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2015 DRAFT BOOK

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Team Outlooks, Mock Draft, and more.*

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TOP 100 DRAFT RANKINGS: 1-9

1 **name:** Connor McDavid
position: Center
team: Erie Otters (OHL)

height: 6'1"
weight: 187 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 47GP, 44-76-120, +60, 40PM
scouting report: Generational talent in multiple facets of the game, skates and thinks at an exceptionally high speed and possesses a remarkably slick and soft set of hands. Routinely beats defenders in one-on-one situations and is always an offensive threat.
projected: 1st Overall

4 **name:** Mitch Marner
position: Center / Right Wing
team: London Knights (OHL)

height: 5'11"
weight: 164 lbs
handedness: Right
statline: 63GP, 44-82-126, +36, 53PM
scouting report: Speedy, slick, and skilled, that sums up Marner's skill set to keep it short. In length, Marner has a remarkable set of hands and both the vision and offensive acumen that is very reminiscent of another former London Knight, Patrick Kane.
projected: Top 5

7 **name:** Mathew Barzal
position: Center
team: Seattle Thunderbirds (WHL)

height: 6'0"
weight: 177 lbs
handedness: Right
statline: 44GP, 12-45-57, +13, 20PM
scouting report: Injury shortened Barzal's WHL season, but when he was in the lineup he was truly Seattle's offensive catalyst. Barzal possesses a dynamic skill set with good speed and phenomenal hands. Pure playmaker, and fits the Matt Duchene mold.
projected: Top 10

2 **name:** Jack Eichel
position: Center
team: Boston University (H-EAST)

height: 6'2"
weight: 196 lbs
handedness: Right
statline: 40GP, 26-45-71, +51, 28PM
scouting report: Dominant goal-scoring threat that pushes and controls the play each time he's on the ice. Plays with a dynamic and powerful skill set, possesses a phenomenal set of hands and also excels at setting up his teammates for offensive chances.
projected: 2nd Overall

5 **name:** Dylan Strome
position: Center
team: Erie Otters (OHL)

height: 6'3"
weight: 187 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 68GP, 45-84-129, +47, 32PM
scouting report: Strome is incredibly smart in all areas of the ice and blends that with elite skill to make him a truly dangerous force on the ice. Strome's skill set is not unlike that of Boston's David Krejci, but likely has a much higher offensive ceiling than Krejci.
projected: Top 5

8 **name:** Ivan Provorov
position: Defense
team: Brandon Wheat Kings (WHL)

height: 6'0"
weight: 200 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 60GP, 15-46-61, +36, 42PM
scouting report: Provorov is an offensive minded defenseman that can make a difference every time he's on the ice. He's able to dictate the pace of the game and has remarkable vision on the offensive side of the puck. Can transition and move the puck very quickly.
projected: Top 10

3 **name:** Noah Hanifin
position: Defense
team: Boston College (H-EAST)

height: 6'2"
weight: 205 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 37GP, 5-18-23, +12, 16PM
scouting report: Incredibly versatile two-way defenseman, great skater and is very mobile with the puck. Very efficient puck-mover and has offensive instincts not unlike that of Duncan Keith, projects to be a top pairing defenseman that can play in all situations.
projected: Top 5

6 **name:** Lawson Crouse
position: Left Wing
team: Kingston Frontenacs (OHL)

height: 6'3"
weight: 212 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 56GP, 29-22-51, +10, 70PM
scouting report: Power winger that can be a daunting physical force, is near impossible to knock off of the puck and possesses good speed and hands for a player his size. Crouse is incredibly physical, but also provided roughly 27% of his team's total offense.
projected: Top 10

9 **name:** Pavel Zacha
position: Center / Left Wing
team: Sarnia Sting (OHL)

height: 6'3"
weight: 210 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 37GP, 16-18-34, +5, 56PM
scouting report: Big Czech forward that plays an all-around strong game, but particularly excels as a goal scorer. Zacha possesses a rifle of a shot that is both hard and accurate, and is also a threat on the powerplay with a bomb of a one-timer.
projected: Top 10

TOP 100 DRAFT RANKINGS: 10-18



10 **name:** Mikko Rantanen
position: Right Wing
team: TPS (FIN)

height: 6'4"
weight: 209 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 56GP, 9-19-28, -1, 22PM
scouting report: Big, speedy, and skilled, Rantanen is the perfect blend of size and talent that all teams covet. Rantanen has surprising speed, great hands, is both a very capable playmaker and goal scorer, and he really showed his stuff at the 2015 WJC's.
projected: Top 10

13 **name:** Kyle Connor
position: Center
team: Youngstown (USHL)

height: 6'1"
weight: 182 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 56GP, 34-46-80, +3, 6PM
scouting report: Incredibly smart and incredibly skilled, Connor's skill set is something truly special and arguably has the best chance of anyone to unseat any of the Top 11, Connor is speedy, smart, and is an all-around offensive force.
projected: 1st Round

16 **name:** Yevgeni Svechnikov
position: Left Wing
team: Cape Breton (QMJHL)

height: 6'3"
weight: 205 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 55GP, 32-46-78, +10, 70PM
scouting report: Russian winger that has a dynamic skill set, Svechnikov is blessed with phenomenal hands that he uses to set up plays and beat defenders one-on-one with. Excels as a playmaker, but can also score with a very capable and accurate shot.
projected: 1st Round

11 **name:** Zachary Werenski
position: Defense
team: Michigan (BIG10)

height: 6'2"
weight: 214 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 35GP, 9-16-25, +9, 8PM
scouting report: Versatile two-way defenseman that particularly excels on the offensive side of the puck, Werenski is a very efficient puck mover with good mobility, vision, and poise. Excels at transitioning from defense to offense and can be used in all situations.
projected: Top 10

14 **name:** Timo Meier
position: Left / Right Wing
team: Halifax (QMJHL)

height: 6'0"
weight: 209 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 61GP, 44-46-90, +20, 59PM
scouting report: Progressively shot up the draft as the year went on, scouts fell in love with Meier's versatility and his natural goal scoring ability. Meier can play in almost any role and excel, and can bury offensive chances in the other team's net with ease.
projected: 1st Round

17 **name:** Jakub Zboril
position: Defense
team: Saint John (QMJHL)

height: 6'2"
weight: 185 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 44GP, 13-20-33, +2, 73PM
scouting report: Intelligent and efficient, Zboril isn't overly flashy but routinely makes smart, high-percentage plays in both zones. At times has a physical edge to his game, is a capable one-on-one defender, and has a great shot from the point.
projected: 1st Round

12 **name:** Travis Konecny
position: Center
team: Ottawa 67's (OHL)

height: 5'10"
weight: 171 lbs
handedness: Right
statline: 60GP, 29-39-68, -1, 34PM
scouting report: Skilled and tenacious, Konecny is an offensively gifted center that plays with a degree of scrapiness to his game. Has a nose for the net and can jam in rebounds in front, but can also score from the outside with a very capable shot.
projected: 1st Round

15 **name:** Nick Merkley
position: Center / Right Wing
team: Kelowna Rockets (WHL)

height: 5'10"
weight: 187 lbs
handedness: Right
statline: 72GP, 20-70-90, +29, 79PM
scouting report: Pure playmaker that uses his great hands, vision, and hockey IQ to his advantage, Merkley sees the ice remarkably well and has the hands and finesse to make plays happen when he sees holes in the opposition's defense.
projected: 1st Round

18 **name:** Oliver Kylington
position: Defense
team: AIK (SWE)

height: 6'0"
weight: 174 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 17GP, 4-3-7, -2, 6PM
scouting report: Stock fell a bit from preseason rankings, but Kylington will still be a sought after commodity come June 26th. Swedish defenseman is a smooth, mobile two-way defender that plays with intelligence and is a phenomenal possession player.
projected: 1st Round



TOP 100 DRAFT RANKINGS: 19-27

19 **name:** Jeremy Bracco
position: Center / Right Wing
team: USA U-18 (USHL)

height: 5'9"
weight: 172 lbs
handedness: Right
statline: 65GP, 30-64-94, +20, 10PM
scouting report: Highly skilled and plays with a grittiness that makes him seem bigger than he really is. Bracco's offensive skill set is very reminiscent of Mike Cammalleri, he has very quick hands in traffic and a very quick, accurate release on his shot.
projected: 1st Round

20 **name:** Jeremy Roy
position: Defense
team: Sherbrooke (QMJHL)

height: 6'0"
weight: 182 lbs
handedness: Right
statline: 46GP, 5-38-43, -2, 37PM
scouting report: Two-way defenseman that has a great feel for the offensive side of the game, has incredible smarts and poise with the puck and makes smart, efficient plays in all zones. Mature beyond his years, Roy could project to be a future Powerplay QB.
projected: 1st Round

21 **name:** Brock Boeser
position: Right Wing
team: Waterloo (USHL)

height: 6'1"
weight: 192 lbs
handedness: Right
statline: 57GP, 35-33-68, -1, 30PM
scouting report: Boeser is an offensively dynamic forward with the full goal scorer's arsenal of weapons. Boeser has remarkable puck skills, vision, and an elite shot that is both hard and accurate. Very hard working and responsible two-way as well.
projected: 1st Round

22 **name:** Colin White
position: Center / Right Wing
team: USA U-18 (USHL)

height: 6'0"
weight: 183 lbs
handedness: Right
statline: 54GP, 23-31-54, +17, 28PM
scouting report: Smart 3-zone forward that can also be a dynamic force when he gets his offensive engine started. White is a great skater with gifted hands which allows him to beat defenders one-on-one, and can bury chances with authority.
projected: 1st Round

23 **name:** Jansen Harkins
position: Center
team: Prince George (WHL)

height: 6'1"
weight: 180 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 70GP, 20-59-79, +5, 45PM
scouting report: Blue collar two-way forward that will do whatever is needed of him to win, Harkins is an incredibly hard worker and never quits on a play. Coaches love players like Harkins, and he also has elite level playmaking abilities and hockey smarts.
projected: 1st Round

24 **name:** Brandon Carlo
position: Defense
team: Tri-City (WHL)

height: 6'5"
weight: 185 lbs
handedness: Right
statline: 63GP, 4-21-25, -15, 90PM
scouting report: Towering American defenseman that can be dominant and daunting force in the defensive zone. Is a bit timid on the offensive side of the puck, but Carlo's game revolves around separating attackers from the puck using his long reach and physicality.
projected: 1st Round

25 **name:** Thomas Chabot
position: Defense
team: Saint John (QMJHL)

height: 6'2"
weight: 179 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 66GP, 12-29-41, +6, 62PM
scouting report: Two-way defenseman that thinks and plays the game very quickly, has great mobility and is a smooth skater. Great poise with the puck, very capable passer, and has the ability to start the breakout with a strong pass or skating it through the neutral zone himself.
projected: 1st Round

26 **name:** Paul Bittner
position: Left Wing
team: Portland (WHL)

height: 6'4"
weight: 202 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 66GP, 34-37-71, +39, 52PM
scouting report: Power winger that is very reminiscent of New York's Chris Kreider, Bittner has high top end speed and plays very physical. Has a nose for the net and will make his living in the NHL scoring goals by going to the dirty areas and fighting for loose pucks.
projected: 1st Round

27 **name:** Anthony Beauvillier
position: Center / Left Wing
team: Shawinigan (QMJHL)

height: 5'10"
weight: 181 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 67GP, 42-52-94, +16, 72PM
scouting report: Speedy and skilled, Beauvillier is a dynamic offensive forward that impresses with great skating ability and phenomenal hands. Very capable passer but is labeled more as a goal scorer, needs to bulk up but his raw skill is nothing to scoff at.
projected: Late 1st - Early 2nd Round

TOP 100 DRAFT RANKINGS: 28-36



28 **name:** Matthew Spencer
position: Defense
team: Peterborough (OHL)

height: 6'2"
weight: 200 lbs
handedness: Right
statline: 67GP, 6-24-30, -15, 64PM
scouting report: Two-way defender that particularly excels on the defensive side of the puck, Spencer is smart and efficient and was an absolute minute muncher for Peterborough. Won't wow you offensively, but consistently makes smart and efficient plays in all zones.
projected: Late 1st - Early 2nd Round

29 **name:** Jake DeBrusk
position: Left Wing
team: Swift Current (WHL)

height: 6'0"
weight: 177 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 72GP, 42-39-81, -9, 40PM
scouting report: DeBrusk is a two-way forward that has incredibly high hockey smarts, and he's a potent offensive threat as a goal scorer. DeBrusk can routinely bury chances when they're presented to him, and he always finds himself in position in all zones.
projected: Late 1st - Early 2nd Round

30 **name:** Denis Guryanov
position: Right Wing
team: Togliatti (MHL)

height: 6'2"
weight: 183 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 23GP, 15-10-25, +4, 39PM
scouting report: Some scouts argue that Guryanov has one of the highest ceilings as an offensive player in the 2015 Draft, Guryanov is a dynamic goal scorer who showed what he's all about at the 2015 WJC's: creativity, finesse, and a pin point accurate shot.
projected: Late 1st - Early 2nd Round

31 **name:** Filip Chlapik
position: Center
team: Charlottetown (QMJHL)

height: 6'1"
weight: 190 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 64GP, 33-42-75, -16, 42PM
scouting report: Highly intelligent Czech center that excels as a two-way forward, Chlapik always understands his role in each play as it develops and has the offensive acumen to be a threat, has a good set of hands and is both a capable playmaker and scorer.
projected: Late 1st - Early 2nd Round

32 **name:** Jordan Greenway
position: Left Wing
team: USA U-18 (USHL)

height: 6'5"
weight: 223 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 53GP, 9-35-44, +15, 50PM
scouting report: Towering power winger that has a truly unique skill set, needs to work on consistency but Greenway is a daunting physical force with his 6'5", 223 lb frame that can protect the puck for the days, and also has very good puck skills for a player his size.
projected: Late 1st - Early 2nd Round

33 **name:** Joel Eriksson Ek
position: Center
team: Farjestad (SWE)

height: 6'2"
weight: 185 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 34GP, 4-2-6, E, 4PM
scouting report: Didn't see as much success at the pro level this season, but in Sweden's juniors Eriksson Ek showcased game-changing goal scoring ability with one of the most accurate shots in the draft. Eriksson Ek is also highly intelligent which will serve him well as a pro.
projected: Late 1st - Early 2nd Round

34 **name:** Daniel Sprong
position: Right Wing
team: Charlottetown (QMJHL)

height: 6'0"
weight: 185 lbs
handedness: Right
statline: 68GP, 39-49-88, -23, 18PM
scouting report: Dynamic goal scorer, when at his best Sprong plays with quickness and creativity. He possesses a phenomenal set of hands and great puck handling ability, has good hands in traffic and has the ability to beat defenders on the rush.
projected: Late 1st - Early 2nd Round

35 **name:** Ilya Samsonov
position: Goaltender
team: Magnitogorsk (MHL)

height: 6'3"
weight: 201 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 18GP, 2.66 GAA, .918 SV%
scouting report: Russian goaltender that has good size and covers the net well, has good lateral movement and can get from point A to point B relatively easily. Samsonov also has very good hands and reflexes, which cuts down on rebounds on elevated shots.
projected: Late 1st - Early 2nd Round

36 **name:** Rasmus Andersson
position: Defense
team: Barrie Colts (OHL)

height: 6'0"
weight: 209 lbs
handedness: Right
statline: 67GP, 12-52-64, -14, 88PM
scouting report: Stocky offensive defenseman that plays with a lot of power and is very competitive, Andersson is very aggressive on the puck and is constantly battling for loose pucks. Always recognizes the proper times to join the play in the offensive zone.
projected: Late 1st - Early 2nd Round



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37 **name:** Thomas Novak
position: Center
team: Waterloo (USHL)

height: 6'0"
weight: 180 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 46GP, 14-34-48, +14, 12PM
scouting report: High end skilled center that is defined by his elite hockey sense and skill, Novak possesses great hands, vision, and puck handling ability which makes him an offensive threat. Very intelligent, and is also a very smooth, quick skater.
projected: 2nd Round

38 **name:** Vince Dunn
position: Defense
team: Niagara (OHL)

height: 6'0"
weight: 185 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 68GP, 18-38-56, +8, 59PM
scouting report: Intelligent offensive defenseman that is very mobile and sees the ice very well, Dunn consistently makes smart, efficient plays and has the mobility, crisp & accurate passing, and puck handling ability to be a threat in the offensive zone.
projected: 2nd Round

39 **name:** Nicolas Roy
position: Center / RightWing
team: Chicoutimi (QMJHL)

height: 6'4"
weight: 202 lbs
handedness: Right
statline: 68GP, 16-34-50, -3, 40PM
scouting report: Aggressive power forward whose bread and butter is physicality and aggressive forechecking ability. Roy uses his massive 6'4", 202 lb frame to grind down opposing defenses and plays much like a younger version of Martin Hanzal.
projected: 2nd Round

40 **name:** Nikita Korostelev
position: Right Wing
team: Sarnia Sting (OHL)

height: 6'1"
weight: 196 lbs
handedness: Right
statline: 55GP, 24-29-53, +4, 18PM
scouting report: Russian winger that plays with a lot of creativity and power, Korostelev excels as a goal scorer with his quick hands and bullet of a shot. Korostelev is also a relentless forechecker and at times has a physical edge to his game.
projected: 2nd Round

41 **name:** Jacob Larsson
position: Defense
team: Frolunda (SWE)

height: 6'2"
weight: 181 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 20GP, 1-2-3, +4, 6PM
scouting report: Swedish two-way defenseman that excels as a puck mover, Larsson is a fantastic passer and is excellent at spearheading his team's breakout with a strong, crisp first pass. High hockey IQ and always understands positioning in both zones.
projected: 2nd Round

42 **name:** Filip Ahl
position: Left Wing
team: HV-71 (SWE-JR)

height: 6'4"
weight: 214 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 34GP, 20-22-42, +5, 53PM
scouting report: Underrated Swedish winger that is a blend of size and skill, Ahl is a daunting force at 6'4", 214 lbs and uses his frame to protect and hold on to the puck, and also is highly skilled with great hands, puck handling ability, and a very capable shot.
projected: 2nd Round

43 **name:** Alex Dergachyov
position: Center
team: St. Petersburg (MHL)

height: 6'4"
weight: 201 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 45GP, 10-29-39, +5, 52PM
scouting report: Large Russian center that plays with a fantastic blend of intelligence and skill, Dergachyov can use his frame to make his way to the front of the net and has good hands in traffic, puck handling ability, and a nose for the net.
projected: 2nd Round

44 **name:** Erik Cernak
position: Defense
team: Kosice (SVK)

height: 6'3"
weight: 203 lbs
handedness: Right
statline: 43GP, 5-8-13, +7, 16PM
scouting report: Big Slovak defender that excels particularly on the defensive side of the puck, Cernak has high end hockey sense which allows him to contribute offensively occasionally, but Cernak's game revolves around his one-on-one defensive play and physicality.
projected: 2nd Round

45 **name:** Jakob Forsbacka Karlsson
position: Center
team: Omaha Lancers (USHL)

height: 6'1"
weight: 192 lbs
handedness: Right
statline: 50GP, 15-38-53, +10, 38PM
scouting report: All-around, 3-zone center that has high end hockey sense and smarts, Excels offensively as a playmaker mostly due to his vision and elite passing ability, Forsbacka Karlsson has a knack for making highly difficult passes look effortless.
projected: 2nd Round

TOP 100 DRAFT RANKINGS: 46-54



46 **name:** Adam Musil
position: Center
team: Red Deer (WHL)

height: 6'3"
weight: 208 lbs
handedness: Right
statline: 66GP, 15-24-39, -7, 71PM
scouting report: Hard working, physical center that routinely uses his size to pummel opposing defensemen on the forecheck, Musil is highly effective at wearing down his opponent and creates most of his scoring chances by going to the dirty areas of the ice.
projected: 2nd Round

47 **name:** Jens Looke
position: Right Wing
team: Brynas (SWE)

height: 6'0"
weight: 187 lbs
handedness: Right
statline: 43GP, 2-4-6, -4, 2PM
scouting report: Creative and mobile, Looke is a very smooth skating Swedish winger that plays with a high level of creativity, has a well-rounded offensive game with good passing ability, puck handling skills, and a very capable shot.
projected: 2nd Round

48 **name:** Daniel Vladar
position: Goaltender
team: HC Kladno (CZE)

height: 6'5"
weight: 185 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 29GP, 2.78 GAA, .926 SV%
scouting report: Towering Czech goaltender at 6'5", Vladar is able to use his size to his advantage to cover most of the net, has good lateral movement and hands for a goaltender his size, and is highly competitive, routinely battles for 2nd and 3rd shots.
projected: 2nd Round

49 **name:** Jack Roslovic
position: Center / Right Wing
team: USA U-18 (USHL)

height: 6'1"
weight: 183 lbs
handedness: Right
statline: 65GP, 27-52-79, +19, 28PM
scouting report: American forward that is all about speed, skill, and finesse, Roslovic is highly creative and has elite hands and speed that uses to beat defenders on the rush. Possesses very good vision and Jack always has his feet moving.
projected: 2nd Round

50 **name:** Nicolas Meloche
position: Defense
team: Baie-Comeau (QMJHL)

height: 6'2"
weight: 200 lbs
handedness: Right
statline: 44GP, 10-24-34, -3, 99PM
scouting report: Two-way defender that has little holes in his game, Meloche plays a very complete game and is very smart and poised with the puck, not overly-flashy but has the acumen to show flair in both the offensive and physical areas of the game.
projected: 2nd Round

51 **name:** MacKenzie Blackwood
position: Goaltender
team: Barrie Colts (OHL)

height: 6'4"
weight: 215 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 51GP, 3.09 GAA, .906 SV%
scouting report: Butterfly goaltender that is always even-keeled and calm in all situations, Blackwood never panics and is a technically sound goaltender. Reacts quickly with his hands but could work on cutting down rebounds and limiting 2nd and 3rd chances.
projected: 2nd Round

52 **name:** Noah Juulsen
position: Defense
team: Everett (WHL)

height: 6'1"
weight: 181 lbs
handedness: Right
statline: 68GP, 9-43-52, +22, 42PM
scouting report: Two-way defender that is defined by his poise and maturity with the puck, Juulsen is highly intelligent and excels at making high percentage plays. Has good hands and possesses both good puck handling ability and passing ability.
projected: 2nd Round

53 **name:** Vladislav Gavrikov
position: Defense
team: Yaroslavl (MHL)

height: 6'2"
weight: 191 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 16GP, 1-6-7, +7, 16PM
scouting report: Top Defender at the 2015 WJC's while playing for Russia, Gavrikov is highly intelligent and efficient. Won't wow you offensively, but understands positioning very well and will make his living as an efficient, reliable presence on the blue line.
projected: Late 2nd - Early 3rd Round

54 **name:** Dmytro Timashov
position: Left Wing
team: Quebec (QMJHL)

height: 5'10"
weight: 187 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 66GP, 19-71-90, +17, 54PM
scouting report: Ukrainian winger that is absolutely electric when he's at his best, Timashov is a pure playmaker that plays with tons of speed and elite skill, has remarkable puck handling ability and is a great passer, and routinely beats defenders on the rush.
projected: Late 2nd - Early 3rd Round



TOP 100 DRAFT RANKINGS: 55-63

55 **name:** Christian Fischer
position: Right Wing
team: USA U-18 (USHL)

height: 6'1"
weight: 212 lbs
handedness: Right
statline: 66GP, 31-33-64, +16, 22PM
scouting report: Offensive power forward that is reliable in all 3-zone zones, Fischer plays an aggressive and physical 200-foot game and is a natural goal scorer, can wire hard shots on goal and also has good hands in traffic, fits the mold of a James Neal type forward.
projected: Late 2nd - Early 3rd Round

56 **name:** Conor Garland
position: Right Wing
team: Moncton (QMJHL)

height: 5'8"
weight: 165 lbs
handedness: Right
statline: 67GP, 35-94-129, +21, 66PM
scouting report: Undersized and defensive acumen are issues, but Garland's raw offensive talent is truly something special. Garland possesses an all-world set of hands with his puck handling and passing ability, and has the vision and speed to exploit holes.
projected: Late 2nd - Early 3rd Round

57 **name:** Ryan Pilon
position: Defense
team: Brandon (WHL)

height: 6'2"
weight: 212 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 68GP, 11-41-52, +36, 40PM
scouting report: Two-way defender that is very efficient in all zones and plays with a lot of poise, Pilon can quarterback and dictate the pace of the play when the puck is on his stick and can contribute offensively with good instincts and capable shot.
projected: Late 2nd - Early 3rd Round

58 **name:** Dennis Yan
position: Left Wing
team: Shawinigan (QMJHL)

height: 6'1"
weight: 187 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 59GP, 33-31-64, +23, 71PM
scouting report: Natural goal scorer that needs to work on his all-around game, but Yan is all about speed and skill, he thinks and plays very quickly and possesses one of the best shots in the draft with a lightning quick release and deadly accuracy.
projected: Late 2nd - Early 3rd Round

59 **name:** Mitchell Vande Sompel
position: Defense
team: Oshawa (OHL)

height: 5'10"
weight: 181 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 58GP, 12-51-63, +31, 38PM
scouting report: Offensive-minded defenseman that fits the mold of the prototypical puck mover, Vande Sompel is very agile and quick, possesses great passing ability and vision, and can use both assets interchangeably to move the puck up the ice.
projected: Late 2nd - Early 3rd Round

60 **name:** Andrew Mangiapane
position: Center / Left Wing
team: Barrie Colts (OHL)

height: 5'10"
weight: 161 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 68GP, 43-61-104, +24, 54PM
scouting report: Late-bloomer that broke out this season in Barrie, Mangiapane is always consistent in his efforts and excels as an offensive player, is a smooth and agile skater and possesses a very capable, accurate shot.
projected: Late 2nd - Early 3rd Round

61 **name:** Zachary Senyshyn
position: Right Wing
team: Sault Ste. Marie (OHL)

height: 6'2"
weight: 194 lbs
handedness: Right
statline: 66GP, 26-19-45, +30, 17PM
scouting report: Intelligent and creative winger, Senyshyn understands the game at a very high level and is very creative in his offensive efforts, very agile and quick skater, and excels as a goal scorer with his high end puck skills and strong shot.
projected: Late 2nd - Early 3rd Round

62 **name:** Gabriel Carlsson
position: Defense
team: Linköping (SWE-JR)

height: 6'4"
weight: 183 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 39GP, 0-7-7, +21, 14PM
scouting report: Big Swedish defender that is successful mostly in part to his poise and hockey smarts, Carlsson is a two-way defender with good mobility and isn't afraid to bring a physical edge to his game, efficient and makes the simple, smart plays.
projected: Late 2nd - Early 3rd Round

63 **name:** Roope Hintz
position: Center / Right Wing
team: Ilves (FIN)

height: 6'2"
weight: 183 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 42GP, 5-12-17, +8, 10PM
scouting report: Highly intelligent and quick forward, Hintz has good offensive instincts as both a goal scorer and a playmaker with his puck handling ability and quick hands, always has his feet moving which creates space for himself and his teammates.
projected: Late 2nd - Early 3rd Round

TOP 100 DRAFT RANKINGS: 64-72



64 **name:** Jonas Siegenthaler
position: Defense
team: ZSC (SUI)

height: 6'2"
weight: 214 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 41GP, 0-3-3, +4, 39PM
scouting report: Defensive-minded defenseman that has good mobility for a player his size, Siegenthaler utilizes his long reach and isn't afraid to play physical, effective at separating attackers from the puck, offensive game needs a lot of work though.
projected: Late 2nd - Early 3rd Round

65 **name:** Gabriel Gagne
position: Center / Right Wing
team: Victoriaville (QMJHL)

height: 6'5"
weight: 183 lbs
handedness: Right
statline: 67GP, 35-24-59, +2, 39PM
scouting report: Lanky forward that is a gifted goal scorer and is solid in all facets of the game, Gagne has an explosiveness to his skating with his long skating stride and has intriguing mobility for a player his size, could be a dominant physical force if he bulks up.
projected: Late 2nd - Early 3rd Round

66 **name:** Denis Godla
position: Goaltender
team: Piestany (SVK)

height: 5'11"
weight: 176 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 4GP, 3.10 GAA, .922 SV%
scouting report: Slightly undersized at 5'11", but the 2015 World Junior's Top Goaltender while playing for Slovakia is highly athletic and agile, Godla has good, quick hands and never gives up on any play, fights to remain in every play at all times.
projected: 3rd Round

67 **name:** Blake Speers
position: Center / Right Wing
team: Sault Ste. Marie (OHL)

height: 5'11"
weight: 185 lbs
handedness: Right
statline: 57GP, 24-43-67, +25, 12PM
scouting report: Needs to bulk up to be successful at the next level, but Speers is all-around stellar offensive talent, possesses good puck handling and playmaking abilities as well as an accurate shot, very mobile, agile, and quick as well.
projected: 3rd Round

68 **name:** Michael Spacek
position: Center
team: Pardubice (CZE)

height: 5'11"
weight: 187 lbs
handedness: Right
statline: 40GP, 5-7-12, -11, 12PM
scouting report: Industrious, hard-working forward that has good raw skills, Spacek is intelligent and is both a good passer and playmaker, has a knack for scoring most of his goals within 10 feet of the net and isn't afraid to go to the dirty areas of the ice.
projected: 3rd Round

69 **name:** Jesper Lindgren
position: Defense
team: MODO (SWE-JR)

height: 6'0"
weight: 161 lbs
handedness: Right
statline: 39GP, 6-27-33, +11, 39PM
scouting report: Nimble puck-moving defenseman that plays with skill and intelligence, Lindgren excels offensively with his great vision, poise with the puck, and passing ability. Has high hockey smarts and recognizes when to jump up into the play.
projected: 3rd Round

70 **name:** Jeremy Lauzon
position: Defense
team: Rouyn-Noranda (QMJHL)

height: 6'2"
weight: 194 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 60GP, 15-21-36, +12, 88PM
scouting report: Two-way defender that particularly excels on the defensive side of the game, Lauzon plays well in a shutdown role but also proved this season he can produce offensively with a capable point shot and all-around reliable offensive instincts.
projected: 3rd Round

71 **name:** A.J. Greer
position: Right Wing
team: Boston University (H-EAST)

height: 6'3"
weight: 203 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 37GP, 3-4-7, +1, 18PM
scouting report: Power winger that plays the game with intensity and power, Greer can be a daunting physical force along the boards and in the corners when he gets his feet moving behind that 6'3", 203 lb frame, and is very hard to knock out of position.
projected: 3rd Round

72 **name:** Callum Booth
position: Goaltender
team: Quebec (QMJHL)

height: 6'3"
weight: 199 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 41GP, 3.05 GAA, .900 SV%
scouting report: Butterfly goaltender with good reflexes and athleticism, Booth is able to use his size to take up the net and has good lateral movement, but like most butterfly goaltenders has an issue with rebound control that can be worked on before going pro.
projected: 3rd Round



TOP 100 DRAFT RANKINGS: 73-81

73 **name:** Robin Kovacs
position: Left / Right Wing
team: AIK (SWE-JR)

height: 6'0"
weight: 168 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 52GP, 17-11-28, -6, 63PM
scouting report: Speedy and aggressive winger that plays an all-around solid game, Kovacs is good puck handler and is creative, has a knack for scoring goals with a hard, accurate shot. Also has an edge to his game and loves to play as an agitator.
projected: 3rd Round

76 **name:** Anthony Richard
position: Center
team: Val-d'Or (QMJHL)

height: 5'9"
weight: 165 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 66GP, 43-48-91, -9, 78PM
scouting report: Goal-scoring center that lacks size but has natural offensive instincts that cannot be taught, Richard is skilled and quick, is a nimble skater and possesses great puck skills, offensive vision, poise, and a highly accurate shot.
projected: 3rd Round

79 **name:** Andrei Kuzmenko
position: Left Wing
team: Moskva (MHL)

height: 5'11"
weight: 181 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 37GP, 20-21-41, +8, 20PM
scouting report: Skilled Russian forward that excels as both a goal scorer and playmaker, Kuzmenko is a skilled puck handler and also plays the game with discipline and intelligence. Slightly undersized but is aggressive on the forecheck and plays bigger than 5'11".
projected: 3rd Round

74 **name:** Ryan Gropp
position: Left Wing
team: Seattle (WHL)

height: 6'3"
weight: 192 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 67GP, 30-28-58, +9, 44PM
scouting report: Power forward that is fantastic at using his size to protect the puck, Gropp can make his way to the front of the net using his size and physicality and can bury chances when they're presented to him with good hands around the net.
projected: 3rd Round

77 **name:** Gustav Bouramman
position: Defense
team: Sault Ste. Marie (OHL)

height: 6'0"
weight: 176 lbs
handedness: Right
statline: 67GP, 5-39-44, +33, 14PM
scouting report: Smooth and athletic puck-moving defenseman, Bouramman is a defenseman that excels offensively with his good passing ability, hockey smarts, and vision. Often makes high percentage plays and is very poised with the puck.
projected: 3rd Round

80 **name:** Tim McGauley
position: Center
team: Brandon (WHL)

height: 6'0"
weight: 183 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 72GP, 42-63-105, +43, 24PM
scouting report: Intelligent forward that came alive this season in Brandon, McGauley has smarts and plays a sound positional game, also showed more than capable offensive abilities this season with his good puck handling skills and capable shot.
projected: 3rd Round

75 **name:** Sebastian Aho
position: Defense
team: Skelleftea (SWE)

height: 5'10"
weight: 174 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 41GP, 1-8-9, +10, 14PM
scouting report: A bit undersized at 5'9", but Aho compensates with high hockey smarts and mobility, very smooth and agile skater and makes smart efficient play. Aho is aggressive in his play style and plays much bigger than his size would suggest.
projected: 3rd Round

78 **name:** Yakov Trenin
position: Center / Left Wing
team: Gatineau (QMJHL)

height: 6'2"
weight: 179 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 58GP, 18-49-67, +17, 34PM
scouting report: Skilled, creative, and powerful, Trenin is a highly skilled playmaker with good puck skills and passing ability, and also has a very hard shot in his offensive arsenal. Mixed into a 6'2" frame, Trenin could become a very good offensive weapon in the NHL.
projected: 3rd Round

81 **name:** Felix Sandstrom
position: Goaltender
team: Brynas (SWE-JR)

height: 6'2"
weight: 191 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 14GP, 2.63 GAA, .907 SV%
scouting report: Butterfly goaltender that makes himself look big in net, has decent hand speed but like most Swedish goaltenders is excellent down low and is hard to beat along the ice. Needs to become quicker and control his rebounds to take next step.
projected: 3rd Round

TOP 100 DRAFT RANKINGS: 82-90



82 **name:** Travis Dermott
position: Defense
team: Erie Otters (OHL)

height: 5'11"
weight: 181 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 61GP, 8-37-45, +23, 53PM
scouting report: Highly intelligent two-way defenseman that takes chances when they're presented to him, Dermott very seldom does forces risky plays when they're not there which is a rare trait among young defensemen, shows maturity beyond his years.
projected: 3rd Round

83 **name:** Callahan Burke
position: Center
team: Cedar Rapids (USHL)

height: 5'11"
weight: 183 lbs
handedness: Right
statline: 60GP, 20-20-40, +21, 28PM
scouting report: American center is a natural goal scorer, Callahan Burke isn't tremendously big but has a Zach Parise type aggression to his game which opens up scoring chances for himself, and can bury chances off of turnovers.
projected: 3rd Round

84 **name:** Kyle Capobianco
position: Defense
team: Sudbury (OHL)

height: 6'1"
weight: 170 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 68GP, 10-30-40, -49, 54PM
scouting report: Smart and mobile defenseman, Capobianco was typically one of the better defenseman on a weak Sudbury team on a nightly basis, is a good, fluid skater and possesses good hockey sense, poise, and passing ability.
projected: 3rd Round

85 **name:** Vladimir Tkachev
position: Left Wing
team: Quebec (QMJHL)

height: 5'10"
weight: 154 lbs
handedness: Right
statline: 46GP, 16-33-49, +9, 26PM
scouting report: Light Russian forward that may be somewhat one-dimensional, but Tkachev is explosive and dynamic when at his best, he's a magician with the puck and can do things at remarkably high speeds, needs to bulk up in the worst way though.
projected: 3rd - 4th Round

86 **name:** Alexandre Carrier
position: Defense
team: Gatineau (QMJHL)

height: 5'11"
weight: 168 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 68GP, 12-43-55, +17, 64PM
scouting report: Mobile two-way defenseman that is excellent at reading the play as has great tools offensively, Carrier possesses a bomb of a shot from the point which makes him a valuable powerplay player, and can set up plays with competent playmaking ability.
projected: 3rd - 4th Round

87 **name:** Chris Wilkie
position: Right Wing
team: Tri-City (USHL)

height: 6'0"
weight: 194 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 59GP, 35-20-55, +4, 66PM
scouting report: American winger that is an electric and explosive skater, Wilkie has both great top end speed and agility, and excels as a pure goal scorer. Creates chances for himself on the rush using his speed, quick hands, and accurate shot.
projected: 3rd - 4th Round

88 **name:** Mitchell Stephens
position: Center
team: Saginaw Spirit (OHL)

height: 5'11"
weight: 188 lbs
handedness: Right
statline: 62GP, 22-26-48, -17, 44PM
scouting report: Quick, all-around talented center that has few holes in his game, Stephens possesses very good hands and a capable playmaker, and excels as a goal scorer offensively. Often burns opposing teams when he's left unchecked.
projected: 3rd - 4th Round

89 **name:** Veeti Vainio
position: Defense
team: Blues (FIN-JR)

height: 6'2"
weight: 170 lbs
handedness: Right
statline: 42GP, 13-31-44, +22, 42PM
scouting report: Offensive minded defender that plays with incredibly mobility, Vainio dominated Finland's juniors with his great agility and speed and his offensive vision and playmaking ability, also a capable defensive player and sound positionally.
projected: 3rd - 4th Round

90 **name:** Guillaume Brisebois
position: Defense
team: Acadie-Bathurst (QMJHL)

height: 6'2"
weight: 172 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 63GP, 4-24-28, -40, 34PM
scouting report: Two-way defender with a stronger emphasis on his defensive play, Brisebois is a good skater which helps him maintain his gaps in one-on-one situations, uses his reach and body to separate attackers from the puck, and is also an efficient passer.
projected: 3rd - 4th Round



TOP 100 DRAFT RANKINGS: 91-98

91 **name:** Dennis Gilbert
position: Defense
team: Chicago Steel (USHL)

height: 6'2"
weight: 194 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 59GP, 4-23-27, +2, 89PM
scouting report: Mobile two-way defender that is smart and efficient, Gilbert is not overly flashy but is always consistent in his efforts, very smooth and agile in his skating and shows capable instincts on offense, consistently makes smart plays in all zones.
projected: 3rd - 4th Round

92 **name:** Rihards Bukarts
position: Left Wing
team: Brandon (WHL)

height: 5'10"
weight: 194 lbs
handedness: Right
statline: 62GP, 33-41-74, +21, 16PM
scouting report: Speedy and skilled overager, some teams may find Bukarts worth the risk/reward, he plays a quick game describing his skating, decision making, and hands; natural goal scorer that can score from the outside with a crisp, accurate shot.
projected: 3rd - 4th Round

93 **name:** Nathan Noel
position: Center
team: Saint John (QMJHL)

height: 6'0"
weight: 168 lbs
handedness: Right
statline: 66GP, 24-38-62, E, 61PM
scouting report: Hard-working forward that plays a 200 foot game, Noel is versatile and can be relied on in most situations, also a creative offensive player and playmaker, possesses good hands and puck handling abilities, and can also chip in goals here and there.
projected: 3rd - 4th Round

94 **name:** Lukas Vejdemo
position: Center
team: Djurgarden (SWE-JR)

height: 6'2"
weight: 194 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 34GP, 23-25-48, +28, 51PM
scouting report: Natural goal scoring center, the Swedish Vejdemo is mobile, intelligent, competitive, and creative. Discipline is an issue for Lukas, but Vejdemo possesses an excellent shot that is both hard and accurate, and is dangerous in close.
projected: 3rd - 4th Round

95 **name:** Parker Wotherspoon
position: Defense
team: Tri-City (WHL)

height: 6'0"
weight: 170 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 72GP, 9-33-42, -13, 93PM
scouting report: Mobile and mature two-way defender, Wotherspoon is an excellent skater with a smooth, powerful skating stride, highly poised and possesses good puck skills and passing ability, can skate the puck himself or make a competent breakout pass.
projected: 3rd - 4th Round

96 **name:** Austin Wagner
position: Center / Left Wing
team: Regina Pats (WHL)

height: 6'2"
weight: 182 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 61GP, 20-19-39, +13, 53PM
scouting report: Strong two-way forward that possesses very good skating ability, Wagner is quick, agile, and has explosive acceleration, plays a 3-zone game and is a very intelligent decision-maker, consistently makes smart decisions in all 3 zones.
projected: 3rd - 4th Round

97 **name:** Joni Tuulola
position: Defense
team: HPK (FIN)

height: 6'2"
weight: 172 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 32GP, 5-5-10, -5, 8PM
scouting report: Two-way defender that plays safe and efficient, isn't flashy and doesn't possess a lot of flair, but was a reliable presence playing against men this season in Finland, has a good point shot which becomes responsible for a large number of Tuulola's points.
projected: 3rd - 4th Round

98 **name:** Kay Schweri
position: Right Wing
team: Sherbrooke (QMJHL)

height: 5'10"
weight: 174 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 53GP, 12-56-68, +10, 16PM
scouting report: Possibly one of the best skaters in this draft class, Schweri is dynamically speedy and quick, one scout described him as hard to notice because he's just a blur with his speed, can make plays at a speed most cannot and is very creative in the offensive zone.
projected: 3rd - 4th Round

TOP 100 DRAFT RANKINGS: 99-100



99 **name:** David Kase
position: Center / Left Wing
team: Chomutov (CZE)

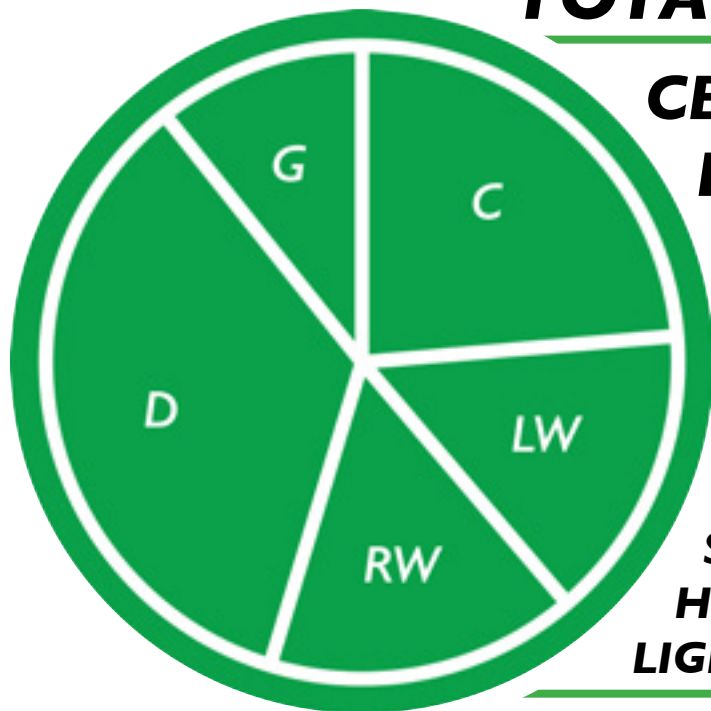
height: 5'9"
weight: 161 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 30GP, 7-7-14, +11, 10PM
scouting report: Slick and skilled Czech forward, Kase is an undersized winger but he's quick, agile, and is a natural goal scorer. Kase possesses good puck skills, smooth hands, and a capable shot, needs to bulk up to play professionally but has intangible skill.
projected: 4th Round

100 **name:** Adin Hill
position: Goaltender
team: Portland (WHL)

height: 6'3"
weight: 185 lbs
handedness: Left
statline: 46GP, 2.81 GAA, .921 SV%
scouting report: Big butterfly goaltender that uses his size well, takes up a lot of the net and is sound in using his angles to his advantage, however Hill is at times guilty of playing too shallow in his crease. If he works on mobility, Hill could be on the right track.
projected: 4th Round

PROSPECT POSITIONAL BREAKDOWN

TOTAL PROSPECTS: 371



CENTERS: 88

LEFT WINGS: 56

RIGHT WINGS: 59

DEFENSEMEN: 128

GOALTENDERS: 40

TALLEST: D Jarret Meyer (6'8")

SHORTEST: RW Liam Finlay (5'7")

HEAVIEST: D Jarret Meyer (246 lbs)

LIGHTEST: RW Liam Finlay (132 lbs)

NA PLAYERS: 241 EU PLAYERS: 130

* POSITIONS BASED ON CENTRAL SCOUTING SERVICE



2015 DRAFT OUTLOOKS: ANA - ARZ

ANAHEIM DUCKS 2015 OUTLOOK



of Picks in Top 91: 3 (27th, 80th, 84th)

2014 Top Selection: LW Nick Ritchie (Round 1, 10th Overall)

Top Prospects: RW Stefan Noesen, LW Nick Ritchie, D Shea Theodore

Under-23 NHL Talent: D Simon Despres, RW Emerson Etem, D Cam Fowler, G John Gibson, D Hampus Lindholm, C Rickard Rakell, LW Jiri Sekac

Organizational Needs: High-end Forward Prospects

1st Round Targets: LW Paul Bittner, C/LW Anthony Beauvillier, LW Jake DeBrusk, RW Denis Guryanov, C Joel Eriksson Ek

Anaheim boasts a prospect pool that is fairly well-rounded, with standouts such as forwards Stefan Noesen, Nick Ritchie and defenseman Shea Theodore headlining their non-NHL prospects. Their under-23 NHL talent contains mostly depth and talent on the blue line, which leads me to believe the team will look to add a forward to their system with their first selection. Anaheim's first pick of the 2015 Draft comes at #27 in Round 1, and I would not be surprised to see the team express interest in forwards Paul Bittner, Anthony Beauvillier, Jake DeBrusk, Denis Guryanov, and Joel Eriksson Ek.

ARIZONA COYOTES 2015 OUTLOOK



of Picks in Top 91: 6 (3rd, 30th, 32nd, 59th, 63rd, 81st)

2014 Top Selection: LW Brendan Perlini (Round 1, 12th Overall)

Top Prospects: LW Max Domi, RW Anthony Duclair, LW Brendan Perlini

Under-23 NHL Talent: D Klas Dahlbeck, D Oliver Ekman-Larsson, D Connor Murphy, RW Tobias Rieder, C Henrik Samuelsson

Organizational Needs: High-end Centers, Defensive Depth

1st Round Targets: D Noah Hanifin, C/RW Mitch Marner, C Dylan Strome, D Matthew Spencer, C Joel Eriksson Ek

Arizona has a plethora of potential impactful NHL-level prospects in their system, headlined by forwards Max Domi, Anthony Duclair, and Brendan Perlini. The under-23 NHL talent contains a mixed bag with stud defenseman Oliver Ekman-Larsson followed by defensemen Klas Dahlbeck, Connor Murphy, and forwards Tobias Rieder. The intrigue of the 2015 Draft mostly begins at the Coyotes' selection in Round 1 at #3, where they have multiple options. The Coyotes could eye an elite center, something they desperately need, with Mitch Marner and Dylan Strome, or another stud defenseman in Noah Hanifin. The possibility of #3 being dealt is also high, and the Coyotes also have an additional Round 1 selection at #30.

2015 DRAFT OUTLOOKS: BOS - BUF



BOSTON BRUINS 2015 OUTLOOK

of Picks in Top 91: 4 (14th, 37th, 75th, 82nd)

2014 Top Selection: RW David Pastrnak (Round 1, 25th Overall)

Top Prospects: C Alex Khokhlachev, D Joe Morrow, G Malcolm Subban

Under-23 NHL Talent: RW Brett Connolly, D Dougie Hamilton,
RW David Pastrnak, C Ryan Spooner

Organizational Needs: Elite Forward, NHL-Potential Defensemen

1st Round Targets: C Travis Konecny, C Kyle Connor, LW/RW Timo Meier,
C/RW Nick Merkley, LW Yevgeni Svechnikov

Boston has a prospect pool that is fairly depleted, with forward Alex Khokhlachev, defenseman Joe Morrow, and goaltender Malcolm Subban headlining the somewhat thin list of prospect depth, but the 2015 Draft could be a great place for the Bruins to restock their cupboards. Their under-23 NHL talent include forwards Brett Connolly, David Pastrnak, Ryan Spooner, and stud defenseman Dougie Hamilton, and while most of Boston's youth is on forward, not many are projected to be high end offensive talents. Boston's first pick comes at #14 in Round 1, and there are many forwards that could fit their need for an elite offensive talent, such as Travis Konecny, Kyle Connor, Timo Meier, Nick Merkley, and Yevgeni Svechnikov.



BUFFALO SABRES 2015 OUTLOOK

of Picks in Top 91: 4 (2nd, 21st, 31st, 51st)

2014 Top Selection: C Sam Reinhart (Round 1, 2nd Overall)

Top Prospects: C/RW Mikhail Grigorenko, D Jake McCabe, C Sam Reinhart

Under-23 NHL Talent: LW Marcus Foligno, C Zemgus Girgensons, LW
Evander Kane, C Johan Larsson, D Rasmus Ristolainen, D Nikita Zadorov

Organizational Needs: Top 6 Forwards, Defensive Depth

1st Round Targets: C Jack Eichel, D Oliver Kylington, C/RW Jeremy Bracco,
RW Brock Boeser, C/RW Colin White

Buffalo's prospect pool has been replenished with plenty of talent over the past couple seasons, and is currently headlined by forwards Mikhail Grigorenko, Sam Reinhart (2014 2nd Overall choice) and defenseman Jake McCabe. Their under-23 NHL talent is pretty loaded, with forwards Marcus Foligno, Zemgus Girgensons, Evander Kane, Johan Larsson, and defensemen Rasmus Ristolainen and Nikita Zadorov populating that group. Everyone knows who the Sabres will select at 2nd Overall, Jack Eichel will be a Buffalo Sabre, but they have another selection at #21 in Round 1 where they could go multiple directions, and I could see the team being interested in Oliver Kylington, Jeremy Bracco, Brock Boeser, and Colin White.



2015 DRAFT OUTLOOKS: CGY - CAR

CALGARY FLAMES 2015 OUTLOOK



of Picks in Top 91: 6 (15th, 45th, 52nd, 53rd, 76th, 83rd)

2014 Top Selection: C Sam Bennett (Round 1, 4th Overall)

Top Prospects: C Sam Bennett, LW Morgan Klimchuk, RW Emile Poirier

Under-23 NHL Talent: LW Michael Ferland, LW Johnny Gaudreau, C Markus Granlund, C Sean Monahan, D Tyler Wotherspoon

Organizational Needs: Top 6 Forwards, Defensive Depth

1st Round Targets: C Travis Konecny, C Kyle Connor, LW/RW Timo Meier, C/RW Nick Merkley, LW Yevgeni Svechnikov, D Jakub Zboril

Calgary has a prospect pool primarily headlined by young forwards, most notably Sam Bennett, Morgan Klimchuk, and Emile Poirier, while the NHL club is much of the same. Their under-23 talent boasts forwards Michael Ferland, Johnny Gaudreau, Markus Granlund, Sean Monahan, and defenseman Tyler Wotherspoon. The most grabbing thing about this list is Calgary could use some young defensive depth in their system, however with their first pick coming at #15 of Round 1, they may be best off going with a forward to complement their existing talent. Targets may include forwards Travis Konecny, Kyle Connor, Timo Meier, Nick Merkley, Yevgeni Svechnikov, and defenseman Jakub Zboril.

CAROLINA HURRICANES 2015 OUTLOOK



of Picks in Top 91: 3 (5th, 35th, 66th)

2014 Top Selection: D Haydyn Fleury (Round 1, 7th Overall)

Top Prospects: D Haydyn Fleury, D Roland McKeown, G Alex Nedeljkovic

Under-23 NHL Talent: D Justin Faulk, C Elias Lindholm, D Ryan Murphy, C Victor Rask, D Rasmus Rissanen, LW Jeff Skinner,

Organizational Needs: Strong 2-Way Forwards, High-End Defensemen

1st Round Targets: D Noah Hanifin, C/RW Mitch Marner, C Dylan Strome, LW Lawson Crouse, D Ivan Provorov

The Hurricanes primarily have a prospect pool boasting their back end, with defensemen Haydyn Fleury, Roland McKeown, and goaltender Alex Nedeljkovic headlining their list of prospects. The under-23 NHL talent is a mixed bag, with defensemen Justin Faulk, Ryan Murphy, Rasmus Rissanen, and forwards Elias Lindholm, Victor Rask, and Jeff Skinner capping off their group of youth. The most immediate need for the Canes seems to be an elite defenseman for Faulk to play with, however they seem to be a team more in a position to go with best player available than others. Possible targets could include defenseman Noah Hanifin, forwards Mitch Marner, Dylan Strome, Lawson Crouse, and defenseman Ivan Provorov.

2015 DRAFT OUTLOOKS: CHI - COL



CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS 2015 OUTLOOK

of Picks in Top 91: 2 (54th, 91st)

2014 Top Selection: C/RW Nick Schmaltz (Round 1, 20th Overall)

Top Prospects: RW Ryan Hartman, D Ville Pokka, C/RW Nick Schmaltz

Under-23 NHL Talent: LW Joakim Nordstrom, LW Brandon Saad, C/RW Andrew Shaw, C Teuvo Teravainen, D Trevor van Riemsdyk

Organizational Needs: Elite Goaltending Prospect, Winger Depth

2nd Round Targets: G Daniel Vladar, G MacKenzie Blackwood, RW Christian Fischer, LW Dennis Yan, C/RW Gabriel Gagne

Chicago has a few gems in their prospect pool, which is headlined by forwards Ryan Hartman, Nick Schmaltz, and defenseman Ville Pokka. The Blackhawks have under-23 NHL talent that is particularly loaded with young forwards, such as Joakim Nordstrom, Brandon Saad, Andrew Shaw, Teuvo Teravainen, as well as defenseman Trevor van Riemsdyk. The Hawks have decent depth on both young forwards and defense, but the one thing they truly lack is an elite goaltending prospect. Furthermore, with the likely departure of players like Patrick Sharp, Chicago may want to restock the cupboards on wing. Their first pick comes at #54 in Round 2, where they could target Daniel Vladar, MacKenzie Blackwood, Christian Fischer, Dennis Yan, or Gabriel Gagne.

COLORADO AVALANCHE 2015 OUTLOOK



of Picks in Top 91: 3 (10th, 40th, 71st)

2014 Top Selection: C Conner Bleackley (Round 1, 23rd Overall)

Top Prospects: D Chris Bigras, C Conner Bleackley, D Duncan Siemens

Under-23 NHL Talent: D Tyson Barrie, C/RW Dennis Everberg, C Joey Hishon, LW Gabriel Landeskog, C Nathan MacKinnon

Organizational Needs: Elite Defensemen, Top 6 Wingers

1st Round Targets: LW Lawson Crouse, D Ivan Provorov, C/LW Pavel Zacha, RW Mikko Rantanen, D Zachary Werenski

Colorado has mostly a mixed bag in their prospect pool, which is headlined by defensemen Chris Bigras, Duncan Siemens, and forward Conner Bleackley. Their under-23 NHL talent features, along with defenseman Tyson Barrie, mostly their core of young forwards, such as Dennis Everberg, Joey Hishon, Gabriel Landeskog, and Nathan MacKinnon. The Avalanche appear to be mostly in need of an elite defenseman to play alongside Tyson Barrie and Erik Johnson, however high end winger would also be a nice grab to play along their young centers. The Avalanche hold the #10 selection in Round 1, where they may target Lawson Crouse, Ivan Provorov, Pavel Zacha, Mikko Rantanen, or Zachary Werenski.



2015 DRAFT OUTLOOKS: CBJ - DAL

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS 2015 OUTLOOK



of Picks in Top 91: 6 (8th, 34th, 38th, 58th, 68th, 69th)

2014 Top Selection: LW Sonny Milano (Round 1, 16th Overall)

Top Prospects: RW Oliver Bjorkstrand, LW Sonny Milano, LW Kerby Rychel

Under-23 NHL Talent: C Marko Dano, C Boone Jenner, C Ryan Johansen, D Ryan Murray, C Alex Wennberg

Organizational Needs: High-end Defensive Prospects, Goal Scorers

1st Round Targets: LW Lawson Crouse, C/LW Pavel Zacha, D Ivan Provorov, RW Mikko Rantanen, D Zachary Werenski

Columbus' prospect pool is loaded with young offensive talent, headlined by forwards Oliver Bjorkstrand, Sonny Milano, and Kerby Rychel, and their NHL roster features much of the same. Their under-23 NHL talent is bolstered by forwards Marko Dano, Boone Jenner, Ryan Johansen, Alex Wennberg, and defenseman Ryan Murray. The Jackets are in desperate need of help on the blue line, and without a doubt are one of the teams in this draft that are looking at the high defenseman. The Jackets sit at #8 overall in Round 1, where they'll likely take aim at Ivan Provorov or Zachary Werenski, however if neither are an option at that point, they could go best player available with Lawson Crouse, Pavel Zacha, or Mikko Rantanen.

DALLAS STARS 2015 OUTLOOK



of Picks in Top 91: 2 (12th, 49th)

2014 Top Selection: D Julius Honka (Round 1, 14th Overall)

Top Prospects: LW Jason Dickinson, D Julius Honka, RW Brett Ritchie

Under-23 NHL Talent: D Jyrki Jokipakka, D John Klingberg, D Patrick Nemeth, LW Valeri Nichushkin, C Tyler Seguin

Organizational Needs: Forward Depth, Offensive Wingers

1st Round Targets: C Travis Konecny, C Kyle Connor, LW/RW Timo Meier, C/RW Nick Merkley, LW Yevgeni Svechnikov

The Stars have a relatively thin pool of prospects which is mostly in part due to the fact that most of their elite young talent is already on the NHL squad. Their pool is most notably headlined by forwards Jason Dickinson, Brett Ritchie, and defenseman Julius Honka. Their under-23 NHL talent is where most of their future is at this point, with defensemen Jyrki Jokipakka, John Klingberg, Patrick Nemeth, and forwards Valeri Nichushkin and Tyler Seguin. The Stars have had pretty steady growth in their defensive prospect pool, which leads me to believe they'll target offensive wingers at their 12th Overall selection in Round 1 with Travis Konecny, Kyle Connor, Timo Meier, Nick Merkley, or Yevgeni Svechnikov.

2015 DRAFT OUTLOOKS: DET - EDM



DETROIT RED WINGS 2015 OUTLOOK



of Picks in Top 91: 2 (19th, 73rd)

2014 Top Selection: C Dylan Larkin (Round 1, 15th Overall)

Top Prospects: C Dylan Larkin, LW Anthony Mantha, RW Teemu Pulkkinen

Under-23 NHL Talent: C Landon Ferraro, RW Tomas Jurco, G Petr Mrazek, C Riley Sheahan

Organizational Needs: Elite Defensive Prospect, Sizable Wings

1st Round Targets: LW Yevgeni Svechnikov, D Jakub Zboril, D Oliver Kylington, D Jeremy Roy, D Brandon Carlo, D Thomas Chabot

Detroit's young talent is fully loaded with good, young forwards, while their prospect pool is stocked with Dylan Larkin, Anthony Mantha, and Teemu Pulkkinen. Their under-23 NHL talent includes more forwards, such as Landon Ferraro, Tomas Jurco, Riley Sheahan, and mixed in is goaltender Petr Mrazek. The Wings hold the #19 pick in Round 1, where they'll likely target a much needed defenseman. It's no secret that Detroit has long sought a right-shooting defenseman, so it'd be surprised if Jeremy Roy isn't their guy, but if he isn't, they could go best player available in someone like Yevgeni Svechnikov, or select one of Jakub Zboril, Oliver Kylington, Brandon Carlo, or Thomas Chabot.

EDMONTON OILERS 2015 OUTLOOK



of Picks in Top 91: 5 (1st, 16th, 33rd, 57th, 79th)

2014 Top Selection: C Leon Draisaitl (Round 1, 3rd Overall)

Top Prospects: C Leon Draisaitl, D Darnell Nurse, RW Tyler Pitlick

Under-23 NHL Talent: LW Taylor Hall, D Oscar Klefbom, D Martin Marincin, C Ryan Nugent-Hopkins, RW Iiro Pakarinen, RW Nail Yakupov

Organizational Needs: Elite Defensemen, Sizable Forwards

1st Round Targets: C Connor McDavid, LW Yevgeni Svechnikov, D Jakub Zboril, D Oliver Kylington, D Jeremy Roy

The Oilers young talent has long been dominated by young, skilled forwards. Their prospect pool is headlined by forwards Leon Draisaitl, Tyler Pitlick, and defenseman Darnell Nurse. Their under-23 NHL talent features some real high end forwards with Taylor Hall, Ryan Nugent-Hopkins, Iiro Pakarinen, and Nail Yakupov, as well as defensemen Oscar Klefbom and Martin Marincin. The Oilers will select Connor McDavid with the 1st Overall pick, that's a slam dunk, but they also hold the #16 pick in Round 1. The priority must be defense, they may like a winger with size at that pick like Yevgeni Svechnikov, but I think they target Jakub Zboril, Oliver Kylington, or Jeremy Roy at #16.



2015 DRAFT OUTLOOKS: FLA - LA



FLORIDA PANTHERS 2015 OUTLOOK

of Picks in Top 91: 3 (11th, 77th, 88th)

2014 Top Selection: D Aaron Ekblad (Round 1, 1st Overall)

Top Prospects: C Rocco Grimaldi, D Mike Matheson, D Ian McCoshen

Under-23 NHL Talent: C Aleksander Barkov, C Nick Bjugstad, LW Jonathan Huberdeau, D Aaron Ekblad

Organizational Needs: Goal Scoring Wingers

1st Round Targets: C/LW Pavel Zacha, RW Mikko Rantanen, C Travis Konecny, C Kyle Connor, LW/RW Timo Meier

The Panthers have a prospect pool that boasts both talent and depth, with forward Rocco Grimaldi and defensemen Mike Matheson and Ian McCoshen headlining the list. Their under-23 NHL talent offers more of the same, with forwards Aleksander Barkov, Nick Bjugstad, Jonathan Huberdeau, and Calder winning defenseman Aaron Ekblad. The Panthers hold the #11 pick in Round 1, and to me appear set on young defense with the aforementioned names. Brandon Pirri was celebrated this season in Florida when he broke out with his great goal scoring ability, and I believe the Panthers will target more of the same at #11 with one of Pavel Zacha, Mikko Rantanen, Travis Konecny, Kyle Connor, or Timo Meier.



LOS ANGELES KINGS 2015 OUTLOOK

of Picks in Top 91: 3 (13th, 43rd, 74th)

2014 Top Selection: C Adrian Kempe (Round 1, 29th Overall)

Top Prospects: D Derek Forbort, C Adrian Kempe, RW Valentin Zykov

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

Organizational Needs: NHL-Potential Defensemen, Left Wing Depth

1st Round Targets: C/LW Pavel Zacha, LW/RW Timo Meier, D Jakub Zboril, D Oliver Kylington

Not surprisingly, the Kings' prospect pool is a bit shallow after years as one of the league's best, with names such as defenseman Derek Forbort and forwards Adrian Kempe and Valentin Zykov leading the pack. There's not much in under-23 NHL talent, but it offers some elite offensive talent in Tanner Pearson, Nick Shore, and Tyler Toffoli. The Kings hold the #13 pick in Round 1, and I would be surprised if they don't use this pick to add a sizable left wing or high end defensive prospect. Targets at #13 may include Pavel Zacha, Timo Meier, Jakub Zboril, or Oliver Kylington.

2015 DRAFT OUTLOOKS: MIN - MTL



MINNESOTA WILD 2015 OUTLOOK



of Picks in Top 91: 2 (20th, 50th)

2014 Top Selection: RW Alex Tuch (Round 1, 18th Overall)

Top Prospects: LW Mario Lucia, D Gustav Olofsson, RW Alex Tuch

Under-23 NHL Talent: D Jonas Brodin, RW Charlie Coyle, D Matt Dumba, C Mikael Granlund, RW Nino Niederreiter, RW Jason Zucker

Organizational Needs: Elite Defensemen, Forward Depth

1st Round Targets: D Oliver Kylington, D Jeremy Roy, RW Brock Boeser, D Brandon Carlo, D Thomas Chabot

Minnesota is a team that's beginning their climb to a cup contender, mostly in part to their talented youth. Their prospect pool feature most notably forwards Mario Lucia, Alex Tuch, and defenseman Gustav Olofsson. Their under-23 NHL talent is where most of their elite players are, with defensemen Jonas Brodin, Matt Dumba, and forwards Charlie Coyle, Mikael Granlund, Nino Niederreiter, and Jason Zucker. The Wild hold the #20 pick in Round 1, where I believe they'll most likely target a defenseman to bolster their back end. They may grab a young winger like Brock Boeser, but I think they eye one of Oliver Kylington, Jeremy Roy, Brandon Carlo, or Thomas Chabot.

MONTREAL CANADIENS 2015 OUTLOOK



of Picks in Top 91: 2 (26th, 87th)

2014 Top Selection: LW Nikita Scherbak (Round 1, 26th Overall)

Top Prospects: RW Mike McCarron, LW Nikita Scherbak, D Jarred Tinordi

Under-23 NHL Talent: D Nathan Beaulieu, C Jacob De La Rose, C Alex Galchenyuk, RW Brendan Gallagher, RW Devante Smith-Pelly

Organizational Needs: High-end Forwards, Defensive Depth

1st Round Targets: D Thomas Chabot, LW Paul Bittner, C/LW Anthony Beauvillier, RW Denis Guryanov, C Joel Eriksson Ek

Montreal has a very deep pool of young players, with their prospect pool headlining most notably forwards Mike McCarron, Nikita Scherbak, and defenseman Jarred Tinordi. Their under-23 NHL talent features mostly forwards, other than defenseman Nathan Beaulieu, with Jacob De La Rose, Alex Galchenyuk, Brendan Gallagher, and Devante Smith-Pelly. With the exception of perhaps Alex Galchenyuk, most of the Habs' forward talent doesn't project to be high end offensive players, and the #26 pick could be a great place to grab that type of forward. They may target defensive depth in Thomas Chabot, but I'd find it more likely that they target Paul Bittner, Anthony Beauvillier, Denis Guryanov, or Joel Eriksson Ek.



2015 DRAFT OUTLOOKS: NSH - NJ

NASHVILLE PREDATORS 2015 OUTLOOK



of Picks in Top 91: 2 (55th, 85th)

2014 Top Selection: LW Kevin Fiala (Round 1, 11th Overall)

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

Under-23 NHL Talent: RW Filip Forsberg, C Calle Jarnkrok, D Seth Jones, C Colton Sissons

Organizational Needs: All-around Forward Depth

2nd Round Targets: LW Dmytro Timashov, RW Christian Fischer, RW Conor Garland, LW Dennis Yan, C/RW Gabriel Gagne

Nashville's youth features a lot of talent and depth, with their prospect pool featuring defenseman Jack Dougherty and forwards Kevin Fiala and Vladislav Kamenev. Their under-23 NHL talent features some real elite young talent, with forwards Filip Forsberg, Calle Jarnkrok, Colton Sissons, and defenseman Seth Jones. The Predators' first pick doesn't come until #55 in Round 2, and considering how set the Preds appear to be on the blue line, i'd be shocked if they don't look to add depth at forwards. Possible 2nd Round targets could be Dmytro Timashov, Christian Fischer, Conor Garland, Dennis Yan, or Gabriel Gagne.

NEW JERSEY DEVILS 2015 OUTLOOK



of Picks in Top 91: 4 (6th, 36th, 41st, 67th)

2014 Top Selection: C John Quenneville (Round 1, 30th Overall)

Top Prospects: LW Reid Boucher, LW Stefan Matteau, D Steve Santini

Under-23 NHL Talent: D Adam Larsson, D Jon Merrill, D Vojtech Mozik, D Damon Severson

Organizational Needs: High-end Forwards

1st Round Targets: C/RW Mitch Marner, LW Lawson Crouse, C Mathew Barzal, C/LW Pavel Zacha, RW Mikko Rantanen

New Jersey's prospect pool and young NHL talent is predominantly stacked up in one position, and that's defense. Their prospect pool is headlined by forwards Reid Boucher, Stefan Matteau, and defenseman Steve Santini. The Devils' under-23 NHL talent is where most of their defensive talent, with every player being a defenseman in a pool of Adam Larsson, Jon Merrill, Vojtech Mozik, and Damon Severson. The Devils hold the #6 pick in Round 1, and need to add offense to their system in the worst way. New Jersey needs a star up front, and #6 is the perfect place to grab it with one of Mitch Marner, Lawson Crouse, Mathew Barzal, Pavel Zacha, or Mikko Rantanen.

2015 DRAFT OUTLOOKS: NYI - NYR



NEW YORK ISLANDERS 2015 OUTLOOK

of Picks in Top 91: 1 (72nd)

2014 Top Selection: C Michael Dal Colle (Round 1, 5th Overall)

Top Prospects: C Michael Dal Colle, C Joshua Ho-Sang, D Ryan Pullock

Under-23 NHL Talent: C Brock Nelson, C/RW Ryan Strome, D Griffin Reinhart

Organizational Needs: Forwards with Offensive Upside

3rd Round Targets: LW/RW Robin Kovacs, LW Ryan Gropp, C Anthony Richard, C/LW Yakov Trenin, LW Andrei Kuzmenko

The Islanders have a relatively young team that is beginning to come into it's own, and their young talent features a lot of talent. Their prospect pool is headlined by forwards Michael Dal Colle, Joshua Ho-Sang, and defenseman Ryan Pullock. Their under-23 NHL talent features three players with very high ceilings in forwards Brock Nelson, Ryan Strome, and defenseman Griffin Reinhart. The Islanders only have one selection in the first 3 Rounds at #72 in Round 3, and considering some of their other assets on the blue line, I feel they will look into forwards with offensive upside. Targets in Round 3 may include Robin Kovacs, Ryan Gropp, Anthony Richard, Yakov Trenin, or Andrei Kuzmenko.



NEW YORK RANGERS 2015 OUTLOOK

of Picks in Top 91: 2 (59th, 89th)

2014 Top Selection: G Brandon Halverson (Round 2, 59th Overall)

Top Prospects: LW Pavel Buchnevich, G Brandon Halverson, D Brady Skjei

Under-23 NHL Talent: LW/RW Jesper Fast, C/RW Kevin Hayes, C/RW J.T. Miller

Organizational Needs: Center and Winger Depth

2nd Round Targets: RW Zachary Senyshyn, C/RW Roope Hintz, C/RW Gabriel Gagne, RW Blake Speers, C Michael Spacek

The Rangers don't have much to offer in terms of young talent after years of trading draft picks, but they have found decent value in the picks they have made. Their prospect pool is headlined by forward Pavel Buchnevich, goaltender Brandon Halverson, and defenseman Brady Skjei, while their under-23 NHL talent features all forwards in Jesper Fast, Kevin Hayes, and J.T. Miller. The Rangers' first pick comes at #59 in Round 2, and considering the status of their blue line, I think the Rangers will persue a forward with that 2nd Round pick. Targets for New York may include Zachary Senyshyn, Roope Hintz, Gabriel Gagne, Blake Speers, or Michael Spacek.



2015 DRAFT OUTLOOKS: OTT - PHI



OTTAWA SENATORS 2015 OUTLOOK

of Picks in Top 91: 3 (18th, 42nd, 48th)

2014 Top Selection: D Andreas Englund (Round 2, 40th Overall)

Top Prospects: D Andreas Englund, LW Nick Paul, LW Shane Prince

Under-23 NHL Talent: D Cody Ceci, C Curtis Lazar, G Robin Lehner, C Jean-Gabriel Pageau, LW Matt Puempel, RW Mark Stone, C Mika Zibanejad

Organizational Needs: Forward Depth, Talented Defensemen

1st Round Targets: D Oliver Kylington, LW Yevgeni Svechnikov, D Jeremy Roy, RW Brock Boeser, C Jansen Harkins

Ottawa's 2015 Playoff Push was mostly a culmination of the growth of their young players. Their prospect pool is headlined by defenseman Andreas Englund and forwards Nick Paul and Shane Prince, but their under-23 NHL talent is stocked with talent and depth with defenseman Cody Ceci, goaltender Robin Lehner, and forwards Curtis Lazar, Jean-Gabriel Pageau, Matt Puempel, Mark Stone, and Mika Zibanejad. The Sens' first pick comes at #18 in Round 1, where I feel they're in a good position to just go best player available. Defense may be a more pressing issue, so Oliver Kylington and Jeremy Roy could be fits, but I could see Ottawa being interested in Yevgeni Svechnikov, Brock Boeser, and Jansen Harkins as well.

PHILADELPHIA FLYERS 2015 OUTLOOK



of Picks in Top 91: 5 (7th, 29th, 61st, 70th, 90th)

2014 Top Selection: D Travis Sanheim (Round 1, 17th Overall)

Top Prospects: D Shayne Gostisbehere, C Scott Laughton, D Samuel Morin

Under-23 NHL Talent: C Nick Cousins, C Sean Couturier, C/LW Brayden Schenn

Organizational Needs: Sizable Forwards, Elite Goaltending Prospect

1st Round Targets: LW Lawson Crouse, C/LW Pavel Zacha, RW Mikko Rantanen, LW Paul Bittner, C Joel Eriksson Ek

The Flyers young talent features mostly defense, as their prospect pool is loaded with NHL potential defenseman with Shayne Gostisbehere, Samuel Morin, and 2014 1st Rounder Travis Sanheim, forward Scott Laughton is also one of Philly's top prospects. Their under-23 NHL talent features all forwards in Nick Cousins, Sean Couturier, and Brayden Schenn. Philadelphia holds the #7 and #29 selections in Round 1, and I think they'll look to add some sizable and elite forwards to their prospect pool. At #7, the Flyers may be interested in Lawson Crouse, Pavel Zacha, and Mikko Rantanen, while targets at #29 may include Paul Bittner and Joel Eriksson Ek.



2015 DRAFT OUTLOOKS: PIT - SJ



PITTSBURGH PENGUINS 2015 OUTLOOK

of Picks in Top 91: 1 (46th)

2014 Top Selection: RW Kasper Kapanen (Round 1, 22nd Overall)

Top Prospects: D Scott Harrington, G Tristan Jarry, RW Kasper Kapanen

Under-23 NHL Talent: RW Beau Bennett, D Brian Dumoulin, D Olli Maatta, D Derrick Pouliot

Organizational Needs: Top 6 Forwards, Winger Depth

2nd Round Targets: C Alex Dergachyov, C Jakob Forsbacka Karlsson, RW Jens Looke, C/RW Jack Roslovic

Pittsburgh has an intriguing group of young talent, it contains not much depth, but a couple players with real high end, elite ceilings. Their prospect pool is headlined by defenseman Scott Harrington, goaltender Tristan Jarry, and the stud of the group, forward Kasper Kapanen. Their under-23 NHL talent features mostly defensemen, with Brian Dumoulin, Olli Maatta, and Derrick Pouliot, as well as forward Beau Bennett. The 2015-16 season looks to be the Penguins' youth movement on defense, and with their first pick at #46 in Round 2, I think they'll eye some depth at forward. Targets for Pittsburgh include Alex Dergachyov, Jaob Forsbacka Karlsson, Jens Looke, and Jack Roslovic.

SAN JOSE SHARKS 2015 OUTLOOK



of Picks in Top 91: 2 (9th, 39th)

2014 Top Selection: RW Nikolay Goldobin (Round 1, 27th Overall)

Top Prospects: D Julius Bergman, C Rourke Chartier, RW Nikolay Goldobin

Under-23 NHL Talent: LW Tomas Hertl, D Mirco Mueller, LW Matt Nieto, C Chris Tierney

Organizational Needs: Forward and Defensemen Depth, Elite Goaltender

1st Round Targets: C Mathew Barzal, D Zachary Werenski, C/LW Pavel Zacha, RW Mikko Rantanen

The Sharks' young talent possesses depth across all positions, with their prospect pool headlined by defenseman Julius Bergman and forwards Rourke Chartier and Nikolay Goldobin. Their under-23 NHL talent is populated with forwards Tomas Hertl, Matt Nieto, Chris Tierney, and defenseman Mirco Mueller. The Sharks first selection comes at #9 in Round 1, where they could go a number of directions, but I feel the most pressing is grab a forward to eventually replace the aging forwards Joe Thornton and Patrick Marleau. Possible targets for San Jose in Round 1 include Mathew Barzal, Zachary Werenski, Pavel Zacha, and Mikko Rantanen.



2015 DRAFT OUTLOOKS: STL - TB



ST. LOUIS BLUES 2015 OUTLOOK

of Picks in Top 91: 2 (56th, 86th)

2014 Top Selection: C Robby Fabbri (Round 1, 21st Overall)

Top Prospects: C/LW Ivan Barbashev, C Robby Fabbri, D Jordan Schmaltz

Under-23 NHL Talent: RW Dmitrij Jaskin, RW Ty Rattie, LW Jaden Schwartz, RW Vladimir Tarasenko

Organizational Needs: Talented Defensive Prospects

2nd Round Targets: D Vladislav Gavrikov, D Ryan Pilon, D Mitchell Van de Sompel, D Gabriel Carlsson, D Jonas Siegenthaler

The Blues' young talent is loaded with offensive players and forwards, with their prospect pool headlined by forwards Ivan Barbashev, Robby Fabbri, and defenseman Jordan Schmaltz. Their under-23 NHL talent contains all forwards with Dmitrij Jaskin, Ty Rattie, Jaden Schwartz, and Vladimir Tarasenko. The Blues don't have a selection until #56 in Round 2, where the most obvious need should be depth on defense. I'd be shocked if St. Louis doesn't target one of Vladislav Gavrikov, Ryan Pilon, Mitchell Van de Sompel, Gabriel Carlsson, or Jonas Siegenthaler in Round 2.



TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING 2015 OUTLOOK

of Picks in Top 91: 3 (28th, 44th, 64th)

2014 Top Selection: D Anthony DeAngelo (Round 1, 19th Overall)

Top Prospects: D Anthony DeAngelo, RW Adam Erne, D Slater Koekkoek

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

Organizational Needs: Two-way Wingers, Defensive Depth

1st Round Targets: LW Paul Bittner, D Matthew Spencer, LW Jake DeBrusk, RW Denis Guryanov

Tampa Bay is a highly talented and young team, and their prospect pool is filled with strong prospects like defensemen Anthony DeAngelo, Slater Koekkoek, and forward Adam Erne. Their under-23 NHL talent features some really elite young players with forwards Jonathan Drouin, Nikita Kucherov, Vladimir Namestnikov, Cedric Paquette, defenseman Nikita Nesterov, and goaltender Andrei Vasilevskiy. With their top prospects being defenseman, I think Tampa targets some young forwards at #28 in this draft. They may look to add depth on defense with Matthew Spencer, but I see Paul Bittner, Jake DeBrusk, and Denis Guryanov as good fits with the Lightning.

2015 DRAFT OUTLOOKS: TOR - VAN



TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS 2015 OUTLOOK

of Picks in Top 91: 3 (4th, 24th, 65th)

2014 Top Selection: RW William Nylander (Round 1, 8th Overall)

Top Prospects: D Matt Finn, C Fredrik Gauthier, RW William Nylander

Under-23 NHL Talent: LW Casey Bailey, RW Zach Hyman,
D Morgan Rielly

Organizational Needs: Elite Center, Two-way Defensemen

1st Round Targets: D Noah Hanifin, C/RW Mitch Marner, C Dylan Strome, D Ivan Provorov, C/RW Colin White, C Jansen Harkins

The Maple Leafs have an average prospect pool, with the headliners being forwards Fredrik Gauthier, William Nylander, and defenseman Matt Finn. Their under-23 NHL talent is thin but has one definite stud in defenseman Morgan Rielly, and he's joined by forwards Casey Bailey and Zach Hyman. This will be a pivotal draft for Toronto in the start of their rebuild, they currently hold two 1st Round picks in #4 and #24. They'll be targeting an elite center and a two-way defender in this draft, and their targets at #4 will most likely be Noah Hanifin, Mitch Marner, Dylan Strome, or Ivan Provorov, while at #24 they may look into Colin White or Jansen Harkins.



VANCOUVER CANUCKS 2015 OUTLOOK

of Picks in Top 91: 1 (23rd)

2014 Top Selection: RW Jake Virtanen (Round 1, 6th Overall)

Top Prospects: G Thatcher Demko, LW Hunter Shinkaruk, RW Jake Virtanen

Under-23 NHL Talent: D Adam Clendening, D Frank Corrado,
C Bo Horvat, C/RW Linden Vey

Organizational Needs: Elite Defensive Prospect

1st Round Targets: D Oliver Kylington, D Jeremy Roy, D Brandon Carlo,
D Thomas Chabot, D Matthew Spencer

The Canucks feature mainly elite forwards in their young talent, with Hunter Shinkaruk, Jake Virtanen, and goaltender Thatcher Demko headlining their prospect pool. Their under-23 NHL talent features more depth at forward with Bo Horvat and Linden Vey, as well as defensemen Adam Clendening and Frank Corrado. Vancouver's first selection in 2015 comes at #23 in Round 1, where I firmly believe they'll target an elite defensive prospect. The Canucks targets at #23 may include Oliver Kylington, Jeremy Roy, Brandon Carlo, Thomas Chabot, or Matthew Spencer.



2015 DRAFT OUTLOOKS: WSH - WPG

WASHINGTON CAPITALS 2015 OUTLOOK



of Picks in Top 91: 2 (22nd, 62nd)

2014 Top Selection: RW Jakub Vrana (Round 1, 13th Overall)

Top Prospects: C/RW Riley Barber, D Madison Bowey, RW Jakub Vrana

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

Organizational Needs: Offensive Forward Prospects, Defensive Depth

1st Round Targets: C/RW Jeremy Bracco, C/RW Colin White, RW Brock Boeser, C Jansen Harkins, RW Denis Guryanov

Washington's young talent is a pretty mixed bag in both play style and position, as their prospect pool is headlined by forwards Riley Barber, Jakub Vrana, and defenseman Madison Bowey. Their under-23 NHL talent is populated entirely by forwards with Andre Burakovsky, Evgeny Kuznetsov, and Tom Wilson. While it may seem like the Caps are thin at defense, with the veterans they currently have on their NHL team, I think they can put off defense as a priority this season and look predominantly at offensive forwards with the #22 pick in Round 1. 1st Round targets for the Capitals may include Jeremy Bracco, Colin White, Brock Boeser, Jansen Harkins, or Denis Guryanov.

WINNIPEG JETS 2015 OUTLOOK



of Picks in Top 91: 4 (17th, 25th, 47th, 78th)

2014 Top Selection: LW Nikolaj Ehlers (Round 1, 9th Overall)

Top Prospects: LW Nikolaj Ehlers, D Josh Morrissey, C Nic Petan











Under-23 NHL Talent: C Adam Lowry, C Mark Scheifele, D Jacob Trouba

Organizational Needs: Top 6 Forwards, Defensive Depth

1st Round Targets: C/RW Nick Merkley, LW Yevgeni Svechnikov, D Oliver Kylington, C/RW Colin White, D Brandon Carlo, LW Paul Bittner



Winnipeg is another team that's beginning their climb up the NHL due to the growth of their young talent, and their prospect pool is highly talented with forwards Nikolaj Ehlers, Nic Petan, and defenseman Josh Morrissey. Their list of under-23 NHL talent may seem small, but again has elite talent in it with forwards Adam Lowry, Mark Scheifele, and defenseman Jacob Trouba. Winnipeg is in an excellent position to go with the best player available at their two 1st Round picks at #17 and #25, where they'll likely target Top 6 forwards and defensive depth. 1st Round targets may include Nick Merkley, Yevgeni Svechnikov, Oliver Kylington, Colin White, Brandon Carlo, and Paul Bittner.

2015 NHL MOCK DRAFT: 1ST ROUND

- 1**  **Connor McDavid, C, Erie (OHL)**
HT / WT: 6'1" / 187 lbs Hand: Left Nationality: Canada
- 2**  **Jack Eichel, C, Boston University (H-EAST)**
HT / WT: 6'2" / 196 lbs Hand: Right Nationality: USA
- 3**  **Mitch Marner, C/RW, London (OHL)**
HT / WT: 5'11" / 164 lbs Hand: Right Nationality: Canada
- 4**  **Noah Hanifin, D, Boston College (H-EAST)**
HT / WT: 6'2" / 205 lbs Hand: Left Nationality: USA
- 5**  **Dylan Strome, C, Erie (OHL)**
HT / WT: 6'3" / 187 lbs Hand: Left Nationality: Canada
- 6**  **Pavel Zacha, C/LW, Sarnia (OHL)**
HT / WT: 6'3" / 210 lbs Hand: Left Nationality: Czech Republic
- 7**  **Lawson Crouse, LW, Kingston (OHL)**
HT / WT: 6'3" / 212 lbs Hand: Left Nationality: Canada
- 8**  **Ivan Provorov, D, Brandon (WHL)**
HT / WT: 6'0" / 200 lbs Hand: Left Nationality: Russia
- 9**  **Mathew Barzal, C, Seattle (WHL)**
HT / WT: 6'0" / 177 lbs Hand: Right Nationality: Canada
- 10**  **Zachary Werenski, D, Uni. of Michigan (BIG 10)**
HT / WT: 6'2" / 214 lbs Hand: Left Nationality: USA



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- 11**  **Mikko Rantanen, RW, TPS (FIN)**
HT / WT: 6'4" / 209 lbs Hand: Left Nationality: Finland
- 12**  **Timo Meier, LW/RW, Halifax (QMJHL)**
HT / WT: 6'0" / 209 lbs Hand: Left Nationality: Switzerland
- 13**  **Jakub Zboril, D, Saint John (QMJHL)**
HT / WT: 6'2" / 185 lbs Hand: Left Nationality: Czech Republic
- 14**  **Kyle Connor, C, Youngstown (USHL)**
HT / WT: 6'1" / 182 lbs Hand: Left Nationality: USA
- 15**  **Travis Konecny, C, Ottawa (OHL)**
HT / WT: 5'10" / 171 lbs Hand: Right Nationality: Canada
- 16**  - via Pittsburgh
Oliver Kylington, D, AIK (SWE)
HT / WT: 6'0" / 174 lbs Hand: Left Nationality: Sweden
- 17**  **Nick Merkley, C/RW, Kelowna (WHL)**
HT / WT: 5'10" / 187 lbs Hand: Right Nationality: Canada
- 18**  **Yevgeni Svechnikov, LW, Cape Breton (QMJHL)**
HT / WT: 6'3" / 205 lbs Hand: Left Nationality: Russia
- 19**  **Jeremy Roy, D, Sherbrooke (QMJHL)**
HT / WT: 6'0" / 182 lbs Hand: Right Nationality: Canada
- 20**  **Thomas Chabot, D, Saint John (QMJHL)**
HT / WT: 6'2" / 179 lbs Hand: Left Nationality: Canada

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- 21**  - via NY Islanders
Jeremy Bracco, C/RW, USA U-18 (USHL)
HT / WT: 5'9" / 172 lbs Hand: Right Nationality: USA
- 22**  **Brock Boeser, RW, Waterloo (USHL)**
HT / WT: 6'1" / 192 lbs Hand: Right Nationality: USA
- 23**  **Brandon Carlo, D, Tri-City (WHL)**
HT / WT: 6'5" / 185 lbs Hand: Right Nationality: USA
- 24**  - via Nashville
Jansen Harkins, C, Prince George (WHL)
HT / WT: 6'1" / 180 lbs Hand: Left Nationality: Canada
- 25**  - via Buffalo, from St. Louis
Colin White, C/RW, USA U-18 (USHL)
HT / WT: 6'0" / 183 lbs Hand: Right Nationality: USA
- 26**  **Anthony Beauvillier, C/LW, Shawinigan (QMHL)**
HT / WT: 5'10" / 181 lbs Hand: Left Nationality: Canada
- 27**  **Paul Bittner, LW, Portland (WHL)**
HT / WT: 6'4" / 202 lbs Hand: Left Nationality: USA
- 28**  - via NY Rangers
Jake DeBrusk, LW, Swift Current (WHL)
HT / WT: 6'0" / 177 lbs Hand: Left Nationality: Canada
- 29**  - via Tampa Bay
Joel Eriksson Ek, C, Farjestad (SWE)
HT / WT: 6'2" / 185 lbs Hand: Left Nationality: Sweden
- 30**  - via Chicago
Matthew Spencer, D, Peterborough (OHL)
HT / WT: 6'2" / 200 lbs Hand: Right Nationality: Canada



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