

It is not often we get to see a deep draft class, but the S83 class has shown a great amount of depth and potential in their first seasons of the SMJHL, but now it is time to begin taking the next big step. That big step being the SHL. The changes in the SHL and J have shown big reaches. Including a deep class, 24 team first round, and potential at any and every position.

While the peaks of this class may not have reached as high as the recent seasons in the eyes of many people. It is a class that has more than 24 people ready to compete as a first rounder in the eyes of GM's. The new question is, who will come out on top?? Let's find out our first overall pick, with a familiar face in these mock drafts, and the three-peat champions of the first overall pick. The Minnesota Monarchs are back on the clock.

Obviously this is not the first time that Minnesota is looking for yet another player to add to their franchise. Their first overall pick 2 years ago, Phoenix-Orion Soderberg Tremblay being traded to Baltimore for Chinweike H.I. Valentine-Okoli, and their last first overall pick being traded before the draft even happened, which then turned to Gappy Hilmore, while not adding in this draft. They have yet another decision to make. Is that trading away the pick (or) the player, or is it finally time to keep that number 1 player for themselves? Thankfully, that's not in my department. Now, let's see who Minnesota picks with the first overall pick



**#1 Overall: Rondellus-Ringo Raamat - RD**



**370 TPE - (T-1st)**

**\$29,636,000**

The predicted first overall pick for back to back years is a defenseman!! Rondellus has come into the class as a quick underdog, with many teams passing up on him in the early rounds, he needed to prove that he was an SHL caliber player after the successful career of Lemo Pihl. So far, the underdog defender has quickly become the highest TPE earner in his class, with that and an early hefty bank account that will quickly continue to help his career. As for his stats, we will let them speak for themselves.

**9 Goals**

**28 Assists**

**37 Points**

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**16 Giveaways**

**44 Takeaways**

**129 Hits**

## **55 Blocks**

The numbers have been early in Rondellus's favor his first season in the game. Coming in on a bottom-feeding Scarecrows team, and watching them quickly soar to the top of the league in his rookie year, where he was a huge defensive contributor. He shows a much more physical aspect in his game, with a near 130 hit season. On top of that, he has also contributed to keeping the puck out of the defensive zone all together, with a 40 takeaway season only to 16 giveaways. Another production that he has shown well is his passing ability. While not being a large goal scorer, he has contributed to alot offensively and racked up a near 30-assist season in his rookie year alone. Rondellus continues to be a bright earner and he should continue to bring that good earning and energy to the Minnesota locker room.

The first overall pick has officially been wrapped up, but don't worry just yet fans. There's still many more to talk about in this draft. After all, we have 23 more picks to go over! Stay ready for this next pick. Which is held by the Atlanta Inferno. Atlanta had originally gotten this pick from the Toronto North Stars. involving a trade with 2 S81 picks with Minnesota, who had sent over Gordon-William Gibbles and Crazy Tomato II in a package involving the current 2nd overall pick. Those picks became Tom O'Donnell as well as Mitch Morris, a now retired player. Atlanta has come in with a strong season once again, and these current prospects have a great starting point in their careers. One of the only aspects that can bring down even the BEST of teams is age, and that is what has begun to hit the Inferno. With that being said, they are in a need to boost their prospect pool and stay ready for the next generation in Atlanta. Their best interest is definitely a forward in this upcoming draft, as with Lucas Lindberg being their only forward prospect alongside three defenseman. It desperately needs to be improved on the offensive side, so without further ado. Let's see the pick.



**#2 Overall: Jordin FourFour III - C**



**370 TPE - (T-1st)**

**\$19,138,500**

Another scarecrow gets taken off the board, and this time, he goes to the Atlanta Inferno. The Inferno are in much need of a center considering they have already gotten a left wing prospect. It is much better to fill out the line, which was the reason behind this pick. Jordin came into the draft as a second round pick ready to make a splash. The team that decided to take their chance on him in the second round happened to be the St. Louis Scarecrows. So far, he has not disappointed them. He is tied with Rondellus for the most TPE in the class, as well as having quite a hefty bank account this early in his career. Now, let's look at his stats.

**14 Goals**

**37 Assists**  
**51 Points**

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**33 F/O Wins**  
**40 F/O Losses**  
**45.2%**

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**187 Hits**  
**20 Blocks**

Jordin has certainly shown impact on the Scarecrows roster in his rookie year, the interesting part is that he did not show his impact as a center, but rather a Left Wing. While playing his off position, he racked up a 50 point and 180 hit season. In a physical class, his 51 points racks up to be 14th in rookie forwards, while his 187 hit season was only 8th among rookies. Which was beyond shocking to me. Jordin is another player that has shown early success in his career, with a potential ability to play as either a center or a left winger full time. One disadvantage he has in being a center is his faceoffs, arguably the ability that is NEEDED in every successful center. So far, it is too early to tell, as he continues to progress early in his path to the SHL. My takeaway on this pick is he could potentially serve as a multi position player in that locker room for the Inferno.

Now, we move on to the third overall pick. Which is owned by the San Francisco Pride. The Pride went from three-peat SHL champions to now a three-pick in this SHL draft. The downfall happened quick, but with such an aging roster it needed to happen. The Pride are looking to build their future in any way possible, and this is near the start of it. There are many ways they could go. Whether that's a forward or a defenseman, but anything is really possible. Currently, the Pride have 2 active centers under contract on their roster as send downs, but will they add a winger or a defenseman is yet to be known. Let's figure it out!!



**#3 Overall: Perry Fields - RD**



**369 TPE (T-3rd)**  
**\$62,718,333**

Another defenseman is off the board in this draft, and is a much needed one for the Pride. Going into this draft, the pride have a whopping 0 defenseman drafted within the last 5 seasons. While considering that these players take 3 or 4 seasons to be called up,

it is a much needed room of improvement for the future of the Pride, as their already small prospect pool has been filled up with 2 active centers. So considering all the options, defense truly looks like the best option for the pride to target in the draft, and why not get one of the oldest and highest earning players in the class. Blues (the player behind Perry Fields) made the Hall of Fame nearly 7 years ago, will he do it again after all this time?? That's a question that can be decided at the end of the career. It does look like San Francisco has a large defenseman of the future in Perry Fields. Now, let's look at the stats of his rookie season.

**7 Goals**

**17 Assists**

**24 Points**

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**38 Giveaways**

**44 Takeaways**

**175 Hits**

**103 Blocks**

It was very easy to tell on paper that Perry had a very dominating defensive season for the Anchorage Armada in his rookie season, and put up a 100-100 season in hits and blocks this season. Solidifying himself as a strong crease-clearing defenseman in the SHL, a player with an archetype that way more teams should want. His weakness on the defensive end of things was keeping it out of the zone, putting up 44 takeaways was the bright part. The bad part was his 38 giveaways, one of the highest among defensive rookies this season. He also did not show particular flashes offensively, only putting 17 assists and 24 points to his name. Do not let the numbers fool you, he is a huge defensive player that people should be looking for tons of in this league. Maybe he is the defensive defenseman that San Francisco really needed, and can pan out as a potential #1 defenseman. The only way to find out is to wait.

Now, the 4th overall pick is upon us. It feels like it is going so fast, but we have 20 more picks to cover, and I have a whole lot more to write in this media piece. The 4th overall pick belongs to the Seattle Argonauts, Seattle acquired the pick in a trade involving a S82 1st round pick, which turned out to be Chinweike H.I. Valentine-Okoli, later involved in the trade including former 1st overall pick Phoenix-Orion Soderberg Tremblay. Safe to say, the S82 pick/player has moved a bit around the league. Yet out of it all, Seattle earns the 4th overall pick out of it. Seattle currently has a very small prospect pool. Many of the youngest players on the current Seattle roster consist of wingers from Season 77 and higher, so it may be safer to go defenseman or center here. Without further ado, let's see the pick!!



## **#4 Overall: Artyom Kuznetsov - C**



**364 TPE (9th)**

**\$31,758,000**

Whilst not being the highest earner available, he is definitely the best pick for the Seattle Argonauts at this part in the draft. They are addressing an aging center core and adding a potentially franchise altering center in Artyom to this roster, having one of the heftiest bank accounts in the draft class and being a very high earner, only being 6 TPE behind the class leader. With all those wingers, a center is much needed to put in between the left and the right, and the position is fit perfectly with Artyom Kuznetsov. Not to mention the user behind him, Southie, has shown great glimmers of activity in the SHL. While this is not something I can say for most draftees, he will be a great locker room presence, active user, and earner in the Argonaut's future lineup. Now, let's get to the stats.

**21 Goals**

**24 Assists**

**45 Points**

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**435 F/O Wins**

**412 F/O Losses**

**51.4%**

**82 Hits**

Artyom has been a powerful center for the walleye this year. In a struggling roster, he shined brighter than a star. It has shown on the ice, with just over 20 goals and 1 short of 25 assists in his rookie year, he has shined as a center for the walleye. He also has one of the best win percentages among rookies in the league this year, it has been very safe to say he has shined as one of the future dominant centers of the SHL, and it is clearly showing in the J. A bright center, a relatively young team. The beginning of a new future, there's only a way to see the future of Artyom. It is as simple as waiting.

ITS EXPANSION TEAM TIME!!! As we go on to the 5th overall pick, we move into a 4 pick era of the newest expansion teams picking their potential future in the draft. First up on the list, we have the Denver Glacier Guardians with the 5th pick. This pick was determined to them as they picked 4th in the expansion draft, last among the 4 new expansion teams. This gave the first pick of 5-8 to them. Obviously there are lots of ways that Denver can go with this very first pick, whether it's offense, or defense. Whatever they choose, it needs to be a player that they can build on with in the future. Without further ado, let's see the first pick in the history of the Glacier Guardians.



**#5 Overall: Shio Corin - LW**



**365 TPE (T-6th)**

**\$17,880,000**

I genuinely do not know where the fuck St. Louis got all these players from. The 3rd Scarecrows rookie is off the board, and goes to the Glacier Guardians. The first pick in the franchise's history. Shio has proven to be a very active player this season, in the locker room, on the site, and earning. Through all of it he has continued to stay very positive throughout his time in the league. This is a very common sign of doping in the SHL, which is obviously why all these Scarecrows are here off the board now. We will continue to see the great growth of Shio, hopefully it is drug free tho. (You never know). Now, let's get to the stats.

**23 Goals**

**20 Assists**

**43 Points**

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**70 Giveaways**

**25 Takeaways**

**199 Hits**

I'm just going to come out and say it, 199 hits for a winger is bizarre to me. Shio has been a perfect mix of physicality and offensive talent on the ice, and it has shown on the stat sheet and in games. Not only did Shio put up a 20/20 season with a total of 43 points, but on top of that he was one of the best physical rookie forwards in the league and outside of him and a few others, it's not even close. Shio's biggest weakness is his defense. While not mentioned, he was responsible for 3.9 GA/60. The worst among forwards on his team and one of the worst among rookies. Not to mention his GA/TA ratio of 70 to 25 is one of the WORST in the entire league. So while he was an offensive and physical beast, it has been made very clear that he is not a defensive presence. Other than that low point about him, he has performed one of my favorite games among rookies this year, and I hope to see more of his offense/physical game in the SHL.

To the next expansion team, and the 6th overall pick in this 2023 draft. This pick is gracefully belonging to the Cincinnati six, the team is actively scared of seven right now because seven ate nine, so we have to be careful with those two. In terms of team needs, Cincinnati needs to get anyone they can, they are an aging roster that won't be around much longer outside of 2 players. So they desperately need a player of the

future with this sixth pick, where I imagine there is lots of uncertainty of who is going to go with all these upcoming options. Without further ado, with the 6th pick. The Cincinnati Six (haha 6 have 6) select..?



## **#6 Overall: Five Hole Goes West - C**



**369 TPE (T-3rd)**

**\$13,825,000**

The first Carolina Kraken off the board, and with the SIXth overall pick, the Cincinnati SIX select FIVE Hole Goes West (Sadly not Six), overall he is a great pick. Currently one of the best earners in the class, with a consistent activity level and bank account. He is a center that will provide an early presence to that top line when he makes the league, and will truly get the presence to shine as an amazing player. He could be a building block to the ultimate goal, or the base that needs to be built around. Either way, he is the best earning center in the class, and is going to be a great pick for the Cincinnati Six in the near future. Now, let's look at those stats.

**36 Goals**

**37 Assists**

**73 Points**

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**367 F/O Wins**

**337 F/O Losses**

**52.1%**

Five Hole is the arguable rookie of the year favorite when it comes to the stats, putting up a 35/35 season in goals and assists, all while maintaining a faceoff percentage of at least 52%. This is one of the more memorable recent rookie years, as he can seem to just do it all. With that carry on into the SHL, he could easily become an unstoppable player in his prime. That is still a way to go though so we don't have to worry about him yet. What he lacks in defense, he makes up for in offense, and it can support a team greatly if you correctly build around his player archetype. As well as winning over 350 faceoff wins this season, out of his 700 attempts. His 52% holds well with the other rookie centers, Five Hole Goes West is a very diverse player, you can put him on the wing, or at center. Either way he will continue to hold up very well, and that is a player that the Cincinnati Six will need to build their roster with and/or around in order to maximize their success. With that being said, Five Hole Goes West from the Kraken, to the Six, at Six.

From picking second in the expansion draft, to now picking 7th in the entry draft. This next pick belongs to the Madison Valkyries, a team whose biggest challenge is spelling their name right. In Madison's expansion draft, they loaded up on a ton of young forwards to play for their SHL roster. Looking at the roster, they have 6 active players from S78 and up. Except now, they need to build on their prospect pool if they truly want to succeed in the future. Their players will certainly be aging by the time these rookies make it to the league. Looking at their current roster, a defenseman would likely be one of the best fits for the team. As the young players they stacked on consists of several forwards. Thankfully for them, the class shows to not be slowing down at this pick compared to past draft classes, and we could see an equally good pick with this upcoming pick. Without further ado, The Madison Valkyries select...



**#7 Overall: Iam Essellemm Jr. - RD**



**365 TPE (T-6th)**

**\$24,377,000**

Between Iam and other defenseman are really close together at this point in the draft, and honestly Madison could succeed with any one of them. Iam was drafted as a late rounder with the Tidal, where he quickly proved that he could provide defensive talent on a potential top pairing. The original Iam Essellemm was drafted to the Texas Renegades just over 40 seasons ago, and in this mock draft, the apple doesn't fall far from the tree. In Texas, he was drafted with the 3rd overall pick. Not to mention the quick bank balance he has built up to sustain his career in the early run. He looks to be one of the safer picks in this draft, as he has shown good activity on the site, on discord, and in the locker room. With a strong earning player, time to see if the stats stack up just as well.

**8 Goals**

**16 Assists**

**24 Points**

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**40 Giveaways**

**42 Takeaways**

**127 Blocks**

**105 Hits**

I believe it is pretty safe to say that the stats did not really stack up in Iam's favor this rookie season. The biggest positive part of his game was the 100/100 season between blocks and hits. Other than that part of the game, it has shown certain struggle in his defensive game. This season, he had a staggering 40 giveaways and only 42 takeaways



to his name, which is one of the worst TA/GA ratios among defenseman in the SMJHL this season. He did provide some sort of passing and shooting ability, responsible for 24 points this season. A good contribution that he did provide was keeping the puck away from the net rather than the zone. This year he had 3.4 Goals Against/60 (per 60 minutes), the 3.4 number is in around the top third of defenseman. As well as his 32 Shots Against/60, in the top half of defenders, so while it may not look like it. He certainly has shown that he can become a great defender statistically and earning-wise. The stat sheet may not say everything about the game, but Iam has certainly had a successful rookie season.

For the last expansion team, the first to pick in the expansion draft, meaning that they are the last of the 4 to pick in the entry draft. The Nashville Sound. Nashville currently has quite an old roster, with young players to go with it of course. Forward Jason Bourne and Brodir Aleifsson are great young forwards to build around on each side of the wing. Maybe they go for a center in hopes to build out a future top line, or a defenseman to build a young core in slightly different eras. Nashville has a lot of different options in order to boost their roster, the only question mark of the whole process being which way do they go? Any way works, now let's see the pick.



**#8 Overall: Yu Nishinoya - RD**



**365 TPE (T-6th)**

**\$25,615,000**

Yu is another player that has been very comparable to defenders around him. He has taken quick action on a declining Quebec roster. With many of the high earners going up around that Quebec dynasty, they were in desperate need to begin rebuilding. Yu has been a big part of that rebuild, and is someone that can be built around, where I believe he can do the same thing in the SHL. A high earner on a soon to be struggling franchise in their early years. The Nashville Sound will need someone to build around, and Yu can be built alongside Jason and Brodir. A much needed defenseman on a new roster will certainly bring a large building block to the Nashville franchise, and I hope to see him perform well on this new franchise. Now, let's look at his rookie stats.

**4 Goals**

**31 Assists**

**35 Points**

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**34 Giveaways**

**56 Takeaways**

**81 Blocks**

## **147 Hits**

Yu Nishinoya has had by far my favorite defensive season among the rookies. It looks like he can do everything relatively well as a defenseman. While putting up only 4 goals this season, his 31 assists give a great show at his passing ability in the offensive zone, setting up lots of potential opportunities to score. As well as his defensive stats being amazing. His 56 takeaways is top 5 in defensive takeaways for rookies this season, while his 147 hits is also top 10 in rookie defenseman this season. Safe to say that he has had a very successful rookie season so far, and he looks to continue his dominance in a new franchise, one that could succeed very well with a player like him. I hope to see Yu continue his dominance in the J and eventually for the Nashville Sound (as long as it doesn't mean he scores on me)

Up to the 9th overall pick, we begin to see an unfamiliar face, one that hasn't picked in the first round since Season 81 goalie prodigy Claude L'Castor. This is the Buffalo Stampede. With an aging defensive core, Buffalo is certainly going to be searching for another defenseman of the future. They could also expand on their forward core with another center, but I'm not sure that is the right pick. Buffalo has an interesting series of options they can go with, but there is no certain move that should be made for Buffalo, which does not mean there isn't a best. Without further ado, time to reveal the pick.



**#9 Overall: Roy Deez Rivers - RD**



## **362 TPE (T-11th)**

**\$7,475,000**

Roy Rivers, following a trend of suit with Gappy Hilmore, is another GM of the ISFL. Like Gappy, he has stepped up hugely from his 2nd round draft stock into an incredible player. Also like Gappy, he stays consistently online as a Locker Room vibe, and a consistent earner. Roy also unites with a lot of his fellow Battleborn players in Buffalo, so we can continue to watch their work of potential dominance in the big leagues. The biggest downside that Roy faces is his below average bank account, which is noticeably the lowest so far. I speak from experience when I say this does not mean anything, starting low and ending high is something I have been through myself, and I know Roy can do the same, making this the perfect pick for Buffalo. Now, time to take a look on his rookie year accomplishments

## **6 Goals**

**17 Assists**

**23 Points**

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**43 Giveaways**

**56 Takeaways**

**154 Hits**

Despite being thrown into a struggling situation in Nevada. Roy has blended in perfectly and adapted to the game he has needed to play very well. That did not come without some struggles, which can be shown in Roy's stat sheet. His 56 takeaways continue to be top 5 in rookie defenseman, and tied with Yu Nishinoya. The ugliest statistic that can be shown here is his 43 giveaways, one of the worst among defenseman in the class. He also can potentially shine in a two-way player role. With 17 assists and 23 points, he has the ability to shift his way into many archetypes and play them all very well. A big supporting player in the new era of SHL, and hopefully he will continue to show that potential into the future.

I have seen this team way too much in these last few entry drafts, and it certainly pains me how much I have to predict who they pick. With the 10th overall pick, the pick is owned by the Hamilton Steelhawks. Hamilton really has no need for any specific position player, which would be the perfect time to just go best player available. Lets see the pick



**#10 Overall: Greed - LW**



**362 TPE (T-11th)**

**\$80,347,000**

Greed, one of the sins alongside Wrath and Envy. Is the newest member of the Hamilton Steelhawks. Jeffie43 (the player behind Greed) is well known for his previous player, former 1st overall pick Eggward Elric. Where he won a challenge cup, nominations for 2 Lance Uppercuts as well as 2 Joe McKeil awards (Where he won 1 of each). He fills in a gap in the instance they begin losing forwards and left wingers to retirement, as the current SHL roster still has quite the amount of older players. Greed would fill that position well, and serve as a potential first line or second line player for the Steelhawks with even some of their prospects going inactive. Hamilton looks to build the rest of their winger core up, and it looks like Greed might be a star replacement for them. Now, let's get to his stats.

**16 Goals**

**44 Assists**

**60 Points**

**254 Hits**

There is a huge weak point in Greed's defensive ability. What he lacks in his defense, he makes up well for in playmaking. He was responsible for nearly 45 assists while scoring 16 goals himself, making him the perfect playmaker for a strong center room like Hamilton's prospect pool of centers. He also is one of the league leaders in hits, in his rookie year alone. He is a scary physical playmaker which we don't see a lot of in the SHL. With such a scary prospect pool and young core of Hamilton's, his unique archetype can fit in scarily with the rest of his group, and turn him into a potential star.

On to pick 11, which belongs to the Texas Renegades after originating from the Winnipeg Aurora. This pick reached its way to Baltimore in a trade involving Jay Bryzi. Then, Baltimore sent it over to Texas in a three-way deal including the Seattle Argonauts. The package for Baltimore included Dirty Boots, Konig Wolf, and Seattle's S81 1st rounder, which later became player Khalfani. Safe to say out of all of this dealing, there has been a lot of drama regarding trades from this pick. So now it is time to see truly what this pick turned out to be for the Renegades. So with that being said, the Texas Renegades select.



**#11 Overall: Caline DeBine - RW**



**362 TPE (T-11th)**

**\$33,700,000**

Caline DeBine is off the board next at 11, and I see this as a great mock move by Texas. They have a loaded forward core, but the one thing they are missing the most is a true right winger. So going into this pick, it was reasonable to look for at least 1 right winger, which happens to be Caline DeBine. Caline's player is also previously reigned by several past players dating back to Season 34, so they have been around certainly for a long time. That veteran presence plus great earning is something that Texas could use in their locker room, and I believe it makes a perfect match for the future of their roster. Now, we got to know more about Caline, let's look at the stats.

**20 Goals**

**30 Assists**

**50 Points**

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**72 Giveaways**

**26 Takeaways**

**165 Hits**

There is no doubt in my mind that Caline has such an awesome offensive game, however they have one big weakness. That weakness being the defensive ability. Caline

was responsible for 20 goals, and 30 assists for a combined 50 points. That is a great milestone but when we look further we see 72 Giveaways. Which is the second worst among rookie right wingers in this class. (Wrath being first). So while it looks like a great offensive season, it could create defensive liability when not paired up with the right players, making Caline a potentially more careful-use player. I'm sure that her game is close to being one of the most dominant in the class, but that is the biggest concern that Texas should look for. Another plus in her game was yet another 150 hit season in this class. Showing great physicality in yet another player, who is ready to get their hands dirty.

For our first back to back of the draft, we see the Texas Renegades back on the board ready to draft again at pick 12, unlike the last one, this one is their own pick. With the recent Right Wing pick that was just made, Texas ought to be looking for a defender to strengthen their blueline behind all the forwards they now have. It is very likely that Texas should pick a defenseman here, but the question is, who would they take? The next defender is off the board entirely. Without further ado, let's see the pick.



**#12 Overall: Melvin De Pengu Sooderberg-Snooks - LD**



**359 TPE (22nd)**

**\$99,700,000**

The reigning first overall pick of the S83 SMJHL draft class is now off the board, this time being taken with the 12th overall pick. So you may be wondering, what made him drop a staggering 11 picks in just a season? Well, between his earning, activity, and bank account, any of these could have been the reason he dropped. It certainly was not his bank account as he has a near 100 million dollar balance to his name. However, he was 22nd in class earnings of TPE. Which may have been the reason for his large drop. He also is unique from the rest of these defenseman so far. Being the only one out of the bunch to play Left Defense. I could be horribly wrong at dropping him to 12, but between all his earnings, it did not seem likely he was going to be the double 1st overall pick for both the SMJHL and SHL. Now, enough about his player. Let's get to the stats

**7 Goals**

**31 Assists**

**38 Points**

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**47 Giveaways**

**59 Takeaways**

**168 Hits**

Melvin has had an all around season, on the offensive side of things, he contributed to nearly 40 points which is great for a rookie defenseman. On the other end, he has done really well at using physicality to keep the puck away from the net. His biggest weakness this season was his giveaways. His 47 giveaways is some of the most among defenseman, specifically the 4th most among defenseman in the entire J league. A bright point is his takeaways though, his 59 takeaways is the most takeaways among rookie defenders, which is very good. Overall with Melvin, he can play at a really good peak of his game. With those giveaways though, he can also play very bad at his lows. Nonetheless, he is a great pick for the Renegades and should easily turn out to be their future #1 defenseman.

Onto the 13th overall pick, another familiar team that I have not seen very often in these mock drafts. That team happens to be the Manhattan Rage. Now, the Rage have a very interesting scenario that has been playing out the last few seasons. That scenario being trading out of the draft entirely, as in they have no prospects at the moment. Now needs to be the time to build that roster, which is their goal this year considering they have 2 more picks that are coming up. As for what position they go, I believe that a center will be the best starting point for a franchise, and should be one of the first people that you should build around.



**#13 Overall: Dana Katherine Celly - C**



**361 TPE (T-15th)**

**\$58,775,000**

The king of longevity himself, Scrufdaddy recreates into a new player. That new player is now the first prospect in Manhattan's new pool. Dana's last player is known as Slip McScruff, who played in the SHL for 38 seasons, being drafted 13th overall to the Winnipeg Jets, and now 13th in this upcoming SHL entry draft . Being one of the older users on the site, he has certainly got a veteran presence that the manhattan rage might need for the future of their roster, and he is a great veteran to learn from in the SHL. As well as being a top earner in the draft class so far, being only 9 tpe behind the class leader, there's plenty of time to watch potential changes in the leading earners, but he is already off to an amazing start. His bank account of 59 million ranks one of the highest in the class. Now, let's take a look at his stats.

**5 Goals**

**30 Assists**

**35 Points**

**134 Hits**

Interestingly enough, this is yet another center who has been played as a right winger this season, and despite having only around 50 attempts, Dana had a faceoff win percentage of nearly 75%, which is the highest in the league with 50 attempts minimum. His game was not a huge impact on the Walleye this season, and it was hard to work around a struggling and young roster that he was dealing with in Thunder Bay. He looks to be much more of a playmaker than an offensive heavy center which looks to be common in recent SHL seasons. His impact on the game is much different than other centers, and works very well. I hope to see him continue this on the Manhattan roster in the near future.

We're beginning to get into the homestretch of these last picks here, just 10 left before it is all wrapped up. This next pick is from the Philadelphia Forge. No unique trades behind this one thankfully. Philadelphia is in big need of general prospects to build from, as none of their recent prospects have really taken off from their first seasons in the SHL, so it would be good to have a safe pick around in order to potentially build around a new player with those other quite not as high earning prospects. Now, let us see the pick



**#14 Overall: Henri Allard Morin - C**



**361 TPE (T-15th)**

**\$13,840,000**

I believe this is a very safe pick for the forge, Henri Allard Morin came into the league as a quick early pick. Being picked 4th overall in the SMJHL draft to the Colorado Raptors. He is most notably known for his player Shoyo Hinata, who once went undrafted in the SHL to a dominating IIHF player for Finland. Over his journey as Shoyo, he was nominated for the Ryan Jesster (SHL ROTY) and the Ron Mexico (SHL MVP), as well as winning 2 silver gold medals, 3 bronze medals, and 1 gold medal in the WJC. One thing can be said about Henri, and that is he knows how to build a player very well, and can easily be expected to see something similar in this next player for the Forge. Now, time to see the rookie stats.

**9 Goals**

**21 Assists**

**30 Points**

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**69 Giveaways**

**27 Takeaways**

**170 Hits**

When you look at the stats on paper, they truly aren't amazing. Colorado was a relatively struggling roster this season, and it can be shown on Henri's game. One thing about his player that did surprise me, is what he did with how little time he had. This season, his ice time was one of the lowest among rookies this year and he was surrounded by 3rd line players. His 170 hits was some of the most in hits/60 in the entire league, and he still managed to log a 30 point season. Overall, I wouldn't say that his first season was super successful. However, he definitely can perform with more time and should do the same on the forge.

Now, we're into the last 10 picks of the first round. If you have not seen your name here just yet, do not worry, you still have a chance. This next pick is owned by yet another new team seen in this mock draft, and that is the Los Angeles Panthers. The Panthers are in much need to build a new prospect pool, as their core has begun to age the last few seasons, so now it is a good time to look to take action. The Panthers are mainly looking for a forward to begin their build around rather than a defenseman, lots of their older players consist of both defenseman and wingers so we could look at a winger here with lots of the round 1 caliber defenseman now off the board. Without further ado, lets see the pick



**#15 Overall: Show Pera - LW**



**361 TPE (T-15th)**

**\$30,500,000**

Show Pera is the 15th overall pick, and the first new member of the Los Angeles Panthers. Show has been an amazing and active new create in the discord and as an earner in the SHL, and should make a great addition to the Panthers Locker Room. Whilst not being the highest on TPE in the class, he has certainly made lasting impressions on GM's in this upcoming draft and many could be looking to add a forward like him. As well as his bank account, which is heavy for the beginning of his very first career. Now, let's take a look at his stats.

**10 Goals**

**28 Assist**

**38 Points**

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**70 Giveaways**

**23 Takeaways**

**145 Hits**



The game has certainly not been in his favor this year. He started out as a member of the Ottawa Highlanders, where he managed to put up a near 40 point season, which is impressive for a rookie career. Show looks to be a great potential playmaker in the system for the Panthers and is successfully working on the current Highlanders roster. A big bomb in his current game at the moment is his 70 giveaways, which is some of the most in the league at this point. As well as a decently low 23 takeaways this season. Like several other players, he has relied on physicality to give him that advantage and it certainly has shown, but his defensive game may need tweaks if he plans to be that dominant star for the Panthers. Nonetheless, he is a great playmaker option for the Panthers and I hope to see him play a great career in the big city!

Now onto the 16th overall pick, a pick that belongs to the Tampa Bay Barracuda, and looks to be their only pick in this draft. The Barracuda have had a very successful offensive core these last few seasons, but is it really the time to get ready for the next generation after these players? Well, yes, it should be time to look at the next generation of forwards for the barracuda. The only issue at this pick in the draft, is that many of the better defenders are off the board, but there definitely is some talent out there. So whether they decide to go off the board and potentially grab a different player could be an entire possibility. Tampa Bay's current prospect room looks like 2 centers, neither of which have really shined to be potential future star centers. Maybe they go look for a star winger to build around the centers, or go defense and fill a team need? Whether it is, neither can go wrong for the Barracuda, now let's see the pick



**#16 Overall: Matteo St. Ark - RW**



**361 TPE (T-15th)**

**\$23,600,400**

Matteo St. Ark is the 16th over pick, and another right winger off the board. Personally, I really like this suit for Tampa Bay, and could look to be a very successful player. Arkz, the player behind Matteo, is known well for his last player named Jon St. Ark. Jon was a really successful goalie, being selected 10th overall to the New Orleans Specters in the S57 draft, where he had 2 John McBride (SHL Top Goalie) nominations with the teams. As well as a successful swede, where he won 2 Top Goalie awards, was nominated for another, and won 7 medals with the team. The 7 medals were 2 golds, 3 silvers, and 2 bronzes. Safe to say is Matteo knows very well how to run a player and can bring a very good veteran presence to the Tampa Bay locker room, and could boost all the young players soon to be built around his player. Now, we'll take a look at his rookie stats.

**16 Goals**

**13 Assists**

**29 Points**

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**63 Giveaways**

**28 Takeaways**

**180 Hits**

Similar to Henri, Matteo was another Colorado rookie who rarely got as much ice time as the rest of his teammates and this put a huge impact on his performance. Matteo had the lowest ATOI (Average Time On Ice) on his time, and one of the lowest among rookies this season. This has shown the same trend for the Colorado rookies, nothing but struggle for their players. A bright part in his game was his 30 point season, which is impressive for his position on the third line, and 180 hits to go with it. A potential super-scoring winger with a great touch of physicality is bound to bring what Tampa Bay has in their current core, and he looks to be the next great Barracuda Player.

A familiar face is back once again to make another one of their picks. The Manhattan Rage are now back on the clock. With their last pick, they selected Dana Katherine Celly, a center in this draft. Odds are, they should not go another center with this pick but rather a winger to continue building around Dana and this next pick. The good part is there are still great forward options on the board to build around, which I imagine would be the idea here. Now without further ado, the Manhattan Rage select...



**#17 Overall: Zara Wolf - LW**



**357 TPE (24th)**

**\$24,241,000**

This is a great pick for the Manhattan rage, and was a much needed one to build around not only Dana, but the rest of their future team as well. Zara is mainly known as Magnus Jakobson, who won 2 Jay McDonalds (Goals leader), a Ron Mexico (MVP), and 3 1st All-Star teams. Known as one of the best players of all time to go cupless. Zara gives one of the best veteran presences in the SHL, going from a hall of famer to now part of the Manhattan Rage. Zara has shown incredible growth since the last time around with Konig Wolf, a third rounder picked by the New Orleans Specters, but will Zara be the second hall of famer? The only way to find out is to wait. Now, let's take a look at the rookie's stats

**17 Goals**

**11 Assists**

**28 Points**

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**38 Giveaways**

**27 Takeaways**

**65 Blocks**

**127 Hits**

Zara has no doubt had an impressive rookie season with the Walleye. While only being responsible for 28 points, Zara did show an incredible goal scoring ability with the Walleye, which can only mean good things for the SHL. While being a lower line player will lower some of the ability for Zara, the look is great offensively and could fit perfectly in the Manhattan system. Another impressive part of Zara's game is not letting up weak giveaways. Zara has one of the lowest giveaway counts among forwards in the league and among rookies, with only 38. As well as an impressive 27 takeaways, which is also a high count among rookies this season in the J league. Zara is showing a very bright future for the Walleye, and is a great pick to potentially build around a strong forward core.

This next pick is another pick that belongs to a different team than it was originally from, the Toronto North Stars are now on the clock. This pick came from the New Orleans Specters, who traded the pick to the Seattle Argonauts in order to get their S80 1st back from them. After that trade, it was traded from Seattle to Toronto involving a trade with this pick and 2 future 2nd rounders for Gordon-William Gibbles. A little bit of trading drama behind the pick, but it eventually landed to the North Stars, who select right now. Toronto is not in much need of many more prospects, but the biggest hole to currently fill is a potential top 6 center, which is a good build around their wings and the current lineup. Without further ado, let's see the pick.



**#18 Overall: Valter Forsberg - C**



**359 TPE (T-22nd)**

**\$31,608,300**

This was a much needed pick to build around the current Toronto core, with a load of wingers and Wednesy Shrinetime as their current star center, they needed a reliable top 6 player to boost the wingers and the rest of the team, and Valter makes a potential amazing option for this group. Valter also has a bit of experience in the league themselves, and can add veteran presence to the locker room including other players, making it a great destination for rookies to go in the near future. Now, let's look at the stats.

**17 Goals**

**17 Assists**

**34 Points**

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**62 Giveaways**

**23 Takeaways**

**147 Hits**

It has been a struggling year for Valter and there is no doubt about that. In their rookie year, Valter did put up an impressive 34 points and 17 goals as a rookie, but outside of that there was certain struggle in Valters game. Valter had a super high giveaway count, as 62 is one of the higher giveaway counts in the rookie class so far, as well as a takeaway count of 23, one that can not sustain all the giveaways in Valter's game. One bright spot in Valters game was certainly his physicality, which has been a super common trend through this class so far and continues with Valter as well. This season he put up a near 150 hit season. While the rookie season was not great for Valter, it gives us a much better look at the potential that he can reach in the future, and the potential greatness he could bring to the North Stars roster.

Now, we are on to the 19th overall pick, which is a pick that now belongs to the Nashville Sound, they acquired this pick from the Montreal Patriotes. How did they acquire said pick? Well, Montreal happened to leave their S83 1st and 2nd round picks exposed in the expansion draft. This is when Ace (GM of Nashville) decided to take the 2 picks with the 9th pick in the expansion draft. Montreal in return got an extra protection slot. So while it is kind of a boring way to acquire a pick, it most definitely belongs to Nashville. What will they be looking for is the question? Well, they have gone with a Right Defenseman with the 8th overall pick, so a forward or a goalie is most definitely the way to go, although a goalie at 19 likely is not a good idea. Now, let's see the pick!



**#19 Overall: Luka Lilja - C**



**360 TPE (20th)**

**\$51,725,333**

This is certainly a much needed forward for such a new franchise, and Luka Lilja falls into Nashville's hands at the 19th overall pick. Retuperkele, the player behind luka, is most known as former 3rd overall pick Georg N'Zola. Luka is a player that will bring a veteran presence to a brand new locker room on top of added performance with the team, as they will be in much need of a center very soon. Luka should provide a role as a top forward early in the franchise's history, and will make a lasting impact on the franchise in the near future. Overall, I see this as a great pick and opportunity on both Luka's and Nashville's end to boost themselves, one that is needed for early success. Now, let's look at the stats

**17 Goals**  
**22 Assists**  
**39 Points**

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**71 Giveaways**  
**37 Takeaways**  
**176 Hits**

There has been a huge trend among centers this year so far, and that is being offensively friendly rather than defensive centers. Luka, another offensive center, has had struggles with the rest of the Armada roster. While having 15 goals and 20 assists, he fell just short of 40 points. Nonetheless, his 39 points has been one of the better scoring seasons among forwards this season, and gives us a good outview on a potential trend into increasing these scoring abilities, the ability that Nashville will soon need. A noticeable weak spot has been his 71 giveaways, but he countered that with a staggering 37 takeaways and 176 hits, both some of the highest among centers. Overall, Luka has had a very successful first season, and should continue to keep up that with the Armada and eventually with the Nashville Sound.

We have made it to the 20th pick in the draft. Normally, this would be where it ends. Not today, we still have 4 more picks after this one. Anyway, the Calgary Dragons for the first time are on the clock. The Dragons will be looking for a much needed forward to go by their season 82 star Sethastierikko, but with all the top options on the board currently being centers, do they follow that path in hopes to change one of them to a winger, or just go for a winger from the beginning? Well, Calgary certainly has a lot of different options here, with a lot of strong centers that still remain in the draft even at pick 20. Now, let's see who the Calgary Dragons select.



**#20 Overall: PDO Merchant - C**



**354 TPE (T-26th)**  
**\$97,791,000**

This feels like a certainly understandable move for the Calgary Dragons. Many of the top options on the board at this point look to be centers, so it would likely be best to go with a center that could become a potential wing. Jayba1t is well known as previous players Max Manning and Chaos Giraffe, both who have played with the Colorado Raptors, himself being the General Manager of the Raptors. His earning has been lacking compared to some of the others in the class, but he is only 16 tpe from the top earner and has some amazing room to improve this upcoming season. As well as his near 100 million dollar bank balance being one of the biggest in the class as well. There

is so much to talk about in such a center and can play perfectly on the center or the wing aside Sethastierikko, or maybe Calgary does not put all their eggs in one basket. Either way, the pick is perfect. Now, let's take a look at his rookie stats.

**15 Goals**

**19 Assists**

**34 Points**

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**57 Giveaways**

**39 Takeaways**

**367 F/O Wins**

**404 F/O Losses**

PDO Merchant was a rare base playing center who ACTUALLY played center this season, and honestly, the struggle even is there as a center. His 367 faceoff wins to his 771 total draws marks a win percentage of only 47.6%, not far off from 500 but certainly has room to improve this upcoming season. A bright part in his game has been his 15 goals and 19 assists for 34 points, pretty sweet for a rookie this year. The best take I had on him was his ability to take away the puck and create opportunities, his 39 takeaways is one of the highest among rookie centers this year, and his 57 giveaways means that he has one of the best Takeaway to Giveaway ratios in the entire class. PDO certainly has room for improvement in some of his games, just like everybody else. However, he is definitely in the right direction to be the potential future that a team like the Calgary Dragons need.

I would like to give this next number a shout out for being promoted from the 2nd round all the way up to the 1st round, being one of the biggest jobs an SHL number can have. With hard work and dedication, anybody can do it, but nobody here did just as good as 21, 22, 23, and 24. Speaking of these picks, they're coming up next. Starting with the 21st overall pick, owned by the New England Wolfpack. The Wolfpack have certainly built their roster very nicely these last few seasons, but the one thing they're missing in their prospect pool so far happens to be a center. With the heavy centers up in the next few picks, I don't see why a center would not be the obvious pick for the New England Wolfpack. Now, let's see the upcoming pick.



**#21 Overall: Joe Schmoe - C**



**361 TPE (T-15th)**

**\$9,590,000**

I feel it was pretty obvious at this point they were going to go center in this draft, and the top available earner happened to be Joe Schmoe. Joe has taken a big role early in the Nevada Battleborn's locker room, and it has certainly paid off where he has been a current huge performer for the team. A big concern is his early bank account, but then again, that should not be a huge worry this early in the season and his career where he can quickly improve his bank over the season. Now, it is time to take a look at his rookie stats

**15 Goals**

**32 Assists**

**47 Points**

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**79 Giveaways**

**47 Takeaways**

**653 F/O Wins**

**559 F/O Losses**

Correct me if I am wrong, but by the stats that I am seeing here, this guy is not a Joe Schmoe. Joe has had by far one of the most impactful rookie seasons on this list by far. This season, he had 15 goals and 32 assists for 47 points, where he was one of the few rookies to be near the 50 point mark let alone passing it. He shows an incredible offensive ability as both a playmaker and a potential shooter. Another large impact that his game currently shows is his faceoff ability. This season he took place in 1206 faceoffs, his 653 wins give him a win percentage of 54.1% this is the highest among all rookies with at least 200 attempts, and one of the top 15 centers in the entire J in just his rookie year alone. To accomplish such feats is a huge need on the Battleborn roster and makes him very valuable as a center to the New England Wolfpack. Based off the whole analysis, and his rookie season. This new kid might be a potential star for the Wolfpack, but for his name, he performs like no other "Joe Schmoe."

On to the second of the promoted 1st round picks, the Hamilton Steelhawks are once again back on the clock in hopes to take yet ANOTHER player. The greed has begun to get unbelievable but whatever works. I am honestly not sure where Hamilton should go here, they do need a diverse and good earning player, as well as a locker room presence that is probably better than some of the guys they have in there right now. Other than that, there is not a ton to cover on Hamilton this season, but they should not be counted out to still achieve an amazing player.



**#22 Overall: Roi DuPain - C**



**353 TPE (T-28th)**

**\$4,715,000**

Roi DuPain has been an amazing new create this season in the SMJHL, he is an amazing person to talk to, and was one of the best base earners in the league this season. His biggest disadvantage that he faced this year was interestingly forgetting to do his deep dives. While I don't want to out him, it gives a great point how amazing he was at keeping up all his earning this season. He also still has turned out to be an amazing Right Wing and Center for the Detroit Falcons. His forward role diversity gives Hamilton a great competitive edge to make tweaks on a player, and Roi can certainly be formed into a star on either the Center or Right Wing role in the Hamilton lineup, overall he has by far been one of my favorite players this draft. A common weakness at this point is another bank account issue, which there is room to improve near the end of the season. Now, let's take a look at his rookie stats.

**27 Goals**

**28 Assists**

**55 Points**

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**53 Giveaways**

**41 Takeaways**

**170 Hits**

Everything about Roi's play has been nothing short of flawless. This rookie season, he managed to put up 27 goals, and 28 assists for a combined 55 points, which is one of the best among rookie skaters this season. On top of those 55 points, he also was consistent on his physical side, logging 170 hits this season as a center. Even his takeaway count was exceptional, with 41 takeaways being the best among rookie centers this season, and his 53 giveaways only made it to around the average mark for centers this year. Overall, Roi DuPain has had arguably the most well complete rookie season this year, and it does not look like he plans to slow down any time soon when he makes his way up to Hamilton. Great pick here!

We are beginning to reach the homestretch of this mock draft. 10,000 words and 22 picks later we have made it to the final 2. Upcoming is yet another familiar face in this mock draft. The Manhattan Rage are once again back on the clock. This pick was received in a trade with the Texas Renegades, where the Renegades received the 2nd overall pick in the S82 SHL entry draft, which was once belonging to the Atlanta Inferno in a separate trade. Another trade dramatic pick has led to this moment right here, and with the 23rd overall pick in the draft, the Manhattan Rage Select...



**#23 Overall: Emiliano L. Hefe - LW**





**353 TPE (T-28th)**  
**\$36,094,000**

Emiliano has been a strong Left Winger in this class so far, being one of the stronger winger rookies this year, playing for the San Diego Tidal. On the Tidal, he has made an early impact in bringing a high earning and well performing player to the already stacked roster on that team, helping them to get further in some of their recent call ups that they had just faced. His bank is doing very well for the early parts of his career while his earning is quite nice for rookies, but he still has lots of time to improve. His fit as a Right Wing can also be used as a big advantage for Manhattan, in the instance that they would want to play him on the Right Wing instead of the Left. This is a great pick for Manhattan, but let's look at the stats.

**22 Goals**  
**22 Assists**  
**44 Points**

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**54 Giveaways**  
**28 Takeaways**

Emiliano has had another commanding rookie season along with some other left wings similar to him. This season, he had 22 goals and assists to combine for 44 points, a large feat this season. His weakness shows on defense where he was one of few forwards to not show a large physical game in his playing style, as well as his 28 takeaways to 54 giveaways being below average this season. A great offensive season surrounded by a below average defensive season. Whether that is the way he plays or not is not something I know, but it's just the analysis. Overall, this should be a great fitting Right Wing for the Rage and surround with the recent S83 picks alongside him.

On to the final pick of the Season 83 SHL entry draft, belonging to a brand new team. The Madison Valkyries get to end this off on a high note, with a long media piece and 24 picks. This pick was involved in a trade with 2 other first round picks acquired from Edmonton for Simo Jaaskelainen, and now leads us to the very end of this first round at 24th overall. With Madison going with a defenseman earlier in the round, the best fitting player would be another forward to build around, whether the position they go should probably not matter all that much with their aging roster. So, with the final pick, the Madison Valkyries select...



**#24 Overall: Lord Marshall Lorenzo Alstott - C**



**356 TPE (like 26th now)**

**\$41,935,600**

A much needed center makes a perfect fit for Lord Marshall in Madison. This season, he has been a big bank earner and TPE earner (but he did not do his seasonal coaching before this, so I don't know where he places anymore), but nonetheless a very good pick for Madison. Tesla, the player behind Lord Marshall, is known well as Dave Heinrich. Dave won 3 IIHF Gold Medals, the Ryan Jesster (Rookie of the year), and the Aidan Richan (Most Improved Player), so while playing an amazing earning game, with a peak tpe of 1800, I believe he could easily turn another player into the same spot, and will be a huge piece in the deciding future of Madison. Now, let's take a look at his stats.

**22 Goals**

**24 Assists**

**46 Points**

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**70 Giveaways**

**39 Takeaways**

**358 F/O Wins**

**288 F/O Losses**

It has been nothing short of a phenomenal season for Lord Marshall this season, on top of getting to play as a center, he played it very well. This season, his 646 attempts were some of the most for rookies this year, and he won 358 of them, a win percentage of 55.4%. Another positive part of his game was his 20 goal and 46 point season, both very high among rookies this season. The biggest weakness which is yet another obvious one, was his 70 giveaways. Outside of a trouble that is not letting weak giveaways go, he has had a very strong offensive season and that trend should more than definitely be continued on in Madison. Great pick to end it off!

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