	Russia
240	Matthew Kellenberger	D	Oakville	OJHL	R	6'0"	172	Canada
241	Albert Michnac	LW	Guelph	OHL	L	5'11"	176	Czech Republic
242	Jakub Galvas	D	HC Olomouc	CZE	R	5'11"	165	Czech Republic
243	Ryan Hughes	LW	Portland	WHL	L	5'8"	154	Canada
244	Anton Bjorkman	D	Linköping	SWE	L	5'11"	170	Sweden
245	Tobias Geisser	C/D	EVZ Academy	SUI-2	L	6'4"	201	Switzerland
246	Colt Conrad	C	Western Michigan	BIG10	R	5'10"	187	Canada
247	Gleb Shutov	D	Omskie Yastreby	MHL	L	6'2"	176	Russia
248	Emil Oksanen	RW	Espoo	FIN-2	R	6'1"	187	Finland
249	Cameron Crotty	D	Brockville	CCHL	R	6'1"	172	Canada
250	Daniil Tarasov	G	Tolpar Ufa	MHL	L	6'4"	181	Russia

Class Superlatives

Best Shot

1. Owen Tippett **RW** Rank 7th
2. Eeli Tolvanen **LW** Rank 11th
3. Nolan Patrick **C** Rank 2nd
4. Nikita Popugaev **RW** Rank 28th
5. Jason Robertson **LW** Rank 24th

Highest Hockey IQ

1. Nico Hischier **C** Rank 1st
2. Nolan Patrick **C** Rank 2nd
3. Gabriel Vilardi **C** Rank 5th
4. Cody Glass **C** Rank 9th
5. Elias Pettersson **C** Rank 6th

Best Skater

1. Kailer Yamamoto **C/W** Rank 15th
2. Miro Heiskanen **D** Rank 4th
3. Nico Hischier **C** Rank 1st
4. Aleks Heponiemi **LW** Rank 49th
5. Alex Formenton **LW** Rank 58th

Strongest

1. Michael Rasmussen **C** Rank 12th
2. Nicolas Hague **D** Rank 18th
3. Klim Kostin **RW** Rank 20th
4. Nolan Patrick **C** Rank 2nd
5. Cal Foote **D** Rank 17th

Best Hands

1. Casey Mittelstadt **C/LW** Rank 3rd
2. Aleks Heponiemi **LW** Rank 49th
3. Nico Hischier **C** Rank 1st
4. Kailer Yamamoto **C/W** Rank 15th
5. Cale Makar **D** Rank 10th

Most Creative

1. Casey Mittelstadt **C/LW** Rank 3rd
2. Nico Hischier **C** Rank 1st
3. Elias Pettersson **RW** Rank 6th
4. Kailer Yamamoto **C/W** Rank 15th
5. Cale Makar **D** Rank 10th

Draft Outlooks: ANA – ARZ

Anaheim Ducks 2017 Outlook



Picks in Rounds 1-3: 2 (59th, 60th)

Top 2016 Selection: LW Max Jones (1st Round, 24th Overall)

Top Prospects: LW Max Jones, D Jacob Larsson, C Sam Steel

Under-23 NHL Talent: G John Gibson, RW Ondrej Kase, D Hampus Lindholm, D Brandon Montour, LW Nick Ritchie, D Shea Theodore

NHL Graduate Candidates: LW Max Jones, LW Nicolas Kerdiles, C Kalle Kossila, D Jacob Larsson, D Marcus Pettersson

Organizational Needs: Goal-scoring Forwards, Defensive Defensemen

Potential 2nd Round Targets: RW Ivan Lodnia, C Grant Mismash, LW Alex Formenton, D Josh Brook, C/RW Adam Ruzicka, C Stelio Mattheos, D Max Gildon

Anaheim's strength in their prospect pool comes in the form of their spectacular defensive depth, with Jacob Larsson and Marcus Pettersson waiting for a full-time spot in the NHL lineup alongside Hampus Lindholm, Brandon Montour, Shea Theodore, Sami Vatanen, and Cam Fowler. The Ducks have also begun to build up a solid group of forward prospects with 2016 1st Rounders Max Jones and Sam Steel headlining that list, along with current NHL youngsters in Ondrej Kase and Nick Ritchie and both Nicolas Kerdiles and Kalle Kossila knocking on the door for a roster spot in the NHL as well. Anaheim does not own a 1st Round pick in the 2017 Draft, although to do hold two back-to-back selections in the 2nd Round at 59th and 60th Overall. The Ducks seem pretty poised to select who they feel the best player available is, however they could use both a pure goal scoring presence in their prospect pool at forward and a more defensive minded blue liner for their defense. Because of this, potential 2nd Round targets may include but are not limited to Ivan Lodnia, Grant Mismash, Alex Formenton, Josh Brook, Adam Ruzicka, Stelio Mattheos, and Max Gildon.

Arizona Coyotes 2017 Outlook



Picks in Rounds 1-3: 5 (7th, 23rd, 35th, 69th, 78th)

Top 2016 Selection: C Clayton Keller (1st Round, 7th Overall)

Top Prospects: RW Christian Fischer, C Clayton Keller, C Dylan Strome

Under-23 NHL Talent: D Jakob Chychrun, LW Lawson Crouse, D Anthony DeAngelo, LW Max Domi, RW Anthony Duclair, C/LW Christian Dvorak, LW Brendan Perlini

NHL Graduate Candidates: C Laurent Dauphin, RW Christian Fischer, C Clayton Keller, C Nick Merkley, C Dylan Strome, D Kyle Wood

Organizational Needs: Elite-level wingers, Top-pairing defenseman

Potential 1st Round Targets: C/LW Casey Mittelstadt, C Elias Pettersson, RW Owen Tippett, D Timothy Liljegren, LW Eeli Tolvanen, D Cale Makar

Arizona's prospect pool is highlighted by phenomenal talent at center, with two of the best U20 players in North America not playing in the NHL last season in Clayton Keller and Dylan Strome. The Coyotes' depth at center continues with 2015 1st Rounder Nick Merkley and 2013 2nd Rounder Laurent Dauphin looking for full-time spots with the big club alongside rookie Christian Dvorak. The Coyotes also have a well-rounded group of wingers to surround these centers in Christian Fischer, Lawson Crouse, Max Domi, Anthony Duclair, and Brendan Perlini, however very few of these players have what I feel is legitimate game breaking potential. Arizona has begun to fill the holes on their blue line with rookie standouts Jakob Chychrun and Anthony DeAngelo, however one more piece is likely needed to truly fill out that Top 4 with Oliver Ekman-Larsson. The Coyotes fell back three selections in the Draft Lottery to the 7th Overall selection, where the Yotes will likely target a high end winger or defenseman with possibilities including Casey Mittelstadt, Elias Pettersson, Owen Tippett, Timothy Liljegren, Eeli Tolvanen, and Cale Makar.

Draft Outlooks: BOS – BUF



Boston Bruins 2017 Outlook

Picks in Rounds 1-3: 2 (18th, 53rd)

Top 2016 Selection: D Charlie McAvoy (1st Round, 14th Overall)

Top Prospects: LW Anders Bjork, D Charlie McAvoy, D Jakub Zboril

Under-23 NHL Talent: D Brandon Carlo, RW David Pastrnak, LW Frank Vatrano

NHL Graduate Candidates: LW Anders Bjork, LW Jake DeBrusk, C Jakob Forsbacka Karlsson, D Matt Grzelcyk, C Danton Heinen, D Jeremy Lauzon, D Charlie McAvoy, D Rob O'Gara, RW Zach Senyshyn, D Jakub Zboril

Organizational Needs: Top 6 Center Prospects

Potential 1st Round Targets: C Nick Suzuki, C/W Kailer Yamamoto, C/RW Martin Necas, C/LW Lias Andersson, RW/C Klim Kostin, C/LW Maxime Comtois

The Boston Bruins' prospect pool is highlighted by great depth on the wings and on the blue line, with their defensive depth headlined by 1st Rounders Charlie McAvoy and Jakub Zboril and later round picks in Matt Grzelcyk, Jeremy Lauzon, Rob O'Gara, and current NHLer Brandon Carlo. Their depth on the wings is also highlighted by a pair of 2015 1st Round selections in Jake DeBrusk and Zach Senyshyn, with college standout at Notre Dame Anders Bjork joining NHLers Frank Vatrano and David Pastrnak in filling out the Bruins' impressive wing depth. The Bruins do possess two centers with real legitimate NHL potential in Jakob Forsbacka Karlsson and Trent Frederic, however their depth at the center ice position pales in comparison to their depth at other positions. The Bruins hold the 18th Overall selection in the 1st Round of the NHL Draft, where I find it likely that they will target a center with Top 6 potential. Potential targets for the Bruins may include but are not limited to Nick Suzuki, Kailer Yamamoto, Martin Necas, Lias Andersson, Klim Kostin, and Maxime Comtois.



Buffalo Sabres 2017 Outlook

Picks in Rounds 1-3: 5 (8th, 37th, 54th, 68th, 89th)

Top 2016 Selection: RW Alexander Nylander (1st Round, 8th Overall)

Top Prospects: RW Nicholas Baptiste, D Brendan Guhle, RW Alexander Nylander

Under-23 NHL Talent: RW Justin Bailey, LW William Carrier, C Jack Eichel, C Zemgus Girgensons, RW Sam Reinhart, D Rasmus Ristolainen, D Jake McCabe

NHL Graduate Candidates: D Viktor Antipin, RW Nicholas Baptiste, RW Hudson Fasching, D Brendan Guhle, D Casey Nelson, RW Alexander Nylander, LW CJ Smith

Organizational Needs: Top-pairing Defensemen, Top 6 Wingers

Potential 1st Round Targets: C Elias Pettersson, RW Owen Tippett, D Timothy Liljegren, D Cale Makar, LW Eeli Tolvanen, D Juuso Välimäki

The Buffalo Sabres' are an organization whose young talent is first and foremost headlined by 20 year old rising superstar Jack Eichel, the team's 2nd Overall selection in the 2015 Draft. Flanked by developing 2014 2nd Overall pick Sam Reinhart and star defenseman Rasmus Ristolainen, the Sabres have a strong pool of NHL ready talent on their NHL roster, all of whom are either 22 or younger. Their pool of prospects however is a bit thinner, with only one true elite level talent in 2016 8th Overall selection right winger Alexander Nylander. The Sabres pool of wingers is vast with Justin Bailey, William Carrier, Nicholas Baptiste, Hudson Fasching, and CJ Smith, however very few possess elite level or even top 6 NHL potential. The same can be said for the Sabres pool of defensemen, as they have Brendan Guhle, Viktor Antipin, and Casey Nelson knocking on the door the NHL spots, however none of them possessing true elite potential. The Sabres will likely target either a winger or defenseman at 8th Overall, with Elias Pettersson, Owen Tippett, Timothy Liljegren, Cale Makar, Eeli Tolvanen, and Juuso Välimäki all as possibilities.

Draft Outlooks: CGY – CAR



Calgary Flames 2017 Outlook

Picks in Rounds 1-3: 1 (16th)

Top 2016 Selection: LW Matthew Tkachuk (1st Round, 6th Overall)

Top Prospects: D Rasmus Andersson, LW Dillon Dube, G Tyler Parsons

Under-23 NHL Talent: C Sam Bennett, LW Johnny Gaudreau, C/RW Curtis Lazar, C Sean Monahan, LW Matthew Tkachuk

NHL Graduate Candidates: D Rasmus Andersson, LW Dillon Dube, C Mark Jankowski, LW Morgan Klimchuk, D Oliver Kylington, C Hunter Shinkaruk

Organizational Needs: Top 4 Defensemen, Center Depth

Potential 1st Round Targets: C Nick Suzuki, C/W Kailer Yamamoto, C/RW Martin Necas, D Cal Foote, D Nicolas Hague, C/LW Lias Andersson, RW/C Klim Kostin

The Flames boast a youthful core of elite forward talent, which is headlined by stars Johnny Gaudreau and Sean Monahan, 2016 6th Overall pick Matthew Tkachuk, 2014 4th Overall pick Sam Bennett, and the recently acquired Curtis Lazar all on their current NHL roster. Their prospect pool contains a steady stream of depth at forward, with Dillon Dube, Mark Jankowski, Morgan Klimchuk, and Hunter Shinkaruk all knocking on the door for full-time NHL positions. Their defense does contain a couple prospects with solid NHL potential with a pair of Swedes in Rasmus Andersson and Oliver Kylington, however in terms of depth this is easily the weakness in the Flames' prospect pool with both prospects likely projecting as solid #4 defensemen. Calgary holds the 16th Overall selection in the 2016 Draft, which may be a prime place to either snag a defenseman with Top 4 NHL potential or a center to add to their depth down the middle. Potential targets for the Flames may include but aren't limited to Nick Suzuki, Kailer Yamamoto, Martin Necas, Cal Foote, Nicolas Hague, Lias Andersson, and Klim Kostin.



Carolina Hurricanes 2017 Outlook

Picks in Rounds 1-3: 6 (12th, 42nd, 52nd, 62nd, 67th, 73rd)

Top 2016 Selection: D Jake Bean (1st Round, 13th Overall)

Top Prospects: D Jake Bean, RW Julien Gauthier, C/RW Nicolas Roy

Under-23 NHL Talent: LW Sebastian Aho, C/W Elias Lindholm, D Noah Hanifin, LW Brock McGinn, D Brett Pesce, D Jaccob Slavin, C/W Teuvo Teräväinen

NHL Graduate Candidates: D Haydyn Fleury, RW Julien Gauthier, D Roland McKeown, C Andrew Poturalski, C/RW Nicolas Roy, C Aleksī Saarela

Organizational Needs: Elite-level Forwards

Potential 1st Round Targets: C Cody Glass, LW Eeli Tolvanen, C Michael Rasmussen, C Nick Suzuki, C/W Kailer Yamamoto, C/RW Martin Necas

The Carolina Hurricanes hold one of the NHL's deepest pools of young defensemen, with prospects Jake Bean, Haydyn Fleury, and Roland McKeown looking to join established NHLers Noah Hanifin, Jaccob Slavin, Brett Pesce, and Justin Faulk on the blue line in Raleigh. Carolina's prospect pool at forward is strong, with team Canada representatives Julien Gauthier and Nicolas Roy headlining the group along with Andrew Poturalski and Aleksī Saarela, with current NHLers Sebastian Aho, Elias Lindholm, Brock McGinn, and Teuvo Teräväinen rounding out their youth group up front. Their group of forwards is strong and well diversified, however the Canes could likely use one more high end piece up front to push their forward group over the top. The Hurricanes hold the 12th Overall selection in the 2017 Draft, where I would be surprised to seem them not select a forward with Top 6 NHL upside. Potential targets for the Hurricanes may include but are not limited to Cody Glass, Eeli Tolvanen, Michael Rasmussen, Nick Suzuki, Kailer Yamamoto, and Martin Necas.

Draft Outlooks: CHI – COL



Chicago Blackhawks 2017 Outlook

Picks in Rounds 1-3: 3 (26th, 57th, 90th)

Top 2016 Selection: RW Alex DeBrincat (2nd Round, 39th Overall)

Top Prospects: RW Alex DeBrincat, D Chad Krys, D Ville Pokka

Under-23 NHL Talent: D Gustav Forsling, RW Ryan Hartman, C Vinne Hinostroza, C Nick Schmaltz

NHL Graduate Candidates: C John Hayden, RW David Kampf, LW Tyler Motte, D Ville Pokka, D Viktor Svedberg

Organizational Needs: Elite Goaltending Prospect

Potential 1st Round Targets: D Erik Brännström, C Ryan Poehling, D Urho Vaakanainen, G Jake Oettinger, RW Nikita Popugaev, C Jesper Boqvist

The Chicago Blackhawks have been among the most successful NHL franchises in the past decade, along the way winning three Stanley Cup championships and making five Western Conference Final appearances. However, success comes at a price, as over the years the Hawks' prospect pool has dwindled in both depth and quality. The Hawks do own two prospects with good NHL potential, with Junior hockey superstar Alex DeBrincat and AHL defenseman Ville Pokka headlining their prospect pool, with defensemen Chad Krys, Victor Svedberg, and forwards John Hayden, David Kampf, and Tyler Motte filling out their pool to a lesser extent. At the NHL level, the Hawks have some good young talent in defenseman Gustav Forsling and forwards Nick Schmaltz, Ryan Hartman, and Vinne Hinostroza. The Hawks pool stands at a spot right now there they could use a little of everything, however the position that they have none of in their pool is goaltending. The Hawks hold the 26th Overall selection where Jake Oettinger could make a lot of sense, however they may also target Erik Brännström, Ryan Poehling, Urho Vaakanainen, Nikita Popugaev, or Jesper Boqvist.



Colorado Avalanche 2017 Outlook

Picks in Rounds 1-3: 2 (4th, 32nd)

Top 2016 Selection: C Tyson Jost (1st Round, 10th Overall)

Top Prospects: C JT Compher, C Tyson Jost, D Nicolas Meloche

Under-23 NHL Talent: C/RW Mikhail Grigorenko, C Nathan MacKinnon, RW Mikko Rantanen, D Nikita Zadorov

NHL Graduate Candidates: C JC Beaudin, D Chris Bigras, C JT Compher, LW AJ Greer, C Tyson Jost, D Nicolas Meloche, D Andrei Mironov

Organizational Needs: Elite Defensemen, Top 6 Wingers

Potential 1st Round Targets: C/LW Casey Mittelstadt, D Miro Heiskanen, C Gabriel Vilardi, C Elias Pettersson, D Timothy Liljegren, D Cale Makar

After an abysmal 2017 season which saw the Avalanche finish 30th in the NHL, the Avs fell three spots in the Draft Lottery to 4th Overall, where they will look to supplement their core with an infusion of high end young talent. The Avalanche possess a strong crop of talent at forward with top prospects Tyson Jost and JT Compher, JC Beaudin, AJ Greer, and NHLers Mikhail Grigorenko, Mikko Rantanen, and of course Nathan MacKinnon, Matt Duchene, and Gabriel Landeskog. The Avalanche's depth on defense however looks much more bleak, with their only NHL level talent under the age of 23 coming in the form of Nikita Zadorov with prospects Chris Bigras, Nicolas Meloche, and recent Russian signing Andrei Mironov waiting in the wings. It seems likely that these players could fill a spot on an NHL roster, however none truly have high-end or elite potential. At 4th Overall, the Avalanche may have the perfect opportunity to add some elite youth on defense, but with a core in flux they may go best player available regardless. Targets may include Casey Mittelstadt, Miro Heiskanen, Gabriel Vilardi, Elias Pettersson, Timothy Liljegren, and Cale Makar.

Draft Outlooks: CBJ – DAL



Columbus Blue Jackets 2017 Outlook

Picks in Rounds 1-3: 2 (24th, 86th)

Top 2016 Selection: C/LW Pierre-Luc Dubois (1st Round, 3rd Overall)

Top Prospects: LW Vitaly Abramov, D Gabriel Carlsson, C/LW Pierre-Luc Dubois

Under-23 NHL Talent: RW Josh Anderson, RW Oliver Bjorkstrand, C/LW Boone Jenner, D Seth Jones, G Joonas Korpisalo, D Ryan Murray, D Markus Nutivaara, C Alexander Wennberg, D, Zach Werenski

NHL Graduate Candidates: C/LW Pierre-Luc Dubois, LW Sonny Milano

Organizational Needs: Natural Centers, Winger Depth

Potential 1st Round Targets: C/LW Maxime Comtois, LW/RW Kristian Vesalainen, LW Jason Robertson, C Ryan Poehling, RW Nikita Popugaev

The Columbus Blue Jackets appear to be one of the premiere rising teams in the National Hockey League, after a season that saw them go from 27th in 2015-16 all the way up to 4th in the league standings in 2016-17. The Jackets have a prospect pool that is flush with high end talent at all positions, with a vast pool of NHL level youth in the form of forwards Josh Anderson, Oliver Bjorkstrand, Boone Jenner, Alexander Wennberg, defensemen Seth Jones, Zach Werenski, Ryan Murray, Markus Nutivaara, and goaltender Joonas Korpisalo. Their prospect pool is highlighted by QMJHL forwards Vitaly Abramov, Pierre-Luc Dubois, and Swedish blue liner Gabriel Carlsson, with former 1st Round pick Sonny Milano also waiting in the minors for his shot on the big club. The Jackets are pretty well equipped to go best player available at 24th, however I find it likely they will target either a natural center or depth on the wings with their first selection. Potential targets for Columbus include Maxime Comtois, Kristian Vesalainen, Jason Robertson, Ryan Poehling, and Nikita Popugaev.



Dallas Stars 2017 Outlook

Picks in Rounds 1-3: 4 (3rd, 29th, 39th, 70th)

Top 2016 Selection: LW Riley Tufte (1st Round, 25th Overall)

Top Prospects: RW Denis Gurianov, D Julius Honka, LW Riley Tufte

Under-23 NHL Talent: C Radek Faksa, D Esa Lindell, RW Brett Ritchie

NHL Graduate Candidates: D Gavin Bayreuther, D Ludwig Bystrom, C Jason Dickinson, LW Remi Elie, RW Denis Gurianov, D Dillon Heatherington, LW Roope Hintz, D Julius Honka

Organizational Needs: Elite Defensemen, Center Depth

Potential 1st Round Targets: C/LW Casey Mittelstadt, D Miro Heiskanen, C Gabriel Vilardi, C Elias Pettersson, D Timothy Liljegren, D Cale Makar

The Dallas Stars were one of the big winners at the NHL Draft Lottery this year, winning a spot in the top three and in turn moving from the 8th Overall pick to the 3rd Overall pick at the 2017 Draft in June. Based on the Stars most primary needs, this jump could not have come at a better time based on some of the players available in the Top 5 of this year's draft. The Stars top prospects are headlined by their 1st Round draft picks of the past three years in forwards Denis Gurianov, Riley Tufte, and defenseman Julius Honka, with forwards Jason Dickinson, Remi Elie, Roope Hintz, and defensemen Gavin Bayreuther, Ludwig Bystrom, and Dillon Heatherington filling out some more of their prospect pool. The Stars also have three players at or under the age of the 23 on their NHL roster with forwards Radek Faksa, Brett Ritchie, and promising defenseman Esa Lindell. The Stars biggest needs are first and foremost an elite-level defenseman to pair with John Klingberg, and a center with Top 6 potential. Targets for the Stars at 3rd Overall may include Casey Mittelstadt, Miro Heiskanen, Gabriel Vilardi, Elias Pettersson, Timothy Liljegren, or Cale Makar.

Draft Outlooks: DET – EDM



Detroit Red Wings 2017 Outlook

Picks in Rounds 1-3: 5 (9th, 38th, 71st, 83rd, 88th)

Top 2016 Selection: D Dennis Cholowski (1st Round, 20th Overall)

Top Prospects: D Dennis Cholowski, D Vili Saarijärvi, LW Evgeny Svechnikov

Under-23 NHL Talent: C Andreas Athanasiou, C/LW Dylan Larkin, RW Anthony Mantha, D Xavier Ouellet

NHL Graduate Candidates: LW Tyler Bertuzzi, D Dennis Cholowski, RW Martin Frk, D Daniel Renouf, D Vili Saarijärvi, LW Evgeny Svechnikov

Organizational Needs: Elite Defensemen, Top 6 Centers

Potential 1st Round Targets: C Elias Pettersson, D Timothy Liljegren, C Cody Glass, D Cale Makar, C Michael Rasmussen, D Juuso Välimäki, C Nick Suzuki

After missing the playoffs for the first time in a quarter-decade, the Red Wings found themselves participating in the NHL Draft Lottery for the first time in their history, where they fell two spots from 7th Overall to 9th Overall. Detroit's prospect pool is headlined by defensemen Dennis Cholowski, Vili Saarijärvi, and forward Evgeny Svechnikov, with forwards Tyler Bertuzzi, Martin Frk, and defenseman Daniel Renouf all waiting in the wings for spots with the big club. Their NHL youth contains three very promising forwards in shooter Anthony Mantha and speedsters Andreas Athanasiou and Dylan Larkin, with Xavier Ouellet also manning a position in Detroit's top 6 on the blue line. Despite having a couple solid pieces in their prospect pool on defense, neither truly possess the potential to be a top pairing defenseman, which is likely Detroit's biggest need for their prospect pool. The Wings also lack a natural center to play in their top 6, so the 9th Overall selection may be the perfect place to remedy one of these problems. Targets for Detroit may include Elias Pettersson, Timothy Liljegren, Cody Glass, Cale Makar, Michael Rasmussen, Juuso Välimäki, or Nick Suzuki.



Edmonton Oilers 2017 Outlook

Picks in Rounds 1-3: 3 (22nd, 82nd, 84th)

Top 2016 Selection: RW Jesse Puljujärvi (1st Round, 4th Overall)

Top Prospects: D Ethan Bear, D Caleb Jones, RW Jesse Puljujärvi

Under-23 NHL Talent: D Matthew Benning, LW Drake Caggiula, C/LW Leon Draisaitl, D Oscar Klefbom, C Connor McDavid, D Darnell Nurse, LW Anton Slepyshev

NHL Graduate Candidates: D Caleb Jones, LW Juhar Khaira, D Ziyat Paigin, RW Jesse Puljujärvi, D Griffin Reinhart

Organizational Needs: Top 4 Defensemen, Winger Depth

Potential 1st Round Targets: C/LW Maxime Comtois, LW/RW Kristian Vesalainen, D Erik Brännström, LW Jason Robertson, D Urho Vaakanainen

The Edmonton Oilers finally broke their 10 year playoff drought en route to a 2nd Round appearance on the backs of some of their premiere offensive talent – generational superstar Connor McDavid and 2014 3rd Overall pick Leon Draisaitl. The strength of the Oilers organization remains their high end offensive talent, with top prospect Jesse Puljujärvi looking to break through for a full-time roster spot alongside the two aforementioned Oilers stars as well Drake Caggiula, Anton Slepyshev, and established NHLers Ryan Nugent-Hopkins, Milan Lucic, and Jordan Eberle. The Oilers are slowly constructing a solid base for their blue line with Oscar Klefbom, Adam Larsson, Darnell Nurse, Matthew Benning, and prospects Ethan Bear, Caleb Jones, and Griffin Reinhart, however the Oilers could likely still use one more piece on the blue line to really solidify that core. Edmonton may also consider adding some depth on the wings for their centers in this draft, in turn making their possibilities for 22nd Overall include Maxime Comtois, Kristian Vesalainen, Erik Brännström, Jason Robertson, or Urho Vaakanainen.

Draft Outlooks: FLA – LA



Florida Panthers 2017 Outlook

Picks in Rounds 1-3: 3 (10th, 40th, 66th)

Top 2016 Selection: C Henrik Borgström (1st Round, 23rd Overall)

Top Prospects: C Henrik Borgström, C Jayce Hawryluk, D Ian McCoshen

Under-23 NHL Talent: C Aleksander Barkov, D Aaron Ekblad, LW Jonathan Huberdeau, C Denis Malgin, D Michael Matheson, RW Vincent Trocheck

NHL Graduate Candidates: D Michael Downing, C Jayce Hawryluk, C Dryden Hunt, C Jared McCann, D Ian McCoshen

Organizational Needs: Top 6 Wingers, High-end Goaltending Prospect

Potential 1st Round Targets: D Timothy Liljegren, C Cody Glass, D Cale Makar, LW Eeli Tolvanen, C Michael Rasmussen, D Juuso Välimäki, C/RW Martin Necas

The Florida Panthers boast one of the stronger bases of young talent at center with NHLers Aleksander Barkov, Nick Bjugstad, Denis Malgin, graduate candidates Jayce Hawryluk, Dryden Hunt, Jared McCann, and college standout Henrik Borgström all in the system. The Panthers also have a solid core of youth on defense with current NHLers Aaron Ekblad and Michael Matheson, as well as prospects Michael Downing and Ian McCoshen. The two biggest holes in the Panthers system come in the form of depth at the wing position, where their only two notable wingers are homegrown top 6 forwards Jonathan Huberdeau and Vincent Trocheck, and goaltending, where there likely isn't a high-end heir to Roberto Luongo between the pipes in South Florida. That being said, at the 10th Overall pick the Panthers seem relatively poised to go best player available, although it would not be a surprise to see them go for a winger with Top 6 potential. Targets for the Panthers may include Timothy Liljegren, Cody Glass, Cale Makar, Eeli Tolvanen, Michael Rasmussen, Juuso Välimäki, and Martin Necas.



Los Angeles Kings 2017 Outlook

Picks in Rounds 1-3: 3 (10th, 41st, 72nd)

Top 2016 Selection: D Kale Clague (2nd Round, 51st Overall)

Top Prospects: D Kale Clague, LW Adrian Kempe, LW Spencer Watson

Under-23 NHL Talent: N/A

NHL Graduate Candidates: D Kale Clague, D Oscar Fantenberg, C Alex Iafallo, LW Adrian Kempe, D Jacob Moverare, LW Spencer Watson

Organizational Needs: Top 4 Defensemen, Top 6 Forwards

Potential 1st Round Targets: D Timothy Liljegren, C Cody Glass, D Cale Makar, LW Eeli Tolvanen, C Michael Rasmussen, D Juuso Välmäki, C Nick Suzuki, C/W Kailer Yamamoto, C/RW Martin Necas

The Los Angeles Kings are a team that has seen immense success in the past half-decade, having won two Stanley Cup championships and reaching the Western Conference Final in three straight seasons from 2012 to 2014. Like most teams however, this success eventually runs the prospect cupboards dry and barren, as the Kings do not have much in terms of youth in their organization. Los Angeles did not have any players at or under the age of 23 on the NHL roster in 2017 with the exception of occasional call-ups for top prospect Adrian Kempe, who highlights their depth at forward in their prospect pool alongside Spencer Watson and Alex Iafallo. The Kings own two CHL defense prospects that seem to possess NHL level potential in Kale Clague and Jacob Moverare, with defenseman Oscar Fantenberg potentially also pushing for an NHL spot for next season. The Kings need additional talent at all positions, and in turn are poised to go best player available at 10th Overall. Possible targets for the Kings may include Timothy Liljegren, Cody Glass, Cale Makar, Eeli Tolvanen, Michael Rasmussen, Juuso Välimäki, Nick Suzuki, Kailer Yamamoto, and Martin Necas.

Draft Outlooks: MIN – MTL



Minnesota Wild 2017 Outlook

Picks in Rounds 1-3: 1 (85th)

Top 2016 Selection: C Luke Kunin (1st Round, 15th Overall)

Top Prospects: C Joel Eriksson Ek, C Luke Kunin, LW/RW Kirill Kaprizov

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

NHL Graduate Candidates: C Sam Bertschy, C Joel Eriksson Ek, C Luke Kunin, LW Mario Lucia, D Mike Reilly, RW Alex Tuch

Organizational Needs: Top 4 Defensemen, Goaltending Prospects

Potential 3rd Round Targets: G Kirill Ustimenko, D Noel Hoefenmayer, D Mario Ferraro, D Tommy Miller, G Stuart Skinner, D Dylan Samberg, D Mikey Anderson, G Dayton Rasmussen, D Jack Rathbone, D Gustav Lindstrom, G Ian Scott

The Minnesota Wild boast one of the NHL's deepest pools of young talent at forward in their prospect pool, highlighted by 1st Rounders Joel Eriksson Ek, Luke Kunin, Alex Tuch, budding KHL star Kirill Kaprizov, and college standout Jordan Greenway among others. The Wild are not quite as deep on the blue line in their prospect pool however, despite having one of the best defenses in the NHL with youngsters Jonas Brodin and Matt Dumba making names for themselves on the blue line in Minnesota. They have a couple of defense prospects with some NHL potential in Mike Reilly and Gustav Bouramman, however it's an area of their prospect pool that they could live to strengthen with their first pick in this draft. The Wild could also live to add some depth to their prospect pool in goal, with a few good options likely available in the 3rd Round. Options for the Minnesota Wild at their first selection at 85th Overall may include but aren't limited to Kirill Ustimenko, Noel Hoefenmayer, Mario Ferraro, Tommy Miller, Stuart Skinner, Dylan Samberg, Mikey Anderson, Dayton Rasmussen, Jack Rathbone, Gustav Lindstrom, and Ian Scott.



Montreal Canadiens 2017 Outlook

Picks in Rounds 1-3: 4 (25th, 56th, 58th, 87th)

Top 2016 Selection: D Mikhail Sergachev (1st Round, 9th Overall)

Top Prospects: D Noah Juulsen, RW Nikita Scherbak, D Mikhail Sergachev

Under-23 NHL Talent: C/LW Alex Galchenyuk, LW Artturi Lehkonen

NHL Graduate Candidates: LW Jacob De la Rose, D Noah Juulsen, LW Stefan Matteau, RW Michael McCarron, RW Nikita Scherbak, D Mikhail Sergachev

Organizational Needs: Elite Center, Top 6 Wingers

Potential 1st Round Targets: C/LW Maxime Comtois, LW/RW Kristian Vesalainen, LW Jason Robertson, C Ryan Poehling, RW Nikita Popugaev, C Jesper Boqvist, C Joshua Norris, C Jaret Anderson-Dolan, LW Isaac Ratcliffe

The Montreal Canadien's prospect pool is headlined by their three most recent 1st Round selections in defensemen Mikhail Sergachev, Noah Juulsen, and forward Nikita Scherbak. The Habs' NHL talent and graduate candidates are filled with forwards, with Alex Galchenyuk and Artturi Lehkonen at the NHL level and Jacob De la Rose, Stefan Matteau, and Michael McCarron all knocking on the door for full-time NHL positions up front for Montreal. Although the Habs depth looks thinner on the blue line, their quality of prospects is much higher on the blue line as both Sergachev and Juulsen look to be Top 4 defensemen or better. Montreal's biggest need organizationally is for a top line center, especially if the Habs see Alex Galchenyuk's future with the team as a left winger. Montreal could also live to add depth to their wings, as few of their prospects on the wing possess true top 6 potential. Possible targets for the Habs at 25th Overall may include Maxime Comtois, Kristian Vesalainen, Jason Robertson, Ryan Poehling, Nikita Popugaev, Jesper Boqvist, Joshua Norris, Jaret Anderson-Dolan, and Isaac Ratcliffe.

Draft Outlooks: NSH – NJ



Nashville Predators 2017 Outlook

Picks in Rounds 1-3: 3 (30th/31st, 61st/62nd, 92nd/93rd)

Top 2016 Selection: D Dante Fabbro (1st Round, 17th Overall)

Top Prospects: D Dante Fabbro, D Samuel Girard, C Vladislav Kamenev

Under-23 NHL Talent: LW Pontus Åberg, LW Kevin Fiala, G Juuse Saros, C Colton Sissons

NHL Graduate Candidates: LW Victor Ejdsell, D Samuel Girard, C Vladislav Kamenev, LW/RW Justin Kirkland, C Yakov Trenin

Organizational Needs: Top 6 Forwards

Potential 1st Round Targets: LW Jason Robertson, C Ryan Poehling, RW Nikita Popugaev, C Jesper Boqvist, C Joshua Norris, C Jaret Anderson-Dolan

The Nashville Predators are an organization that is currently defined by their first class depth along the blue line, a blue line that the Preds rode this season to their first ever Cup Final appearance, and their prospect pool is no different. Their pool is headlined by standout defensemen Dante Fabbro, Samuel Girard, and to a lesser extent Jack Dougherty, with Vladislav Kamenev and Yakov Trenin headlining their depth at forward. Their young NHL talent includes forwards Kevin Fiala, Pontus Åberg, Colton Sissons, and goaltender Juuso Saros. With no immediate help really needed on defense, the Predators primary organizational need is for more depth at forward, and specifically more forwards with top 6 NHL potential. The Predators first selection comes at 30th overall in the 1st Round, where it's likely they'll target a forward to boost their offensive depth. Targets for the Predators at 30th or 31st Overall may include Jason Robertson, Ryan Poehling, Nikita Popugaev, Jesper Boqvist, Joshua Norris, Jaret Anderson-Dolan, Isaac Ratcliffe, and Kole Lind.



New Jersey Devils 2017 Outlook

Picks in Rounds 1-3: 5 (1st, 36th, 49th, 63rd, 81st)

Top 2016 Selection: C Michael McLeod (1st Round, 12th Overall)

Top Prospects: C Michael McLeod, LW John Quenneville, C/W Blake Speers

Under-23 NHL Talent: D Steven Santini, D Damon Severson, LW Miles Wood, C/LW Pavel Zacha

NHL Graduate Candidates: C/W Joseph Blandisi, C Blake Coleman, C Michael McLeod, LW Blake Pietila, LW John Quenneville, C/W Blake Speers

Organizational Needs: Elite Center, Top Pairing Defenseman

Potential 1st Round Targets: C Nico Hischier, C Nolan Patrick, C/LW Casey Mittelstadt, D Miro Heiskanen

The New Jersey Devils were the big winners at the 2017 NHL Draft Lottery, as they jumped 4 spots to grab the 1st Overall selection in the upcoming NHL Entry Draft. The Devils have slowly been accumulating a young crop of talent with top prospects Michael McLeod, John Quenneville, and Blake Speers, along with current youngsters at the NHL level in forwards Miles Wood, Pavel Zacha, and defensemen Steven Santini and Damon Severson. The Devils had an excellent draft in 2016, which saw them with later round picks nab forwards Nathan Bastian, Joey Anderson, Brandon Gignac, and top Russian defenseman Yegor Rykov, all of whom look to have NHL upside. The Devils appear to have their organizational depth lined up for the future, however what they currently lack is high end, elite talent at both center and defense. Luckily for New Jersey, the elite center they seek is available at 1st Overall in the form of either Nico Hischier or Nolan Patrick, and the matter of which player the Devils will select will come down to a high amount of personal preference among their scouting staff.

Draft Outlooks: NYI – NYR



New York Islanders 2017 Outlook

Picks in Rounds 1-3: 3 (15th, 46th, 77th)

Top 2016 Selection: LW Kieffer Bellows (1st Round, 19th Overall)

Top Prospects: C Mathew Barzal, LW Kieffer Bellows, C/LW Michael Dal Colle

Under-23 NHL Talent: LW Anthony Beauvillier, D Adam Pelech, C/RW Ryan Strome

NHL Graduate Candidates: C Mathew Barzal, C/LW Michael Dal Colle, C Joshua Ho-Sang, D Ryan Pulock, D Devon Toews

Organizational Needs: Elite-level Defensemen, Right Wingers

Potential 1st Round Targets: D Juuso Välimäki, C Nick Suzuki, C/W Kailer Yamamoto, C/RW Martin Necas, D Cal Foote, D Nicolas Hague, RW/C Klim Kostin

The Islanders prospect pool is stacked with high-end offensive talent at both center and left wing, with top prospects Mathew Barzal, Kieffer Bellows, Michael Dal Colle, and Joshua Ho-Sang supporting a youthful tandem of Ryan Strome and Anthony Beauvillier up front on the NHL squad. The youth on the blue line for the Islanders however is a bit less encouraging, with only Ryan Pulock having some real legitimate top 4 NHL potential and both Adam Pelech and Devon Toews projecting more as 3rd pairing defensemen for the future. The Islanders have a young stud developing in goal over in Sweden by the name of Linus Söderström, which leaves the Islanders only two real organizational holes at defense and on the right wing. Finding a legitimate top pairing defenseman to build around on the back end is the most pressing need for the Islanders, however adding depth for the right wing could also be a welcome addition for this team. Potential targets for the Islanders at 15th overall may include Juuso Välimäki, Nick Suzuki, Kailer Yamamoto, Martin Necas, Cal Foote, Nicolas Hague, and Klim Kostin.



New York Rangers 2017 Outlook

Picks in Rounds 1-3: 1 (21st)

Top 2016 Selection: D Sean Day (3rd Round, 81st Overall)

Top Prospects: D Sean Day, LW Ryan Gropp, G Igor Shestyorkin

Under-23 NHL Talent: C/W Pavel Buchnevich, D Brady Skjei

NHL Graduate Candidates: D Alexei Bereglazov, D John Gilmour, D Ryan Graves, LW Ryan Gropp, RW Nicklas Jensen, D Neal Pionk, C Adam Tambellini, D Sergei Zborovskiy

Organizational Needs: Elite Defensemen, Top 6 Wingers

Potential 1st Round Targets: D Nicolas Hague, C/LW Lias Andersson, RW/C Klim Kostin, C/LW Maxime Comtois, LW/RW Kristian Vesalainen, D Erik Brännström

The Rangers have been chasing a Stanley Cup and long playoff runs for quite a few years now, and as such have not had a 1st Round pick since the 2012 NHL Draft. In turn, this shipping out of draft picks has left the Rangers prospect cupboard without much in the ways of top end talent. They have managed to hit with some of their later round picks, notably forward Ryan Gropp putting up encouraging numbers with Seattle in the WHL, goaltender Igor Shestyorkin becoming a championship winning goaltender over in the KHL, current NHLer Pavel Buchnevich showing great offensive potential in his first season in North America, and their last 1st Round pick from that 2012 season Brady Skjei showing great strides in his first NHL season. After these prospects however, the Rangers system looks thin and lacks any true game breakers coming through the pipe line. Their most prominent needs are for a legitimate top pairing defenseman and more wingers with top 6 potential, which in turn may make some of their targets at 21st Overall include Nicolas Hague, Lias Andersson, Klim Kostin, Maxime Comtois, Kristian Vesalainen, and Erik Brännström.

Draft Outlooks: OTT – PHI



Ottawa Senators 2017 Outlook

Picks in Rounds 1-3: 2 (28th, 47th)

Top 2016 Selection: C Logan Brown (1st Round, 11th Overall)

Top Prospects: C Logan Brown, D Thomas Chabot, C/RW Colin White

Under-23 NHL Talent: D Cody Ceci

NHL Graduate Candidates: C Logan Brown, D Thomas Chabot, C Filip Chlapik, D Andreas Englund, D Ben Harpur, LW Nick Paul, C/RW Colin White

Organizational Needs: Top 6 Wingers, Defensive Depth

Potential 1st Round Targets: LW/RW Kristian Vesalainen, D Erik Brännström, LW Jason Robertson, D Urho Vaakanainen, RW Nikita Popugaev, C Jesper Boqvist, C Jaret Anderson-Dolan, LW Isaac Ratcliffe

The Eastern Conference finalist Ottawa Senators have a prospect pool that is highlighted by blue chip prospects at each position, with 2016 1st Rounder Logan Brown at center, 2015 1st Rounder Colin White at wing, and another 2015 1st Rounder in Thomas Chabot on defense. All three of these prospects possess high end NHL potential, with distinct possibilities to be impact players at the next level, however after a busy trade deadline in 2017 their pool looks slightly less deep after these top three prospects. Filip Chlapik is a good support to Logan Brown at center, however the same depth does not exist at both wing and defense for the Senators. Ottawa does have some prospects at wing with NHL potential, namely Nick Paul and Gabriel Gagné, however neither of these prospects appear to possess true top 6 NHL potential at this point. On the same note, there is not much in the way of depth for the Sens behind top prospect Thomas Chabot in their pool, which would leave me to believe they will target either a wing or defenseman at 28th with one of Kristian Vesalainen, Erik Brännström, Jason Robertson, Urho Vaakanainen, or Nikita Popugaev.



Philadelphia Flyers 2017 Outlook

Picks in Rounds 1-3: 4 (2nd, 44th, 75th, 80th)

Top 2016 Selection: C German Rubtsov (1st Round, 22nd Overall)

Top Prospects: D Philippe Myers, C German Rubtsov, D Travis Sanheim

Under-23 NHL Talent: C Nick Cousins, C/LW Travis Konecny, D Ivan Provorov

NHL Graduate Candidates: D Robert Hagg, LW Oskar Lindblom, D Samuel Morin, D Philippe Myers, C Scott Laughton, C German Rubtsov, D Travis Sanheim, G Anthony Stolarz

Organizational Needs: Elite Forwards

Potential 1st Round Targets: C Nico Hischier, C Nolan Patrick, C/LW Casey Mittelstadt, C Gabriel Vilardi

The Philadelphia Flyers were arguably the biggest winners at the NHL Draft Lottery, as they jumped 11 spots from their original 13th Overall slot all the way up to 2nd Overall, where it is expected they will claim one of the top two prizes in this draft class. The Flyers own arguably the best pool of young defensemen in the NHL with sophomore defenseman Shayne Gostisbehere, rookie standout Ivan Provorov, and top prospects Philippe Myers, Travis Sanheim, Robert Hagg, and Samuel Morin. The Flyers have made strides the past two drafts to balance their prospect pool with the 1st Round selections of Travis Konecny and German Rubtsov, and also appear to have hit big time with a later round pick in Swedish forward Oskar Lindblom. That being said, the 2nd Overall selection is the perfect opportunity to add the high octane offense that the Flyers currently lack in their prospect pool. It would be utterly flooring to see the Flyers not select one of Nico Hischier or Nolan Patrick (whichever one is available at 2nd Overall), however I would be remiss to not also point out Casey Mittelstadt or Gabriel Vilardi as possible targets for Philadelphia.

Draft Outlooks: PIT – SJ



Pittsburgh Penguins 2017 Outlook

Picks in Rounds 1-3: 2 (30th/31st, 92nd/93rd)

Top 2016 Selection: G Filip Gustavsson (2nd Round, 55th Overall)

Top Prospects: C/RW Zach Aston-Reese, D Derrick Pouliot, RW Daniel Sprong

Under-23 NHL Talent: C/LW Jake Guentzel, D Olli Määttä, G Matt Murray

NHL Graduate Candidates: RW Josh Archibald, C/RW Zach Aston-Reese, G Tristan Jarry, D Derrick Pouliot, C Dominik Simon, C Oskar Sundqvist

Organizational Needs: Top 6 Forwards, Defensive Depth

Potential 1st Round Targets: LW Jason Robertson, D Urho Vaakanainen, RW Nikita Popugaev, C Jesper Boqvist, C Joshua Norris, C Jaret Anderson-Dolan, LW Isaac Ratcliffe, D Conor Timmins, RW Kole Lind, C Shane Bowers

The back-to-back Eastern Conference champion Pittsburgh Penguins are a team that seems to consistently find ways to hit on both late-1st Round picks and later round picks, which can easily be argued is one of the reasons for their continued success in the Crosby Era. You need not look further than the Pens' top line, top 4 defense pairings, and starting goaltender to see the impact of good drafting, with 2013 3rd Rounder Jake Guentzel riding shotgun to Sidney Crosby, 2012 1st Rounder Olli Määttä sitting comfortable in Pittsburgh's top 4, and 2012 3rd Rounder Matt Murray securing himself as Pittsburgh's future in between the pipes. The Penguins have some prospects in the pipeline that seem to have some good NHL potential, namely Zach Aston-Reese, Derrick Pouliot, and top prospect Daniel Sprong, however the Pens could use some additional high end depth at both forward and defense. Possible targets for the Penguins at 30th or 31st Overall may include Jason Robertson, Urho Vaakanainen, Nikita Popugaev, Jesper Boqvist, Joshua Norris, Jaret Anderson-Dolan, Isaac Ratcliffe, Conor Timmins, Kole Lind, and Shane Bowers.



San Jose Sharks 2017 Outlook

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

Top 2016 Selection: C Dylan Gambrell (2nd Round, 60th Overall)

Top Prospects: C Dylan Gambrell, LW/RW Timo Meier, D Jérémy Roy

Under-23 NHL Talent: C/W Tomas Hertl, RW Kevin LaBanc, C Chris Tierney

NHL Graduate Candidates: D Julius Bergman, C Rourke Chartier, LW/RW Timo Meier, D Mirco Mueller, C Danny O'Regan, D Radim Simek

Organizational Needs: Top 6 Forwards, Elite Goaltending Prospect

Potential 1st Round Targets: C/W Kailer Yamamoto, C/RW Martin Necas, C/LW Lias Andersson, RW/C Klim Kostin, C/LW Maxime Comtois, LW/RW Kristian Vesalainen, LW Jason Robertson, C Ryan Poehling, G Jake Oettinger

The San Jose Sharks have been a team that over the years have found ways to replenish their depth with youth to supplement their core, and this draft is a perfect opportunity to add another high end talent to help usher in a new era of Sharks hockey after Joe Thornton and Patrick Marleau are gone. The Sharks have some good pieces in their pool with University of Denver sophomore Dylan Gambrell, 2015 1st Rounder Timo Meier, and 2015 2nd Rounder Jérémy Roy highlighting their pool of prospects. Their youth at the NHL level features a trio of young forwards with Tomas Hertl, Kevin LaBanc, and Chris Tierney, while some good reinforcements on the blue line await in Julius Bergman, Mirco Mueller, and Radim Simek. The Sharks seem to be set for awhile on the blue line with their current crop of prospects to supplement Brent Burns, Marc-Edouard Vlasic, and Justin Braun, so their more pressing need may be forwards with top 6 potential. Possible targets for the Sharks at 19th may include Kailer Yamamoto, Martin Necas, Lias Andersson, Klim Kostin, Maxime Comtois, Kristian Vesalainen, Jason Robertson, Ryan Poehling, and possibly even Jake Oettinger.

Draft Outlooks: STL – TB



St. Louis Blues 2017 Outlook

Picks in Rounds 1-3: 3 (20th, 27th, 51st)

Top 2016 Selection: RW Tage Thompson (1st Round, 26th Overall)

Top Prospects: C Ivan Barbashev, D Vince Dunn, RW Tage Thompson

Under-23 NHL Talent: D Joel Edmundson, C/LW Robby Fabbri, LW Zachary Sanford, RW Nail Yakupov

NHL Graduate Candidates: C Ivan Barbashev, C/RW Jordan Kyrou, D Vince Dunn, D Jordan Schmaltz, RW Tage Thompson

Organizational Needs: Top 6 Centers

Potential 1st Round Targets: C/W Kailer Yamamoto, C/LW Lias Andersson, RW/C Klim Kostin, C/LW Maxime Comtois, C Ryan Poehling

After a small pivot year that saw the team finish just a round earlier than their 2016 predecessors, the St. Louis Blues are a team that seems poised to take their team in a more youthful direction after unloading a couple of veterans over the past season or two. The Blues have some interesting talent in their prospect pool with forwards Ivan Barbashev, Tage Thompson, Jordan Kyrou, defensemen Jordan Schmaltz and Vince Dunn, and goaltender Ville Husso. Their current crop of young NHL talent is highlighted by Robby Fabbri, with forwards Zach Sanford, Nail Yakupov, and defenseman Joel Edmundson rounding out the group. The Blues seem to have suitable depth at both wing and defense moving into the future, with their crop of youngsters to supplement their core of Vladimir Tarasenko, Jaden Schwartz, Alex Steen, Alex Pietrangelo, and Colton Parayko, however what they lack is an additional prospect at center with elite or top 6 NHL potential. In turn, targets for the Blues at 20th Overall may include Kailer Yamamoto, Lias Andersson, Klim Kostin, Maxime Comtois, and Ryan Poehling.



Tampa Bay Lightning 2017 Outlook

Picks in Rounds 1-3: 4 (14th, 45th, 48th, 76th)

Top 2016 Selection: C Brett Howden (1st Round, 27th Overall)

Top Prospects: C Anthony Cirelli, C Brett Howden, RW Taylor Raddysh

Under-23 NHL Talent: LW Jonathan Drouin, D Slater Koekkoek, RW Nikita Kucherov, C/LW Cedric Paquette, C Brayden Point, G Andrei Vasilevskiy

NHL Graduate Candidates: C Anthony Cirelli, LW Adam Erne, C Brett Howden, RW Mathieu Joseph, D Dominik Masin, RW Taylor Raddysh, D Matthew Spencer

Organizational Needs: Top 4 Defensemen, Forward Depth

Potential 1st Round Targets: C Michael Rasmussen, D Juuso Välimäki, C Nick Suzuki, C/W Kailer Yamamoto, C/RW Martin Necas, D Cal Foote, D Nicolas Hague

The Tampa Bay Lightning, despite being among the Eastern Conference's best teams in recent years save for their injury riddled 2017 season, appear to have one of the most diverse and well-rounded prospect pools in the NHL right now. The Lightning had the most participants of any NHL team in the U20 World Junior Championships, and their prospect pool is highlighted by forwards Anthony Cirelli, Brett Howden, Taylor Raddysh, Mitchell Stephens, Mathieu Joseph, and defensemen Dominik Masin and Matthew Spencer. Their current crop of young NHL talent offers some elite talent in 40 goal man Nikita Kucherov, developing goaltender Andrei Vasilevskiy, and former 3rd Overall pick Jonathan Drouin to go along with Brayden Point, Cedric Paquette, and Slater Koekkoek. The Lightning do lack a real high impact defenseman in their prospect pool, but do appear more well poised than most to go best player available with their first selection at 14th Overall. Possible 1st Round targets for the Bolts may include Michael Rasmussen, Juuso Välimäki, Nick Suzuki, Kailer Yamamoto, Martin Necas, Cal Foote, and Nicolas Hague.

Draft Outlooks: TOR – VAN



Toronto Maple Leafs 2017 Outlook

Picks in Rounds 1-3: 4 (17th, 50th, 79th, 91st)

Top 2016 Selection: C Auston Matthews (1st Round, 1st Overall)

Top Prospects: RW Jeremy Bracco, RW Kasper Kapanen, LW Dmytro Timashov

Under-23 NHL Talent: RW Connor Brown, D Connor Carrick, RW Mitch Marner, C Auston Matthews, RW William Nylander, D Morgan Rielly, RW Nikita Soshnikov

NHL Graduate Candidates: C/W Miro Aaltonen, C Julien Gauthier, RW Kasper Kapanen, LW Brendan Leipsic, D Andrew Nielsen, D Calle Rosen, LW Kerby Rychel

Organizational Needs: Top 4 Defensemen, Left Wing Depth

Potential 1st Round Targets: C/W Kailer Yamamoto, D Cal Foote, D Nicolas Hague, C/LW Lias Andersson, C/LW Maxime Comtois, LW/RW Kristian Vesalainen

The Toronto Maple Leafs in 2017 reaped the benefits that a 1st Overall pick can bring, as they jumped from worst all the way up to a playoff berth thanks in large part to their rookie phenom Auston Matthews. Matthews wasn't alone as a rookie on this Toronto club, as he was flanked by former 1st Rounders Mitch Marner, William Nylander, and later round selection Connor Brown. The Leafs truly sport one of the league's most promising groups of young forward talent, with all of the aforementioned players plus prospects Jeremy Bracco, Kasper Kapanen, Dmytro Timashov, Julien Gauthier, Brendan Leipsic, and Kerby Rychel. The weakness in the Leafs prospect pool comes in the form of their blue line, as they have just one defenseman with true elite potential in Morgan Rielly, although youngsters Connor Carrick, Andrew Nielsen, and Calle Rosen all appear to have NHL level potential. Toronto's primary need at 17th is defense, however it would not be surprising to see them grab left wing depth as well. Targets for the Leafs may include Kailer Yamamoto, Cal Foote, Nicolas Hague, Lias Andersson, Maxime Comtois, and Kristian Vesalainen.



Vancouver Canucks 2017 Outlook

Picks in Rounds 1-3: 4 (5th, 33rd, 55th, 64th)

Top 2016 Selection: D Olli Juolevi (1st Round, 5th Overall)

Top Prospects: RW Brock Boeser, LW Jonathan Dahlen, D Olli Juolevi

Under-23 NHL Talent: LW Reid Boucher, C Brendan Gaunce, C Bo Horvat, D Troy Stecher

NHL Graduate Candidates: RW Brock Boeser, LW Jonathan Dahlen, G Thatcher Demko, LW Nikolay Goldobin, D Olli Juolevi, D Jordan Subban

Organizational Needs: Elite Centers, Top 4 Defensemen

Potential 1st Round Targets: C/LW Casey Mittelstadt, D Miro Heiskanen, C Gabriel Vilardi, C Elias Pettersson, D Timothy Liljegren, C Cody Glass, D Cale Makar

The Vancouver Canucks have a prospect pool that is ripe with former 1st Round selections and appear to have a young core that is headed in the right direction. Their prospect pool is highlighted by forwards Brock Boeser, Jonathan Dahlen, Nikolay Goldobin, defenseman Olli Juolevi, and goaltender Thatcher Demko, all of whom look to be playing on the big club in Vancouver potentially as early as the 2017-18 NHL season. They'll look to supplement a couple of Vancouver's most important pieces in former 9th Overall pick Bo Horvat and young defensemen Ben Hutton and Troy Stecher, as they look for some much needed reinforcements at the NHL level. The Canucks most dire need is for an elite center to build around alongside Bo Horvat, and despite being hard luck losers at the Draft Lottery falling three selections, still appear to be poised to do that with the 5th Overall pick. It's possible the Canucks may also look into defense at 5th Overall to accompany Olli Juolevi for the future, causing their list of potential targets to include Casey Mittelstadt, Miro Heiskanen, Gabriel Vilardi, Elias Pettersson, Timothy Liljegren, Cody Glass, and Cale Makar.

Draft Outlooks: VGK – WSH



Vegas Golden Knights 2017 Outlook

Picks in Rounds 1-3: 3 (6th, 34th, 65th)

Top 2016 Selection: N/A

Top Prospects: C Reid Duke, RW Tomas Hyka

Under-23 NHL Talent: N/A

NHL Graduate Candidates: C Reid Duke, RW Tomas Hyka

Organizational Needs: 1st Line Center, Elite Defensemen

Potential 1st Round Targets: C/LW Casey Mittelstadt, D Miro Heiskanen, C Gabriel Vilardi, C Elias Pettersson, RW Owen Tippett, D Timothy Liljegren, C Cody Glass, D Cale Makar, C Michael Rasmussen

The 2017 NHL Draft marks one of the single most important endeavors for the expansion Vegas Golden Knights. The Golden Knights will select 30 players from NHL clubs in the Expansion Draft, but it's at the Entry Draft where Vegas will truly begin to construct their team, and that all begins with the 6th Overall selection of the 1st Round. It's hard to evaluate a team that has only three players under contract – forwards Vadim Shipachev, Reid Duke, and Tomas Hyka – however it's important to recognize principles that teams have lived by for decades in the NHL. You need depth down the middle of the ice and you need a strong defense if you're going to become a championship caliber team in the National Hockey League, and therefore I would find it shocking for the Golden Knights to not target either a center or defenseman with their first ever draft pick in team history. However, it would be silly to rule out any position for a team whose roster hasn't been unveiled just yet, and in turn their targets may include Casey Mittelstadt, Miro Heiskanen, Gabriel Vilardi, Elias Pettersson, Owen Tippett, Timothy Liljegren, Cody Glass, Cale Makar, and Michael Rasmussen.



Washington Capitals 2017 Outlook

Picks in Rounds 1-3: 0

Top 2016 Selection: D Lucas Johansen (1st Round, 28th Overall)

Top Prospects: D Lucas Johansen, G Ilya Samsonov, LW/RW Jakub Vrana

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

NHL Graduate Candidates: C Travis Boyd, D Christian Djoos, C Liam O'Brien, C Chandler Stephenson, LW/RW Jakub Vrana

Organizational Needs: Top 6 Centers, Top 4 Defensemen

Potential 4th-7th Round Targets: D Jack Rathbone, C Joel Teasdale, C/W Pavel Shen, D Gustav Lindstrom, D Cale Fleury, C Andrei Svetlakov, C Jack Studnicka, C Emil Bemström, D Dmitri Rodionych

The Washington Capitals have a prospect pool that is highlighted by a trio of prospects with high end talent, however their pool of prospects appears to dwindle significantly after these three prospects. Forward Jakub Vrana, defenseman Lucas Johansen, and goaltender Ilya Samsonov, along with Andre Burakovsky and Tom Wilson, represent Washington's past five 1st Round selections, all of which possess definite NHL potential. However, after these youngsters there does not appear to be much in terms of reinforcements for Washington, with their only notable graduate candidates being forwards Travis Boyd, Liam O'Brien, Chandler Stephenson, and defenseman Christian Djoos. The Capitals do not own any picks in the first 3 Rounds of the 2017 NHL Draft, which in turn makes it highly likely the Caps will swing for the fences with some boom or bust selections in the 4th Round and on. What they could use most are both centers and defensemen, making their targets in the later rounds include Jack Rathbone, Joel Teasdale, Pavel Shen, Gustav Lindstrom, Cale Fleury, Andrei Svetlakov, Jack Studnicka, Emil Bemström, and Dmitri Rodionych.

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Winnipeg Jets 2017 Outlook

Picks in Rounds 1-3: 3 (13th, 43rd, 74th)

Top 2016 Selection: LW Patrik Laine (1st Round, 2nd Overall)

Top Prospects: C/LW Kyle Connor, C/RW Jack Roslovic, D Logan Stanley

Under-23 NHL Talent: C Andrew Copp, C/W Marko Dano, LW/RW Nikolaj Ehlers, LW Patrik Laine, D Josh Morrissey, C Nic Petan, D Jacob Trouba

NHL Graduate Candidates: C/LW Kyle Connor, C Chase De Leo, RW Scott Kosmachuk, LW Brendan Lemieux, RW JC Lipon, C/RW Jack Roslovic

Organizational Needs: Left Wing and Center Depth, Top 4 Defensemen

Potential 1st Round Targets: LW Eeli Tolvanen, C Michael Rasmussen, D Juuso Välimäki, C Nick Suzuki, C/W Kailer Yamamoto, C/RW Martin Necas, D Cal Foote

The Winnipeg Jets got to see the firepower that a lottery winning pick can bring at the NHL level in 2016-17, as their 2016 2nd Overall pick Patrik Laine showcased his elite goal scoring ability. The Laine Era in Winnipeg began with a torrid 36 goal rookie campaign, and the Finnish winger secured himself as the piece for the Jets to build around up front. Laine is flanked by a lot of talent up front in Winnipeg's system in the form of Kyle Connor, Nikolaj Ehlers, Jack Roslovic, Nic Petan, Marko Dano, Brendan Lemieux, and many more in one of the deepest prospect pools in the NHL. The Jets also own some good young talent on the blue line in the form of three 1st Rounders in Jacob Trouba, Josh Morrissey, and Logan Stanley, as well as a young goaltender in Connor Hellebuyck. The Jets are one of the most well equipped teams to go best player available with their first selection at 13th Overall, where they may target depth at left wing, center, or defense in the form of Eeli Tolvanen, Michael Rasmussen, Juuso Välimäki, Nick Suzuki, Kailer Yamamoto, Martin Necas, or Cal Foote.



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