



Season 9

EURO League

DRAFT GUIDE

Tentative Draft Order

The draft lottery and any trades could change the order listed below

Round 1		Round 2		Round 3	
1	Oslo	25	Oslo	49	Helsinki (from Oslo)
2	St. Petersburg	26	St. Petersburg	50	St. Petersburg
3	Milan	27	Milan	51	Milan
4	Munich	28	Munich	52	Munich
5	Dublin	29	Dublin	53	Dublin
6	Prague	30	Prague	54	Prague
7	Geneva	31	Geneva	55	Geneva
8	London	32	London	56	London
9	Madrid	33	Madrid	57	Madrid
10	Stockholm	34	Stockholm	58	Stockholm
11	Frankfurt	35	Frankfurt	59	Frankfurt
12	Helsinki	36	Helsinki	60	Helsinki
13	Munich (from Copenhagen)	37	Madrid (from Copenhagen)	61	Zurich (from Copenhagen)
14	Bratislava	38	Bratislava	62	Bratislava
15	Bern	39	Bern	63	Bern
16	Zurich	40	Zurich	64	Zurich
17	Minsk (from Gothenburg)	41	St. Petersburg (from Gothenburg)	65	St. Petersburg (from Gothenburg)
18	Minsk	42	Minsk	66	Minsk
19	Berlin	43	Berlin	67	Berlin
20	Geneva (from Edinburgh)	44	Edinburgh	68	Edinburgh
21	Athens	45	Athens	69	Athens
22	Belfast	46	Belfast	70	Belfast
23	Paris	47	Paris	71	Paris
24	Frankfurt (from Moscow)	48	Moscow	72	Moscow



Season 9 Draft Prospects



D

Viktor Antipin

Nation: Kazakhstan **Age:** 18
Size: 5'8", 178 lbs.

CSS Rank - #1

With the most potential in the draft, Antipin is a smooth skater who gets himself into the right place often. Scouts would like to see a little higher "compete" level and his point totals may never let him become a Defenseman of the Year Trophy candidate, but he projects to be a top pairing defenseman who can play on both special team units for a decade. In his third season with Magnitogorsk in the KHL, Antipin has just 21 points in 53 games but has been a plus player all three years.
Favorite Movie: The Dark Knight Rises



C

Sergei Mozyakin

Nation: Russia **Age:** 22
Size: 5'11", 186 lbs.

CSS Rank - #2

The KHL's leading scorer in 2013-14 is ready to start for any team in the EURO. Mozyakin seems a shoo-in to eventually become a 30-goal, 70-point scorer and he has top-level wheels and knows how to play defense. Scouts are a little worried about his size.
Favorite Movie: Horrible Bosses



RW

Par Arlbrandt

Nation: Sweden **Age:** 21
Size: 5'7", 178 lbs.

CSS Rank - #3

Arlbrandt is one of the fastest skaters in the draft and his motor rarely slows. He is not great defensively but should be able to score enough points to keep him at least challenging for top line ice time during his career. He is shifty and tough to knock down. Scouts say his hustle erases the mistakes in his game. Arlbrandt has played in the Swedish and Swiss leagues, producing a little less than a point per game at that level.
Favorite Movie: The Interview



LW

Jan Kovar

Nation: Czech Rep. **Age:** 23
Size: 5'11", 187 lbs.

CSS Rank - #4

Like Mozyakin, Kovar can play today in the EURO League. The younger brother of Edinburgh goalie Jakub, Kovar is a proven point producer in the KHL, where he is a teammate of Viktor Antipin, the top ranked prospect in the draft. Very fast, Kovar is considered a slick playmaker. He doesn't have many holes in his games but scouts say he tends to "float" and is sometimes not noticeable for long periods of games.
Favorite Movie: Star Wars



LW

Fyodor Malykhin

Nation: Russia **Age:** 21
Size: 5'8", 170 lbs.

CSS Rank - #5

Malykhin's name might sound like a star on the Paris team, but he is not at all Malkin-like. Malykhin is one of the smaller players available, but he is very smart with good passing and puck skills. Scouts would like to see a higher compete level, but Malykhin definitely has the hockey sense to make a club, maybe even this season. He plays for Kazan Ak-Bars this season in the KHL after a few seasons in Yekaterinburg. His scoring totals have been very inconsistent, but with the right linemates and system, he will be an offensive contributor.
Favorite Movie: Inglorious Bastards



Season 5 Draft Prospects



Sandro Zurkirchen

Nation: Switzerland **Age:** 19

Size: 5'11", 195 lbs.

CSS Rank - #6

Zurkirchen has out-shined Benjamin Conz in the Swiss system lately. He has good technique and is considered the best of a relatively weak crop of goaltenders this year. Scouts like his focus in goal and he could end up as a No. 1 goalie for a EURO team, but he has years of learning and backing up ahead of him. He produced save percentages of .919 and .931 during his last two seasons in the Swiss A league.

Favorite Movie: Raging Bull



Vladimir Roth

Nation: Czech Rep. **Age:** 20

Size: 6'0", 190 lbs.

CSS Rank - #7

Roth has some developing to do but he is already very good with a puck and scouts like his ability to spring a rush from the defensive zone. Not strong physically or defensively yet, he doesn't mind rough play and will get his share of hits. Scouts are slightly worried about his off-ice habits, but on the ice, he projects as the second-best defenseman prospect available. In the Czech league with Trinec Ocelari, he has produced seasons in the 10 goals, 20 assists neighborhood.

Favorite Movie: The Hangover



Nardo Nagtzaam

Nation: Holland **Age:** 21

Size: 6'0", 200 lbs.

CSS Rank - #8

Nagtzaam's parents decided hockey could be in their son's future and as a young teen, he was sent to the U.S. – Alaska, specifically - to learn the game. Today he plays for Mercyhurst College in Erie, Pa. Nagtzaam is pretty balanced as players go, particularly strong on faceoffs and passing. Scouts say a little more effort every game would push him to the top 4 of the draft list, but they agree he just doesn't have that extra level of play in him. Still, he'll be a first or second line center eventually capable of 50 assists in his prime seasons.

Favorite Movie: Whiplash



Loic Lamperier

Nation: France **Age:** 20

Size: 6'0", 193 lbs.

CSS Rank - #9

France's best prospect is a very good stick handler who is especially good at playing in position. Lamperier may not be a team's leading scorer, but he has almost no deficiencies. He will need seasoning but projects to be a reliable forward. Lamperier has a reputation of being rather outspoken at times and has had problems with teammates in the past.

Favorite Movie: Iron Man



Jindrich Barak

Nation: Czech Rep. **Age:** 19

Size: 6'0", 207 lbs.

CSS Rank - #10

Skating and shot blocking are Barak's calling cards. He's good at both. But he could use development in most other areas of his game. Scouts say he'll eventually be a good penalty killer and with the right diet and exercise program (obviously they don't like his current conditioning level), could generate some offense from the point.

Favorite Movie: The Conjuring



Season 5 Draft Prospects



Linus Klasen

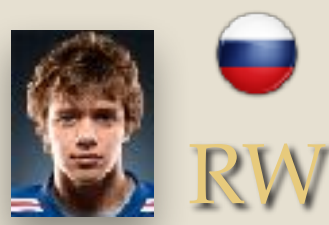
Nation: Sweden **Age:** 21

Size: 5'8", 177 lbs.

CSS Rank - #11

Klasen plays a lot like fellow Swede Par Arlbrandt, but with less caffeine. Klasen can really skate and is good with the puck. His offensive flare overshadows his shaky defensive work, but as forwards go, he'll do well in his own zone. He tends to shy away from contact, but he can work the puck, as he has shown this season with Lugano in the Swiss league (50 points in 43 games).

Favorite Movie: Anchorman 2



Artemy Panarin

Nation: Russia **Age:** 24

Size: 5'10", 170 lbs.

CSS Rank - #12

Panarin has blossomed into an offensive star with St. Petersburg in the KHL, but defense is his top priority and he's ready to step directly into a starting role in the EURO. His ceiling isn't as high as some of the forwards ranked ahead of him, but teams looking for immediate contributors will hope he's still around when they pick. Panarin is considered a very responsible defensive forward who won't hurt his team. But he is small and not good in traffic.

Favorite Movie: Gravity



Robin Grossman

Nation: Switzerland **Age:** 18

Size: 5'11", 188 lbs.

CSS Rank - #13

If Grossman were a bit bigger, he would be the stereotypical stay at home defenseman that coaches like to have at least one of. That being said, he's close to being that guy and he brings a level of skating that will help him make up for the lack of beef. He produced 25 points in the Swiss league this season, but don't expect that from him in the EURO.

Favorite Movie: Guardians of the Galaxy



Kjetil Martinsen

Nation: Norway **Age:** 21

Size: 6'0", 176 lbs.

CSS Rank - #14

Martinsen is very balanced on paper, perhaps a little better defensively. But of all prospects near the top of the list, he might be the most difficult to project. He plays a very quiet game. Scouts don't notice any flash in his game, but they don't seem him making mistakes either.

Favorite Movie: Unbroken



Simon Hjalmarsson

Nation: Sweden **Age:** 22

Size: 5'11", 177 lbs.

CSS Rank - #15

Hjalmarsson is seen as a skinny kid who plays like he's buff. He skates hard, likes to hit and he rarely falls short in the effort area. He likes to stickhandle – way too much for most scouts – and wants to score goals. He doesn't like coming back on defense as much. He currently plays in the KHL with Moscow, where he has 11 goals and 23 points in 31 games.

Favorite Movie: 21 Jump Street



Season 5 Draft Prospects



Bud Holloway

Nation: Canada **Age:** 22
Size: 6'1", 200 lbs.

CSS Rank - #16

Holloway, from Saskatchewan, was a goal scorer in the WHL, who wanted to play in Europe right out of juniors. In the EURO, he won't be the offensive power he was in the WHL, but he'll be a useful, checking forward with a nasty edge. He has good size, likes to hit and will harass opposing defensemen while he's forechecking. Just don't expect him to score 20 goals for you.
Favorite Movie: Monty Python and the Holy Grail



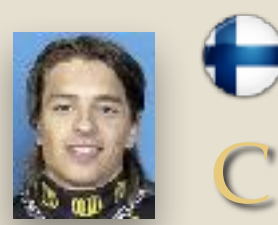
Olli Palola

Nation: Finland **Age:** 19
Size: 5'11", 178 lbs.

CSS Rank - #17

The Finn skates pretty well and looks for offensive chances. Plus, he's a little more aggressive than most. But critics say he's got a lot to learn about playing the position and they say he takes shifts off. Sometimes game off. But he has talent and athletic ability. He and Sakari Salminen, another draftee, work very well together and are often referred to as the "Finnish Sedins."

Favorite Movie: Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2



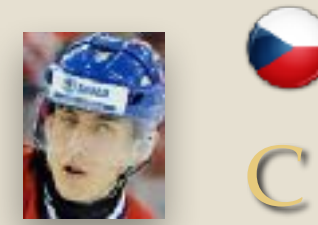
Sakari Salminen

Nation: Finland **Age:** 19
Size: 5'11", 165 lbs.

CSS Rank - #18

Salminen and his best friend Olli Palola are cut from the same mold. Salminen is a little faster on his skates than Palola is, but Palola is a little stronger. With either, you will get a guy who flies around out there, looking to make offensive plays while probably neglecting defensive duties.

Favorite Movie: Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2



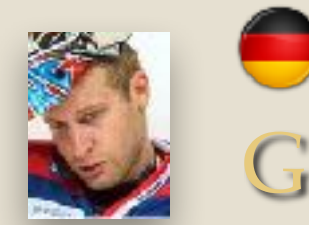
Tomas Nosek

Nation: Czech Rep. **Age:** 20
Size: 6'2", 193 lbs.

CSS Rank - #19

Part of a solid group of Czech teens entering the league, Nosek developed slowly but has made strides in recent years. Scouts like his hockey sense. He has good size but doesn't seem to realize it ... or use it. He is a forward that won't hurt your team much and he'll contribute 15 or so goals in his prime. Nosek is said to place a very high priority on family and stability at home.

Favorite Movie: Lord of the Rings



Felix Bruckmann

Nation: Germany **Age:** 21
Size: 6'0", 199 lbs.

CSS Rank - #20

Bruckmann is a hard worker who hates being scored on even in practice. He is better with his pads than his glove, scouts say, but he can put together sustained periods of good play. He may never be good enough to carry a team through the playoffs, but teams will find value in him.

Favorite Movie: 300



Season 5 Draft Prospects



LW

Robert Rooba

Nation: Estonia **Age:** 22
Size: 6'3", 210 lbs.

CSS Rank - #21

Scouts love his size but they say he's more likely to win a trophy for sportsmanship than a fight. And they love his personality – a real team guy, they say. Rooba plays a disciplined, defensive game. His size helps him in both ends of the ice.

Favorite Movie: The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford



LW

Miks Indrasis

Nation: Latvia **Age:** 19
Size: 6'4", 210 lbs.

CSS Rank - #22

If anyone fits the mold of power forward, it's Indrasis. He loves parking his big body in front of opposing goalies and he has an excellent wrist shot. He's clever and good with a puck, but he's quite slow afoot. Quite slow.

Favorite Movie: Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery



RW

Kevin Clark

Nation: Canada **Age:** 20
Size: 5'8", 172 lbs.

CSS Rank - #23

Clark's a little fireball from Winnipeg. He likes to hit and he's tough. But his desire to deliver the highlight-reel hits, often takes him out of position. And he's prone to the bad penalty. Clark has speed, skill and some offensive creativity. Scouts noted he tends to try risky passes a little too often.

Favorite Movie: Wayne's World



C

Alexander Toryanik

Nation: Ukraine **Age:** 20
Size: 6'5", 225 lbs.

CSS Rank - #24

An imposing figure, Toryanik is already a big man at age 20 and there might even be some growth yet to come. So if adding size is your aim, Toryanik is a fantastic option. His puck skills are not there at all, but he will be hard to move from in front of the net and if he gets speed going, he'll hit like a truck. Like Rooba, Toryanik is considered a good team player.

Favorite Movie: Interstellar



D

Yegor Milovzorov

Nation: Russia **Age:** 21
Size: 5'11", 186 lbs.

CSS Rank - #25

What scouts like most about the Russian rearguard is his leadership potential and attitude. They see a guy who will contribute in all situations and perhaps put up above-average point totals. No one is sold on his hockey sense, however, and he gets caught out of position at times. Plus he's a little bit of an injury risk.

Favorite Movie: Ghostbusters



Season 5 Draft Prospects



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Luka Gracnar

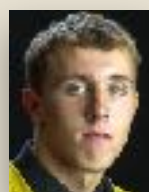
Nation: Slovenia **Age:** 21

Size: 5'10", 190 lbs.

CSS Rank - #26

Gracnar was the backup on Slovenia's Olympic team behind Robert Kristan, the Munich Dire Wolf goalie who has appeared in 72 EURO games in three seasons. Gracnar is aggressive as goalies go, and has an amazing glove hand. In the Austrian League, with Salzberg, he had a .926 save percentage in 23 games, but he'll see much better shots coming his way in the EURO league. Realistically, Gracnar will probably be known as a backup in his EURO career, but possibly a really good backup.

Favorite Movie: Blades of Glory



C

Scott Conway

Nation: England **Age:** 19

Size: 5'11", 195 lbs.

CSS Rank - #27

Some scouts have serious concerns about his conditioning and stamina level. But what puts him this high in the draft is his very good hand-eye coordination. He can fire the puck and has shown glimpses of being a real goal scorer. He's just raw and doesn't have a strong hockey background. He is currently learning the game at Penn State University.

Favorite Movie: The Dark Knight



C

Erik Forssell

Nation: Sweden **Age:** 20

Size: 5'11", 185 lbs.

CSS Rank - #28

When he was squirt and bantam age, Forssell was looked at as one of Sweden's most promising players. Since then, he has displayed a steady, predictable game. Too predictable for many scouts. His stats look the same every year and that doesn't make for the home run pick a lot of GMs seek in the second round of a draft. But Forssell should get picked in the second round thanks to his strong skating, work ethic and defensive ability. He is unlikely to develop into the offensive star many once thought he would become, but he will help a team in other areas.

Favorite Movie: The Bourne Ultimatum



LW

Ville Vahalahti

Nation: Finland **Age:** 23

Size: 6'1", 191 lbs.

CSS Rank - #29

At 23, Vahalahti is more ready for regular work than most other draft prospects. He is tough, feisty and a very good passer. He will never be accused of dogging it and he'll hit hard, but he won't be too adept at stealing pucks or thwarting puck carriers near him on the ice. Vahalahti rubs some coaches and teammates the wrong way sometimes, but he would be a good weapon on a powerplay unit. **Favorite Movie:** The Princess Bride



LW

Andreas Johnson

Nation: Sweden **Age:** 19

Size: 5'10", 180 lbs.

CSS Rank - #30

Johnson is like many other forwards in this part of the draft and he could get picked ahead of the others. He's fast and thinks offense first. He is a young 19 and no one's quite sure of what his ceiling might be.

Favorite Movie: Christmas Vacation



Season 5 Draft Prospects



D

Alexander Weiss

Nation: Germany **Age:** 22

Size: 5'10", 178 lbs.

CSS Rank - #31

Weiss will be ready for primetime very soon. He is a gifted offensive talent who also plays very well in his own zone. The only things keeping him out of the top 10 or 15 are his lack of size and his lack of speed. He does his best to make up for his skating by getting into plays early, but the skating does in fact hurt him. Weiss has been playing for Cologne in the German league. **Favorite Movie:** The Godfather



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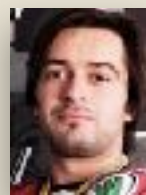
Stanislav Galimov

Nation: Russia **Age:** 19

Size: 6'2", 202 lbs.

CSS Rank - #32

A bigger goalie, Galimov has put together three good seasons in the KHL, recording save percentages between .919 and .943. Critics say he doesn't move enough, or quickly, in the crease. But he owns a good glove hand. **Favorite Movie:** Silver Linings Playbook



C

Gregory Beron

Nation: France **Age:** 19

Size: 5'11", 177 lbs.

CSS Rank - #33

Beron is another offensively-skilled player. He's clever and even-keeled with decent speed and not great size. He also has a history with injuries. In the French league, with Amiens, he has shown steady progress as a playmaker. **Favorite Movie:** The Wolf of Wall Street



D

Stefan Ulmer

Nation: Austria **Age:** 22

Size: 6'1", 186 lbs.

CSS Rank - #34

An excellent skater, Ulmer plays a smart game and blocks a lot of shots. He doesn't do much in the offensive zone, but he possesses a good slapshot. Ulmer could be more physical, but he is held in high regard in Austria and is said to be a leader. **Favorite Movie:** Skyfall



C

Morten Madsen

Nation: Denmark **Age:** 22

Size: 6'2", 200 lbs.

CSS Rank - #35

Scouts love Madsen's size and his well-rounded game. He has played in the Swiss and German leagues and never put up high point totals, but scouts say he will develop into a very good checking line center. They also say he is always goofing around and is a good influence in the dressing room. **Favorite Movie:** The Lion King



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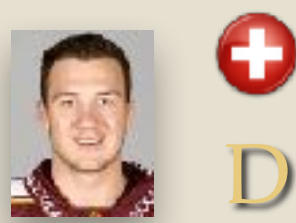


Joakim Hildding

Nation: Sweden **Age:** 20
Size: 5'10", 180 lbs.

CSS Rank - #36

Like most young Swedes, Hildding can skate fast. But unlike most of his young countrymen, Hildding cares a little more about defense than offense. He considers himself a shut-down forward who can keep up with the other team's most dangerous skaters. He competes very well on some shifts and not at all on others.
Favorite Movie: Django Unchained



Christian Marti

Nation: Switzerland **Age:** 18
Size: 5'11", 195 lbs.

CSS Rank - #37

Marti is quiet and rarely smiles. But scouts point out smiling isn't what he'd be paid to do by whomever drafts him. He has OK size and good skating ability and could develop into a top four defenseman. Playing against men in the Swiss league, he is a plus player. But his best years are a long way away. The team that takes him won't be granting him a team sweater for many seasons.
Favorite Movie: The Hunger Games

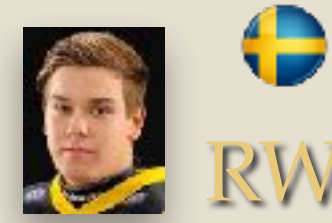


Hayden Hawkey

Nation: USA **Age:** 18
Size: 6'2", 175 lbs.

CSS Rank - #38

Hawkey is tall enough, but the 18-year-old has some frame filling out to do. He has quick reflexes and cuts down angles well, but the USHL Omaha Lancer has seen his save percentage go down from .926 to .896 in the last year.
Favorite Movie: American Sniper



Viktor Arvidsson

Nation: Sweden **Age:** 22
Size: 5'10", 175 lbs.

CSS Rank - #39

Arvidsson has scored points at a good level in Sweden and then in the AHL with Milwaukee. He could be one of the steals of the draft, but then again he might be too small to excel. He tends to take dumb penalties and there is some question about his work ethic. But the boy has skills.
Favorite Movie: Spring Breakers



Kristian Kuusela

Nation: Finland **Age:** 22
Size: 5'9", 180 lbs.

CSS Rank - #40

Kuusela should be able to score 40 points in the EURO, maybe 50. He is speedy and small, but doesn't seem to have very good hockey sense. He stands up for his teammates when needed – and sometimes when not needed - and will have higher-than-average PIMs.
Favorite Movie: Argo



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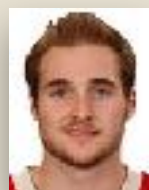
Anton Lazarev

Nation: Russia **Age:** 20
Size: 5'11", 180 lbs.

CSS Rank - #41

With Yekaterinburg of the KHL, Lazarev has seen regular playing time, showing an ability to score at least 10 goals and 30 points in a season. He is not a very physical player and is stronger in the offensive zone. He is definitely a defensive liability now and the jury is out on how well he's picking up that part of the game.

Favorite Movie: The Amazing Spider-Man 2



Maxim Noreau

Nation: Canada **Age:** 21
Size: 6'1", 195 lbs.

CSS Rank - #42

Noreau should develop into a little-offense, mostly-defense defenseman. He likes battles in the corner and in front of the net and if he gains muscle, he'll be a force. He is also a decent leader. The question with him is: will his offensive numbers in junior and lesser leagues translate into points in the EURO League? If you can live without the offense from the blueline and if you don't mind the occasional penalty, then Noreau would be a nice pick.

Favorite Movie: Scarface



Reto Suri

Nation: Switzerland **Age:** 20
Size: 5'11", 185 lbs.

CSS Rank - #43

Suri has had moderate success in the Swiss league, where he's been good for a dozen goals and 35 points a season. He's probably going to be better as a defensive forward than as a powerplay guy. Suri is quiet around people but he works hard on the ice.

Favorite Movie: Good Will Hunting



Ryan Gunderson

Nation: USA **Age:** 21
Size: 5'10", 175 lbs.

CSS Rank - #44

Groomed in the USHL, Gunderson has switched to the U.S. College ranks with Minnesota State-Mankato. Scouts love the jump in his skating and the way he can accelerate to close down forwards or move the puck out of his zone. They call him smooth with the puck and on his feet. And he'll drop the gloves to defend himself. But Gunderson lacks size and durability. Those are the only real knocks against him.

Favorite Movie: American Hustle



Diego Kostner

Nation: Italy **Age:** 19
Size: 6'0", 181 lbs.

CSS Rank - #45

Kostner grew up playing water polo and hockey but is ready to switch to the ice full-time. He projects as an excellent defensive center, but he has a lot to learn about the game and will be treading water in the minors for several seasons before a EURO team sticks him in its lineup. He won't ever have great puck skills or skating ability, but he won't hurt you either. He currently plays for Lugano in the Swiss league.

Favorite Movie: Star Trek Into Darkness



Season 5 Draft Prospects



Michael Keranen

Nation: Finland **Age:** 22
Size: 6'0", 180 lbs.

CSS Rank - #46

Keranen showed tremendous improvement in his stats in Finland last season, earning him a contract with the AHL's Iowa Wild. He could be ready soon for a debut in the EURO. He reminds many scouts of fellow Finn Erik Haula, meaning: skates hard, forechecks and hits. Keranen will probably get more assists than Haula because he's good at that aspect of the game. But he's unlikely to score many goals.

Favorite Movie: Ted



Marc Peninou

Nation: Canada **Age:** 22
Size: 6'1", 178 lbs.

CSS Rank - #47

The Edinburgh Capitals have reportedly shown a lot of interest in the young Peninou. If they draft him, they'll get a player who knows how to play his position and who knows how to pass the puck. Peninou is durable and while he won't score too many hat tricks in his career, he won't hurt the team much either. Scouts say he strikes them as the kind of kid who could end up as management material someday.

Favorite Movie: Captain Phillips



Lorenzo Maas

Nation: Belgium **Age:** 21
Size: 5'9", 177 lbs.

CSS Rank - #48

There aren't too many players from Belgium who make it big, but Maas is a fantastic athlete who could probably play any sport fairly well. In hockey, he's a short defenseman who moves well and has great hand-eye-coordination. Consider Maas as a player who can someday be on the point on the second powerplay unit.

Favorite Movie: Meet the Parents



Jack Callow

Nation: Canada **Age:** 23
Size: 6'0", 180 lbs.

CSS Rank - #49

Callow has connections. His older brother Dylan is general manager of the Copenhagen Tridents and it is expected the GM will call out the player's name on draft day. Jack is a year or two from suiting up for the Tridents, but his future is as a smart hockey player and a good team guy. He has good offensive instincts and good skating ability.

Favorite Movie: Lone Survivor



Alex Trivellato

Nation: Italy **Age:** 18
Size: 6'2", 180 lbs.

CSS Rank - #50

The tall, thin Italian defenseman is a project, but the team that picks him will have a guy who can move the puck up ice and stick to opposing forwards like glue. He might never be big enough to be counted on for clearing the net, but he should be able to find work on a third pairing, perhaps on a second pairing. Trivellato plays in the German league with the Berlin Polar Bears.

Favorite Movie: The Italian Job



Season 5 Draft Prospects



LW

Ivan Huml

Nation: Czech Rep. **Age:** 20
Size: 6'0", 202 lbs.

CSS Rank - #51

Aside from work ethic, Huml has a lot of what scouts look for. He has good size and speed, decent offensive instincts and hockey sense. But he takes some questionable penalties and is lazy too often. He has bounced around a lot of teams in his career already with his longest stint being in the Finnish league with Karpat. **Favorite Movie:** Glengarry Glen Ross



RW

Daniel Pietta

Nation: Germany **Age:** 23
Size: 6'0", 210 lbs.

CSS Rank - #52

In the German league with Krefeld, Pietta scores a point a game. Scouts openly wonder why. He is an average skater who seems to be out of position often. But he makes things happen, tapping in a rebound here, breaking up a good pass there ... a little mysterious.

Favorite Movie: Prometheus



C

Matthias Bieber

Nation: Switzerland **Age:** 22
Size: 6'2", 188 lbs.

CSS Rank - #53

Bieber is a good stickhandler who plays good defense, but his compete level is questionable, scouts say. He is good at winning faceoffs, but he tends to play on the periphery of crowded areas and some even call him timid. Not much scoring will come from this Swiss skater.

Favorite Movie: Les Misérables



LW

Yasin Ehliz

Nation: Turkey **Age:** 21
Size: 5'11", 180 lbs.

CSS Rank - #54

A lot of scouts don't know a thing about Turkey's hockey program and are afraid to recommend Ehliz. Others see decent skating speed, athleticism and dedication and are intrigued by the unknown. His hockey sense isn't good and he won't be confused with a Selke Trophy candidate, but he could play for a team for a good period of time.

Favorite Movie: Star Wars: Episode V – The Empire Strikes Back



LW

Mats Rosseli Olsen

Nation: Norway **Age:** 18
Size: 5'11", 197 lbs.

CSS Rank - #55

A fun-loving guy, that Rosseli Olsen. But don't let the ever-present smile fool you. He's one of the toughest guys in the draft. He will not develop into an offensive player, but he will be the grinder, pest kind of guy that teams sometimes look for. With Frolunda in the Swedish league, Olsen has put together a 15-point, 40-PIM season with a plus-minus of plus 5.

Favorite Movie: Slapshot



Season 5 Draft Prospects



Jakub Krejčík

Nation: Czech Rep. **Age:** 20
Size: 6'1", 200 lbs.

CSS Rank - #56

Scouts are all over the board on the sturdy Czech. Some games, he's dominant, others he's dormant. He's pretty consistent about hitting, though. He likes to hit. He projects to be a good defenseman but not a great one. And he'll pile up the penalty minutes. Krejčík has already played in leagues in three different European nations.

Favorite Movie: Anchorman



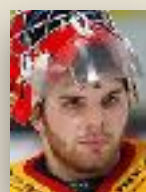
Benedikt Bruckner

Nation: Germany **Age:** 18
Size: 6'1", 194 lbs.

CSS Rank - #57

The German teen will put on more weight and he should be of sufficient size to be a EURO starter. He will develop into a balanced, two-way player but will lack flash and ferocity. As draft prospects go, not much is known about him, but the few that know him like him.

Favorite Movie: Memento



Benjamin Konz

Nation: Switzerland **Age:** 22
Size: 6'4", 205 lbs.

CSS Rank - #58

Well known in the international hockey scene and with two World Junior tournaments under his belt, Konz has slipped down the rankings in the last year. But many still have faith in him. He has learned to trust his teammates more in recent years and that has kept Konz from being caught out of position, which was one of his problems in the past. His technique is flawless, but for some reason, his save percentage has slipped from .929 two seasons ago to .891 this season. Might be burn-out.

Favorite Movie: White Heat



Mattias Backman

Nation: Sweden **Age:** 22
Size: 5'9", 175 lbs.

CSS Rank - #59

There are a few young defensemen in this part of the draft which are pretty much equal. Backman is ranked with Trivellato, Krejčík, Bruckner and others. The Swede is the best skater of the lot and he plays the position well. But he lacks size and strength and the jury is out on his offensive talent. He has experience in the Swedish leagues and a cup of coffee in the NHL and the good news is he has always had a positive plus-minus.

Favorite Movie: The Aviator



Fabian Calovi

Nation: Italy **Age:** 20
Size: 6'1", 181 lbs.

CSS Rank - #60

If Calovi had a better feel for hockey, he would jump up 20 places or more because he has good physical attributes. His hockey sense is considered low and he doesn't do much in any game. But scouts think he could blossom yet as an effective checker or grinder. Calovi grew up in German leagues.

Favorite Movie: There Will be Blood



Season 5 Draft Prospects



C

Dennis Rasmussen

Nation: Sweden **Age:** 23

Size: 6'4", 200 lbs.

CSS Rank - #61

The tall and sturdy center is older than most prospects in the draft and should see EURO duty in two seasons. He projects to be a 40-point scorer someday but scouts say he's drowsy when the other team has the puck.

Favorite Movie: Toy Story



D

Juraj Valach

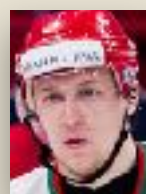
Nation: Slovakia **Age:** 23

Size: 6'7", 235 lbs.

CSS Rank - #62

The biggest dude in the draft is Slovakian Juraj Valach. He's as strong as an ox at 6-7, 235, but he skates like one too. Valach has a good compete level but he's careful about who he creams and when. He will get beaten to most pucks and quick forwards will beat him to the outside, but in the slot area, he's the guy you want there.

Favorite Movie: Role Models



RW

Evgeny Solomonov

Nation: Belarus **Age:** 22

Size: 5'10", 178 lbs.

CSS Rank - #63

Somonov has great hands and his puck handling skills are right up there with the best of the draft class, and his hockey sense is considered very high. His legs are his downfall. Solomonov lacks speed and he doesn't exhibit a lot of energy consistently.

Favorite Movie: The Great Escape



D

Sam Godfrey

Nation: England **Age:** 24

Size: 6'1", 220 lbs.

CSS Rank - #64

Big into bodybuilding, Godfrey has a lot of muscle on his 6-1 frame. He doesn't use it as much as scouts would like, but he is a good athlete. He could be a diamond in the rough for teams looking for a stable, shot-blocking defenseman with toughness. At 24, his ceiling isn't too much higher than it is now, however.

Favorite Movie: Thor



C

Mark Garside

Nation: Scotland **Age:** 20

Size: 6'1", 181 lbs.

CSS Rank - #65

Garside already has experience with the Edinburgh Capitals and Belfast Giants, but not *those* Caps and Giants. He has played for the Caps and Giants in the lesser British league. Scouts believe he is capable of scoring a dozen goals and 40 points at his peak. But he is seen as a floater with a bit of an attitude.

Favorite Movie: Braveheart



Season 5 Draft Prospects



Rhett Rakhshani

Nation: USA **Age:** 23
Size: 5'10", 180 lbs.

CSS Rank - #66

The American can fly and he can play as a competent defensive forward already. The team that drafts him will hope he's not done developing. He could be a good playmaker and respectable two-way player. There aren't too many holes in his game but some scouts don't believe his collegiate success will translate into pro success.
Favorite Movie: Zero Dark 30



Andrew Dickson

Nation: No. Ireland **Age:** 22
Size: 5'11", 170 lbs.

CSS Rank - #67

Growing up playing street hockey in Northern Ireland, Dickson was scored on regularly by Chris Patton and his friends. But that experience helped him develop into a decent goalie prospect. He's quick and has a good attitude but could really use a patient, innovative goalie coach.
Favorite Movie: The Avengers



Todd Graham

Nation: Australia **Age:** 22
Size: 6'5", 230 lbs.

CSS Rank - #68

Thomas Powell's success with Minsk has more scouts looking downunder for prospects and Graham stands out in the crowd at 6-5, 230. He should become a big, bruising defenseman who doesn't offer much offense. Scouts who have seen him play at Buffalo State have marked him down a few spots due to a relatively low compete level.
Favorite Movie: Flight

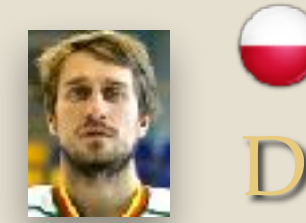


Roman Starchenko

Nation: Kazakhstan **Age:** 23
Size: 5'10", 184 lbs.

CSS Rank - #69

With Astana in the KHL, Starchenko hit 20 goals once but didn't have as many assists. Some wonder if he would be much more productive on a better team. He is a solid, all-around pick with good leadership skills. But if his Astana numbers reflect his optimum potential, he might not be a great find.
Favorite Movie: The Shining



Patryk Wajda

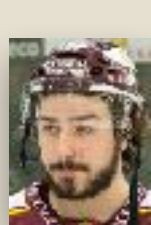
Nation: Poland **Age:** 19
Size: 6'0", 180 lbs.

CSS Rank - #70

The teen has a lot of developing to do. But is seems very willing to learn and he will add an abrasive edge to whatever team takes him. He will get his share of penalty minutes, but he is bound to take opposing players off their game pretty much every time he's on the ice. "Tough guy" will probably be his eventual label.
Favorite Movie: Behind Enemy Lines



Season 5 Draft Prospects



LW

Denis Hollenstein

Nation: Switzerland **Age:** 22
Size: 6'0", 195 lbs.

CSS Rank - #71

Many scouts like Hollenstein's build and size and most say he has a nose for the net. Other scouts say he's a ghost outside the opposing slot. Hollenstein has speed and has scored 37 points with Kloten in the Swiss league. A history of knee injuries has some scared about his durability.

Favorite Movie: From Hell



D

Denis Gribko

Nation: Belarus **Age:** 20
Size: 5'10", 176 lbs.

CSS Rank - #72

Small but feisty, Gribko plays a good defensive game. He's a decent skater and whether or not he gets drafted will hinge on how teams feel about his small stature.

Favorite Movie: Casablanca



G

Michikazu Hata

Nation: Japan **Age:** 21
Size: 6'0", 185 lbs.

CSS Rank - #73

Quick with his feet and glove, Hata has limited experience against good competition. The small sample size shows that he has promise and might be worth a gamble as a backup goalie.

Favorite Movie: Seven Samurai



D

Jyri Marttinen

Nation: Finland **Age:** 23
Size: 6'0", 202 lbs.

CSS Rank - #74

The Finn is ultra aggressive and will add toughness to a team. He is more of an instigator than a fighter, fundamentally sound in all areas, but not great in any. Teams that don't worry about penalties will be happy to have him.

Favorite Movie: Mad Max 2: The Road Warrior



RW

Chris Legge

Nation: Canada **Age:** 23
Size: 5'11", 180 lbs.

CSS Rank - #75

The Canadian is well balanced with good leadership skills. Gothenburg is reportedly extremely high on him while other teams are lukewarm. Legge isn't expected to light it up on a regular basis, but could be a consistent, reliable guy for the Devils.

Favorite Movie: Kingsman: The Secret Service



Season 5 Draft Prospects



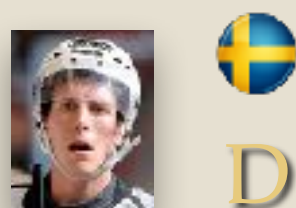
Brendan Lemieux

Nation: USA **Age:** 18
Size: 6'1", 210 lbs.

CSS Rank - #76

A big wing and an agitator like his dad Claude, Lemieux has scored a lot of goals (39 in 52 games) this year in the OHL with Barrie. Of the five pieces in the Buffalo Sabres trade with Winnipeg, he was the one that fans and media griped the most about losing. But he is an attribute-less prospect in Websim and therefore a huge gamble.

Favorite Movie: Independence Day



Erik Andersson

Nation: Sweden **Age:** 20
Size: 6'1", 183 lbs.

CSS Rank - #77

Andersson is in that seemingly interchangeable group of defensemen who will be picked in the third round of the draft. Teams willing to wait will lean toward the promising Swede. He skates beautifully, hits well and has good defensive instincts. All other parts of his game are suspect thus far, however. He is very emotional on the ice and takes a lot of penalties.

Favorite Movie: Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle



Hyun Min Ahn

Nation: South Korea **Age:** 24
Size: 5'9", 168 lbs.

CSS Rank - #78

Very active and always going at full speed, Ahn might be the draftee who hustles the most. His constant movement takes him out of position a lot, however, and he tends to attempt risky passes. On the flip side, some of those passes lead to excellent scoring chances. Ahn has a lot to learn and his lack of size will keep many teams for picking him over other defense prospects.

Favorite Movie: Caddyshack



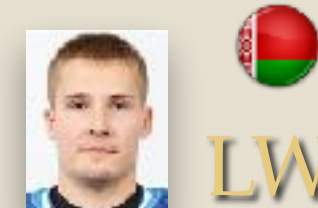
Martin Scott Hagen

Nation: Norway **Age:** 21
Size: 5'9", 175 lbs.

CSS Rank - #79

Not much is known about the Norwegian with the North American-sounding name. Scouts think his skating is sound and like his shooting ability. They have serious concerns about his hockey sense.

Favorite Movie: Fifty Shades of Grey



Pavel Razvodovsky

Nation: Belarus **Age:** 22
Size: 5'11", 177 lbs.

CSS Rank - #80

Scouts hope that the 22-year-old has one more growth spurt in him. Otherwise, his slight build will keep him from excelling at the pro level. He has the puck skills and the training to succeed, but he needs to beef up to gain confidence and become more of a threat.

Favorite Movie: Jiminy Glick in Lalawood



Season 5 Draft Prospects



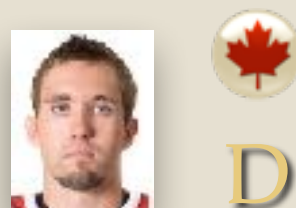
Vojtech Nemec

Nation: Czech Rep. **Age:** 21
Size: 5'10", 189 lbs.

CSS Rank - #81

Nemec is fast and he likes to dig for pucks along the boards and in the corners. Two seasons ago, he popped in 20 goals for Brno in the Czech league, but last year, his production fell off to 10 goals. He could make a checking line or become a good fourth-liner. He will stand up for himself and teammates.

Favorite Movie: Rocky



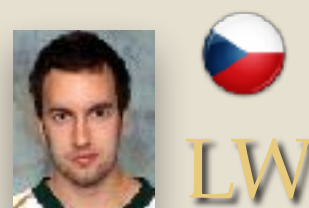
Daryl Boyle

Nation: Canada **Age:** 22
Size: 6'1", 200 lbs.

CSS Rank - #82

Boyle has decent size and plays a solid - if quiet - game as a blueliner. He can move the puck up the ice but scouts would like to see what a really confident or angry Boyle could do. He doesn't hit much and doesn't shoot much despite some good numbers as a junior with the Brandon Wheat Kings.

Favorite Movie: Canadian Bacon



Ondrej Roman

Nation: Czech Rep. **Age:** 21
Size: 5'11", 185 lbs.

CSS Rank - #83

Roman will be a playmaker and not much else. But teamed with the right linemates, he could pile up the assists. Teammates will have to cover up for his defensive shortcomings. Roman has three seasons with Vitkovice in the Czech league under his belt.

Favorite Movie: The Town



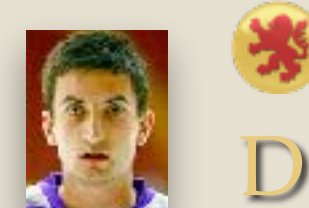
Siim Liivik

Nation: Finland **Age:** 21
Size: 6'1", 202 lbs.

CSS Rank - #84

Liivik has the talent to be picked on draft day although teams may shy away from his attitude and penchant for bad penalties. But the Finn has good size and definitely knows how to use it. he competes hard and works to get into the right position every shift. Unfortunately, his hands are not good. He won't be a top scorer.

Favorite Movie: Shawshank Redemption



Steve Chalmers

Nation: Scotland **Age:** 22
Size: 6'0", 182 lbs.

CSS Rank - #85

With Coventry in the English league, Chalmers has proven to be all-defense and no offense. He works hard and moves well. He could use more experience and coaching, but at 22, his ceiling is closer than scouts would like.

Favorite Movie: Green Street Hooligans



Season 5 Draft Prospects



LW

Georgios Kouleles

Nation: Greece **Age:** 20
Size: 6'0", 180 lbs.

CSS Rank - #86

The Greek is a natural athlete but very green. Had he grown up in a hockey nation like Canada, he would have all teams looking at him. As it is, there might be only one team with their eye on him. Kouleles is a hard worker and a tough kid, perhaps a grinder on a team in the future.

Favorite Movie: The Dirty Dozen



D

Petr Zamorsky

Nation: Czech Rep. **Age:** 21
Size: 6'2", 215 lbs.

CSS Rank - #87

Good size and a defense-first mentality might be just enough to get him work in the EURO League, but he won't get hired because of the way he skates or shoots. Zamorsky is often invisible for games at a time in the Czech league with Zlin, but some see that as a good thing for a defenseman.

Favorite Movie: Forrest Gump



C

Miha Verlic

Nation: Slovenia **Age:** 22
Size: 6'4", 193 lbs.

CSS Rank - #88

A big, strong guy who will win a lot of faceoffs, Verlic is sneaky out there, and that often makes up for his lack of speed and puck skills. A gamble for sure, if he gets drafted it will be for his size and face-off skill. He has had success in the Austrian league, but scouts know the competition there is poor compared to the EURO.

Favorite Movie: Miracle



D

Ville Varakas

Nation: Finland **Age:** 23
Size: 5'11", 194 lbs.

CSS Rank - #89

In the Finnish league, Varakas has been able to score a handful of goals and get a decent number of assists, enough least to get him on scouts' radar. What they have seen is that he moves well and is aggressive, but not everyone is sold on him. Some say he will score so few points that he will always be looking over his shoulder at the next defenseman on the depth chart.

Favorite Movie: Rush Hour



D

Alejandro Hernandez

Nation: Spain **Age:** 22
Size: 5'9", 175 lbs.

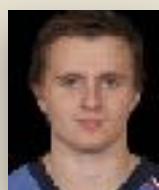
CSS Rank - #90

The Hernandez family moved to France when he was young and that's where he learned the sport. He is a fast skater and a good passer, with some hot-bloodedness in him. Scouts note that he is rarely in the right place at the right time, but the Spaniard has a chance of being drafted.

Favorite Movie: Chocolat



Season 5 Draft Prospects



D

Arturs Kulda

Nation: Latvia **Age:** 24
Size: 6'2", 220 lbs.

CSS Rank - #91

Kulda doesn't have the potential that a lot of the players around him on the list have, but he will be ready sooner than most of them. A stay-at-home defenseman, he has strength and discipline on his side and he's good in the dressing room. Many other aspects of his play are lacking, however.

Favorite Movie: Young Frankenstein



LW

Cale Tanaka

Nation: Canada **Age:** 23
Size: 5'10", 183 lbs.

CSS Rank - #92

A hitter, a pest, a grinder ... all might describe what Tanaka evolves into in the EURO League, assuming he gets drafted. He is a unique personality and a lively player who will not be remembered for his offensive prowess.

Favorite Movie: Mystery, Alaska



D

Olli Malmivaara

Nation: Finland **Age:** 22
Size: 6'6", 226 lbs.

CSS Rank - #93

The towering Finn's size might get him picked over the other stay-at-home defensemen available. He doesn't move or skate well and his puck skills aren't good. But he has an ample supply of size and toughness.

Favorite Movie: Three Amigos



D

Mikhail Pashnin

Nation: Russia **Age:** 23
Size: 5'11", 190 lbs.

CSS Rank - #94

Intimidation is Pashnin's game. Hit a teammate, get punched in the face. He actually plays a sound defensive game, but no one seems to notice that. With Yaroslav in the KHL, he hardly scored, played well enough to get penalty killing time, and found trouble often.

Favorite Movie: Goon



D

Marek Daloga

Nation: Slovakia **Age:** 23
Size: 6'3", 190 lbs.

CSS Rank - #95

Not many expect Daloga to be drafted, but he is a smooth skater and should develop some skills. He looks to be someone capable of playing a sound, "quiet" game in the defensive end.

Favorite Movie: The Blues Brothers



Season 5 Draft Prospects



LW

Sebastian Uvira

Nation: Germany **Age:** 21

Size: 6'1", 205 lbs.

CSS Rank - #96

A longshot to be drafted, the German has a pro winger body type but not much more. He will bang and dig for pucks and get off on a line change. His coach won't want him trying to do much more than that. He had 113 minutes in penalties in his first season in the German league.

Favorite Movie: The Impossible

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Sweden - 10
Switzerland - 7
Turkey - 1
Ukraine - 1
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By Age

24 - 4 players
23 - 14 players
22 - 24 players
21 - 19 players
20 - 16 players
19 - 11 players
18 - 7 players

By Position

G - 8 players
D - 32 players
LW - 21 players
C - 18 players
RW - 16 players