



Minnesota Wild
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DEFENSE

6-0 182LBS

1ST ROUND PICK

ETA: 3-4 YEARS

#2 OFFENSIVE
SPECIALIST

HOCKEY SENSE

Does not possess a large amount of poise ... struggles under pressure ... this flaw can led to bad turnovers, which is his greatest flaw and the one of most concern ... has a great understanding of the offense and how to create scoring opportunities ... sees the breakout very well ... reads the play and can anticipate upcoming plays quickly ... will have to develop some calmness to his game in order to find success in the NHL

OFFENSIVE SKILLS

Sees the ice very well ... great vision and makes strong, accurate passes ... is able to move laterally and quickly to find the passing and shooting lanes ... a good arsenal of shots, including a powerful slapshot ... not elusive but can make quick stick plays ... a very specialized defenseman; does not possess the ability to create plays in-tight or control the flow of the game but will be a team's powerplay wizard due to his mobility and shooting ability.

PHYSICAL ABILITY

Makes every hit count and hurt ... uses his size well and is a very well built athlete ... looks for the hit and likes to use his body more than his stick when stopping rushing opposing forwards ... can deliver highlight hits because his ability to anticipate and with good explosive strength from his legs.

DEFENSIVE SKILLS

Has good gap control and always gives rushing forwards trouble when they enter the zone ... always plays the body ... very active in the defensive zone ... gives forwards trouble physically and never lets them off easy without facing physical pressure ... needs to learn when a quick stick play is better than taking the body; add more defensive tools to his arsenal

Photo by Dave Brunner

SKATING

Very mobile and great first steps ... has jump to his stride ... strong balance ... low center of gravity ... tons of energy ... quick acceleration and top speed allows him to separate from others ... mobility and truck-like build makes him a dangerous presence every time he is on the ice