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Player Rankings – In order

Rank	Name	Birthdate	Team	League	Pos.	Hght	Wght	Notes	NHL Comp
1	McDavid, Connor	Jan 13/97	Erie	OHL	C/L	6.00.75*	195	McDavid is a generational talent that has been under the spotlight since he was 13 years old and has excelled on all of the big stages. An offensive force whenever he touches the ice, he is more natural at setting up teammates with his deft passing ability but will still score his share of goals by using an innate ability to make the most of his opportunities. He has incredible quickness & a hockey IQ that is off the charts. He will instantly create offense in the NHL & might be a better human being than he is a Player and that is the most impressive thing about him.	Combo of Sydney Crosby & Tyler Seguin
2	Eichel, Jack (Fr.)	Oct 28/96	Boston University	H.E.	C/R	6.02*	196	Jack Eichel is an American phenom that excelled as a freshman at Boston University and walked away with the prestigious Hobey Baker Award as the top Player in the NCAA. He combines good size with tremendous quickness and he uses his physical size to ward off defenders and makes plays for his teammates. His defensive game has continued to improve & he will be a big horse at Centre for years to come in Buffalo. Eichel would have gone 1st overall in any Draft in a decade but unfortunately, this year he trails McDavid but nobody else.	Combo of Mike Modano & Ryan Johansen
3	Hanifin, Noah (Fr.)	Jan 25/97	Boston College	H.E.	LD/L	6.02.75*	203	Hanifin is a smooth skating defender that has the ability to jump into the rush and create odd man rushes but still have enough foot speed to get back into the defensive end and take care of his responsibilities. Although he isn't the most physical Player of all time, he showed this year that he will stand up to men as he was a freshman at Boston College and played in all situations. Furthermore, his play as a 17 year old at the World Junior championships showed everybody that he relishes the big stage. He has the overall game to become a 25 minute a night defenseman that every team covets.	Combo of Scott Niedermayer & Keith Yandle
4	Marner, Mitchell	May 05/97	London	OHL	C/R	5.11*	160	The comparisons to Chicago's star, Patrick Kane are inevitable because they both are slightly under-sized offensive machines that had phenomenal careers with the London Knights of the OHL. Marner is a magician with the puck & had the OHL scoring race locked up until the final day of the season when Dylan Strome used a 6 point game to snatch the title. Although he still needs to keep getting stronger, the concerns about Marner's size are overstated and he has shown a willingness go into the dirty areas to make plays & isn't afraid. It shouldn't be overlooked that he came into the OHL as a 1 dimensional offensive star that has evolved into a complete player under the tutelage of Dale Hunter. He has the potential to become a superstar in the NHL and thus he shouldn't get out of the Top 5 at the Draft.	Combo of Patrick Kane and Ryan Nugent-Hopkins
5	Strome, Dylan	Mar 07/97	Erie	OHL	C/L	6.03*	185	Strome led the Ontario Hockey League in scoring this year while playing primarily apart from the all-world McDavid. He is a big, smart centre man that teams all want to build around who possesses tremendous offensive instincts & a very high hockey IQ. His skating is the one area that he has to continue to improve upon as he enters the NHL because he currently lacks that extra gear that will allow him to separate from defenders. He will use his offensive mind to be particularly effective on the PP because he makes the right offensive decision to give his team the best opportunity to score.	Combo of Ron Francis & Joe Thornton

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6	Werenski, Zach (Fr.)	Jul 19/97	Michigan	Big Ten	RD/L	6.02*	206	Zach Werenski decided to play for the legendary Red Berenson at the University of Michigan this past year and quickly showed scouts why he is considered a potential franchise defenseman. He has a very complete game that is accentuated by his good size and quick feet which make him a formidable force in the defensive end. Along with defending in his own end, he has an offensive slant to his game that allows him to become a key guy in providing offense. As the youngest Player ever to play for Red Berenson, he showed incredible maturity for his age and his ceiling is extremely high.	Ryan McDonough
7	Crouse, Lawson	Jun 23/97	Kingston	OHL	LW/L	6.04*	215	Lawson Crouse is a man-child that skates exceptionally well and is comfortable in all 3 zones. "The Sherriff" plays a heavy game and loves to finish his checks and make opponents pay the price on every shift. His offensive game still has to evolve as he isn't naturally gifted as either a scorer or a set up man but he does possess a pro-shot that will serve him well in the NHL. He will however go into the high traffic areas & pay the price in the offensive end. The surprise selection to Team Canada's Gold Medal winning Under 20 Team at Christmas showed that he is the type of player that Coach's love to have in their arsenal.	Combo of Andrew Ladd & Scott Hartnell
8	Rantanen, Mikko	Oct 29/96	TPS Turku	FinE	RW/L	6.03.5*	211	Rantanen is the top Finnish Player in the 2015 Draft and he utilizes that coveted combination of size, skill & offensive ability that teams cherish. He has a long and lean 6'4 frame that he uses to shield the puck from defenders but I'd like to see him use that size more effectively as a physical force. He isn't scared but he could physically dominate opponents when he fills out his body and make him very tough to stop. His skating is good for a big kid and defensively he is aware of his responsibilities.	James VanRiemsdyk
9	Zacha, Pavel	Apr 06/97	Sarnia	OHL	C/L	6.03*	210	Pavel Zacha is an interesting prospect because he is a Czech born player but he possesses a lot of North American traits that teams love. Firstly, as a rookie in the Ontario Hockey League this year, he showed that he would initiate contact willingly and occasionally crossed the line which resulted in a couple significant suspensions. Furthermore, he has shown a team first mentality that the Sarnia Sting loved throughout the year. His biggest strength is his skating and his ability to beat defenders one on one. He has an offensive skill set that is hard to handle and he will become an offensive force as he develops. Like most offensive stars, he still needs work on his defensive game but the heady Czech will add that to his repertoire for whichever team selects him at the Draft.	Combo of Eric Staal & David Backes
10	Provorov, Ivan	Jan 13/97	Brandon	WHL	LD/L	6.00.5*	201	Provorov really burst onto the scene with a fantastic year in Brandon with the Wheat Kings of the Western Hockey League. The Russian defender has shown that he has a very complete game but it is his offensive skill set that has most scouts excited. He makes great passes and can rush the puck when the opportunities present themselves and possesses a big shot from the point on the PP while being solid in his own end. His strength is the completeness of his game but whether he can become a superstar at the NHL level at his size is still to be determined. The natural concerns that NHL teams have had lately about selecting a Russian high in the first round is a moot point with Provorov because he has played in North America his whole career and has shown no inclination to return to Russia.	Tyson Barrie

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11	Barzal, Mathew	May 26/97	Seattle	WHL	C/R	5.11.25*	175	Mathew Barzal came into his NHL Draft year looking like a guaranteed Top 10 pick after having a tremendous rookie season with the Seattle Thunderbirds of the WHL but injuries continually hampered his ability to get into a groove this year but he finished the season off with a fantastic Under 18 Championships for Team Canada. He is very slick offensively and has tremendous vision to find teammates which creates scoring opportunities. Along with his offensive skill set, he has demonstrated that he will play hard consistently and battle physically. In the scouting world, we love to see kids play well at the end of the year and based on his final tournament in Switzerland, he will be highly coveted.	Combo of Kyle Turris & Mike Ribiero
12	Svechnikov, Evgeny	Oct 31/96	Cape Breton	QMJH	RW/L	6.01.75*	199	Svechnikov may cause some teams some consternation because of his citizenship but his overall upside will convince teams that he is worth the risk. We have always thought that he would be more useful as a Centreman and halfway through the 2014/15 season, that change was made with phenomenal results. Svechnikov creates offense through the use of his soft hands and size and strength but when his team doesn't have the puck, he has shown a solid commitment to making sure it stays out of his net. He had an excellent year in Cape Breton and has always maintained that he came to North America to get ready for the NHL and that should make the team that selects him very happy as big offensive Centreman with an ability to defend are rare to find.	Alex Killorn
13	Konecny, Travis	Mar 11/97	Ottawa	OHL	C/R	5.09.75*	175	The former 1st overall pick in the Ontario Hockey League had a year whereby he didn't contribute as much offensively as we all expected but his game took great strides under Jeff Brown. His calling card has always been his intensity & ferocity with which he plays combined with high skill that can bring fans out of their seats. The young captain of the 67's embraced the leadership mantle with his team & propelled a tremendous showing at the BMO NHL/ CHL Top Prospects game into a big finish to the year which should translate into a top 15 selection for this fiery forward.	Combo of Matt Duchesne & Andrew Shaw
14	Kylington, Olivier	May 19/97	Farjestad	SweE	LD/L	6.00*	180	Oliver Kylington has been on the radar of NHL Scouts for a couple years because of his exceptional skating and offensive skills. Unfortunately he went through stretches this season where he was very inconsistent and it has caused a number of teams to become concerned. His calling card in the NHL will be offense and he will use his foot speed to support and occasionally lead the rush. His overall effectiveness will be determined by whether he can become a little more committed in the defensive end but we feel confident that as he gets older and stronger, he will become a solid contributor.	Combo of Erik Karlsson & Kris Letang
15	Bittner, Paul	Nov 04/96	Portland	WHL	LW/L	6.04*	204	Bittner is another big power forward that skates exceptionally well and has above average offensive skills. He is coming out of the "prospect factory" that Portland has become and his game has continued to evolve over the past two years. We'd still like to see him become a little more aggressive & committed defensively but a kid with his size and skating will be very enticing as Teams gather on June 26th. The game has become very fast & his ability to add offense and get in on the fore-check make him a quality prospect.	Chris Kreider

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16	Connor, Kyle	Dec 09/96	Youngs-town	USHL	C/L	6.01*	177	Connor is the top ranked player coming out of the USHL this year because he has combined an ability to score with great quickness for a good sized kid. He loves to challenge defensemen with speed and is shifty enough to make it work for him but he still lacks elite offensive finish. As an offensive catalyst, he has a tendency to avoid the physical play in exchange for making a shifty play but as an NHL player, he will have to add that component to his game. He is scheduled to go to Michigan so his defensive awareness will continue to improve and he will have time to round out his game.	Justin Abdelkaber
17	Merkley, Nick	May 23/97	Kelowna	WHL	C/R	5.10.5*	191	Nick Merkley had a very good year for one of the CHL's best teams in Kelowna but his play at the MasterCard Memorial Cup has scouts buzzing. Despite being slightly under-sized, he has put up big numbers in the WHL and that trend continued at the Memorial Cup where he was very difficult for opponents to handle. He has that pass-first mentality that helps make his teammates better and as he progresses into the professional ranks, his creativity & vision will be rewarded by teammates that can finish his tremendous setups. The game is proving to be more open to smaller creative players and Merkley certainly will benefit from this change in the game.	Bryan Little
18	Bracco, Jeremy	Mar 17/97	USA Under-18	NTDP	RW/R	5.09.25*	173	As a small but highly skilled right winger, the obvious comparison to Patrick Kane is tempting but it is also very apt. Bracco has shown to possess elite offensive skills and makes passes that his teammates aren't expecting because of his vision & patience. He had a solid year with the US under 18 Team and was dynamic on the power play throughout the year. His edge use on his skates is startling and he uses his low centre of gravity and incredible balance to avoid defenders. He still needs to get stronger and play with a little more of an edge but his future lies in his ability to score and he has all of the tools to make that happen.	Patrick Kane
19	Debrusk, Jake	Oct 17/96	Swift Current	WHL	LW/L	5.11.5*	174	The son of former NHL tough guy, Louie Debrusk is another personal favorite of mine. He plays a completely different game than his dad did but he has that same work ethic combined with dynamic offensive abilities. He has that scorer's sense of how to find seams in the offensive end and seems to finish all of his opportunities. Being around the game his whole life has allowed Debrusk to understand the complete game and he uses his quick feet to help his team all over the ice. A "gamer" that can produce while being hard to play against is always appreciated by teams in the NHL.	Ondrej Palat
20	Carlo, Brandon	Nov 29/96	Tri-City	WHL	RD/L	6.05*	196	We are, admittedly, higher on Brandon Carlo than most but we love his combination of size (6.5 ½), foot speed & nastiness. He will never be a huge point producer but he has a good sense for the game and the combination of long levers and a long stick make him a nightmare for opponents to play against. His steady & reliable showing for Team USA at the World Junior Championships caught people's attention and the fact that he is a right shot defender only adds to his value.	Tyler Myers

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21	Roy, Jeremy	May 14/97	Sherbrooke	QMJH	RD/R	6.00*	188	Uses great feet to get himself out of trouble... Deceptively strong... Uses strength well... Can thread passes... Best player on a BAD team last year... Still too soft... Good stick	Justin Faulk
22	Harkins, Jansen	May 23/97	Prince George	WHL	C//L	6.01.25*	182	The son of former NHL'er and current WHL bench boss, Todd Harkins has shown that he has learned from discussions with his dad what it takes to become an effective 200 foot player in today's game. Harkins has a tremendous mind for the game and can be counted on in all 3 zones and although we aren't sold that he will become a prolific scorer, his value on a winning team will be very high. Big, smart Centremen that a coach can rely on are important to teams and that is why the team that selects him will be quite happy in a couple years.	Jay McClement
23	Greenway, Jordan	Feb 16/97	USA Under -18	NTDP	LW/L	6.05*	222	Man-Child... Continues to improve... Shows flashes of nastiness... Long stick...Could become a stud	Patrick Maroon
24	Zboril, Jakub	Feb 21/97	Saint John	GMJH	LD/L	6.00.75 *	184	Offensive guy who jumped out at U-18's... Made the transition to the CHL well... Offensive instincts...Like to see him use his shot more... Crafty passer... Feet are good	Dan Hamhuis
25	Meier, Timo	Oct 08/96	Halifax	QMJH	RW/L	6.01*	209	Good stick skills... Warrior mentality... Skating is the issue, sloppy... Can make plays... Not as big a fan as some	Johan Franzen
26	Sprong, Daniel	Mar 17/97	Charlottetown	QMJH	RW/R	6.00*	180	Really improved as last year progressed... Sonier raves about his skill... Maybe a mini-Ho-Sang... Selfish at times...Needs to become more complete	Tomas Jurco
27	White, Colin	Jan 30/97	USA Under-18	NTDP	RW/R	6.00*	183	Another skilled and smart forward... Had a bumpy year in the program... Showed he is an offensive force but can play a defensive role too... Needs to get stronger	Eric Condra
28	Carlsson, Gabriel	Jan 02/97	Linkoping	SweJE	LD/L	6.04*	183	Big shutdown defender... HUGE wingspan... No offensive upside... Think Uwe Krupp	Simon Despres
29	Chlapik, Filip	Jun 03/97	Charlottetown	QMJH	C/L	6.01*	196	Hard to move off the puck... Shows good chemistry with Sprong... Feet are improving... Undersized power forward... Putting up numbers	David Krejci
30	Samsonov, Ilya	Feb 22/97	Magnitogorsk	RusJr	G/L	6.03*	200	Best goaltender in this year's Draft...Great size...Never gives up on a puck...Will he come over or stay in the KHL?	Pekka Rinne

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31	Roy, Nicolas	Feb 05/97	Chicoutimi	QMJHL	C/R	6.04*	195	Another big Centreman... Needs to keep improving his feet... Smart in all 3 zones... Smart... Still not sure about his offensive upside... Frederik Gauthier Part 2?... Excellent on face-offs	Brandon Sutter
32	Larsson, Jacob	Apr 29/97	Frolunda	SweJE	RD / L	6.02*	191	Smooth defenseman that is good in all 3 zones...Very poised...Makes plays...Never anything flashy	Kevin Klein
33	Roslovic, Jack	Jan 29/97	USA Under-18	USHL	C/R	6.01	183	Has really improved from the start of the year...Using his size and strength much better...Teams are hoping he slides but I can't see it	Jason Pominville
34	Dunn, Vince	Oct 29/96	Niagara	OHL	LD/L	5.11.75*	187	Phenomenal feet... Can skate himself out of trouble... Needs to pay attention to his own end... Tries to do too much at times...Excellent offensive skills	Mike Green
35	Guryanov, Denis	Jun 07/97	Togliatti Lada	RusJr	RW/L	6.02.5*	183	Very talented Russian...Pro shot...Very strong on the puck...High reward/high risk...Would be MUCH higher without the KHL threat	Ales Hemsky
36	Chabot, Thomas	Jan 30/97	Saint John	QMJHL	LD/L	6.01.5*	180	Excellent offensive understanding... Makes great plays with the puck... Puts the puck into the right areas... Still gets outmuscled a lot of the time... Competes... Very lean	Jason Demers
37	Cernak, Erik	May 28/97	Kosice	SvkE	RD/R	6.03.5*	202	Has all of the tools... Undervalued because of his playing in Kosice... Mature beyond his years... Makes plays... I like his hockey IQ... Has really struggled this year at times this year	Alec Martinez
38	Beauvillier, Anthony	Jun 08/29	Shawinigan	QMJHL	LW/L	5.10.25*	173	Plays hard... Combination of offensive skills and grit... Potential NHL captain... Still needs to get stronger... Good hockey sense... Loves to shoot the puck... Quick and agile	TJ Oshie
39	Boeser, Brock	Feb 25/97	Waterloo	USHL	RW/R	6.00.5*	191	Doing it against inferior competition... Has been REALLY good some nights... Smart away from the puck... Going to North Dakota...Not sold as much as others	Teddy Purcell
40	Juulsen, Noah	Apr 02/97	Everett	WHL	RD/R	6.01.5*	174	Phenomenal feet... Not enough O's in smooth for him... Could be stronger in front... Excellent vision... Good PP decisions... Excellent Prospect Game showing	Bryan Campbell
41	Knott, Graham	Jan 13/97	Niagara	OHL	LW/L	6.03.25*	190	Reminds me of Adam Henrique... Does EVERYTHING right on the ice... Will chip in offensively... Kind of kid that coaches love... Parachuted into U18's and played well	Daniel Winnik

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42	Dermott, Travis	Dec 22/96	Erie	OHL	LD/L	5.11.25*	197	Injuries have hurt him a bit... Skilled puck mover... Made the right decisions... Was a key in Erie's playoff run...Got better under Jay McKee	Torey Krugg
43	Fischer, Christian	Apr 15/97	USA Under-18	NTDP	C/R	6.01*	212	Big power forward... Still could get meaner... Needs leg strength... Long tricky stick	Michael Frolik
44	Pilon, Ryan	Oct 10/96	Brandon	WHL	LD/L	6.02*	206	We were concerned about character because of leaving Lethbridge but all reports are now positive... Does a lot of little things well... Understated is the word our WHL guy uses... Strong but not mean... Needs to be harder to play against	Matt Finn
45	Ek Eriksson, Joel	Jan 29/97	Farjestad	SweJE	C / L	6.01.75*	180	Had a great Under 18...I'm not as sold on his offense as he showed late in the year...His Dad has passed on hockey IQ...Not nearly as high on him as most	Combo of Joel Ward & John Mitchell
46	Yan, Denis	Apr 14/97	Shawinigan	QMJHL	LW / L	6.01.25*	180	Phenomenal talent...Plays on the perimeter way too much...Great individual skills...Will score but needs to get more involved	Combo of Alex Semin & Tomas Vanek
47	Senyshyn, Zachary	Mar 30/97	S.S. Marie	OHL	RW/R	6.01*	192	Kid can FLY... Great feet that he uses effectively... I REALLY like him... A lot stronger than he looks... Hidden gem... He is Brendan Perlini without the pure finish but he drives to the net harder... Tremendous physical specimen with big power	Combo of Chris Kreider & Brendan Perlini
48	Forsbacka Karlsson, Jakob	Oct 31/96	Omaha	USHL	C/R	6.01	185	Big body that hasn't been able to score in the USHL so don't expect it in Pro...3rd line guy but has an overall solid game...Does a lot of little things well	Jarret Stoll
49	Dergachev, Alexander	Sep 27/96	St. Petersburg	RusJr	RW/L	6.04*	200	Excellent in Super Series... Big horse... Defensively is OK... Tricky stick..Power forward with skill	Drew Stafford
50	Wagner, Austin	Jun 23/97	Regina	WHL	LW/L	6.01*	178	Speed, speed, and more speed... Dangerous on the PK... Attacks defenders... Not naturally gifted with the puck... Reminds me of Tommy Wingels... Getting better every month	Carl Hagelin
51	Blackwood, Mackenzie	Dec 09/96	Barrie	OHL	G/L	6.04*	215	Takes up a lot of the net... Keeps his shoulders and torso high in the butterfly... Calm in the net, poised... Loses puck in traffic at times	
52	Hintz, Roope	Nov 17/96	Ilves	FinE	C/L	6.02.5*	185	A big body that has good feet...Don't expect a lot of offense from him...Played solid in the WJC's for Finland	

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54	Looke, Jens	Apr 11/97	Brynas	SweE	LW/R	6.00.5*	180	Very slick... Like him as a Centreman... Great feet... Makes deft passes... Creates offense for his line mates	
55	Aho, Sebastian	Jul 26/97	Karpat	FinE	RW/L	5.11.25*	172	Slippery... Uses his agility well... Needs to engage physically more... Looks good against his peer group but needs to evolve against men... Will be a great Euro pick for CHL	
56	Musil, Adam	Mar 26/97	Red Deer	WHL	C/RW /R	6.02.75*	202	Doesn't do anything flashy but is solid all around...Feet are good for a big kid... Not afraid at all... Limited offensive upside... From a hockey family... Drives HARD to the net	
57	Meloche, Nicolas	Jul 18/97	Baie-Comeau	QMJHL	RD/R	6.02.5*	204	Steady with a big body... Heavy shot... Uses his stick well... Knows to keep it simple... Showing some real toughness... Hard to play against... Rising	
58	Speers, Blake	Jan 02/97	S.S. Marie	OHL	C/R	5.11*	181	Very quick and explosive... Creates offense... Keefe has been good for him... Showing a pro shot... His size is an issue... Great offensive start to the year... I like him eventually as a Centreman	
59	Vande Sompel, Mitchell	Feb 11/97	Oshawa	OHL	LD/L	5.10*	182	Pretty slick... Good ability to read offensively... Feet are good... Still needs to get bigger and stronger...Is he a D or a forward? Very poised but size is a concern	
60	Ahl, Filip	Jun 12/97	HV71	SweJE	LW / L	6.03.25*	211	Uses his size & strength to get to the net...Excellent hand-eye coordination...Indifferent play at times	
61	Spacek, Michael	Apr 09/97	Pardubice	CzeJr	RW/R	5.11*	187	Excellent skills... Offensively talented... Smart defensively.. Good body position.. Risky turnovers at times	
62	Malgin, Denis	Jan 18/97	Zurich ZSC	SuiA	C/R	5.08*	163	Very slick... Hard to contain one on one... Deceptively strong... Good on wall... Cheats	
63	Siegenthaler, Jonas	May 06/97	Zurich ZSC	SuiA	LD/L	6.02.5*	220	Monster to play against... Strong... Not great puck skills... I'd like to see him play in North America	
64	Vladar, Daniel	Aug 20/97	Kladino	CzeJr	G/L	6.05.25*	185	Very impressive... Has played well internationally... Technically sound... Is he a puck blocker?	
65	Capobianco, Kyle	Aug 13/97	Sudbury	OHL	LD/L	6.01*	178	Doesn't battle physically... Offensive instincts... Tough situation is SBY... Learned to join the rush... Needs strength...High IQ	

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66	Gropp, Ryan	Sep 16/96	Seattle	WHL	LW/L	6.02*	187	Offensive guy... Good size... Like to see him go into dirty areas more... Good size... Could use his strength more	
67	Guhle, Brendan	Jul 29/97	Prince Albert	WHL	LD/L	6.01.75*	184	Solid foot speed... Was very good at the end of 2013/14 season... Becoming better in his own end... Prone to bad giveaways... Very smooth... Love his ability to make up for errors with foot speed	
68	Nattinen, Julius	Jan 14/97	JYP Jyvaskyla	FinE	C/L	6.01.75*	191	Has played well internationally for Finland... Continues to grow... Quick release... Loves to shoot	
69	Gagne, Gabriel	Nov 11/97	Victoriaville	QMJHL	RW/ R	6.04.75*	186	Big solid winger... Huge strides since last year... Rising... Overpowers guys	
70	Novak, Thomas	Apr 28/97	Waterloo	USHL	C/LW / L	6	181	Lit up the Minnesota High School league before going to Waterloo this year.....Had a big Ivan Hlinka...One way guy that needs to become better defensively...Going to University of Minnesota	
71	Wotherspoon, Parker	Aug 24/97	Tri-City	WHL	LD/L	6.00.25 *	171	Was a surprise selection to Canada U18...Played well...Bit of a tweener...Won't score a lot but is good in his own end	
72	Saarela, Aleksi	Jan 07/97	Assat	FinE	C/L	5.10.5*	198	Very slick Centreman... Offensively gifted... Very strong despite his size... Relatively responsible... Got better as year progressed	
73	Brisebois, Guillaume	Jul 21/97	Acadie-Bath	QMJHL	LD/L	6.01.75*	175	Very smooth feet... Will use agility to escape trouble... Nothing great but everything good... Really improving	
74	Kielly, Kameron	Dec 13/96	Charlottetown	QMJHL	C/R	6.00*	180	Does everything right... Leaps and bounds from last year... East Coast guy loves him... Smart... Wants to be a player	
75	Andersson, Rasmus	Oct 27/96	Barrie	OHL	LD/R	6.00*	212	Very gifted skater... Showed some surprising nastiness... Skilled at moving the puck... Gives up blue line too easily... Good PP decisions... Adapted well...Looks heavy	
76	Timashov, Dmytro	Oct 1/96	Quebec	QMJHL	LW/L	5.08*	187	Offensive dynamo that creates offense...Can he survive at that size	
77	Spencer, Matthew	Mar 24/97	Peterborough	OHL	RD/R	6.01.5*	203	Had a disappointing year...Showed some flashes but I kept wanting more...What is he? Good overall but nothing great	

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78	Platonov, Alexei	Jan 20/97	Mytischi Atlant	RusJr	LD/L	6.04.5*	207	Potential is the operative word for this monster... Size and strength are key assets... Has some surprising offensive upside... Bomb from the point	
79	Trenin, Yakov	Jan 13/97	Gatineau	QMJHL	LW/L	6.01.75*	194	Big strong power forward... Good stick... Looks soft at times... Loves to dangle... Awful feet... REALLY struggled at Prospects game... Can't get there on the fore-check	
80	Stephens, Mitchell	Feb 05/97	Saginaw	OHL	C/R W/R	5.11.25*	188	Growing... Has gotten stronger... Will never score a lot at the NHL level... Good away from the puck... Quick to loose pucks	
81	Forsberg, Fredrik	Dec 12/96	Leksand	SweJE	C/R	6.00*	174	Dynamic guy... Has elite skills... Should be better than he has shown... Thought he would be a surefire 1st rounder 2 years ago... Slick	
82	Foley, Erik	Jun 30/97	Cedar Rapids	USHL	LW/L	5.11.5*	185	Had a great year in the USHL...Not big but battles for pucks and scoring chances...We aren't sold he translates to the NHL very well	
83	Booth, Callum	May 21/97	Québec	QMJHL	G / L	6.02.75*	199	Despite being a back-up he has a bright future...Excellent technical skills...Takes up a lot of net	
84	Bear, Ethan	Jun 26/97	Seattle	WHL	RD/R	5.10.5*	200	Seidel really likes him...Played well for Team Canada...Strong core...Needs to add some nastiness	
85	Sideroff, Deven	Apr 14/97	Kamloops	WHL	RW/ R	5.11	183	Lacks pro size but does a lot of things right...Western scout loves his hockey IQ...I think he has some more offense than he has shown	
86	Lauzon, Jeremy	Apr 28/97	Rouyn-Noranda	QMJH	LD/L	6.01.75*	193	Personal favorite of ours...Not highly talked about...Good mix of nastiness that keeps opponents honest	
87	Kaprizov, Kirill	Apr 26/97	Novokuznetsk	KHL	LW/L	5.10*	181	Very smart Player that showed he could play with men all year...Creative but puts the puck into the right areas	
88	Cotton, David	Jul 09/97	Cushing Academy	NEDI	C/L	6.02.25*	200	Committed to BC...Came out of nowhere this year...Needs leg strength...Intriguing newcomer	
89	Martenet, Chris	Sep 25/96	London	OHL	LD/L	6.07*	198	Really came on... Took a while to adapt to the OHL... Is a long term project... Has high panic threshold... Makes plays...Really struggled in playoffs	

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90	Noel, Nathan	Jun 21/97	Saint John	QMJHL	C/R	5.10.75*	172	Skilled, pretty slick... Find seams to pass the puck... Quick release... Game hasn't taken the next step... Highly touted... Still gets pushed off the puck... Dropping since November	
91	Montembeault, Samuel	Oct 30/96	Blainville-Broisbriand	QMJHL	G/L	6.02.5*	173	Long and lean... Too much puck blocking... Reminds me of Niagara's Brent Moran... Good rebound control	
92	Makitalo, Petter	Oct 22/96	Skelleftea	SweJE	LW/R	5.11.5*	180	Pretty skilled... Competes hard... Solid CHL player if he came over... Stronger than he looks	
93	Schemitsch, Thomas	Oct 26/96	Owen Sound	OHL	RD/R	6.03*	205	Getting better... Not a lot of flair... Decisions are solid...Should get much better	
94	Greer, A.J. (Fr.)	Dec 14/96	Boston University	H.E.	LW/L	6.03*	205	Big kid that had a solid freshman year at BU...Pro size...Worth a draft to see how he develops	
95	Karnaukhov, Pavel	Mar 15/97	Calgary	WHL	C/L	6.02.5*	194	Came into the WHL with big expectations...Was impressive some nights but poor on other viewings...Has good upside..	
96	Boka, Nick	Sep 08/97	USA Under-18	NTDP	RD/R	6.00.25*	197	Strong thick kid... Good feet for is size.. Never going to be a huge offensive guy... Plays hard.. Tries to scare opponents... Tougher than he is able to show	
97	Evers, Christian	May 25/97	USA Under-18	NTDP	LD/L	6.01.75*	206	Solid player... Continues to evolve from his Minor Hockey days... LDN is pushing hard... Moves the puck effectively... Not flashy but no real deficiencies	
98	Lizotte, Cameron	Aug 24/97	Peterborough	OHL	LD/L	6.02*	198	Plays incredibly hard...Will hit, fight & block shots...Under-rated...	
99	Kase, David	Jan 28/97	Pirati	CzeD	C/LW/R	5.10*	169	Smallish but very skilled...Captained the Czech team...Coach's rave about him...Got pushed off the puck at times	
100	White, Colton	May 03/97	S.S. Marie	OHL	LD/L	6.00*	182	Feet are good... Plays smaller than his size... Being overshadowed by Bourraman... Good first pass... Poor man's Chris Bigras	
101	Soustal, Tomas	Feb 15/97	Kelowna	WHL	C/R	6.02*	195	Excellent feet with a very big frame...Got better as the year progressed...Will never score a lot	

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102	Blaisdell, Doug	Feb 20/97	Kitchener	OHL	LD/L	6.02.25*	209	Hasn't developed as much as we would have liked... Pretty solid... Decent USA Prospect Game	
103	Kolesar, Keegan	Apr 8/97	Seattle	WHL	RW/R	6.02	215	Love his feistiness...Plays the game hard...Plays like a power forward...Lacks quickness	
104	McNiven, Michael	Jul 09/97	Owen Sound	OHL	G/L	6.00.75*	221	Wasn't tested very often... Got caught deep... Solid but not flashy... Not as big an NHL prospect as some suggest... Looks a little small in the net... Getting better... Receiving some good coaching... Is a goalie and not a puck blocker which is what I like	
105	McFadden Garrett	Aug 21/97	Guelph	OHL	LW/L	5.10.5*	180	Smallish but puck possession defender...barely played in his rookie year so this was his first real year...Manages the puck well	
106	Reddekop, Chaz	Jan 01/97	Victoria	WHL	LD/L	6.03.25*	219	Physically imposing...Lacks initial quickness but ok once he gets moving...Will be a defensive D...A Project	
107	Kovacs, Robin	Nov 16/96	AIK IF	SweAI	RW/L	6.00*	172	Skates like his hair is on fire...Needs his mind & hands to work as quick as his feet...Plays aggressive	
108	Jasek, Lukas	Aug 28/97	Trinec	CzeE	LW/R	5.11.25*	165	Pretty tricky... Scores... Quick release... Hangs onto puck too long at times	
109	Richard, Anthony	Dec 20/96	Val-d'Or	QMJHL	LC/L	5.10*	170	Was an offensive catalyst for the Foreurs...QB on the PP and made good decisions...Is he big and strong enough?	
110	Rykov, Yegor	Apr 14/97	SKA St. Petersburg	MHL	LD/L	6.02*	205	Has played very well for Russia...Gets up and down the ice very well...Little bit perimeter	
111	Volkov, Artyom	Apr 25/97	Balashikha HC MV	RusJr	D/R	6.01*	189	Has grown since last year... Gotten much stronger... Mobility is very good... Agile... Clever plays, rising	
112	Gawdin, Glenn	Mar 25/97	Swift Current	WHL	C/R W/R	6.00.5*	191	Character kid... Goes into traffic... Bit of a tweener in not offensively gifted or tough... Surprised he was a CHL Top Prospect invite... Has improved	
113	Tammela, Jonne	Aug 5/97	Kaalpa	Liiga	RW/R	5.11*	185	Average year but a great Under 18...Typical Finn in that he battles hard...Reminds me of Henri Ikonen	

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114	Soy, Tyler	Feb 10/97	Victoria	WHL	LC/L	6.01*	177	Needs to get stronger...Played a key part for Victoria all year...Heady Centreman	
115	Garland, Connor	Mar 11/96	Moncton	QMJHL	RW/R	5.08	165	Already through one year but phenomenal this year...Size is a concern but incredible offense	
116	Strand, Austin	Feb 17/97	Red Deer	WHL	RD/R	6.03.25*	194	Big body defender...Was off the radar to start the year...Blocks out well...Good first pass but not much offensive skill	
117	Pilipenko, Kirill	Sep 23/96	Balashikha HC MV	RusJr	RW/L	5.11*	194	Excellent offensive mind...Makes plays...Will be tough because he lacks a separation gear...Tricky stick	
118	Aho, Sebastian	Feb 17/96	Skelleftea	SweE	LD/L	5.09.25*	165	The "other" Sebastian Aho...Should have been selected last year...Highly skilled...Worth a pick	
119	Cirelli, Anthony	Jul 15/97	Oshawa	OHL	C/L	5.11.5*	160	Feel good story after walk in with Memorial Cup champs...Scored some big goals...Great work ethic...Teammates love him	
120	Opílka, Luke	Feb 27/97	USA Under-18	NTDP	G/L	6.01*	192	Big body goaltender...Excellent with both hands...Works hard...Athletic	
121	Vainio, Veeto	Jun 16/97	Blues	Liiga	D/R	6.02	170		
122	Bell, Jason	Apr 26/97	Cape Breton	QMJHL	LD / L	6.02*	188		
123	Bondra, Radovan	Jan 27/97	Kosice	SvkE	RW/L	6.05.25*	220		
124	Warren, Brendan	May 07/97	USA Under-18	NTDP	LW/L	6.00.25*	191		
125	Tretyak, Maxim	Oct 22/96	CSKA Moscow	RusJr	G/L	6.03*	203		

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126	Askew, Cameron	May 13/97	Moncton	QMJHL	C/R	6.02.25*	203		
127	Reilly, William	Jul 23/97	North York	OJHL	RD/R	6.02*	187		
128	Tkachev, Vladimir	Oct 05/95	Québec	QMJH	LW/R	5.09.5*	144		
129	Suter, Pius	May 24/96	Guelph	OHL	C/L	5.11*	165		
130	Zorko, Luka	Feb 27/97	Mytischi	RusJr	LD/L	6.05*	205		
131	Lemcke, Justin	Feb 13/97	Belleville	OHL	RD/R	6.02.25*	200		
132	Hughes, Cameron (Fr.)	Oct 09/96	Wisconsin	Big Ten	LW/L	5.10.75*	144		
133	Ruuskanen, Waltteri	Jul 23/97	Kuopio	FinJrA	RD / R	6.03.5	180		
134	Carrier, Alexandre	Oct 08/96	Gatineau	QMJH	RD/R	5.11*	174		
135	Gabriele, Grant	Apr 17/97	USA Under-18	NTDP	RD/R	6.00.75*	167		
136	Bouramman, Gustav	Jan 24/97	S.S. Marie	OHL	LD/R	5.11.25*	184		
137	Vladimirov, Artyom	Mar 04/97	Peterborough	OHL	LD/L	6.02.75*	212		

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138	Gavrikov, Vladislav	Nov 21/95	Yaroslavl	RusJr	LD/L	6.02.5*	205		
139	Parsells, Adam	Jan 03/97	Wausau W	WI-HS	LD/L	6.05.5*	192		
140	Betz, Nick	Jul 18/97	Erie	OHL	RW/R	6.04.25*	220		
141	Radke, Roy	Dec 10/96	Barrie	OHL	C/RW /R	6.02.5*	203		
142	Impose, Auguste	Jun 18/97	Geneve	SuiJA	RW/L	5.09.75*	180		
143	Pavlychev, Nikita	Mar 23/97	Des Moines	USHL	F/L	6.07*	200		
144	Cecconi, Joseph	May 23/97	Muskegon	USHL	RD/R	6.02.25*	209		
145	Thompson, Will	Jul 02/97	Charlottetown	QMJHL	RD/R	6.00.5*	183		
146	Moynihan, Connor	Jul 20/97	Halifax	QMJHL	LW/L	6.03.75*	211		
147	Schmalz, Matt	Mar 21/96	Sudbury	OHL	C/R	6.06*	209		
148	Salituro, Dante	Nov 15/96	Ottawa	OHL	C/R	5.08.25*	178		
149	Nazarkin, Yevengy	Oct 21/96	Chelyabinsk	RusJr	LD/L	6.03*	205		

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150	Gates, Brent	Aug 12/97	Green Bay	USHL	C/L	6.01.75*	196		
151	Gilbert, Dennis	Oct 30/96	Chicago	USHL	LD/L	6.02.25*	201		
152	Jones, Caleb	Jun 06/97	USA Under-18	NTDP	LD/L	5.11.75*	194		
153	Franzen, Gustaf	Sep 22/96	Kitchener	OHL	LW/R	5.10.75*	173		
154	Sandstom, Felix	Jan 12/97	Brynas	SweJE	G/L	6.02*	191		
155	Texeira, Keoni	Mar 24/97	Portland	WHL	LD/L	5.11.75*	208		
156	Artemov, Artem	Jan 17/97	Saginaw	OHL	RW/R	5.10.5*	200		
157	Luff, Matt	May 05/97	Belleville	OHL	RW/R	6.01.5*	179		
158	Byakin, Mikhail	Feb 08/97	CSKA Moscow	RusJr	C/R	5.09.25*	156		
159	Henley, David	Mar 13/97	Charlottetown	QMJHL	LD/L	6.04.5*	203		
160	Bruce, Riley	Jul 16/97	North Bay	OHL	RD/R	6.06*	205		
161	Myllari, Kris	Feb 05/97	Youngstown	USHL	LD/L	6.02*	193		

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162	Davis, Kevin	Mar 14/97	Everett	WHL	RD/R	5.11.75*	183		
163	Galipeau, Olivier	May 22/97	Val-d'Or	QMJHL	LD/L	6.00.5*	202		
164	Simpson, Mark	Apr 24/95	Acadie-Bathurst	QMJHL	C/L	6.05.25*	189		
165	Azar, Nick	Jan 13/97	Honeybaked	HPMaj	LD/L	6.03*	201		
166	Morrison, Brad	Jan 04/97	Prince George	WHL	C/L	5.11.5*	154		
167	Myers, Philippe	Jan 25/97	Rouyn-Noranda	QMJHL	RD/R	6.04.75*	196		
168	Lindberg, Brandon	Sep 24/96	Sarnia	OHL	C/L	6.00.5*	205		
169	Hill, Aiden	May 11/96	Portland	WHL	G/L	6.03.5*	198		
170	Stevens, Luke	Feb 11/97	Noble and Greenough	NEDI	LW/L	6.03.75*	184		
171	Bethune, Jared	Jan 20/97	Prince George	WHL	LW/LW	6.00*	174		
172	Olsson, Sebastian	Mar 4/97	Skelleftea	SHL	LW/L	5.10*	175		
173	McCool, Hayden	Apr 11/97	Windsor	OHL	LW/L	6.03*	200		

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174	Olson, Tate	Mar 21/97	Prince George	WHL	LD/L	6.02.25*	174		
175	McBride, Nick	Jan 1197	Prince Albert	WHL	G/L	6.03.5*	179		
176	Tomek, Matej	May 24/97	Topeka	NAHL	G/L	6.03*	180		
177	McKenzie, Brett	Mar 12/97	North Bay	OHL	C/L	6.01.75	190		
178	Henley, Troy	Jan 13/97	Ottawa	OHL	RD / R	5.11.25*	194		
179	Godla, Denis	Apr 04/97	Orange	SvkE	G/L	5.11*	176		
180	Olhaver, Gustav	Jul 03/97	Rogle	SweJE	C/L	6.06*	213		
181	Marody, Cooper	Dec 20/96	Sioux Falls	USHL	C/R	6.00.25*	173		
182	Webster, Bailey	Sep 08/97	Saint John	QMJHL	RD/R	6.03*	210		
183	Dove-McFalls, Samuel	Apr 10/97	Saint John	QMJHL	LW/L	6.02*	207		
184	Lindgren, Jesper	May 19/97	Modo	Swe18	RD/R	6.00*	161		
185	Addison, Jeremiah	Oct 21/96	Ottawa	OHL	RW/L	5.11.75*	182		

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186	Fontana, Colin	Oct 09/96	Lugano	SuiJA	RD/L	6.07*	189		
187	Bednard, Ryan	Mar 31/97	Johnstown	NAHL	G/L	6.03.75*	179		
188	Schlichting, Connor	May 17/97	Sarnia	OHL	LD/L	6.03.25*	207		
189	Joseph, Mathieu	Feb 9/97	Saint John	QMJHL	LD/L	6.01*	172		
190	Bales, Jackson	Aug 28/97	Oakville	OJHL	C/R	6.00.5*	169		
191	Sidorocv, Mikhail	Jun 26/97	Loko-Junior	MHL2	RD/R	6.00*	183		
192	Pawlenchuk, Grayson	Mar 22/97	Red Deer	WHL	C/LW/L	5.11.25*	183		
193	Osipov, Dmitry	Oct 04/96	Vancouver	WHL	RD/R	6.04*	193		
194	Pearson, Chase	Aug 23/97	Youngstown	USHL	LW/L	6.02*	189		
195	Chebykin, Nikolai	Aug 01/97	Balashikha HC	RusJr	F/R	6.03.5*	196		
196	Tuulola, Joni	Jan 01/96	HPK	FinJrA	LD/L	6.02.5*	180		
197	Marsh, Adam	Aug 22/97	Saint John	QMJH	LW/L	6.00*	160		
198	Huska, Adam	May 12/97	Green Bay	USHL	G/L	6.03.25*	189		
199	Becker, Jack	Jun 24/97	Mahtomedi	MN-HS	C/R	6.03*	188		
200	Foulem, Frederic	Jul 15/97	Shattuck	MN-HS	C/L	6.00.5*	189		

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185	Addison, Jeremiah	Oct 21/96	Ottawa	OHL	RW/L	5.11.75*	182		
60	Ahl, Filip	Jun 12/97	HV71	SweJE	LW / L	6.03.25*	211	Uses his size & strength to get to the net...Excellent hand-eye coordination.....Indifferent play at times	
55	Aho, Sebastian	Jul 26/97	Karpat	FinE	RW/L	5.11.25*	172	Slippery... Uses his agility well... Needs to engage physically more... Looks good against his peer group but needs to evolve against men... Will be a great Euro pick for CHL	
118	Aho, Sebastian	Feb 17/96	Skelleftea	SweE	LD/L	5.09.25*	165	The "other" Sebastian Aho...Should have been selected last year...Highly skilled...Worth a pick	
75	Andersson, Rasmus	Oct 27/96	Barrie	OHL	LD/R	6.00*	212	Very gifted skater... Showed some surprising nastiness... Skilled at moving the puck... Gives up blue line too easily... Good PP decisions... Adapted well...Looks heavy	
156	Artemov, Artem	Jan 17/97	Saginaw	OHL	RW/R	5.10.5*	200		
126	Askew, Cameron	May 13/97	Moncton	QMJHL	C/R	6.02.25*	203		
165	Azar, Nick	Jan 13/97	Honeybaked	HPMaj	LD/L	6.03*	201		
190	Bales, Jackson	Aug 28/97	Oakville	OJHL	C/R	6.00.5*	169		
11	Barzal, Mathew	May 26.97	Seattle	WHL	C/R	5.11.25*	175	Mathew Barzal came into his NHL Draft year looking like a guaranteed Top 10 pick after having a tremendous rookie season with the Seattle Thunderbirds of the WHL but injuries continually hampered his ability to get into a groove this year but he finished the season off with a fantastic Under 18 Championships for Team Canada. He is very slick offensively and has tremendous vision to find teammates which creates scoring opportunities. Along with his offensive skill set, he has demonstrated that he will play hard consistently and battle physically. In the scouting world, we love to see kids play well at the end of the year and based on his final tournament in Switzerland, he will be highly coveted.	Combo of Kyle Turris & Mike Ribiero

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84	Bear, Ethan	Jun 26/97	Seattle	WHL	RD/R	5.10.5*	200	Seidel really likes him...Played well for Team Canada...Strong core...Needs to add some nastiness	
38	Beauvillier, Anthony	Jun 08/29	Shawinigan	QMJHL	LW/L	5.10.25*	173	Plays hard... Combination of offensive skills and grit... Potential NHL captain... Still needs to get stronger... Good hockey sense... Loves to shoot the puck... Quick and agile	TJ Oshie
199	Becker, Jack	Jun 24/97	Mahtomedi	MN-HS	C/R	6.03*	188		
187	Bednard, Ryan	Mar 31/97	Johnstown	NAHL	G/L	6.03.75*	179		
122	Bell, Jason	Apr 26/97	Cape Breton	QMJHL	LD / L	6.02*	188		
171	Bethune, Jared	Jan 20/97	Prince George	WHL	LW/LW	6.00*	174		
140	Betz, Nick	Jul 18/97	Erie	OHL	RW/R	6.04.25*	220		
15	Bittner, Paul	Nov 04/96	Portland	WHL	LW/L	6.04*	204	Bittner is another big power forward that skates exceptionally well and has above average offensive skills. He is coming out of the "prospect factory" that Portland has become and his game has continued to evolve over the past two years. We'd still like to see him become a little more aggressive & committed defensively but a kid with his size and skating will be very enticing as Teams gather on June 26th. The game has become very fast & his ability to add offense and get in on the fore-check make him a quality prospect.	Chris Kreider
51	Blackwood, Mackenzie	Dec 09/96	Barrie	OHL	G/L	6.04*	215	Takes up a lot of the net... Keeps his shoulders and torso high in the butterfly... Calm in the net, poised... Loses puck in traffic at times	
102	Blaisdell, Doug	Feb 20/97	Kitchener	OHL	LD/L	6.02.25*	209	Hasn't developed as much as we would have liked... Pretty solid... Decent USA Prospect Game	

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39	Boeser, Brock	Feb 25/97	Waterloo	USHL	RW/R	6.00.5*	191	Doing it against inferior competition... Has been REALLY good some nights... Smart away from the puck... Going to North Dakota...Not sold as much as others	Teddy Purcell
96	Boka, Nick	Sep 08/97	USA Under-18	NTDP	RD/R	6.00.25*	197	Strong thick kid... Good feet for is size.. Never going to be a huge offensive guy... Plays hard.. Tries to scare opponents... Tougher than he is able to show	
123	Bondra, Radovan	Jan 27/97	Kosice	SvkE	RW/L	6.05.25*	220		
83	Booth, Callum	May 21/97	Québec	QMJHL	G / L	6.02.75*	199	Despite being a back-up he has a bright future...Excellent technical skills...Takes up a lot of net	
136	Bouramman, Gustav	Jan 24/97	S.S. Marie	OHL	LD/R	5.11.25*	184		
18	Bracco, Jeremy	Mar 17/97	USA Under-18	NTDP	RW/R	5.09.25*	173	As a small but highly skilled right winger, the obvious comparison to Patrick Kane is tempting but it is also very apt. Bracco has shown to possess elite offensive skills and makes passes that his teammates aren't expecting because of his vision & patience. He had a solid year with the US under 18 Team and was dynamic on the power play throughout the year. His edge use on his skates is startling and he uses his low centre of gravity and incredible balance to avoid defenders. He still needs to get stronger and play with a little more of an edge but his future lies in his ability to score and he has all of the tools to make that happen.	Patrick Kane
73	Brisebois, Guillaume	Jul 21/97	Acadie-Bathurst	QMJHL	LD/L	6.01.75*	175	Very smooth feet... Will use agility to escape trouble... Nothing great but everything good... Really improving	
160	Bruce, Riley	Jul 16/97	North Bay	OHL	RD/R	6.06*	205		
158	Byakin, Mikhail	Feb 08/97	CSKA Moscow	RusJr	C/R	5.09.25*	156		
65	Capobianco, Kyle	Aug 13/97	Sudbury	OHL	LD/L	6.01*	178	Offensive instincts... Tough situation in SBY... Learned to join the rush... Needs strength...High IQ	

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20	Carlo, Brandon	Nov 29/96	Tri-City	WHL	RD/L	6.05*	196	We are, admittedly, higher on Brandon Carlo than most but we love his combination of size (6.5 ½), foot speed & nastiness. He will never be a huge point producer but he has a good sense for the game and the combination of long levers and a long stick make him a nightmare for opponents to play against. His steady & reliable showing for Team USA at the World Junior Championships caught people's attention and the fact that he is a right shot defender only adds to his value.	Tyler Myers
28	Carlsson, Gabriel	Jan 02/97	Linkoping	SweJE	LD/L	6.04*	183	Big shutdown defender... HUGE wingspan... No offense... Uwe Krupp	Simon Despres
134	Carrier, Alexandre	Oct 08/96	Gatineau	QMJHL	RD/R	5.11*	174		
144	Cecconi, Joseph	May 23/97	Muskegon	USHL	RD/R	6.02.25*	209		
37	Cernak, Erik	May 28/97	Kosice	SvkE	RD/R	6.03.5*	202	Has all of the tools... Undervalued because of his playing in Kosice... Mature beyond his years... Makes plays... I like his hockey IQ... Has really struggled this year at times	Alec Martinez
36	Chabot, Thomas	Jan 30/97	Saint John	QMJHL	LD/L	6.01.5*	180	Excellent offensive understanding... Makes great plays with the puck... Puts the puck into the right areas... Still gets outmuscled a lot of the time... Competes... Very lean	Jason Demers
195	Chebykin, Nikolai	Aug 01/97	Balashikha HC	RusJr	F/R	6.03.5*	196		
29	Chlapik, Filip	Jun 03/97	Charlottetown	QMJHL	C/L	6.01*	196	Hard to move off the puck... Shows good chemistry with Sprong... Feet are improving... Undersized power forward... Putting up numbers	David Krejci
119	Cirelli, Anthony	Jul 15/97	Oshawa	OHL	C/L	5.11.5*	160	Feel good story after walk in with Memorial Cup champs...Scored some big goals...Great work ethic...Team loves him	
16	Connor, Kyle	Dec 09/96	Youngstown	USHL	C/L	6.01*	177	Connor is the top ranked player coming out of the USHL this year because he has combined an ability to score with great quickness for a good sized kid. He loves to challenge defensemen with speed and is shifty enough to make it work for him but he still lacks elite offensive finish. As an offensive catalyst, he has a tendency to avoid the physical play in exchange for making a shifty play but as an NHL player, he will have to add that component to his game. He is scheduled to go to Michigan so his defensive awareness will continue to improve and he'll round out his game.	Justin Abdelkaber

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88	Cotton, David	Jul 09/97	Cushing Academy	NEDI	C/L	6.02.25*	200	Committed to BC...Came out of nowhere this year...Needs leg strength...Intriguing newcomer	
7	Crouse, Lawson	Jun 23/97	Kingston	OHL	LW/L	6.04*	215	Lawson Crouse is a man-child that skates exceptionally well and is comfortable in all 3 zones. "The Sherriff" plays a heavy game and loves to finish his checks and make opponents pay the price on every shift. His offensive game still has to evolve as he isn't naturally gifted as either a scorer or a set up man but he does possess a pro-shot that will serve him well in the NHL. He will however go into the high traffic areas & pay the price in the offensive end. The surprise selection to Team Canada's Gold Medal winning Under 20 Team at Christmas showed that he is the type of player that Coach's love to have in their arsenal.	Combo of Andrew Ladd & Scott Hartnell
162	Davis, Kevin	Mar 14/97	Everett	WHL	RD/R	5.11.75*	183		
19	Debrusk, Jake	Oct 17/96	Swift Current	WHL	LW/L	5.11.5*	174	The son of former NHL tough guy, Louie Debrusk is another personal favorite of mine. He plays a completely different game than his dad did but he has that same work ethic combined with dynamic offensive abilities. He has that scorer's sense of how to find seams in the offensive end and seems to finish all of his opportunities. Being around the game his whole life has allowed Debrusk to understand the complete game and he uses his quick feet to help his team all over the ice. A "gamer" that can produce while being hard to play against is always appreciated by teams in the NHL.	Ondrej Palat
49	Dergachev, Alexander	Sep 27/96	St. Petersburg	RusJr	RW/L	6.04*	200	Excellent in Super Series... Big horse... Defensively is OK... Tricky stick..Power forward with skill	Drew Stafford
42	Dermott, Travis	Dec 22/96	Erie	OHL	LD/L	5.11.25*	197	Injuries have hurt him a bit... Skilled puck mover... Made the right decisions... Was a key in Erie's playoff run...Got better under Jay McKee	Torey Krugg
183	Dove-McFalls, Samuel	Apr 10/97	Saint John	QMJHL	LW/L	6.02*	207		
34	Dunn, Vince	Oct 29/96	Niagara	OHL	LD/L	5.11.75*	187	Phenomenal feet... Can skate himself out of trouble... Needs to pay attention to his own end... Tries to do too much at times...Excellent offensive skills	Mike Green

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2	Eichel, Jack (Fr.)	Oct 28/96	Boston University	H.E.	C/R	6.02*	196	Jack Eichel is an American phenom that excelled as a freshman at Boston University and walked away with the prestigious Hobey Baker Award as the top Player in the NCAA. He combines good size with tremendous quickness and he uses his physical size to ward off defenders and makes plays for his teammates. His defensive game has continued to improve & he will be a big horse at Centre for years to come in Buffalo. Eichel would have gone 1st overall in any Draft in a decade but unfortunately, this year he trails McDavid but nobody else.	Combo of Mike Modano & Ryan Johansen
45	Ek Eriksson, Joel	Jan 29/97	Farjestad	SweJE	C / L	6.01.75*	180	Had a great Under 18...I'm not as sold on his offense as he showed late in the year...His Dad has passed on hockey IQ...Not nearly as high on him as most	Combo of Joel Ward & John Mitchell
97	Evers, Christian	May 25/97	USA Under-18	NTDP	LD/L	6.01.75*	206	Solid player... Continues to evolve from his Minor Hockey days... LDN is pushing hard... Moves the puck effectively... Not flashy but no real deficiencies	
43	Fischer, Christian	Apr 15/97	USA Under-18	NTDP	C/R	6.01*	212	Big power forward... Still could get meaner... Needs leg strength... Long tricky stick	Michael Frolik
82	Foley, Erik	Jun 30/97	Cedar Rapids	USHL	LW/L	5.11.5*	185	Had a great year in the USHL...Not big but battles for pucks and scoring chances...We aren't sold he translates to the NHL very well	
186	Fontana, Colin	Oct 09/96	Lugano	SuiJA	RD/L	6.07*	189		
48	Forsbacka Karlsson, Jakob	Oct 31.96	Omaha	USHL	C/R	6.01	185	Big body that hasn't been able to score in the USHL so don't expect it in Pro...3rd line guy but has an overall solid game...Does a lot of little things well	Jarret Stoll
81	Forsberg, Fredrik	Dec 12/96	Leksand	SweJE	C/R	6.00*	174	Dynamic guy... Has elite skills... Should be better than he has shown... Thought he would be a surefire 1st rounder 2 years ago... Slick	
200	Foulem, Frederic	Jul 15/97	Shattucks	MN-HS	C/L	6.00.5*	189		
153	Franzen, Gustaf	Sep 22/96	Kitchener	OHL	LW/R	5.10.75*	173		
135	Gabriele, Grant	Apr 17/97	USA Under-18	NTDP	RD/R	6.00.75*	167		
69	Gagne, Gabriel	Nov 11/97	Victoriaville	QMJHL	RW/R	6.04.75*	186	Big solid winger... Huge strides since last year... Rising... Overpowers guys	

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163	Galipeau, Olivier	May 22/97	Val-d'Or	QMJHL	LD/L	6.00.5*	202		
115	Garland, Connor	Mar 11/96	Moncton	QMJHL	RW/R	5.08	165	Already through one year but phenomenal this year...Size is a concern but incredible offense	
150	Gates, Brent	Aug 12/97	Green Bay	USHL	C/L	6.01.75*	196		
138	Gavrikov, Vladislav	Nov 21/95	Yaroslavl	RusJr	LD/L	6.02.5*	205		
112	Gawdin, Glenn	Mar 25/97	Swift Current	WHL	C/RW/R	6.00.5*	191	Character kid... Goes into traffic... Bit of a tweener in not offensively gifted or tough... Surprised he was a CHL Top Prospect invite... Has improved	
151	Gilbert, Dennis	Oct 30/96	Chicago	USHL	LD/L	6.02.25*	201		
179	Godla, Denis	Apr 04/97	Orange	SvkE	G/L	5.11*	176		
23	Greenway, Jordan	Feb 16/97	USA Under-18	NTDP	LW/L	6.05*	222	Man-Child... Continues to improve... Shows flashes of nastiness... Long stick...Could become a stud	Patrick Maroon
94	Greer, A.J. (Fr.)	Dec 14/96	Boston University	H.E.	LW/L	6.03*	205	Big kid that had a solid freshman year at BU...Pro size...Worth a draft to see how he develops	
66	Gropp, Ryan	Sep 16/96	Seattle	WHL	LW/L	6.02*	187	Offensive guy... Good size... Like to see him go into dirty areas more... Good size... Could use his strength more	
67	Guhle, Brendan	Jul 29/97	Prince Albert	WHL	LD/L	6.01.75*	184	Solid foot speed... Was very good at the end of 2013/14 season... Becoming better in his own end... Prone to bad giveaways... Very smooth... Love his ability to make up for errors with foot speed	
35	Guryanov, Denis	Jun 07/97	Togliatti Lada	RusJr	RW/L	6.02.5*	183	Very talented Russian...Pro shot...Very strong on the puck...High reward/high risk...Would be MUCH higher without the KHL threat	Ales Hemsky
3	Hanifin, Noah (Fr.)	Jan 25/97	Boston College	H.E.	LD/L	6.02.75*	203	Hanifin is a smooth skating defender that has the ability to jump into the rush and create odd man rushes but still have enough foot speed to get back into the defensive end and take care of his responsibilities. Although he isn't the most physical Player of all time, he showed this year that he will stand up to men as he was a freshman at Boston College and played in all situations. Furthermore, his play as a 17 year old at the World Junior championships showed everybody that he relishes the big stage. He has the overall game to become a 25 minute a night defenseman that every team covets.	Combo of Scott Niedermayer & Keith Yandle

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22	Harkins, Jansen	May 23/97	Prince George	WHL	C/LW/L	6.01.25*	182	The son of former NHL'er and current WHL bench boss, Todd Harkins has shown that he has learned from discussions with his dad what it takes to become an effective 200 foot player in today's game. Harkins has a tremendous mind for the game and can be counted on in all 3 zones and although we aren't sold that he will become a prolific scorer, his value on a winning team will be very high. Big, smart Centremen that a coach can rely on are important to teams and that is why the team that selects him will be quite happy in a couple years.	Jay McClement
159	Henley, David	Mar 13/97	Charlottetown	QMJHL	LD/L	6.04.5*	203		
178	Henley, Troy	Jan 13/97	Ottawa	OHL	RD / R	5.11.25*	194		
169	Hill, Aiden	May 11/96	Portland	WHL	G/L	6.03.5*	198		
52	Hintz, Roope	Nov 17/96	Ilves	FinE	C/L	6.02.5*	185	A big body that has good feet...Don't expect a lot of offense from him...Played solid in the WJC's for Finland	
132	Hughes, Cameron (Fr.)	Oct 09/96	Wisconsin	Big Ten	LW/L	5.10.75*	144		
198	Huska, Adam	May 12/97	Green Bay	USHL	G/L	6.03.25*	189		
142	Impose, Auguste	Jun 18/97	Geneve	SuiJA	RW/L	5.09.75*	180		
108	Jasek, Lukas	Aug 28/97	Trinec	CzeE	LW/R	5.11.25*	165	Pretty tricky... Scores... Quick release... Hangs onto puck too long at times	
152	Jones, Caleb	Jun 06/97	USA Under-18	NTDP	LD/L	5.11.75*	194		
189	Joseph, Mathieu	Feb 9/97	Saint John	QMJHL	LD/L	6.01*	172		
40	Juulsen, Noah	Apr 02/97	Everett	WHL	RD/R	6.01.5*	174	Phenomenal feet... Not enough O's in smooth for him... Could be stronger in front... Excellent vision... Good PP decisions... Excellent Prospect Game	Bryan Campbell
87	Kaprizov, Kirill	Apr 26/97	Novokuznetsk	KHL	LW/L	5.10*	181	Very smart Player that showed he could play with men all year...Creative but puts the puck into the right areas	

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95	Karnaukhov, Pavel	Mar 15/97	Calgary	WHL	C/L	6.02.5*	194	Came into the WHL with big expectations...Was impressive some nights but poor on other viewings	
99	Kase, David	Jan 28/97	Pirati	CzeD	C/LW/R	5.10*	169	Smallish but very skilled...Captained the Czech team...Coach's rave about him...Got pushed off the puck at times	
74	Kielly, Kameron	Dec 13/96	Charlottetown	QMJHL	C/R	6.00*	180	Does everything right... Leaps and bounds from last year... East Coast guy loves him... Smart... Wants to be a player	
41	Knott, Graham	Jan 13/97	Niagara	OHL	LW/L	6.03.25*	190	Reminds me of Adam Henrique... Does EVERYTHING right on the ice... Will chip in offensively... Kind of kid that coaches love... Parachuted into U18's and played well	Daniel Winnik
103	Kolesar, Keegan	Apr 8/97	Seattle	WHL	RW/R	6.02	215	Love his feistiness...Plays hard...Plays like a power forward...Lacks quickness	
13	Konecny, Travis	Mar 11/97	Ottawa	OHL	C/R	5.09.75*	175	The former 1st overall pick in the Ontario Hockey League had a year whereby he didn't contribute as much offensively as we all expected but his game took great strides under Jeff Brown. His calling card has always been his intensity & ferocity with which he plays combined with high skill that can bring fans out of their seats. The young captain of the 67's embraced the leadership mantle with his team & propelled a tremendous showing at the BMO NHL/ CHL Top Prospects game into a big finish to the year which should translate into a top 15 selection for this fiery forward.	Combo of Matt Duchesne & Andrew Shaw
53	Korostelev, Nikita	Feb 08/97	Sarnia	OHL	RW/R	6.01.25*	195	Dynamic game breaker... Has a lot of work to do away from the puck... Shifty...Hard to contain on 1 on 1... Looks stronger	
107	Kovacs, Robin	Nov 16/96	AIK IF	SweAI	RW/L	6.00*	172	Skates like his hair is on fire...Needs his mind & hands to work as quick as his feet...Plays aggressive	
14	Kylington, Olivier	May 19/97	Farjestad	SweE	LD/L	6.00*	180	Oliver Kylington has been on the radar of NHL Scouts for a couple years because of his exceptional skating and offensive skills. Unfortunately he went through stretches this season where he was very inconsistent and it has caused a number of teams to become concerned. His calling card in the NHL will be offense and he will use his foot speed to support and occasionally lead the rush. His overall effectiveness will be determined by whether he can become a little more committed in the defensive end but we feel confident that as he gets older and stronger, he will become a solid contributor.	Combo of Erik Karlsson & Kris Letang
32	Larsson, Jacob	Apr 29/97	Frolunda	SweJE	RD / L	6.02*	191	Smooth defenseman that is good in all 3 zones...Very poised...Makes plays...Never anything flashy	Kevin Klein

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32	Larsson, Jacob	Apr 29/97	Frolunda	SweJE	RD / L	6.02*	191	Smooth defenseman that is good in all 3 zones...Very poised...Makes plays...Never anything flashy	Kevin Klein
86	Lauzon, Jeremy	Apr 28/97	Rouyn-Noranda	QMJHL	LD/L	6.01.75*	193	Personal favorite of ours...Not highly talked about...Good mix of nastiness that keeps opponents honest	
131	Lemcke, Justin	Feb 13/97	Belleville	OHL	RD/R	6.02.25*	200		
168	Lindberg, Brandon	Sep 24/96	Sarnia	OHL	C/L	6.00.5*	205		
184	Lindgren, Jesper	May 19/97	Modo	Swe18	RD/R	6.00*	161		
98	Lizotte, Cameron	Aug 24/97	Peterborough	OHL	LD/L	6.02*	198	Plays incredibly hard...Will hit, fight & block shots...Under-rated...	
54	Looke, Jens	Apr 11/97	Brynas	SweE	LW/R	6.00.5*	180	Very slick... Like him as a Centreman... Great feet... Makes deft passes... Creates offense for his line mates	
157	Luff, Matt	May 05/97	Belleville	OHL	RW/R	6.01.5*	179		
92	Makitalo, Petter	Oct 22/96	Skelleftea	SweJE	LW/R	5.11.5*	180	Pretty skilled... Competes hard... Solid CHL player if he came over... Stronger than he looks	
62	Malgin, Denis	Jan 18/97	Zurich ZSC	SuiA	C/R	5.08*	163	Very slick... Hard to contain one on one... Deceptively strong... Good on wall... Cheats	
4	Marner, Mitchell	May 05/97	London	OHL	C/R	5.11*	160	The comparisons to Chicago's star, Patrick Kane are inevitable because they both are slightly under-sized offensive machines that had phenomenal careers with the London Knights of the OHL. Marner is a magician with the puck & had the OHL scoring race locked up until the final day of the season when Dylan Strome used a 6 point game to snatch the title. Although he still needs to keep getting stronger, the concerns about Marner's size are overstated and he has shown a willingness go into the dirty areas to make plays & isn't afraid. It shouldn't be overlooked that he came into the OHL as a 1 dimensional offensive star that has evolved into a complete player under the tutelage of Dale Hunter. He has the potential to become a superstar in the NHL and thus he shouldn't get out of the Top 5 at the Draft.	Combo of Patrick Kane and Ryan Nugent-Hopkins
181	Marody, Cooper	Dec 20/96	Sioux Falls	USHL	C/R	6.00.25*	173		

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197	Marsh, Adam	Aug 22/97	Saint John	QMJHL	LW /L	6.00*	160		
89	Martenet, Chris	Sep 25/96	London	OHL	LD/ L	6.07*	198	Really came on... Took a while to adapt to the OHL... Is a long term project... Has high panic threshold... Makes plays...Really struggled in playoffs	
175	McBride, Nick	Jan 1197	Prince Albert	WHL	G/L	6.03.5*	179		
173	McCool, Hayden	Apr 11/97	Windsor	OHL	LW /L	6.03*	200		
1	McDavid, Connor	Jan 13/97	Erie	OHL	C/L	6.00.75*	195	McDavid is a generational talent that has been under the spotlight since he was 13 years old and has excelled on all of the big stages. An offensive force whenever he touches the ice, he is more natural at setting up teammates with his deft passing ability but will still score his share of goals by using an innate ability to make the most of his opportunities. He has incredible quickness & a hockey IQ that is off the charts. He will instantly create offense in the NHL & might be a better human being than he is a Player and that is the most impressive thing about him.	Combo of Sydney Crosby & Tyler Seguin
105	McFadden Garrett	Aug 21/97	Guelph	OHL	LW /L	5.10.5*	180	Smallish but puck possession defender...barely played in his rookie year so this was his first real year...Manages the puck well	
177	McKenzie, Brett	Mar 12/97	North Bay	OHL	C/L	6.01.75	190		
104	McNiven, Michael	Jul 09/97	Owen Sound	OHL	G/L	6.00.75*	221	Wasn't tested very often... Got caught deep... Solid but not flashy... Not as big an NHL prospect as some suggest... Looks a little small in the net... Getting better... Receiving some good coaching... Is a goalie and not a puck blocker which is what I like	
25	Meier, Timo	Oct 08/96	Halifax	QMJHL	RW /L	6.01*	209	Good stick skills... Warrior mentality... Skating is the issue, sloppy... Can make plays... Not as big a fan as some	Johan Franzen
57	Meloche, Nicolas	Jul 18/97	Baie-Comeau	QMJHL	RD /R	6.02.5*	204	Steady with a big body... Heavy shot... Uses his stick well... Knows to keep it simple... Showing some real toughness... Hard to play against... Rising	
197	Marsh, Adam	Aug 22/97	Saint John	QMJHL	LW /L	6.00*	160		
17	Merkley, Nick	May 23/97	Kelowna	WHL	C/R	5.10.5*	191	Nick Merkley had a very good year for one of the CHL's best teams in Kelowna but his play at the MasterCard Memorial Cup has scouts buzzing. Despite being slightly under-sized, he has put up big numbers in the WHL and that trend continued at the Memorial Cup where he was very difficult for opponents to handle. He has that pass-first mentality that helps make his teammates better and as he progresses into the professional ranks, his creativity & vision will be rewarded by teammates that can finish his tremendous setups. The game is proving to be more open to smaller creative players and Merkley certainly will benefit from this change in the game.	Bryan Little

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91	Montembeault, Samuel	Oct 30/96	Blainville-Broisbriand	QMJHL	G/L	6.02.5*	173	Long and lean... Too much puck blocking... Reminds me of Niagara's Brent Moran... Good rebound control	
166	Morrison, Brad	Jan 04/97	Prince George	WHL	C/L	5.11.5*	154		
146	Moynihan, Connor	Jul 20/97	Halifax	QMJHL	LW/L	6.03.75*	211		
56	Musil, Adam	Mar 26/97	Red Deer	WHL	C/RW/R	6.02.75*	202	Doesn't do anything flashy but is solid all around...Feet are good for a big kid... Not afraid at all... Limited offensive upside... From a hockey family... Drives HARD to the net	
167	Myers, Philippe	Jan 25/97	Rouyn-Noranda	QMJHL	RD/R	6.04.75*	196		
161	Myllari, Kris	Feb 05/97	Youngstown	USHL	LD/L	6.02*	193		
68	Nattinen, Julius	Jan 14/97	JYP Jyvaskyla	FinE	C/L	6.01.75*	191	Has played well internationally for Finland... Continues to grow... Quick release... Loves to shoot	
149	Nazarkin, Yevengy	Oct 21/96	Chelyabinsk Belye	RusJr	LD/L	6.03*	205		
90	Noel, Nathan	Jun 21/97	Saint John	QMJHL	C/R	5.10.75*	172	Skilled, pretty slick... Find seams to pass the puck... Quick release... Game hasn't taken the next step... Highly touted... Still gets pushed off the puck... Dropping since November	
70	Novak, Thomas	Apr 28/97	Waterloo	USHL	C/LW / L	6	181	Lit up the Minnesota High School league before going to Waterloo this year.....Had a big Ivan Hlinka...One way guy that needs to become better defensively...Going to University of Minnesota	
180	Olhaver, Gustav	Jul 03/97	Rogle	SweJE	C/L	6.06*	213		
174	Olson, Tate	Mar 21/97	Prince George	WHL	LD/L	6.02.25*	174		

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172	Olsson, Sebastian	Mar 4/97	Skelleftea	SHL	LW/L	5.10*	175		
120	Opílka, Luke	Feb 27/97	USA Under-18	NTDP	G/L	6.01*	192	Big body goaltender...Excellent with both hands...Works hard...Athletic	
193	Osipov, Dmitry	Oct 04/96	Vancouver	WHL	RD/R	6.04*	193		
139	Parsells, Adam	Jan 03/97	Wausau W	WI-HS	LD/L	6.05.5*	192		
143	Pavlychev, Nikita	Mar 23/97	Des Moines	USHL	F/L	6.07*	200		
192	Pawlenchuk, Grayson	Mar 22/97	Red Deer	WHL	C/LW/L	5.11.25*	183		
194	Pearson, Chase	Aug 23/97	Youngstown	USHL	LW/L	6.02*	189		
117	Pilipenko, Kirill	Sep 23/96	Balashikha HC MV	RusJr	RW/L	5.11*	194	Excellent offensive mind...Makes plays...Will be tough because he lacks a separation gear...Tricky stick	
44	Pilon, Ryan	Oct 10/96	Brandon	WHL	LD/L	6.02*	206	We were concerned about character because of leaving Lethbridge but all reports are now positive... Does a lot of little things well... Understated is the word our WHL guy uses... Strong but not mean... Needs to be harder to play against	Matt Finn
78	Platonov, Alexei	Jan 20/97	Mytischi Atlant	RusJr	LD/L	6.04.5*	207	Potential is the operative word for this monster... Size and strength are key assets... Has some surprising offensive upside... Bomb from the point	
10	Provorov, Ivan	Jan 13/97	Brandon	WHL	LD/L	6.00.5*	201	Provorov really burst onto the scene with a fantastic year in Brandon with the Wheat Kings of the Western Hockey League. The Russian defender has shown that he has a very complete game but it is his offensive skill set that has most scouts excited. He makes great passes and can rush the puck when the opportunities present themselves and possesses a big shot from the point on the PP while being solid in his own end. His strength is the completeness of his game but whether he can become a superstar at the NHL level at his size is still to be determined. The natural concerns that NHL teams have had lately about selecting a Russian high in the first round is a moot point with Provorov because he has played in North America his whole career and has shown no inclination to return to Russia.	Tyson Barrie
141	Radke, Roy	Dec 10/96	Barrie	OHL	C/RW/R	6.02.5*	203		

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8	Rantanen, Mikko	Oct 29/96	TPS Turku	FinE	RW/L	6.03.5*	211	Rantanen is the top Finnish Player in the 2015 Draft and he utilizes that coveted combination of size, skill & offensive ability that teams cherish. He has a long and lean 6'4 frame that he uses to shield the puck from defenders but I'd like to see him use that size more effectively as a physical force. He isn't scared but he could physically dominate opponents when he fills out his body and make him very tough to stop. His skating is good for a big kid and defensively he is aware of his responsibilities.	James VanRiemsdyk
106	Reddekop, Chaz	Jan 01/97	Victoria	WHL	LD/L	6.03.25*	219	Physically imposing...Lacks initial quickness but ok once he gets moving...Will be a defensive D...A Project	
127	Reilly, William	Jul 23/97	North York	OJHL	RD/R	6.02*	187		
109	Richard, Anthony	Dec 20/96	Val-d'Or	QMJHL	LC/L	5.10*	170	Was an offensive catalyst for the Foreurs...QB on the PP and made good decisions...Is he big and strong enough?	
33	Roslovic, Jack	Jan 29/97	USA Under-18	USHL	C/R	6.01	183	Has really improved from the start of the year...Using his size and strength much better...Teams are hoping he slides but I can't see it	Jason Pominville
21	Roy, Jeremy	May 14/97	Sherbrooke	QMJHL	RD/R	6.00*	188	Uses great feet to get himself out of trouble... Deceptively strong... Uses strength well... Can thread passes... Best player on a BAD team last year... Still too soft... Good stick	Justin Faulk
31	Roy, Nicolas	Feb 05/97	Chicoutimi	QMJHL	C/R	6.04*	195	Another big Centreman... Needs to keep improving his feet... Smart in all 3 zones... Smart... Still not sure about his offensive upside... Frederik Gauthier Part 2?...	Brandon Sutter
133	Ruuskanen, Waltteri	Jul 23/97	Kuopio	FinJrA	RD / R	6.03.5	180		
110	Rykov, Yegor	Apr 14/97	SKA St. Petersburg	MHL	LD/L	6.02*	205	Has played very well for Russia...Gets up and down the ice very well...Little bit perimeter	
72	Saarela, Aleksi	Jan 07/97	Assat	FinE	C/L	5.10.5*	198	Very slick Centreman... Offensively gifted... Very strong despite his size... Relatively responsible... Got better as year progressed	
148	Salituro, Dante	Nov 15/96	Ottawa	OHL	C/R	5.08.25*	178		
30	Samsonov, Ilya	Feb 22/97	Magnitogorsk Staln	RusJr	G/L	6.03*	200	Best goaltender in this year's Draft...Great size...Never gives up on a puck...Will he come over or stay in the KHL?	Pekka Rinne
154	Sandstom, Felix	Jan 12/97	Brynas	SweJE	G/L	6.02*	191		
93	Schemitsch, Thomas	Oct 26/96	Owen Sound	OHL	RD/R	6.03*	205	Getting better... Not a lot of flair... Decisions are solid...Should get much better	

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188	Schlichting, Connor	May 17/97	Sarnia	OHL	LD/L	6.03.25*	207		
147	Schmalz, Matt	Mar 21/96	Sudbury	OHL	C/R	6.06*	209		
47	Senyshyn, Zachary	Mar 30/97	S.S. Marie	OHL	RW/R	6.01*	192	Kid can FLY... Great feet that he uses effectively... I REALLY like him... A lot stronger than he looks... Hidden gem... He is Brendan Perlini without the pure finish but he drives to the net harder... Tremendous physical specimen with big power	Combo of Chris Kreider & Brendan Perlini
85	Sideroff, Deven	Apr 14/97	Kamloops	WHL	RW/R	5.11	183	Lacks pro size but does a lot of things right...Western scout loves his hockey IQ...I think he has some more offense than he has shown	
191	Sidorocv, Mikhail	Jun 26/97	Loko-Junior	MHL2	RD/R	6.00*	183		
63	Siegenthaler, Jonas	May 06/97	Zurich ZSC	SuiA	LD/L	6.02.5*	220	Monster to play against... Strong... Not great puck skills... I'd like to see him play in North America	
164	Simpson, Mark	Apr 24/95	Acadie-Bathurst	QMJHL	C/L	6.05.25*	189		
101	Soustal, Tomas	Feb 15/97	Kelowna	WHL	C/R	6.02*	195	Excellent feet with a very big frame...Got better as the year progressed...Will never score a lot	
114	Soy, Tyler	Feb 10/97	Victoria	WHL	LC/L	6.01*	177	Needs to get stronger...Played a key part for Victoria all year...Heady Centreman	
61	Spacek, Michael	Apr 09/97	Pardubice	CzeJr	RW/R	5.11*	187	Excellent skills... Offensively talented... Smart defensively.. Good body position.. Risky turnovers at times	
58	Speers, Blake	Jan 02/97	S.S. Marie	OHL	C/R	5.11*	181	Very quick and explosive... Creates offense... Keefe has been good for him... Showing a pro shot... His size is an issue... Great offensive start to the year... I like him eventually as a Centreman	
77	Spencer, Matthew	Mar 24/97	Peterborough	OHL	RD/R	6.01.5*	203	Had a disappointing year...Showed some flashes but I kept wanting more...What is he? Good overall but nothing great	
26	Sprong, Daniel	Mar 17/97	Charlottetown	QMJHL	RW/R	6.00*	180	Really improved as last year progressed... Sonier raves about his skill... Maybe a mini-Ho-Sang... Selfish at times...Needs to become more complete	Tomas Jurco
80	Stephens, Mitchell	Feb 05/97	Saginaw	OHL	C/RW/R	5.11.25*	188	Growing... Has gotten stronger... Will never score a lot at the NHL level... Good away from the puck... Quick to loose pucks	

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170	Stevens, Luke	Feb 11/97	Noble/ Greenough	NEDI	LW/L	6.03.75*	184		
116	Strand, Austin	Feb 17/97	Red Deer	WHL	RD/R	6.03.25*	194	Big body defender...Was off the radar to start the year...Blocks out well...Good first pass but not much offensive skill	
5	Strome, Dylan	Mar 07/97	Erie	OHL	C/L	6.03*	185	Strome led the Ontario Hockey League in scoring this year while playing primarily apart from the all-world McDavid. He is a big, smart centre man that teams all want to build around who possesses tremendous offensive instincts & a very high hockey IQ. His skating is the one area that he has to continue to improve upon as he enters the NHL because he currently lacks that extra gear that will allow him to separate from defenders. He will use his offensive mind to be particularly effective on the PP because he makes the right offensive decision to give his team the best opportunity to score.	Combo of Ron Francis & Joe Thornton
129	Suter, Pius	May 24/96	Guelph	OHL	C/L	5.11*	165		
12	Svechnikov, Evgeny	Oct 31/96	Cape Breton	QMJHL	RW/L	6.01.75*	199	Svechnikov may cause some teams some consternation because of his citizenship but his overall upside will convince teams that he is worth the risk. We have always thought that he would be more useful as a Centreman and halfway through the 2014/15 season, that change was made with phenomenal results. Svechnikov creates offense through the use of his soft hands and size and strength but when his team doesn't have the puck, he has shown a solid commitment to making sure it stays out of his net. He had an excellent year in Cape Breton and has always maintained that he came to North America to get ready for the NHL and that should make the team that selects him very happy as big offensive Centreman with an ability to defend are rare to find.	Alex Killorn
113	Tammela, Jonne	Aug 5/97	Kaalpa	Liiga	RW/R	5.11*	185	Average year but a great Under 18...Typical Finn in that he battles hard...Reminds me of Henri Ikonen	
155	Texeira, Keoni	Mar 24/97	Portland	WHL	LD/L	5.11.75*	208		
145	Thompson, Will	Jul 02/97	Charlotteto wn	QMJHL	RD/R	6.00.5*	183		
76	Timashov, Dmytro	Oct 1/96	Quebec	QMJHL	LW/L	5.08*	187	Offensive dynamo that creates offense...Can he survive at that size	

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128	Tkachev, Vladimir	Oct 05/95	Québec	QMJHL	LW/R	5.09.5*	144		
176	Tomek, Matej	May 24/97	Topeka	NAHL	G/L	6.03*	180		
79	Trenin, Yakov	Jan 13/97	Gatineau	QMJHL	LW/L	6.01.75*	194	Big strong power forward... Good stick... Looks soft at times... Loves to dangle... Awful feet... REALLY struggled at Prospects game... Can't get there on the fore-check	
125	Tretyak, Maxim	Oct 22/96	CSKA Moscow	RusJr	G/L	6.03*	203		
196	Tuulola, Joni	Jan 01/96	HPK Hameenlinna	FinJrA	LD/L	6.02.5*	180		
121	Vainio, Veeto	Jun 16/97	Blues	Liiga	D/R	6.02	170		
59	Vande Sompel, Mitchell	Feb 11/97	Oshawa	OHL	LD/L	5.10*	182	Pretty slick... Good ability to read offensively... Feet are good... Still needs to get bigger and stronger...Is he a D or a forward? Very poised but size is a concern	
64	Vladar, Daniel	Aug 20/97	Kladino	CzeJr	G/L	6.05.25*	185	Very impressive... Has played well internationally... Technically sound... Is he a puck blocker?	
137	Vladimirov, Artyom	Mar 04/97	Peterborough	OHL	LD/L	6.02.75*	212		
111	Volkov, Artyom	Apr 25/97	Balashikha HC MV	RusJr	D/R	6.01*	189	Has grown since last year... Gotten much stronger... Mobility is very good... Agile... Clever plays, rising	
50	Wagner, Austin	Jun 23/97	Regina	WHL	LW/L	6.01*	178	Speed, speed, and more speed... Dangerous on the PK... Attacks defenders... Not naturally gifted with the puck... Reminds me of Tommy Wingels... Getting better every month	Carl Hagelin
124	Warren, Brendan	May 07/97	USA Under-18	NTDP	LW/L	6.00.25*	191		
182	Webster, Bailey	Sep 08/97	Saint John	QMJHL	RD/R	6.03*	210		

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6	Werenski, Zach (Fr.)	Jul 19/97	Michigan	Big Ten	RD/L	6.02*	206	Zach Werenski decided to play for the legendary Red Berenson at the University of Michigan this past year and quickly showed scouts why he is considered a potential franchise defenseman. He has a very complete game that is accentuated by his good size and quick feet which make him a formidable force in the defensive end. Along with defending in his own end, he has an offensive slant to his game that allows him to become a key guy in providing offense. As the youngest Player ever to play for Red Berenson, he showed incredible maturity for his age and his ceiling is extremely high.	Ryan McDonough
27	White, Colin	Jan 30/97	USA Under-18	NTDP	RW/R	6.00*	183	Another skilled and smart forward... Had a bumpy year in the program... Showed he is an offensive force but can play a defensive role too... Needs to get stronger	Eric Condra
100	White, Colton	May 03/97	S.S. Marie	OHL	LD/L	6.00*	182	Feet are good... Plays smaller than his size... Being overshadowed by Bourraman... Good first pass... Poor man's Chris Bigras	
71	Wotherspoon, Parker	Aug 24/97	Tri-City	WHL	LD/L	6.00.25*	171	Was a surprise selection to Canada U18...Played well...Bit of a tweener...Won't score a lot but is good in his own end	
46	Yan, Denis	Apr 14/97	Shawiniga n	QMJHL	LW / L	6.01.25*	180	Phenomenal talent...Plays on the perimeter way too much...Great individual skills...Will score but needs to get more involved	Combo of Alex Semin & Tomas Vanek
9	Zacha, Pavel	Apr 06/97	Sarnia	OHL	C/L	6.03*	210	Pavel Zacha is an interesting prospect because he is a Czech born player but he possesses a lot of North American traits that teams love. Firstly, as a rookie in the Ontario Hockey League this year, he showed that he would initiate contact willingly and occasionally crossed the line which resulted in a couple significant suspensions. Furthermore, he has shown a team first mentality that the Sarnia Sting loved throughout the year. His biggest strength is his skating and his ability to beat defenders one on one. He has an offensive skill set that is hard to handle and he will become an offensive force as he develops. Like most offensive stars, he still needs work on his defensive game but the heady Czech will add that to his repertoire for whichever team selects him at the Draft.	Combo of Eric Staal & David Backes
24	Zboril, Jakub	Feb 21/97	Saint John	QMJHL	LD/L	6.00.75*	184	Offensive guy who jumped out at U-18's... Made the transition to the CHL well... Offensive instincts...Like to see him use his shot more... Crafty passer... Feet are good	Dan Hamhuis
130	Zorko, Luka	Feb 27/97	Mytischi Atlant	RusJr	LD/L	6.05*	205		

1. Edmonton – Connor McDavid
The franchise player goes to the team that is more adept at winning the lottery than they are at winning actual games.

2. Buffalo – Jack Eichel
The best consolation prize in a long time will solidify the Sabres down the middle for a long time to come.

3. Phoenix – Dylan Strome
Notwithstanding their arena issues, the Coyotes think long and hard about moving down a few spots but opt for the big horse down the middle that they need.

4. Toronto – Mitch Marner
The Leafs want to continue to increase their overall skill & Mark Hunter's familiarity with Marner is too good of a combination to ignore.

5. Carolina – Noah Hanifin
The Hurricanes will be ecstatic to have the slick rearguard fall to them as they add the potential franchise defenseman from Boston College.

6. New Jersey – Lawson Crouse
Lou Lamoriello might be out as GM but his stamp on the team remains and a big guy that can play 200 feet is a perfect fit for the Devils

7. Philadelphia – Pavel Zacha
A highly skilled kid that can skate and plays the game on the edge is a natural match for the Flyers who love his upside.

8. Columbus – Zach Werenski
Jarmo Kekalainen is tempted to take the big Finn Rantanen but the chance to get another piece on the back end is too tempting for the Jackets.

9. San Jose – Ivan Provorov
The Sharks need to rebuild the back end for Pete Deboer & the overall game of Provorov will give them a nice piece to throw into the system.

10. Colorado – Mikko Rantanen
The guys in Colorado are shocked to see Rantanen fall to them at this spot but his offensive skill & size will fit very well into Patrick Roy's style.

11. Florida – Matthew Barzal
Florida goes for the best player available and is quite happy to get the super-skilled Barzal out of the WHL to add to their offensive repertoire.

12. Dallas – Travis Konecny
Joe McDonnell is one of the best Head Scouts in the game & Konecny's feistiness, speed and skill will fit into the way the Stars are heading.

13. Los Angeles –Paul Bittner
The Kings have done a great job in getting big kids that can skate & Bittner fits that mould perfectly. Another big body in the Pacific Division.

14. Boston – Oliver Kylington
The Bruins have gotten old pretty quickly so they go for the best Player left on the board & there is no doubt that Kylington has a very high ceiling.

15. Calgary – Kyle Connor
The Flames continue to stockpile young prospects & they will patiently wait for Connor to head to Michigan & develop into a effective power forward.

16. Edmonton – Jeremy Roy
I fully expect the Oilers to trade this pick for some immediate help (probably in net) or to trade down but if they pick here, the offensive Roy is the pick.

17. Winnipeg – Nick Merkley
The Jets have been one of the best Organizations drafting lately & they saw a lot of Merkley this year and have loved his ability to dominate as a 17 year old.

18. Ottawa – Evgeni Svechnikov
The Sens need some size down the middle & Svechnikov can fill that need going forward with this under-rated Russian.

19. Detroit – Jeremy Bracco
Once again, we will look back in a number of years and wonder how the Wings continue to get elite talent later in the Draft when the smallish Bracco becomes a scoring machine.

20. Minnesota – Jakob Zboril
The Wild need to add some skill on their back end and the quietly productive Zboril fills that role for them.

21. Buffalo – Jake Debrusk
Tim Murray is a very shrewd evaluator & he loves bloodlines and this kid combines his Dad's work ethic with some offensive finish.

22. Washington – Jansen Harkins
The Caps, under Barry Trotz, want to play a more complete game and Harkins fills that role perfectly.

23. Vancouver –Brandon Carlo
The Canucks have seen a lot of Carlo & love his size & feistiness. They have got some prime forward prospects on the horizon so Carlo would solidify the back end.

24. Toronto – Daniel Sprong
The mantra around the Leafs is to keep adding skill & Sprong is by far the most skilled kid on the board. He needs to round out his game but he has huge upside.

25. Winnipeg – Thomas Chabot
After going forward with their 1st pick, they go with the best available defenseman and that means the skilled but risky Chabot.

26. Montreal – Timo Meier
The Habs have been arguably the best drafting Teams over the past 5 years & they are excited to have the scoring winger Meier fall to them at #26.

27. Anaheim – Colin White
White was discussed as a potential Top 10 pick to start the year but a solid yet unspectacular season see's him fall to the very deep Ducks.

28. Tampa Bay – Denis Guryanov
The Lightning have the luxury of swinging for the fences because they are stocked for years to come so they take a shot at the high risk/high reward Guryanov.

29. Philadelphia – Gabriel Carlsson
Carlsson won't dazzle anybody but he has an overall good skill set and great size that will help stabilize the Flyers blue line in a couple years.

30. Arizona – Ilya Samsonov
The Coyotes won't be able to turn down the opportunity to take the best goaltender in this year's Draft despite many Teams concerns about his intention of coming over from Russia.

Alexandre Daigle Award - Players who will get Drafted higher than they should (Overrated)

1. Brock Boeser
2. Ivan Provorov
3. Thomas Novak
4. Joel Eriksson Ek
5. Robin Kovacs

Jonathon Ericsson Award - Players who will get Drafted lower than they should (Underrated)

1. Cameron Lizotte
2. Kameron Kielly
3. Adam Musil
4. Jordan Greenway
5. Jeremy Bracco

Tyler Johnson Award - Small Players that will make a Big Impact

1. Jeremy Bracco
2. Anthony Beauvillier
3. Vladimir Tkachev
4. David Kase
5. Connor Garland

Mike Gartner Award - Quickest Feet

1. Connor McDavid
2. Vince Dunn
3. Pavel Zacha
4. Noah Hanifin
5. Zac Senyshyn

Wayne Gretzky Award – Best Vision/IQ

1. Connor McDavid
2. Dylan Strome
3. Jack Eichel
4. Mitch Marner
5. Jeremy Bracco

Cam Neely Award – Toughness & Ability

1. Connor McDavid
2. Vince Dunn
3. Pavel Zacha
4. Noah Hanifin
5. Zac Senyshyn

Bob Gainey Award – Best 200 Foot Game

1. Connor McDavid
2. Vince Dunn
3. Pavel Zacha
4. Noah Hanifin
5. Zac Senyshyn

Tanner Pearson Award – Best Older Eligible

1. Connor McDavid
2. Vince Dunn
3. Pavel Zacha
4. Noah Hanifin
5. Zac Senyshyn

Mikhail Grigorenko Award – Russian Factor Casualty

1. Connor McDavid
2. Vince Dunn
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4. Noah Hanifin
5. Zac Senyshyn

2016 Top 30 Rankings

1. **Auston Matthews** – US-NDTP - USHL
2. **Jakob Chychrun**; Sarnia Sting – OHL
3. **Max Jones**; London Knights – OHL
4. **Jesse Puljujarvi**; Karpat – Liiga
5. **Dmitri Sokolov**; Omskie Yastreby – MHL
6. **Clayton Keller**; US-NDT – USHL
7. **Tyler Benson**; Vancouver – WHL
8. **Logan Brown**; Windsor – OHL
9. **Dante Fabbro**; Penticton – BCHL
10. **Sean Day**; Mississauga – OHL
11. **Tyson Jost**; Penticton – BCHL
12. **Kiefer Bellows**; US-NDTP – USHL
13. **Kale Clague**; Brandon – WHL
14. **Brett Howden**; Moose Jaw - WHL
15. **Alex Nylander**; AIK – SuperElit
16. **Sam Steel**; Regina – WHL
17. **James Greenway**; US-NDTP – USHL
18. **Pierre Luc-Dubois**; Cape Breton - QMJHL
19. **Olli Juolevi**; Jokerit – Jr. A SM-Liiga
20. **Luke Green**; Saint John – QMJHL
21. **Mathew Tkachuk**; London – OHL
22. **Tarmo Reunanen**; TPS Turku - Jr. A SM-Liiga
23. **Michael Mcleod**; Mississauga – OHL
24. **Mikhail Sergachyov**; Kazan – KHL
25. **Chad Krys**; US-NDTP – USHL
26. **Tim Gettinger**; Sault Ste. Marie – OHL
27. **Nick Pastujov**; US-NDTP – USHL
28. **Travis Barron**; Ottawa – OHL
29. **Victor Mete**; London – OHL
30. **Carl Grundstrom**; Modo – SuperElit