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The Red Line Top 50

Here is *Red Line's* preliminary identification list of the top draft eligible prospects for the NHL's 2017 Entry Draft in Chicago on June 25-26.

NO.	Player	POS	HT/WT	S	DOB	TEAM
1.	Nolan Patrick	C	6-3/195	R	19 Sep 98	Brandon
2.	Gabriel Vilardi	C	6-2/193	R	16 Aug 99	Windsor
3.	Kristian Vesalainen	LW	6-3/203	L	01 Jun 99	Frölunda
4.	Maxime Comtois	LW	6-2/195	L	08 Jan 99	Victoriaville
5.	Timothy Liljegren	D	5-11/189	R	30 Apr 99	Rögle
6.	Vanya Lodnia	C	5-9/172	R	31 Aug 99	Erie
7.	Micael Rasmussen	C	6-5/200	L	17 Apr 99	Tri-City
8.	Klim Kostin	RW	6-3/183	L	05 May 99	Dynamo
9.	Eeli Tolvanen	RW	5-11/178	L	22 Apr 99	Sioux City
10.	Kailer Yamamoto	RW	5-9/160	R	29 Sep 98	Spokane
11.	Nikita Popugayev	LW	6-5/204	R	20 Nov 98	Moose Jaw
12.	Jason Robertson	LW	6-2/182	L	22 Jul 99	Kingston
13.	Cal Foote	D	6-4/198	R	13 Dec 98	Kelowna
14.	Daniel Vertiy	LW	6-0/198	L	12 Nov 98	North Bay
15.	Casey Mittelstadt	C	5-11/190	L	22 Nov 98	Eden Prairie H.S.
16.	Shane Bowers	C	6-1/176	L	30 Jul 99	Waterloo
17.	Nick Suzuki	C	5-10/183	R	10 Sep 99	Owen Sound
18.	Ian Scott	G	6/3/172	L	11 Jan 99	Prince Albert
19.	Martin Necas	C	6-1/167	R	15 Jan 99	Brno
20.	Ryan Poehling	LW	6-2/188	L	03 Jan 99	St. Cloud State
21.	Matthew Strome	LW	6-3/187	L	06 Jan 99	Hamilton
22.	Antoine Morand	C	5-9/170	L	18 Feb 99	Acadie-Bathurst
23.	Juuso Välimäki	D	6-2/200	L	06 Oct 98	Tri-City
24.	Kasper Kotkansalo (Injury)	D	6-2/190	L	16 Nov 98	Sioux Falls
25.	Michael DiPietro	G	6-0/191	L	09 Jun 99	Windsor
26.	Stuart Skinner	G	6-4/197	L	01 Nov 98	Lethbridge
27.	Stelio Mattheos	C	6-1/194	R	14 Jun 99	Brandon
28.	Marcus Davidsson	LW	6-0/185	L	18 Nov 98	Djurgården
29.	Nicholas Hague	D	6-5/207	L	05 Dec 98	Mississauga
30.	Grant Mismash	LW	6-0/182	L	19 Feb 99	U.S. NTDP U-18
31.	Jocktan Chainey	D	6-1/196	L	08 Sep 99	Halifax
32.	Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen	G	6-4/196	L	09 Mar 99	Hämeenlinna
33.	Martin Bodak	D	6-0/190	R	28 Nov 98	Tappara Tampere
34.	Cody Glass	C	6-1/165	R	01 Apr 99	Portland
35.	Adam Thilander	D	6-0/192	R	18 Sep 98	North Bay
36.	Austen Keating	C	5-11/162	L	07 Mar 99	Ottawa
37.	Artyom Minulin	D	6-2/200	R	01 Oct 98	Swift Current
38.	Lucas Elvenes	LW	6-0/165	L	18 Aug 99	Rögle
39.	Nico Hischier	C	5-11/163	L	04 Jan 99	Halifax
40.	Henri Jokiharju	D	5-11/166	R	17 Jun 99	Portland
41.	Kirill Maksimov	RW	6-1/185	R	01 Jun 99	Saginaw
42.	Jake Oettinger	G	6-4/205	L	18 Dec 98	Boston University
43.	Ostap Safin	RW	6-4/198	L	11 Feb 99	Sparta Praha
44.	Lias Andersson	C	5-11/198	L	13 Oct 98	HV 71
45.	Miro Heiskanen	D	5-10/154	L	18 Jul 99	IFK Helsinki
46.	Sasha Chmielewski	C	5-11/172	R	09 Jun 99	Ottawa
47.	Urho Vaakanainen	D	6-1/181	L	01 Jan 99	Windsor
48.	Reilly Walsh	D	6-0/175	L	21 Apr 99	Chicago
49.	Max Gildon	D	6-3/188	L	17 May 99	U.S. NTDP U-18
50.	Jonas Røndbjerg	LW	6-1/176	L	31 Mar 99	Rungsted

Men at work!

The new CHL campaign won't open up till next weekend, but things have already been heating up on the 2016-17 season with lots of action over in Europe the past month that has already prompted a few changes to our rankings.

Between the Ivan Hlinka Eight Nations Cup, combined with a Four Nations U-20 event and the joint World Junior evaluation tourney held in Michigan, there have already been plenty of opportunities for 2017 draft eligibles to make an early impression. And as usual in the early going, there were several newcomers that had previously not been high on our radar who served notice that they are going to demand some attention.

First and foremost among the early surprises was big rawboned centre **Adam Goodsir** skating for Tri-City at the recent USHL West Showcase. He wasn't even a blip on our radar screen heading into last weekend's event, but he opened a lot of eyes and reminds us of **Wade Allison** from last year as a guy who initially looks raw and a little awkward, but could really take off in the second half and see his stock rise quickly.

We're also happy to report that two talented Czechs we liked last year have really taken a step up in their development. The first is super fast and skilled centre **Martin Necas**, who was small (5-11/150) and injury prone last year, but has come back much stronger at 6-1/167 pounds, without having lost any of the world class vision and puck skills that make him special.

Then there's big, rangy defencemen **Jakub Sirota**, who has come over to North America to play for Des Moines, and in his first taste of USHL action looked like a polished veteran, impressing at both ends with his power, decision making, and puck skills.

And finally, one unheralded Californian who really made his mark this Summer, from a dominant performance at the U.S. Select 17 Festival right on through to being one of the fastest and most dangerous forwards at the recent WHL pre-season event in Everett, is **Jacob McGrew**. McGrew looks like he's ready to dazzle in his rookie season with Spokane.

Rising:

Martin Necas — Dominant force led Czechs to their first gold at Hlinka since... forever? Has grown significantly without losing any of his phenomenal skating ability.

Ryan Poehling — Played like a man among boys at the Hlinka, and seemingly scored at will when the U.S. needed a goal.

Adam Ruzicka — Big, bullish winger has surprising vision and creativity, and a heavy, accurate wrister from the slot. Absolutely can not be moved off the puck.

Kristian Vesalainen — His early season play going back to last month's World Jr. evaluation tourney has been super impressive. Has hit a new level in his development.

Jakub Sirota — No adjustment period needed; he was a terrific two-way force on the blue line during his USHL debut this past week, showing confidence, poise, and physicality.

Nico Hischier — Strong showing at the Hlinka, showing a variety of creative passes and generating lots of quality chances.

Jacob McGrew — We loved his speed and offensive game back in July at the U.S. Select Festival, and he carried it over to dangerous pre-season play with Spokane.

Sasha Chmielevski — Led the Hlinka in scoring with five goals and 10 points in five games, while dazzling with speed and an instinctive ability to get to open ice.

Adam Goodsir -- Big, raw impressive centre put himself on the prospect map with a rugged performance at USHL Showcase, showing enough skill to be intriguing.

Grant Mismash — The lone bright spot for the U.S. U-18 Team, basically providing all of what little offence they were able to generate in a tough opening weekend.

Falling:

MacKenzie Entwistle — Showed absolutely nothing at the Hlinka, and it's hard to believe Canada couldn't find 12 better forwards to send overseas.

Emil Oksanen — One-way offensive players who get pushed off the puck and don't create any chances 5-on-5 will see their stock plummet.

David Farrance — Average-sized rearguard needs to make it as a skilled puck mover, but didn't show us anything in that regard. Looked indecisive and mistake prone.

Austin Pratt — While he's big and physical, his hands and offensive instincts, as well as his overall hockey sense, have come under scrutiny - at least from our scouts.

Red Line's Top Prospects

NO.	Player	POS	HT/WT	S	DOB	TEAM
51.	Jacob Paquette	D	6-2/203	L	26 May 99	Kingston
52.	Joël Teasdale	LW	5-11/197	L	11 Mar 99	Blainville
53.	Phil Kemp	D	6-3/201	R	12 Feb 99	U.S. NTDP U-18
54.	Erik Brännström	D	5-9/169	L	02 Sep 99	Nässjö
55.	Mark Rubinchik	D	6-1/168	L	21 Mar 99	Saskatoon
56.	Mason Shaw	C	5-9/176	L	03 Nov 98	Medicine Hat
57.	Yaroslav Alexeev	LW	5-11/148	L	17 Jan 99	Moscow Dynamo
58.	Owen Tippett	RW	6-1/181	R	16 Feb 99	Mississauga
59.	Brannon McManus	LW	5-10/182	R	05 Jul 99	Omaha
60.	Robin Salo	D	6-1/187	L	13 Oct 98	Vaasa Sport
61.	Josh Brook	D	6-1/177	R	17 Jun 99	Moose Jaw
62.	Mikey Anderson	D	5-11/193	L	25 May 99	Waterloo
63.	Adam Ruzicka	RW	6-2/200	L	11 May 99	Sarnia
64.	Arnaud Durand	LW	5-11/175	L	14 Jan 99	Halifax
65.	Dmitri Samorukov	D	6-2/181	L	16 Jun 99	CSKA
66.	Scott Reedy	C	6-1/187	R	04 Apr 99	U.S. NTDP U-18
67.	Austin Pratt	RW	6-2/212	R	30 Jul 99	Red Deer
68.	Adam Scheel	G	6-2/184	L	01 May 99	U.S. NTDP U-18
69.	Michael Pastujov	LW	6-0/192	L	23 Aug 99	U.S. NTDP U-18
70.	Kirill Slepets	RW	5-10/149	L	06 Apr 99	Yaroslavl
71.	Brady Gilmour	C	5-10/170	L	18 Apr 99	Saginaw
72.	Kole Lind	RW	6-1/172	R	16 Oct 98	Kelowna
73.	Jordy Bellerive	C-LW	5-10/190	L	02 May 99	Lethbridge
74.	Daniel Bukac	D	6-3/170	R	29 Apr 99	Brandon
75.	Brady Lyle	D	6-2/187	R	06 Jun 99	North Bay
76.	Jacob McGrew	LW	5-11/180	L	02 Feb 99	Spokane
77.	Tommy Miller	D	6-2/185	R	06 Mar 99	U.S. NTDP
78.	Markus Phillips	D	5-11/203	L	21 Mar 99	Owen Sound
79.	Ian Mitchell	D	5-10/165	R	18 Jan 99	Spruce Grove
80.	Greg Mereiles	C	5-10/163	R	01 Jan 99	Kitchener
81.	Antoine Crete-Belzile	D	6-0/176	L	19 Aug 99	Blainville
82.	Jakub Sirota	D	6-2/193	R	20 Dec 98	Des Moines
83.	Dylan Samberg	D	6-2/190	R	24 Jan 99	Hermantown H.S.
84.	Jonathan Smart	D	6-0/170	R	01 Jun 99	Kelowna
85.	Emil Oksanen	LW	6-1/181	R	25 Sep 98	Espoo
86.	Sami Moilanen	LW	5-9/180	L	22 Jan 99	Seattle
87.	David Farrance	D	5-10/191	L	23 Jun 99	U.S. NTDP
88.	Ben Mirageas	D	6-1/175	L	08 May 99	Bloomington
89.	Jack Studnicka	C	6-0/163	R	18 Feb 99	Oshawa
90.	Jaret Anderson-Dolan	C	5-10/180	L	12 Sep 99	Spokane
91.	Cole Coskey	RW	6-1/187	R	01 Jun 99	Saginaw
92.	Elijah Roberts	D	5-8/158	L	23 Jan 99	Kitchener
93.	Louis-Filip Côté	LW	6-0/174	L	02 May 99	Québec
94.	Jordan Hollett	G	6-5/194	L	31 Mar 99	Regina
95.	Cayden Primeau	G	6-2/185	L	11 Aug 99	Lincoln
96.	Daniil Tarasov	G	6-3/154	L	27 Mar 99	Ufa
97.	Jarret Tyszka	D	6-2/181	L	15 Mar 99	Seattle
98.	Jack Rathbone	D	5-10/175	L	20 May 99	Dexter Prep
99.	Scott Walford	D	6-1/188	L	12 Jan 99	Victoria
100.	Brayden Gorda	D	6-2/190	L	15 Apr 99	Edmonton
101.	Mark Kastelic	C	6-3/189	R	11 Mar 99	Calgary
102.	Kyle Olson	RW	5-10/155	R	22 Mar 99	Tri-City
103.	Jake Leschyshyn	C	5-11/176	L	10 Mar 99	Regina
104.	Griffin Mendel	D	6-3/205	L	18 Feb 99	Penticton
105.	Keith Petruzzelli	G	6-6/190	R	09 Feb 99	Muskegon
106.	Matt Anderson	D	5-11/190	L	11 Apr 99	Holy Family H.S.
107.	Pierre-Olivier Joseph	D	6-1/158	L	01 Jul 99	Charlottetown
108.	Linus Nyman	C	5-9/158	L	11 Jul 99	Kingston
109.	Samuel Bucek	RW	6-3/198	L	19 Dec 98	Shawinigan
110.	Dereck Baribeau	G	6-5/184	R	22 Jan 99	Val-d'Or

One prospect battle *Red Line* is really looking forward to this season is seeing who establishes themselves as the top goaltending prospect in the WHL.

Ian Scott of Prince Albert and **Stuart Skinner** of Lethbridge possess all the high-end traits NHL clubs are looking for in a modern goaltending prospect, but aside from those two there could also be a darkhorse entering the fray this year — **Jordan Hollett** in Regina is another huge puck stopper who has shown vast upside entering the season.

Hollett is likely the largest of these three massive netminders — which is truly saying something — and he has highly advanced footwork for someone this age and size. His huge upper-body affords him the luxury of keeping an extremely wide stance, setting up so his pads are right off the ice, and allows him to cover the top corners when down on his knees in the butterfly.

Up to this point, Regina has handled Hollett well, sending him down to Jr. B early last season to get in more game action before they could name him primary backup.

Any way you slice it, any NHL club looking for a large goaltender is going to be spending plenty of time in the prairies.

As mentioned above, good things appear to be happening regularly now in Regina, and they're positioning themselves as a premiere franchise of late. So it's no wonder they were able to steal a highly regarded draft eligible away from an NCAA commitment this past summer.

Nick Henry is a skilled forward who helped his hometown Portage club to an MJHL Championship last season, taking home league Rookie of the Year honours along the way. If his early pre-season play is any indication (six points in three games) he should quickly establish himself as a legitimate prospect around WHL circles in the coming months.

Regina also made a bold play this summer by sending a surprising talent haul for the rights to Univ. of North Dakota-bound forward **Tyson Jost**, though we doubt he starts the year in the WHL. If things don't go his way early in the NCAA, childhood friend **Sam Steel** is reportedly trying to court Jost. Considering the Pats are already a serious contender to win the WHL Eastern Conference, landing Jost would be a major get.

After attending the Holiday Classic pre-season tournament in Everett featuring every team in the U.S. Division, it's clear to *RLR* that the WHL's U.S. Division is a hotbed

of prospects for the 2017 draft. Aside from sure-fire first-rounders such as Spokane's **Kailer Yamamoto** and Tri-City's **Michael Rasmussen**, a number of players stepped up and caught our attention.

Spokane's talented draft eligible forward crop caught our attention in particular, and includes **Ethan McIndoe**, **Jake McGrew**, **Hayden Ostir**, and **Jaret Anderson-Dolan**. While McIndoe, Ostir and Anderson-Dolan were on the team last season, they all showed major strides in their games and displayed some strong offensive capabilities.

McIndoe is a tall, lanky kid who will skate to the greasy areas and dig for loose pucks without fear. He looks to be a power forward in the making as he continues to grow.

Ostir is another solid right winger who likes to shoot and will see plenty of time among the top six this season as he played mostly with Yamamoto and Anderson-Dolan at the tourney. For his part, Anderson-Dolan showed great intensity and was chasing down loose pucks all weekend and making things happen all over the ice. He is one of the youngest players in this year's draft class, but looks like he will be playing with Yamamoto this season which should boost his production.

McGrew is a newcomer from California who came as advertised. He had a great tournament and is a dynamic offensive force with a deadly shot and tremendous speed that gives defenders fits.

Tri-City features a ton of talent aside from potential first rounders Rasmussen and **Juuso Valimaki**. Rookie **Brett Leason** has great size (6-3/) and uses his long reach to full advantage on the forecheck to create numerous turnovers. He's adept at skating to open ice and finding room for his big frame. Leason will also park himself in front and dig for rebounds.

While he didn't dress for this tournament, another standout for Tri-City is centreman **Kyle Olson**, whose rookie season was injury riddled, seeing action in only 19 games posting 10 points. Olson is a real competitor with great vision on the ice who will be looked at to use his playmaking ability. He is only starting to fill out his undersized frame, but if he can add 10-15 pounds of muscle to stand up to the rigours of a long WHL schedule, he should slot in nicely as a productive 2nd line centre.

In some quarters of the QMJHL, the Moncton Wildcats were known as Team USA last year, dressing as many as eight

American players on any given night. This season, Acadie-Bathurst should be known as Team Russia — not only do they have two drafted Russians from the 2015 and 2016 CHL Import draft in **Vladimir Kuznetsov** and **Igor Galygin**, but they have also added a number of Russian "free agent" players who played in North America last year and are not counted as Import players. Big winger **Daniil Miromanov** came in as a free agent last year, and this season back-up goaltender **Danil Timchenko** and forward **Daniil Sokolka** have joined the squad as free agents. So the Titan could have as many as five Russians in the lineup at a time.

The Halifax Mooseheads should attract a lot of NHL scouts over the next 20 months. The Mooseheads have three highly touted 2017 eligibles in forwards **Nico Hischier** and **Arnaud Durand** as well as defenceman **Jocktan Chaine**. All three could be selected within the top two rounds next June in Chicago.

For 2018, Halifax will have the top two picks from this past June's QMJHL draft — **Benoit-Olivier Groulx** (the son of highly respected former Gatineau and Team Canada World Junior coach Benoit Groulx) and **Jared Mclsaac**. Halifax also has other intriguing 2018 eligibles in netminder **Alexis Gravel** and big, strong centre **Raphael Lavoie**.

While we don't have space for a full report from the Four Nations U-20 tourney that took place in the Czech Republic two weeks ago, we do have time for some thoughts on a couple of Finns from that event.

Smallish defenceman **Miro Heiskanen** has been a favourite for us ever since we first saw him. He's a slick, mobile skater with a beautiful stride, and he once again showed his calmness under pressure here, along with quick first steps and very good agility. He made heads up plays showing excellent vision, and good decision making, rarely making any mistakes. He's a high level puck carrier with soft hands, and handles it with ease in all situations. We honestly feel that if he were two inches taller and 20 pounds heavier, we'd be talking about a potential top 10 pick.

On the other end of the spectrum, **Emil Oksanen** is another player we've been high on for his pure goalscoring abilities. The offensive side of things should be his bread and butter, so it was troublesome to see him be almost a no-show in this aspect. He made a few good plays on the PP, but was largely invisible at even strength. He couldn't gain separation and was rather easily pushed off the puck. Very disappointing.

(Editor's Note: One of Red Line's European scouts attended last month's Ivan Hlinka Eight Nations tournament and filed the following reports. Players are listed in the order of his preference at this particular event — regardless of position — by country.)

TEAM UNITED STATES:

Ryan Poehling/LC – St. Cloud State. 6-2/183. 03-Jan-99.

Team captain and offensive leader, looked almost NHL-ready. Scored at will at times: four goals in exhibition vs. Slovakia and a hat trick vs. Czechs. Powerful player will be difficult to contain when he's even stronger down the road. Could not be stopped here when he got going, strong on his skates and always directed to the net. Can carry puck out of own end, dish it to his wingers and find an open spot in slot. Hard and accurate shot, also finds loose pucks around the net. Only thing that marred his performance was a major penalty in final game when he speared Kondelik inadvertently on a faceoff. The total package: size, skating, scoring and can play all situations.

Sasha Chmielewski/RC – Ottawa. 5-11/180. 04-Jun-99.

Leading scorer in tournament (5+5 in 5 games). Speedster who can fly down the ice and initiate offence. Very good at creating odd-man breaks but is very crafty in traffic too - changes directions very well and can zig-zag through the D. Nice set-up guy on PP, also positions himself well for rebounds. Smart and gifted.

Vanya Lodnia/LW-R – Erie. 5-10/175. 31-Aug-99.

Displayed very good chemistry with Chmielewski on top line, a great pairing for international tourneys. Found each other on the ice all the time, and Lodnia often snuck in behind the D for outlet passes which he received beautifully. Puck wizard can make some mind-boggling plays at top gear. Has eyes in back of his head. Quick and agile, but we're not sure about his top-end speed. Lack of size was not a factor here. Could be down the road, but his smarts and skills are excellent.

Michael Pastujov/LW – US NTDP U-18. 6-0/192. 23-Aug-99.

Seems to have recovered well from his shoulder injury. Was a major factor here for US, just seemed to run out of steam a little bit in final game. Strong kid, impossible to knock over, can bull his way to the net. Capitalized on Russian giveaway in semis and scored the OT game-winner. Powerful winger with a good skillset, battles hard and is a factor around the net.

Reilly Walsh/RD – Chicago. 5-11/180. 21-Apr-99.

Beautiful skater, really good lateral footwork, pushes off fast from sideboards on PP. Quarterbacked the PP, did not play on PK though. Gets shots through traffic, can beat shotblockers and create deflections or rebounds. Not the strongest guy, at times struggles against size in own end. But very good tools who could become a PP rearguard in NHL.

Brannon McManus/RW – Omaha. 5-9/182. 05-Jul-99.

Not the biggest guy but looks stocky and plays with a dogged determination. Strong legs, really powerful skater. Picks up speed at mid-ice very well and enters the offensive zone without problems. Never stops moving. Ready to shoot on PP, hard and accurate 1-timer from circle. A very likeable player.

Cayden Primeau/G-L – Lincoln. 6-3/177. 11-Aug-99.

Good and bad things about his performance. Is certainly a very athletic goalie who battles hard. Quick legs, can stymie shooters with an unexpected split save on a breakaway. Handles traffic very well, even when forwards are allowed to take several whacks at loose pucks. Is a very aggressive goalie, overly so – often is far out of his paint at point blank shots. Sometimes this works out, sometimes not. Does not always react well to cross-ice passes and has to scramble. Makes himself look smaller than he really is at times. Excellent reflexes and a great battle spirit often bailed his team out. Very good basics but needs fine-tuning.

Mick Messner/RW-L – Madison. 5-11/193. 20-Apr-99.

Quick guy, can race up the wing, very good in transition game.

Footwork makes him a factor on PK but was also used in final minute of final game when team needed a goal. Good hands, can feed a trailer on odd-man breaks. Did more than just ride the coattails on a line with Poehling and Pastujov.

Tommy Miller/RD – US NTDP U-18. 6-2/182. 06-Mar-99.

Strong kid, rubs forwards out along the boards and provides some beef on US back end. Moves well, good balance. Played PK, no PP but showed he has some offensive upside when he jumped into an odd man break and scored with a 1-timer in final game. Strong, steady defender.

Mikey Anderson/LD – Waterloo. 6-0/196. 25-May-99.

Good two-way defenceman was paired with Walsh, used on 2nd PP unit. Moves well in all directions, played a steady game but was not too much of an offensive factor. Good puck mover.

TEAM CZECH REPUBLIC:

Martin Necas/CR – Brno. 6-1/167. 15-Jan-99. What a performance! Starting from the exhibition game vs. CAN he simply jumped out at you and never let off up to the final game. Footwork is out of this world – poetry in motion! Receives pucks already in full stride and must have carried it up the ice dozens of times. No opponents were able to check him, and he created loads of space and opportunities. Among several great plays he made was a 360-turn around both faceoff-circles in the game vs. FIN which resulted in a wraparound chance – opponents just stood there and were unable to defend him. But skating was not a way to show-off – he dished the puck beautifully in full stride many times. Set up numerous chances, played point on PP and looked fine there too. Could shoot more, and at times overhandles the puck which led to a goal against in final. But played about 25 minutes a game, never tired and was going up and down the ice again and again. Top prospect and one of the best skaters ever at the Hlinka.

Jakub Skarek/G-L – Dukla Jihlava. 6-3/196. 10-Nov-99 (eligible in '18). Best goalie in tournament. Tall but athletic, very fast legs, covers lots of net and is nearly impossible to beat down low. Quick up and down. Mind stays in game all the time, especially in final game when his team struggled at times he bailed them out several times. Has wonderful body language, and is almost defiant after making tough saves with a "bring it on" attitude. Total package of size, athleticism, style and mental game. Has already signed with Sparta Prague but will continue playing at 2nd level for Dukla Jihlava.

Pavel Zadina/RW-L – Vancouver. 6-0/198. 27-Nov-99 ('18 eligible). Dangerous whenever he steps on the ice, a pure scorer with excellent feet. Gets so many chances because he possesses outstanding quickness and speed and is always ready to shoot. Likes to cut in from his off-wing and shoot from between hash-marks. Hard and accurate shot gives goalies fits. Together with Necas, he was the most consistent and dangerous player on tournament winning team. Has knack for getting open around the net, scored two goals in final game where US simply could not find him on the ice. Used in all situations, paired with Necas on PK and with their combined footwork they are tough to handle. Has sniper's genes and should be a major scorer.

Jachym Kondelik/LC – Muskegon. 6-7/218. 21-Dec-99 ('18 eligible). An absolute giant. But brings far more than just his enormous size to the table – battles so hard along the boards, you always see him draped over an opponent without taking any holding or hooking penalties. Uses his size well on PK and was a major factor for his team. Not an overly skilled player but his hands are good enough to play with better players. Feet are really good for a man his size, won't fly up and down the ice but has no trouble keeping up. Consistent performer. Could become perfect shut-down centre for an NHL team.

Matyas Svoboda/LW – Peterborough. 6-3/216. 02-Jan-99. Big guy who plays a powerful game. Can go end-to-end with puck, powers himself though the D and is ready to shoot. Tough to contain

down low. Creates turnovers and makes room for his linemates. Not the softest hands and will probably be no more than a secondary scorer. But size and footwork make for an interesting combination.

Ostap Safin/RW-L – Sparta Prague. 6-5/198. 11-Feb-99.

Played on twin tower line with Kondelik. More gifted but not as consistent as his C, can equally frustrate or fascinate you. Started off rather comatose, improved mightily during the tournament but was not a factor in final game. Comes at you with his size of course. Skating is okay, looks a bit stiff-legged. High centre of gravity, has to work on quickness and agility. But he has good hands and a howitzer of a shot – scored two great goals vs. FIN and US from the circles. A guy who might divide scouting staffs but certainly has things going for him.

Martin Kaut/RW – Pardubice. 6-2/176. 02-Oct-99 ('18 eligible). Sort of a stringbean, but has good hands and is a dangerous shooter. Can both shoot and pass — set up Necas for OT-GWG vs. CAN in exhibition game on a beautifully executed 2-1. Quick and fast despite underdeveloped leg strength. Battles but at times struggles when the going gets tough. Nice underager to follow up.

David Kvasnicka/LD – Plzen. 5-10/172. 14-Apr-99.

Smallest but most gifted Czech d-man. Runs PP aggressively, very good footwork helps him sidestep shotblockers. Accurate shot. Struggled in own end at times, several glaring giveaways. Most probably more a good European prospect than an NHLer.

TEAM RUSSIA:

Klim Kostin/RW-L – Kootenay. 6-3/183. 05-May-99. Had some ups and downs but overall lived up to his billing. Comes at you with his unique combination of size and puck carrying skills. Not a top-notch speedster but so strong on skates that he's able to weave his way through the D at will. Excellent balance and can't be knocked off the puck. Can drive net from open ice or from traffic behind the net. At times was a bit too unselfish and looked too much for a passing option. But has very good scoring upside, can make goalie look silly on 1-1 and possesses an accurate shot from the slot. Does not go around looking for trouble but certainly takes on any challengers. He's a clear top-5 candidate.

Andrei Svechnikov/RW-L – Muskegon. 6-2/176. 26-Mar-00 (eligible in '18). Will follow in Kostin's footsteps next season as a top-5 candidate for the draft. Has the three s's (size, skills, skating) in abundance. A truly dynamic performer, at times drove the net at will from RW. Can't be stopped when he gets going. A quick passer and a very dangerous shooter. World class offensive package who should be a major factor in USHL.

Dmitri Samorukov/RD-L – Guelph. 6-0/159. 16-Jun-99. Looks taller and stronger than listed, maybe that's also due to his upright skating style. Best D on his team, calm under pressure, found outlets against forecheckers, can outwait shotblockers on PP. Has one helluva shot and is a major factor on the power play. Defensively he's ok, at times started to run around a bit too much. But overall package is very good. Took charge on Russian blue line.

Alexey Lipanov/LC – Barrie. 6-1/162. 17-Aug-99.

Centered top Russian line with Chekhovich and Svechnikov. Creates tons of chances with his great acceleration, leaves D's in his dust. Can go north-south in a hurry, but also very quick and agile in traffic. Created tons of chances for both himself and linemates, they only finished a fraction of them though. Shoots and passes equally well.

Mark Rubinchik/LD – Saskatoon. 6-1/183. 21-Mar-99.

Sturdily-built rearguard with excellent balance. Plays with a little bit of a snarl. Good lateral movement on PP, can shoot the puck hard but is not a highly gifted D. Makes good outlet passes though.

Yaroslav Alekseev/LW – Dynamo. 5-11/147. 17-Jan-99.

Smallish, but not as frail as listed guy who can take off with and without

the puck. Waterbug type of player. Likes to sneak in behind opponents for breakaways. Not used on PK due to his defensive shortcomings.

TEAM SWEDEN:

Timothy Liljegren/RD – Rögle. 6-0/191. 30-Apr-99. Did not play poorly, but also didn't live up to our expectations. His skating and skills will always stand out of course – such an effortless skater with world class agility and mobility. Initiates offence and can be a great transition player. Excellent passer in all zones. But here he looked smallish and tentative at times, relied on his stickwork and feet when going into the corners and too often lost battles. Also opened himself up to getting hit very badly in open ice both vs. RUS and SVK. Maybe this tournament was a blip on the radar but he has to crank up his intensity when summer is over.

Rasmus Dahlin/RD-L – Frölunda. 6-1/165. 13-Apr-00 ('18 eligible). Natural talent, will become top-notch prospect next season. Light on his edges, his feet never seem to touch the ice. Terrific 4-way movement, gains mid-ice without breaking a sweat and is mobile in the offensive zone. Good frame to fill out and will get much stronger. Used here on 3rd pairing and not on PP but will be a front-liner next year. Excellent puck skills and already a good shot. Top-5 candidate for 2018.

Fabian Zetterlund/RW-R – Färjestads. 5-11/202. 25-Aug-99. Exceeded expectations and came at you in every game. Not very tall but so strong, really a bull on skates. Dynamic and powerful, goes full tilt every shift. Big-time hitter, plays a rather un-Swedish, hard-nosed game and takes runs. Goal-scorer with a big time shot, especially from the left half-boards on PP. Can pick corners at will. Very good performance, high-octane style did not always rub off on teammates.

Lucas Elvenes/RW-L – Rögle. 6-0/167. 18-Aug-99. Puck wizard is an excellent stickhandler, creating chances for himself and teammates. At times too fancy but his skills package and hockey smarts are far above average. Skating is only fair though with a short stride - needs more leg strength. Also has to find his way around his own end. But a skilled guy with good potential.

Olle Eriksson-Ek/G-L – Färjestads. 6-2/187. 22-Jun-99. Better of the two Swedish goalies here. Calm and compact, does not give up a lot of holes. Good push sideways, does not have to scramble after initial save. Good concentration and is ready for unexpected things to happen. Smooth and confident.

Erik Brännström/LD – HV 71. 5-10/172. 02-Sep-99. Strong tournament and actually had more offensive impact than Liljegren. Very good offensive hockey sense, can initiate offence by skating puck out of his own end under pressure. Beats forecheck easily. Darts into holes. Hard and accurate shot on PP. Defensively his size will always limit him but he's smart and not reckless. Good positional play.

Tom Hedberg/LD – Barrie. 5-11/158. 10-Aug-99. Not much quality icetime for him, played on 3rd pairing and no PP. Smallish kid is a strong puck mover. Question is whether his skills are enough to make up for lack of size. Plays solid game with no big ups and downs.

TEAM CANADA:

Maxime Comtois/LW – Victoriaville. 6-2/199. 08-Jan-99. Came exactly as advertised – played a power forward game, caused a lot of turnovers with his hits and was a punishing presence without taking bad penalties. Is not only big and mean but has good hands, excels in cycling game, can set teammates up with behind-the-back-passes and is a presence in front of the net. Scored OT game winner vs. Slovakia with a nice shot top shelf and tried to carry the team on his back. Only consistent scoring threat on team. A man-child.

Joseph Veleno/LW – Saint John. 6-1/190. 13-Jan-00 ('18 eligible). Wildly skilled winger. Excellent footwork, loses defenders in cycling game, can stop on a dime and changes directions easily and fluidly. Beautiful hand-offs and passes, knows exactly what's going on

out there and where his linemates are on the ice. More of a passer than shooter, at least here, confirmed by his 0 goals and 4 assists.

Michael Rasmussen/CL – Tri-City. 6-5/215. 17-Apr-99.

Comes at you with his size and unhurried style. Somewhat upright stance makes him even look taller than listed. Good passer with vision. Uses his reach very effectively and is difficult to contain down low. Played with some jam here, both he and Veleno were looking for passes while some more goals would have come in handy. Intriguing two-way centre with excellent size and offensive potential.

Nick Suzuki/RC – Owen Sound. 5-11/187. 10-Aug-99.

Looked like the real deal early on but somehow disappeared during the tournament. Explosive skater with fine hands, you have to be ready for his passes - he moves the puck very quickly and certainly does not overhandle it. Sees ice very well, good vision. A goal scorer on his wing (like Comtois) can really profit from his quick presence of mind. Was an ok tournament for him but his upside looks really high.

Owen Tippett/RW – Mississauga. 6-1/202. 16-Feb-99.

Explosive skater flies down the ice. One of hardest shooters in the tournament can really rifle it, but too often hit the glass. Good slappers and wristers. Used on the point of PP and was not hesitant to shoot from there. Battles and hits, his hockey sense is a little bit of a ? at this time.

Michael DiPietro/G-L – Windsor. 6-0/196. 09-Jun-99.

Calm goalie who can resort to acrobatic saves when needed. Does not leave a lot of holes. Will his average size scare some teams off? Would not close the door on a guy like him.

Markus Phillips/LD – Owen Sound. 6-0/202. 21-Mar-99.

What little offence that came from the Canadian back end was mostly his. Mobile and quick, can show you both his crest and number within fractions of a second because he turns so fast. Crisp passer but struggled to get his shots through traffic.

TEAM FINLAND:

Urho Vaakanainen/LD – JyP Jyväskylä. 6-1/187. 01-Jan-99.

Not a spectacular eye-catcher but you appreciate his game when you watch him closely: a brainy D who does all the little things right. Sees plays developing, can speed the game up or slow it down as the situation demands. Good footwork & positioning, does not have to run around a lot and plays gaps very well. Good frame, with added strength he will become more of a physical force. Solid puck mover, good transition game. Not much of a scoring threat on the PP, but a very solid d-man.

Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen/G-L – Hämeenlinna. 6-5/196. 09-Mar-99. Humongous guy, does not give you a whole lot of net (if any) to look or shoot at. Plays angles well, a little bit stiff at times though. One of those goalies you have to get moving or look for rebounds to score on. Needs some fine-tuning but size will make him attractive for a higher draft spot.

Aleksi Heponiemi/LC – Swift Current. 5-9/150. 09-Jan-99.

Centre on dwarfish line with Nyman and Moilanen which provided nearly all of the Finnish scoring. Excellent 1-1 skills, can really undress D's and is a nifty passer. Sees plays developing very well. Excellent patience with puck but does not overhandle it. Good but not outstanding skater – quickness in tight quarters is very good and he will need it at higher level to survive. Must be a pleasure to play with him – excellent set-up guy.

Linus Nyman/LW – Kingston. 5-9/158. 11-Jul-99. Was on receiving end of Heponiemi's passes often - they knew exactly where the other guy was on the ice. Smallish and not a big-time speedster by any means – not a good combination to start with. But his smarts are excellent, drifts away from the D and often plays Johnny-on-the-spot. Effortless puck carrier. Will always have to silence critics due to his size and strength but should at least be a quality CHL import.

Sami Moilanen/RW-L – Seattle. 5-8/180. 22-Jan-99.

Shortest guy on small line but proved to be an excellent scorer with a

quick release. Capitalizes on his chances because he's always ready to shoot and his wrist is accurate and hard. Battles hard, definitely plays bigger than his size and is willing to pay the price to score. Good footwork with quick first step and good agility. But will need added leg strength to merit consideration. Whole line played excellent hockey here, it will be interesting to see how they do in the CHL apart from each other and against strong competition.

Eemeli Rasanen/RD – Kingston. 6-6/216. 06-Mar-99.

Humongous d-man played a safe and effective game. Used his size/strength well along the boards, dished out some punishing hits. Overall his skating is good enough for his size and age but he will need to work on his turns as he struggled at times against quicker players. Stays out of trouble with puck. Was used on PP and that was a stretch of course – was content to dish the puck off and move it along the blue line. Not the most talented guy by any means, but size and character will make him interesting to follow.

TEAM SLOVAKIA:

Adam Ruzicka/RW-L – Sarnia. 6-2/200. 11-May-99. Best prospect on team by far. Tall guy with a long reach, protects the puck very well and looks for plays while carrying it through offensive zone. A deliberate player but when you think he needs to speed up his game a bit he surprises you with a burst of energy and drives the net from his off-wing. Both a passer and shooter, actually has an accurate wrist shot which can be deadly from inside the hash-marks. Strong on skates and can't be pushed off the puck. Does not go looking for trouble but deals well with physical game. Sort of a poor man's Kostin at this tournament.

Filip Krivosik/LW-R – Hämeenlinna. 6-4/198. 27-Mar-99.

Other huge bookend to go with Ruzicka on their top line. Powerful player who goes hard to the net but is not very quick off the mark. Size and strength suffice at this level, but higher up he has to add quickness. Moves better north-south than laterally. Hard and accurate wrist shot and slapper. Not a creative player per se but can finish and battles hard.

Michal Ivan/LD – Zvolen. 6-0/168. 18-Nov-99 ('18 eligible).

Mobile defender on 1st pairing, used in all situations and showed good hockey sense. Very good footwork on the PP, moved around a lot and scored a nice goal on a 1-timer. Shots are on target. Not an eye-catcher and smaller than all the big boys on his unit but a serviceable defender.

TEAM SWITZERLAND:

Nico Hischier/CL – Halifax. 6-0/172. 04-Jan-99. By far the best prospect on team and one of best players in tournament. You can see he has played against older players a lot – knows how to position himself, puts shoulder down to protect the puck and holds onto it till he finds a play. Carried puck up ice several times but did not really have any quality linemates to play with. Brainy player, very good hockey sense, should develop into quality two-way centre. Medium-sized and needs more bulk to be more of a factor in the trenches. NHL offensive upside is a ? Might be a valuable depth centre rather than a top 6 guy.

Tobias Greisser/LD – EV Zug. 6-4/190. 13-Feb-99. Big guy, all arms and legs, far from filled out yet. Plays game at same speed all the time but is quite effective doing so. When you think his skills are only pretty basic, he surprises you with some nifty puckhandling from the blue line. Questions down the road will be how he can handle higher speed and more puck pressure. But is an interesting specimen due to his size and game understanding.

Simon Le Coultre/LD – Moncton. 5-11/162. 09-Aug-99.

Interesting D who at times played more like a forward, always looks to initiate offence. Mobile and quick, often leads the rush and jumped up the ice whenever he had a chance. Moves the puck fast and well. Good transition player. Needs more strength to be a factor in his own end and some of his defensive reads were questionable. But showed some interesting things.

(Editor's Note: In the first month's installment of our pre-season rankings, Red Line examines the top prospects from around the CHL loops, minus the newly arrived European Imports. In this segment, we focus on the best of the WHL/BCHL/AJHL talent pools. RLR's western Canada scouts teamed up to rank this year's crop, and here is their early view of things from around the west).

1. Nolan Patrick/RC — Brandon. 6-3/195. 19 Sep 98.

Elite decision-maker. Masterful shooter can pick apart goalies, even converting hard to handle passes in one fluid motion. Quiet confidence, walks pucks out of corners with jaw dropping stick-handling. Skates upright maximizing leg extension with light edging for size. Extremely hard assignment for defenders because of impressive acceleration; flips a switch and goes from standstill to top gear in an instant. Phenomenal passer holds onto puck until he views a breakdown to capitalize on. Elite anticipation, sixth sense for understanding how play will unfold beforehand. Extraordinarily well rounded for age level, zero weaknesses. Heads straight to net for rebounds after passing to teammate. Laser sharp focus views entire picture and plays a smart reactionary game.

2. Michael Rasmussen/LC — Tri-City. 6-5/200.

17 Apr 99. Ultra competitive centre is a high intensity kid with a great combination of power and skill — potential to be a top 10 pick. Very mobile skater for his size and does a great job of keeping himself separated from the D using his reach. A force to be reckoned with below the goal line - tough to move off the puck and does a great job of making space for himself. Plays with a ton of grit and will not let opponents get the best of him. Huge and naturally strong; comes away with the puck nearly every time in battles along the boards. Coming off a successful underage season and had a strong Hlinka tournament for Team Canada, posting 4 points in 4 games.

3. Kailer Yamamoto/RW — Spokane. 5-9/160. 29 Sep 98.

Perhaps the best playmaker in the draft, the under-sized Yamamoto is an ultra-skilled winger who develops chances out of nothing and always knows where his linemates are - great vision. A true spark plug who can change the course of a game by creating a big play or scoring the big goal using his high hockey IQ and creativity. Great work ethic in all three zones. Shows great acceleration with a quick first step. Not afraid to skate into greasy areas. Has tremendous hands - great stickhandler, especially around net and in tight spaces. Very quick to jump on loose pucks and is not afraid to take a hit.

4. Nikita Popugayev/LW-R — Moose Jaw. 6-5/204.

20 Nov 98. Big project has extremely advanced coordination for someone so massive at this age. Mile long stride and a marvelous coasting gear. Opposition already just bounces off his massive frame. Strong on stick in traffic and uses long reach to protect puck. Stickhandling is hardly believable for someone this size. Huge stick produces insane whip - ridiculously heavy shot without even stepping into it, puck explodes off his blade. Naturally skilled. Frequently wins puck back for his team. If he becomes more assertive offensively should dominate, only asked to play in secondary scoring role last year.

5. Cal Foote/RD — Kelowna. 6-4/198. 13 Dec 98.

Big defenceman is a strong and surprisingly nimble skater who is light on his edges. East-west agility allows him to cover the ice effectively. Not overly physical, but will go toe-to-toe in the corners and win puck battles and uses his big frame to clear the crease. Defends well and has a great first pass out of his zone. Has a hard slap shot from the point and keeps it low which leaves rebounds for his forwards to clean up. Like his father, Adam, he's a fierce competitor who never

gives in. Will anchor a young Kelowna defence corps this season. Should only get better as he begins to fill out his already huge frame.

6. Ian Scott/G — Prince Albert. 6-3/178. 11 Jan 99.

Large, projectable netminder with a fantastic frame. Has added at least ten pounds of muscle this offseason, giving him strength to stay more upright in stance for longer periods. Has the size to take away top portion of net on knees. Superb fundamentals. Uses broad shoulders to take away corners, staying square to shooters and allowing tons of pucks to hit his upper body and die without a rebound. Good stick placement to plug five hole. Long reach to pokecheck dangerous pucks out of harms way. Has long arms and keeps hands above his pads, taking away dead area of net most goalies struggle with at this age. Solid movement that should get better as coordination improves.

7. Jusso Valimaki/LD — Tri-City. 6-2/200. 06 Oct 98.

An all-around defenceman who plays big minutes in all situations. Outstanding hockey sense is his biggest strength. Anticipates the play well and makes good decisions. Consistent and dependable; you know what you're going to get out of him. Well balanced on skates. Average quickness and top speed, but good overall footwork and pivots. Gets beaten wide occasionally, needs to be more crisp in his lateral/backwards movement. Makes accurate outlets out of the zone and has strong puckhandling skills. Recognizes when it's a good time to initiate a play or join the rush. Good PP contributor - distributes well and walks the blue line to create lanes. Good defensive game; active away from the puck, doesn't hesitate.

8. Stuart Skinner/G — Lethbridge. 6-4/197. 01 Nov 98.

Huge goaltender blocks out the sun, so hard to see any daylight it can be intimidating to shooters. Big goalie plays large by staying on his feet to see through crowds with traffic in front. Keeps gloves up at all times in stance, giving nothing to shoot at up high. Uses large frame to good advantage by wrapping himself around upper portions of goalposts; doesn't have to come out far to take away angles and can play back further in crease. Calm demeanor prevents wasted movement - rarely over-commits on a play. Wide stance - uses long legs to step back and forth across crease often in a single motion. Great pokechecker disrupts cross-ice passes from outside of crease showcasing long reach.

9. Stelio Mattheos/RC — Brandon. 6-1/194. 14 Jun 99.

Utilizes simple yet effective power moves to drive wide past defenders leading with shoulder. Extremely strong on his stick and greases pucks towards net. Quietly effective in traffic, often emerging with the puck and then contributing offensively. Good weight behind shot putting entire body into it and shields release point well, carrying it close to frame until the last moment. Keeps feet churning through traffic with a short, compact stride and extends plays by battling down the sideboards. Not afraid to get dirty blocking shots and clearing out traffic in own zone, winning contested ice for team. Also finishes every hit on forecheck. Nonstop effort until the whistle blows, thriving in scrums.

10. Cody Glass/RC — Portland. 6-1/165. 01 Apr 99.

Smart player with a strong hockey IQ. Pressures d-men into turnovers often. Anticipates very well and goes where the puck is going to be rather than where it is. His speed can burn any defender on the outside or down the middle. Has a knack for finding open space in prime scoring areas and getting the puck to net. Does a good job protecting the puck with a defender draped all over him in the offensive zone. Has fast hands and a sneaky release that surprises goalies. Tough to knock off the puck and can finish plays. Extreme late bloomer with plenty of growth left, and will need to add more upper body strength to compete.

11. Artyom Minulin/RD — Swift Current. 6-2/200. 01 Oct 98. Square frame with deceptive speed for his size. Smooth 4-way movement. Strong upper body constantly forces opposing puck carriers off the puck. Not overly aggressive, choosing to take man out with effective pins and seals, simultaneously rolling off man to rejoin action. Simplistic focus of getting the puck out of zone. Will engage feet if outlet closes off, however rarely ventures far into offensive zone, electing to pull back to patrol the line. Smart puck distributor with strong wrists; gets passes through to targets all over offensive zone. Heavy shot - must use it more often this year. Calming presence in own zone for basement dweller, ended last year as one of only two plus players on team.

12. Mason Shaw/LC -- Medicine Hat. 5-9/176. 03 Nov 98. Compact size, but a highly energetic skater who jumps on his edges and constantly pressures the puck. Advanced mobility with great lateral movement, using it to dart across the grain and knife through traffic. Recognizes when defenders are not closing gaps fast enough and is quick to take advantage. Impressive athleticism; spins off checks with sharp lower body pivots. Great passer spreads out the offensive zone attack, firing cross-ice feeds when it appears play has stagnated. Puck hound crashes slot looking for rebounds and never gives up on a play. Deceptive strength on skates for his size and stands up to larger opponents. Fearless and uses body as a projectile, but must recognize high-speed collisions he can't win.

13. Josh Brook/RD — Moose Jaw. 6-1/177. 17 Jun 99. Generates great speed from quick crossovers with effortless glide - floats naturally on edges. Elusive with the puck skating out of own end and joining the rush. Gets fantastic snap on his passes, firing long range rockets cross-ice. Uses feet to win battles for puck deep in own end, highlighting tight turns and a quick pivot to evade forecheckers. Steps into lanes using a quick stick to cleanly intercept passes. Quick to pinch in offensive zone, then funnels passes into middle. Naturally strong on skates with plenty of growth left, though he's not naturally aggressive. Uses mobility 1-on-1 to mirror shifty skaters, however can get caught swiping at puck instead of taking body.

14. Austin Pratt/RW — Red Deer. 6-2/212. 30 Jul 99. Imposing winger embraced checking role on deep club last season, improving his game away from puck on defensive side. Should receive more quality icetime to grow his offensive game this year. Tracks players well on the forecheck, angling man into closed off lanes and creating turnovers. Strong offensive zone cycle, constantly keeps motor running to create sustained pressure. Doesn't take his size for granted; a gritty second effort player who sacrifices for team. Starting to crash the net with purpose. Quick shot that he gets off in stride, but confidence wavered at times last year - needs to develop a hesitation free release. Gifted physical specimen must prove he has an adequate hockey IQ.

15. Kole Lind/RW — Kelowna. 6-1/172. 16 Oct 98. Might be one of the purest goal scorers in this draft class. Played rookie season with the confidence and maturity of a veteran. Strong skater is well balanced on his edges and can turn on a dime. Has a cannon shot and a good snap release on wrist shots. Still growing - will get stronger and develop into a premier power forward in the league. At times, it looks like he gives up on the play and retreats for a line change. He needs to play every shift hard and play with an edge as he will be a target this season for any team looking to throw him off his game.

16. Jordy Bellerive/LW — Lethbridge. 5-10/190. 02 May 99. Simplistic, high energy forward holds back from entering scoring areas until his linemates are looking for an outlet,

then darts into free space, converting one-touch shots. Selective shooter recognizes best angle for each situation. Often fakes shots, looking off goaltender and then sliding short dump passes across slot. Chokes up on release point in traffic. Quick crossovers through the neutral zone, maximizes burst off edges when following up as trailer looking for rebounds. Has the anticipation to abruptly jump into passing lanes and disrupt/intercept opponents' passes. Short and stocky - has built up his core to maximize smaller frame.

17. Jacob McGrew/LW – Spokane. 5-11/180. 02 Feb 99. Dynamic winger has a deadly shot and great speed that constantly gives defenders fits. What sets him apart are his offensive instincts; his vision and creativity allow him to pick out passes that no one else would ever see. For spurts he can be absolutely dominant, pulling the strings and controlling the pace and tempo when he's on ice. Will need to put on some muscle in order to not get pushed off the puck as much, but with his skill, he should be a top-round pick if he continues developing at this pace.

18. Ian Mitchell/RD - Spruce Grove. 5-10/165. 18 Jan 99. Tier II defender was an offensive standout all last season in AJHL, and appears college bound, which should give him time to fill out an underdeveloped frame. Future potential as a PP quarterback; plays at top of the umbrella to maximize all available passing angles. Hits teammates down low right in their wheelhouse, and also able to make delicate saucers. Not an overpowering shooter, but accurate getting shot through small windows on net. Jumps on loose pucks in neutral zone when opposition is complacent in transition, and gains offensive zone easily. Good defensive recognition in coverage around own goal, however he currently has trouble boxing out larger opponents.

19. Jonathan Smart/RD — Kelowna. 6-0/170. 01 Jun 99. Terrific offensive zone passer likes to make plays and will pinch aggressively. Shows great offensive zone awareness, making sure plays never stagnate by finding open ice for return feeds after making passes. Finds pucks as they squirt out of traffic, and once he adds more wrist strength should start to score with all those prime looks he creates by sneaking in the back door. Crispness of skating should improve with added leg strength - uncertain at times in own zone with inefficient stride. Needs to tighten up his positioning on odd-man rushes and stop trying to force plays that cause odd-man rushes going the other way. Must replace baby fat with more strength.

20. Jaret Anderson-Dolan/LC — Spokane. 5-10/180. 12 Sep 99. An intense forechecker and highly motivated puck chaser, he wants the puck on his stick at all times. Tremendous work ethic and battles in corners to win puck possession. Speedy skater generates great speed streaking into offensive zone, however he must learn to channel this passion as he can overskate the play at times. When he does put on the brakes he's able to lose coverage with his great stop/starts, creating more time and space. Uses a short stick playing with the puck close to body, prefers to beat defenders 1-on-1 with feet instead of hands. Shows sound puck protection. Likes to show emotion and gets on the nerves of opposing players often.

21. Jarret Tyszka/LD — Seattle. 6-2/181. 15 Mar 99. His poise and confident play from the blue line landed him top six minutes on a very deep Seattle blue line last year. Nothing flashy about his game as he quietly takes care of his own end and takes the body well, separating the puck from his man. Makes strong first passes out of his zone showing no panic. Never caught out of position and has an active stick in the defensive zone. Will clear the crease and sticks with his check in coverage. Just an average skater, but is looking to be more of an offensive threat this year. Not an overly physical defender and we'd like to see him play a bit meaner.

(Editor's Note: RLR's chief scout and Maritime scout teamed up to rank this year's QMJHL talent pool, minus the incoming European Imports. Here's our early view of things from around the Q.)

1. Maxime Comtois/LW — Victoriaville. 6-2/199.

08 Jan 99. Tremendous physical specimen is a dominant force. At speed he is essentially unstoppable, gaining separation everywhere he goes. Will be an absolute menace in the future as coordination continues to come around and he understands how to harness his unique speed and size combination. Straight-line player heads right into the action and often arrives in ill humour — intimidates opponents with thundering hits. If a lane closes off he uses force to reopen it. Quick hands can already keep pace with his feet and he's a natural sniper. Gets great wrist snap on a heavy shot that handcuffs goalies. Underrated vision, frequently hitting teammates on the tape with smart passes.

2. Antoine Morand/LC — Acadie-Bathurst. 5-9/170.

18 Feb 99. Undersized, but very creative, darts in and out of traffic and finds seams in the offensive zone. Not blazing speed but above average with strong agility and balance. Makes impressive moves at top speed. Excellent vision and playmaking ability. Terrific stick-handling eliminates the chance of pokechecks, and he's able to hide the puck in traffic, leaving goalie scrambling to view it before he gets shots off. Shot needs to get stronger and he needs to use it more also, as he is a pass-first type player. Smaller stature creates more mobility in traffic, gains speed with sharp cuts in tight areas. Understands he can't win physical contests so mostly avoids that aspect. Impossible to catch or even get a piece of him in open ice, though.

3. Jocktan Chainey/LD — Halifax. 6-1/188. 08 Sep 99.

Big horse of a defenceman, projects to be a player who logs big minutes at both ends of the ice. Not the most flashy but always seems under control and in position. Could use his frame a bit better in 1-on-1 situations. Skating is solid; powerful and well balanced, and always gets where he needs to be. At this point he projects as a solid mid-pairing rearguard who does everything pretty well. Would like to see him get quicker and meaner.

4. Joël Teasdale/LW — Blainville. 5-11/197. 11 Mar 99.

Spends a lot of time in corners, absorbing contact and digging out loose pucks. Not huge, but thickly built through the torso and gets down low in his stance with good knee bend to leverage larger players off the puck. He's usually in the middle of everything offensively. Doesn't jump out as a real elusive skater, yet still manages to slip past contact with ease. Always a hard worker who does most of his line's heavy lifting. Great awareness of when defenders are not paying attention - exploits with quick bursts. Goes directly to scoring areas, sneaking in and out of traffic.

5. Arnaud Durand/LW — Halifax. 5-11/177.

14 Jan 99. Smooth skating winger with offensive upside, he works hard and is not afraid to go to the net. Has an accurate shot that he needs to use more. Showed good awareness as a rookie, finding open ice and also winning more than his share of battles despite not having the biggest frame. Has a pretty high ceiling, should be a solid pro with continued development, possible 2nd or 3rd liner.

6. Antoine Crête-Belzile/LD — Blainville. 6-0/176.

19 Aug 99. Smooth, fluid skater eats up ice naturally - skating is his standout skill. Uses balance over edges to maintain equilibrium in traffic. Skates upright with head on a swivel to navigate through traffic and look for plays. Great potential once thought process completely catches up to feet. Plays it safe, takes an extra stride to bring puck deep in offensive zone before making a move. Not afraid

to cycle backwards into space or chip it off glass instead of forcing situation. Soft hands for receiving even tough passes comfortably in stride. Before pinching ensures teammate is around to cover, then explodes off blue line. Just starting to harness solid potential.

7. Louis-Filip Cote/LW — Québec. 6-0/174. 02 May 99.

Rangy winger has fine offensive skills and tools. Excellent skater with speed and first step acceleration. Quick burst allows him to gain step on defenders easily and has great glide. Gets good snap on a hard wrister. Fine vision and creativity around offensive zone. But is shy in traffic and not often involved in the battle areas. Also needs to show much more commitment defensively and away from the puck.

8. Pierre-Olivier Joseph/LD — Charlottetown. 6-0/155.

01 Jul 99. Athletic kid with good hockey sense. Seems to have a lot of untapped potential. Similar to his brother Mathieu (a Tampa Bay 4th rounder), he came to the Q having a lot of upside but being a physically undeveloped project. He has a thin, wiry frame that needs lots of filling out. Moves well and reads the play well defensively. Offensively, he makes a good first pass but does not take very many chances. He appears to be a wild card in this crop, could rise or fall based on his progress.

9. Dereck Baribeau/G-R — Val-d'Or. 6-5/187. 22 Jan 99.

Huge netminder is very raw in his technique work, but has all the physical tools NHL clubs are looking for. He's long and lean, and surprisingly nimble on his feet. He's flexible and athletic, and gets good push off either skate moving cross-crease. But he has a tendency to lose his angles, and also over-commits so is susceptible to back-door passes. Makes first saves, but leaves too many rebounds kicking out into the slot. Has a quick glove hand, but carries it too low in his set-up. Plenty of development left - needs more game work and coaching.

10. Walter Flower/RD — Halifax. 6-1/168. 07 May 99.

Nice tools and skills, but tries too hard at times, forcing plays and pulling himself out of position. Often skates the puck right into contact with his head down in open ice - needs to move it quicker instead of overhandling. Extremely underdeveloped physically — has trouble maintaining balance along the boards when the hitting starts. Smooth and fluid stride and good 4-way movement skills. Plays out wide to give forwards an outlet along the blue line. Not afraid to walk the offensive blue line to open up lanes.

11. Shawn Boudrias/RW — Charlottetown. 6-3/182.

14 Sep 99. Youngest player in this year's draft has a large frame with plenty of room for growth left. Needs to increase leg strength to generate a stronger skating stride. Capable of fighting his way into slot, dragging opponents and the puck with him. If he can add at least another full step he could be a legitimate prospect. Works his bag off and hits everything that moves in offensive zone, going from check-to-check constantly engaging and slowing everyone down to his pace. Willing to sell his body out along walls, taking hits to get passes off and make plays. Struggled shooting at speed, unable to aim traveling at top flight, mostly firing into goalie's crest. Leg strength and skating development will be crucial.

12. Matt Welsh/G-L — Charlottetown. 5-10/176. 13 Jul 99.

Undersized goaltender is going to have an uphill battle at his size trying to gain NHL scouts' attention, but at worst he'll become a very good junior netminder. Hugs the post well, taking away any space on the short side for shooters. He does recognize that any goal scored high on him is going to be a black mark against, so he fights hard to stay on his feet. Over-slides the post occasionally moving cross-crease - must plant anchor foot earlier to prevent. One of the younger goalies this year, so maybe he finds a couple inches in a growth spurt.

DES MOINES:

Jakub Sirota/LD. 6-2/179. 20 Dec 98. Impressed us with his natural poise and seamless transition to North American play with a strong two-game performance. Smart and composed in his own end. Does the little things like chip pucks to the right spots away from forecheckers and hits teammates with on-target passes to aid in fast transitions. Good skater with a long, fluid stride. Tall and lean, but already strong on his skates. Uses feet and long reach to square up and box forwards to the outside. Aggressive offensive mindset - joins the rush and pinches down from the blue line at the right times. Will have to balance desire to attack with defensive efficiency, but has all the tools to develop into a two-way defender with intriguing upside.

Matt Isaac/RC. 6-2/174. 24 Jan 99. A disappointment here. Has the requisite pro attributes: size, skating, shot, sense... but wasn't able to put it together on a consistent basis. Skates with power and agility when moving the puck up ice, but didn't seem to accomplish much of anything when plays were there to be made. Doesn't always leverage his frame and strength, and gets caught puck watching instead of going in and doing the grunt work himself. Showed deft passing and vision in flashes. Undoubtedly talented but very raw; still a work in progress who will require lots of patience.

FARGO:

Matthew Murray/G-L. 6-0/185. 21 Feb 98. *Red Line* favourite from a year ago exhibits fine quickness and reflexes for the position; extremely fast pads and pro-calibre lateral movement. Perfect demeanour for a goalie: calm, but a battler who never gives up. Below average size hurts him with NHL teams. Squares up to shooters and reacts well to make the first save. Game gets dicey when opponents invade the paint and take away his sightlines and space. Gets scrambly - needs to settle it down. His game needs refinements, not major tweaks.

LINCOLN:

Cayden Primeau/G-L. 6-4/185. 11 Aug 99. The best longterm upside among the goalies. Superb size, athletic ability, fundamentals and NHL bloodlines wrapped in an impressive package. Fluid movements in the crease and very little wasted movement. Efficient play, especially under duress. Calm and composed even when the play breaks down around him and opponents crash his crease. Quick glove. Tough to beat on the first shot because of his size and quickness, but sound positioning also means he's often ready for second shots. Tracks the puck well and maintains focus and concentration - doesn't give up many soft goals and gives team in front of him confidence.

Eero Teravainen/LD. 5-11/170. 08 Mar 99. Pleasant surprises here. The Finnish import doesn't have ideal size nor is he a dynamic skater, but provides an effective two-way presence because of his high-end vision and hockey sense. Understands his limitations and plays a smart game. Elusive with quick stop/starts and an ability to see the play developing early. Some will be turned off due to the lack of size and speed, but others may see a project worth investing in. He won't dazzle with his puck skills or speed, but he'll make some difficult plays look routine through his intelligence and effort.

OMAHA:

Brannon McManus/LW-R. 5-10/172. 05 Jul 99. The offence came as advertised - a scoring whiz who makes it look easy when the puck is on his stick in the opponent's end. Dangles in and

out of traffic and can set up the play or finish it off with relentless attacking mindset. Slippery skater who makes a lot of deft moves at speed. Overall game needs a lot of work though. Disappeared for extended stretches and was at times indifferent and disengaged in the defensive and neutral zones. Has impressive burst when he recognizes scoring chances, and is quick to pounce on loose pucks and turn them into points, but needs more consistency and "want to" in his game. Looked a little gassed and not in game shape yet.

Jacob Acton/G-L. 6-1/176. 28 Oct 98. Another pleasant surprise. Brings good size and all-around talent to a team that's going to give up a lot of quality scoring chances. His technique and fundamentals need some polish, but there's a lot to work with. Quick pads and directs shots to corners out of danger areas. Will open up in his stance a little too much and give shooters daylight between his arms and body at times, but does a nice job of making first saves. Needs to keep his torso upright - was beaten on a couple of high shots after dropping into butterfly too early. Impressive battler's mentality - doesn't give up on the puck until it's either in the net or out of the zone. Held up well during several crease collisions and net-front pileups.

SIOUX CITY:

Eeli Tolvanen/RW-L. 6-0/181. 22 Apr 99. Overcame a rough start with sluggish skating and bad body language in his first game to finish strong and show off the pure dazzling offence we've come to expect. An absolute rifle shot - puck comes off his stick in a blur and is deadly accurate with shocking power from a player his size. When the puck is on his stick in the offensive zone, a scoring chance will follow. High-end offensive hockey IQ and a killer instinct to finish off plays around the net. Can score with targeted 1-time lasers from the outside or in close with quick, magic hands. Coachable and wants to improve; showed noticeable energy and self-discipline after poor game in which he took several bad penalties and was ineffective.

SIOUX FALLS:

Matt Quercia/LW. 6-1/194. 24 Feb 99. One of *Red Line's* best sleeper candidates. He's got a good-sized frame and is strong on his skates already. Good skater generates fine speed in open ice, with the balance and agility to change directions fast. Hard-working and competitive... you notice him on every shift because he's hustling all over the ice, finishing his checks, disrupting opposing d-men on the forecheck or pushing the puck up on offence himself. He doesn't have a lot of natural scoring skills or creativity, but brings versatility and two-way intelligence to every game. Does possess a heavy shot. Honest, hard worker looks like someone to watch in the mid-to-late rounds come June.

TRI-CITY:

Adam Goodsir/LC. 6-2/181. 22 Sep 98. Impressive showing. Has enough size and skill to develop into a real pro prospect in short order. Has a pro-style frame with room to fill out into a real horse. Good with the puck and an impressive game below the dots; handles the puck well in traffic and shows a burgeoning scorer's instinct as he gains confidence at this level. Skates his bag off and goes into the dirty areas, gives and takes hits and stays physically engaged on every shift. Skating is an issue - his first few steps are sluggish and he's not all that fast or agile yet. Short-area game has to improve and we won't bet against that happening as the season goes on.

Poehling polls well among scouts

For most 17 year-old elite hockey players, they're either starting Major Junior hockey, playing Tier II or Prep School hockey, or thinking about committing to an NCAA school.

But Ryan Poehling isn't your typical teenager.

Poehling won't turn 18 until next January 3rd, but will make the jump to college hockey long before then at St. Cloud State after a three-year high school career in Minnesota at Lakeville North H.S.

The casual observer might ask why a kid at 17 is in a rush to go to college, but Poehling said it's more than just playing for the Huskies.

"It's obviously unusual for a 17-year-old to be in college, but I think a lot of it

if you have goals and you set your mind to something, you can do it. I feel that I did that, I buckled down and really, the second half of my junior year is when I became myself, I guess.

"I think it came down to if I was ready or not and even when it came to hockey, for me, it was always everything off the ice. Being 17 and in college is not normal and everything that goes along with college, like living on your own and having a college life, was something I was ready for and could handle and that's why I chose here."

What about the jump from high school hockey to NCAA?

"That's going to be tough," admitted Poehling. "I think that it's obviously going to take some time for me to get used to it, but

Ryan Poehling File

- ◆ **Ht/Wt:** 6-2/188
- ◆ **Position:** Centre
- ◆ **Shoots:** Left
- ◆ **Birthdate:** January 3, 1999
- ◆ **Team:** St. Cloud State
- ◆ **Scouting Report:** Has a very complete package. Big, strong, physical, two-way centre with good offensive skills and plays a forceful game. Powerful skater drives through contact. Impacts the game in all phases. Extremely mature and advanced for his age both on and off the ice - will be the youngest player in Division I hockey this season. Dominated the recent Ivan Hlinka tournament. Character player is a team leader and captain type. Heavy and accurate shot. Underrated playmaker.

really wasn't on the ice – it was more off the ice," Poehling said. "I think I'm ready to see the college life and to live on my own with a roommate and stuff, so my brothers helped a lot [twins Jack and Nick are also freshmen this season at SCSU] with that. Also, the maturity level had to be there, so I think that over the last year, I got way more mature, which helped me make my decision to come here.

"I basically found out at the last minute that I was going to come here, so after I finished my junior year (this past June), I took summer school online for my senior year. I actually graduated two days before I got to St. Cloud."

And in August, Poehling captained the U.S. squad at the Ivan Hlinka Memorial Tournament, netting four goals and six points in a starring role as Team USA took silver.

Now on campus at SCSU, Poehling said choosing to start college early won't be a hindrance to his development.

"The main thing is to have your goals in front of you and work towards them," said Poehling. "I wanted to come here, so I think

when I do, I think that I'll be fine. It is a big jump and maybe I don't even realize it, but I will when it comes, I guess."

When asked if he has any short-term or long-term goals for the season, Poehling was succinct.

"I don't want to set short goals for myself and be happy with that," said Poehling. "I want to set some big goals and try to reach them. As you get older, every game gets tougher and there is no such thing as a bad team any more. I think my consistency has to rise a little bit. If I come ready to play every night, I think that's a part of my game that will help to separate me from everyone else.

"I think as you get older, everyone can play, it's just with the amount of games and the level of consistency you can bring each and every night."

Still, Poehling is aware that habits and tendencies that were okay in high school won't be as easy to utilize at the college level.

"Playing high school hockey, there

Poehling Report Card

Size/Strength	A-
Skating	B
Shot/Scoring ability	A
Puckhandling	A-
Hockey Sense	A
Competitiveness	A-
Physical play	C+
Composure/Poise	B
Defence	B-

are obviously some good hockey players, but not everyone is ready for D-I," said Poehling. "For example, I didn't hit that much in high school hockey and in college hockey, if you miss a hit, even the littlest thing means a guy can beat you and that's the guy that ends up scoring and then that's on you. I think, for me, playing the body a lot more and being in the right position will help me become successful."

Poehling noted that while he'll be the youngster for a while, his game is tailor-made for the NCAA and down the line, he'll have a shot at the NHL.

"I think it's my hockey sense – as I get older and get into higher and higher leagues, that's what stays with me most," Poehling said. "Obviously at the start of this year, my confidence won't be up there, but with my hockey sense, that will help along the way. In high school, I could say I was a fast player, but in college, as fast as I am, it might just be average. Having that hockey sense will help a lot."

As will his experience playing in front of sold-out buildings at the Minnesota high school state tournament.

"My freshman year, we played in front of 20,000 people and right when you step on the ice, you start thinking, 'Is this real? Are you kidding me?' So I guess you could say I'm used to playing in front of big crowds and it's not something that will distract me from anything," noted Poehling.

And showing independent thinking, Poehling admitted that next summer's NHL Draft is on his mind.

"People say they don't think about it, but it's always lodged in the back of their minds," said Poehling. "I think it gives me more motivation each and every game to play with more consistency. I mean, I'm always up for a challenge and I'm excited it's my draft year."

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Dayton Rasmussen/G-L. 6-2/190. 04 Nov 98. Colour us unimpressed. The physical tools are certainly there, but he didn't have a strong outing. Good size and natural quickness were negated by overcommitting on shots and being out of position several times, which cost his team goals against. Fights the puck; simplifying his approach might do wonders, as he tends to expend too much energy on routine shots. Without the fundamentals, he'll make the flashy save but struggle to come up with key stops at crunch time.

U.S. NTDP U-18:

Grant Mismash/LW. 6-0/184. 19 Feb 99. One of the few bright spots in a dreadful weekend for the U-18 squad. Skates and handles the puck well; did a pretty good job of pushing the pace and generating scoring chances. Never passed up a chance to drill an opponent with hard contact. Also hurt his team by taking unnecessary penalties and exhibiting a lack of self-discipline, but his willingness to show some fire and emotion while most of his team lacked any sense of urgency is commendable. He reminds us of Max Jones in terms of his playing style and the way he plays on the edge, but Mismash has better offensive capabilities. If he can harness his strengths and channel the nasty in his game more positively, he should flourish.

Max Gildon/LD. 6-3/188. 17 May 99. Once you get past the desirable physical package of size, strength and skating, his flaws were exposed. Not very instinctive - takes too long to process the play and susceptible to an effective forecheck. Puck skills are decidedly average: can make the okay short pass, but without the vision and touch, wasn't able to generate clean zone exits and consistently move the puck out of danger. There's no denying the physical ability - he's strong, especially when the play is along the walls and he pins his man in place. When the game opens up and he has to skate with the puck and make quick decisions, then it's "no bueno."

Phil Kemp/RD. 6-3/201. 12 Feb 99. Another disappointing showing from a defensive defenceman we had higher hopes for coming into this one. With room to operate, he shows off his impressive ability as an athlete, but under pressure, struggles to handle the puck and turns it over. A good skater for his size, but needs to work on his pivots and turns - got caught flat-footed on several occasions. Has a big, booming shot, but didn't have much time or space to show it off.

WATERLOO:

Shane Bowers/LC. 6-1/175. 30 Jul 99. Was the most impressive prospect at the tournament - a mature, polished, two-way centre with NHL attributes/habits to go with a high skill level. Smart and creative; uses his superior hockey IQ to make an impact over all 200 feet of the ice surface. Wants the puck and is also willing to go and get it. Frequently makes positive plays while looking effortless in the process. Makes his linemates better; slips through defensive layers, then strikes with a quick release or nifty pass. Lanky frame with room to fill out. Looks like a safe bet to play 10+ years in the NHL, though there could be debate on how he projects at the highest level — top two line scoring centre or versatile, capable third-liner.

Mikey Anderson/LD. 5-11/195. 25 May 99. Compensates for his average size with a thick build and excellent natural instincts for the game. Good skater who displays quickness and short-area burst to close on puck carriers or skate pucks out of danger. Sees the ice well and handles the puck with confidence. Doesn't have an abundance of skill, but reads and processes the play rapidly; maintains his gaps and keeps opposition players to the outside. A less-is-more player who keeps it simple but effective at this level. Can he convince teams he can thrive in the NHL with a similar approach?

More 2017 draft eligibles

NO.	Player	POS/S	HT/WT	DOB	TEAM
111.	Elias Pettersson	LW/L	6-1/146	12 Nov 98	Timrå
112.	Matthew Wedman	LW/L	6-3/196	25 May 99	Seattle
113.	Cale Makar	D/R	5-10/174	30 Oct 98	Brooks
114.	Matthew Quercia	LW/L	6-1/194	24 Feb 99	Sioux Falls
115.	Matthew Murray	G/L	6-0/185.	21 Feb 98	Fargo
116.	Isaac Johnson	C/R	6-2/170	24 Jan 99	Des Moines
117.	Adam Goodsir	C/L	6-2/181	22 Sep 98	Tri-City
118.	Tyler Inamoto	D/L	6-2/190	06 May 99	U.S. NTDP
119.	Mick Messner	RW/L	5-11/193	20 Apr 99	Madison
120.	Alexey Lipanov	C/L	6-1/162	17 Aug 99	Dynamo
121.	R.J. Murphy	LW/L	6-2/187	02 Oct 98	Dubuque
122.	Cale Fleury	D/R	6-1/192	19 Nov 98	Kootenay
123.	Filip Krivosik	LW/R	6-4/198	27 Mar 99	Hämeenlinna
124.	Olle Eriksson-Ek	G/L	6-2/187	22 Jun 99	Färjestads
125.	Jacob Acton	G/L	6-1/176	28 Oct 98	Omaha
126.	Ivan Chekhovich	LW/L	5-10/168	04 Jan 99	Baie-Comeau
127.	Matyas Svoboda	LW/L	6-3/216	02 Jan 99	Peterborough
128.	Ryan Bowen	C/R	6-2/180	10 Dec 98	Moose Jaw
129.	Tom Hedberg	D/L	5-11/158	10 Aug 99	Barrie
130.	MacKenzie Entwistle	RW/R	6-2/169	14 Jul 99	Hamilton
131.	Nick Henry	RW/R	6-0/190	04 Jul 99	Regina
132.	Aleksi Heponiemi	C/L	5-9/150	09 Jan 99	Swift Current
133.	Fabian Zetterlund	RW/R	5-11/202	25 Aug 99	Färjestads
134.	Pavel Kousal	RW/L	5-11/163	14 Nov 98	Boleslav
135.	Eero Teravainen	D/L	5-11/170	08 Mar 99	Lincoln
136.	Simon le Coultre	D/L	5-11/162	09 Aug 99	Moncton
137.	David Kvasnicka	D/L	5-10/172	14 Apr 99	Pízen
138.	Eemeli Rasanen	D/R	6-6/216	06 Mar 99	Kingston
139.	Sebastian Walfridsson	D/L	6-0/191	19 Mar 99	MoDo
140.	Tomas Vomacka	G/L	6-3/165	02 May 99	Hrad. Kralove
141.	Dalimil Mikyska	D/L	6-2/200	16 Aug 99	Brno
142.	Kalle Miketinac	C/L	5-11/176	02 Apr 99	Frölunda
143.	Patrik Hrehorcak	RW/L	5-10/161	18 Mar 99	Trinec
144.	Dayton Rasmussen	G/L	6-2/190	04 Nov 98	Tri-City

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