



THE GOALIE GUILD

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I am very proud to welcome all of you to my newest monthly release, the Draft Eligible Report. Due to my location in Colorado, I am very confident that this guide will serve as a great resource for my members that are looking for insights on the top goalies available in each year's NHL Entry Draft.

As you can see, there are four categories in which I sort the top draft-eligible prospects. Top Flight prospects include those that have very bright futures and could be drafted in the first two rounds. Promising prospects are likely to be drafted in the later rounds and carry very good value as well. Mid-Grade prospects might not be drafted, but are worth keeping an eye on. The Darkhorses should be drafted, but their true value is quite hidden.

- ★ **TOP-FLIGHT** prospects are capable of being drafted in Rounds 1 through 2.
- ★ **PROMISING** prospects are capable of being drafted in Rounds 3 through 7.
- ★ **MID-GRADE** prospects have low odds to be drafted, but could surprise me.
- ★ **DARKHORSE** prospects are low on most radars, but are very high on mine.

CENTRAL SCOUTING'S MIDTERM RANKINGS



RK	GOALIE	TEAM	DOB	HEIGHT	WT
1	Malcolm Subban	Belleville	OHL	6' 1.0"	188
2	Matthew Murray	Sault Ste. Marie	OHL	6' 4.0"	162
3	Brandon Whitney	Victoriaville	QMJHL	6' 5.0"	193
4	Jon Gillies	Indiana	USHL	6' 4.75"	210
5	Jake Paterson	Saginaw	OHL	6' 1.5"	183
6	Francois Tremblay	Val-D'Or	QMJHL	6' 2.0"	200
7	Daniel Altshuller	Oshawa	OHL	6' 2.75"	191
8	Andrey Makarov	Saskatoon	WHL	6' 0.5"	180
9	Collin Olson	USA U-18	USHL	6' 3.5"	197
10	Patrik Bartosak	Red Deer	WHL	6' 0.25"	181
11	Franky Palazzese	Kitchener	OHL	6' 0.5"	160
12	Chris Driedger	Calgary	WHL	6' 2.75"	190
13	Etienne Marcoux	Blainville-Boisbriand	QMJHL	6' 0.0"	155
14	Mackenzie Skapski	Kootenay	WHL	6' 2.0"	186
15	Matt Tomkins	Sherwood Park	AJHL	6' 1.75"	171
16	Francois Brassard	Quebec	QMJHL	6' 1.0"	154
17	Matej Machovsky	Brampton	OHL	6' 1.75"	191
18	Maxime Lagace	PEI	QMJHL	6' 2.25"	170
19	Alex Lyon	Omaha	USHL	6' 1.0"	205
20	Clint Windsor	Saginaw	OHL	6' 4.0"	215
21	Anthony Stolarz	Corpus Christi	NAHL	6' 5.0"	200
22	Michael Houser	London	OHL	6' 1.25"	190
23	Stephon Williams	Sioux Falls	USHL	6' 2.0"	191
24	Joseph Young	Boston Adv. AAA	USMAAA	6' 1.5"	160
25	Jacob Brennan	Acadie-Bathurst	QMJHL	6' 0.5"	178
26	Cole Holowenko	Price Albert	WHL	6' 1.25"	194
27	Jaroslav Pavelka	Windsor	OHL	6' 1.5"	178
28	Matthew Morris	Dubuque	USHL	5' 10.0"	210
29	Andrew D'Agostini	Peterborough	OHL	5' 10.5"	174
30	Roman Will	Moncton	QMJHL	6' 1.0"	191
31	Dawson Springs	The Gunnery	HIGH-CT	5' 11.0"	190
32	Mike Morrison	Peterborough	OHL	6' 0.5"	175
33	Philippe Trudeau	Cape Breton	QMJHL	6' 4.5"	198
34	Matt McNeely	Cedar Rapids	USHL	6' 2.5"	201
35	Keegan Wilson	Brampton	OHL	6' 0.25"	209
36	Jared Rutledge	USA U-18	USHL	5' 10.5"	171

EUROPEAN GOALTENDERS

1	Vasilevski, Andrei	UFA 2	RUS-JR.	6' 3.25"	204
2	Oscar Dansk	Brynäs Jr.	SWE-JR.	6' 2.5"	186
3	Joonas Korpiälä	Jokerit Jr.	FIN-JR.	6' 1.5"	163
4	Marek Langhamer	Pardubice Jr.	CZR-JR.	6' 1.75"	181
5	Jean Auren	Sport Jr.	FIN-JR.	6' 1.5"	187
6	Mathias Israelsson	Frolunda Jr.	SWE-JR.	5' 9.75"	193
7	Richard Illberg	SaiPa	SM-LIGA	6' 3.0"	185
8	Richard Sabol	B. Bystrika Jr.	SLO-JR.	5' 11.0"	185
9	Vasili Demchenko	Chelyabinsk 2	RUS-JR.	6' 1.0"	163
10	Marvin Cupper	Eisbaren Berlin Jr.	GER-JR.	5' 11.0"	180



THE GOALIE GUILD'S NHL DRAFT REPORT

★ Andrei Vasilevski 07/25/1994 Tyumen, RUS

After posting a 2.01 GAA and .953 SV% in five games during the 2012 World Juniors, it's safe to say that Andrei, who is only 17 years old, is the most valuable and promising goalie available this summer. He has the fluid movements and calm demeanor of a 24-year-old, and has the prime frame of 6-foot-3 and 200 pounds.

★ Malcolm Subban 12/21/1993 Rexdale, ONT

The #1 North American goalie available in most rankings, Malcolm benefits from legitimate hype due to his older brother P.K., and his terrific skill-set. A few injuries are of little concern in terms of his long-term value, and his play for Belleville in November (9-1-0 with a 1.47 GAA and .952 SV%) will see him go in the top-60.

★ Matthew Murray 05/25/1994 Thunder Bay, ONT

As long as the kid can hang at the junior level, most 17-year-old prospects that are 6-foot-3 or taller will get a lot of looks. Murray happens to be listed at 6-foot-4 and 159 pounds, so while he has a lot of "filling out" to do, the kid has tons of potential. At his size, he's more of a blocker with a solid positional foundation to his style.

★ Andrey Makarov 04/20/1993 Kazan, RUS

Not unlike the type of goalie you see in Evgeni Nabokov, Andrey is a patient, composed, steady Tretiak-style prospect with very good footwork. His .88 GAA and .979 SV% in the 2012 World Juniors proved to scouts that his choice to play in the QMJHL and the WHL was the right one; it has really refined his game.

★ Oscar Dansk 02/28/1994 Stockholm, SWE

Heading into January, Oscar was widely regarded as the most valuable international goalie available after Vasilevski. During two years playing for Shattuck St. Mary's (2007-2009), he gained valuable experience moving on the smaller ice. This definitely boosts his overall draft value, so I expect him to go in Round 2 or 3.



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★ Brandon Whitney

05/11/1994
Kentville, NS

A big goalie on a terrific Victoriaville team, Brandon is having an awesome rookie season in the QMJHL. One of the RDS mid-season rookie award-winners has only lost a few games this season, and has enticing size at 6-foot-5 and 191 pounds. His game needs a lot of polishing, but his long-term potential is very vivid.

★ Jake Paterson

05/03/1994
Mississauga, ONT

After going 3-0-2 with a .907 SV% in five games for Saginaw last year, his workload exploded as the team's starter this season. As of 1/12, Jake was 11-14-2 with a .896 SV% and 3.78 GAA. He doesn't have great size (6-foot-0, 178 lbs), but his bulldog mentality and solid durability makes him a prospect well worth watching.

★ Jon Gillies

01/22/1994
S. Portland, ME

A leviathan in the crease, Jon is listed at 6-foot-5 and 215 pounds, but he's a solid four or five months older than Whitney and Murray. Gillies has terrific numbers in the USHL right now, and is considered the best goalie in that league. This is due to his calm demeanor, outstanding athleticism, and very high compete level.

★ Chris Driedger

05/18/1994
Winnipeg, MAN

Aside from Makarov, Chris is the top WHL goalie available this summer. A day after he was traded over the summer, he was invited to attend the 2011 NHL Research, Development and Orientation Camp in Toronto. The camp really helped the 6-foot-2, 175-pounder earn some key exposure in front of many NHL scouts.

★ Richard Ullberg

07/16/1993
Sipoo, FIN

Few scouts will discuss Ullberg since he's only ranked 7th out of 10 international goalies by CSS. But when it comes to his collection of assets, he has everything you want in a Finnish prospect. He's 6-foot-3, 185 pounds, and will draw comparisons to Kari Lehtonen. He also has four years of international experience for Finland.

★ Francois Brassard

01/31/1994
Gatineau, PQ

Although he plays sporadically behind Louis Domingue, the rookie for the Remparts has a terrific attitude and the mindset to be a very successful pro goalie. He's not as highly-touted by CSS as Whitney or Tremblay, but I like everything about this kid, and I'm expecting him to be upgraded to Gold Star status by March or April.

★ Daniel Altshuller

07/24/1994
Nepean, ONT

Daniel first turned heads last year after going 19-13-10 with a 3.22 GAA and .906 SV% for the Nepean Raiders (CCHL). Not wanting to play behind Subban in Belleville, he finally landed in Oshawa and got the playing time he desired. His value has slightly dropped this season, but he's still a good mid-round prospect.

★ Patrik Bartosak

03-29-1993
Koprivnice, CZR

Right from the beginning of the season, Patrik has been a star for the Red Deer Rebels. He won the CHL Goalie of the Week award back in mid-October (2-0-0 with a 1.00 GAA and .966 SV%) and hasn't looked back. He's currently rehabbing from an upper-body injury, but his "lower-round" draft value remains quite steady.

★ Michael Houser

09/13/1992
Wexford, PA

Truly underrated in terms of his complete game and unassuming nature, Houser is at least earning enough accolades to fall 22nd overall on the CSS midterm rankings. His stats are outstanding for the London Knights, and I can only hope a team recognizes his stable nature, his work ethic and his hidden gem status.

★ Anthony Stolarz

01/21/1994
Jackson, NJ

After spending three years in the AYHL and one year in the EJHL, Anthony is now excelling in the NAHL. Playing at these lower junior levels gives him tons of playing time and experience, and since he already stands at 6-foot-5 and 200 pounds, I think his background and biomechanics make him a true hidden gem.

GOALTENDING EVALUATION GUIDE

In order to help you better understand how I evaluate the skill-set of a draft-eligible goaltender, below is a personal checklist I use to define and analyze the most important traits and attributes of a prospect.

The list below is in no particular order, and includes subsections that provide more details and information on the assets that I feel matter most to an NHL team.

Although every team has different needs, I personally recommend that goalies are not taken in the first round due to the inherent risk that comes with drafting a young talent so soon. The additional pressure that comes from touting a goalie as a "first rounder" makes things even more difficult. The most effective time to draft a goalie would be anywhere after the first round. - Justin Goldman

TRAIT I: BIOMETRICS

Biometrics is the way in which a goalie moves, reacts, stretches and skates. It includes the natural movements of their skeletal and muscular systems. Within this all-important collection of traits are a number of key sub-sections:

A. SIZE: The bigger the goalie, the more surface area they cover. The "optimal" size of today's successful NHL goalie varies anywhere from 6-foot-2 to 6-foot-6. Size is not a "must-have" today, but it is a major advantage for long-term development. Along with size, a goalie must still have solid

biometrics (movements) and reflexes. It has become a clear-cut trend that NHL teams are drafting bigger goalies, but they must have the skills and mobility to go along with that size. Immobility or a lack of flexibility is a major pitfall in today's NHL. You simply can't rely on solely blocking pucks.

B. REFLEXES: Goalies must have superb reflexes and reactions in order to develop into quality NHL talents. Their reaction speed can be gauged during NHL combines, and by assessing their talent in both games and practices. Fast-twitch muscle movements, along with their ability to make last-second reactions on tipped and deflected shots are just a few of the ways to evaluate a prospect's reflexes.

C. FLEXIBILITY: In order for a goalie with good size and reflexes to stretch their talent threshold, they must have superb flexibility. Again, this is a trait that can be better evaluated during the NHL combine, but is also on display in games and practices. Look for traits like doing the splits, their ability to dive back and to the sides to cover loose pucks, and how well they can twist and contort their body.

TRAIT II: CURRENT & PROJECTED SKILLS

A prospect's current skills can reflect different aspects of their true projected skills, but at the same time, many aspects of their style and substance don't reveal what they

are capable of accomplishing over the course of their junior and professional careers. Keep these two different assets in mind when scouting a draft-eligible goaltender:

A) CURRENT SKILLS: NHL Central Scouting provides their scouts with evaluation sheets that list a complete set of attributes for a goalie. Complete and rank these skills to the best of your ability, but recognize there are certain traits and assets that evolve and develop over time.

A skill like flexibility can be improved through off-ice training, but some goalies are simply born with advanced biometrics and muscular/skeletal systems that allow them to be more flexible than the average goalie. Rebound control might be a lacking trait at the ages of 17 and 18, but they can obviously improve over time. The same goes for puck-tracking skills, reading plays, and so much more.

B. PROJECTED SKILLS: Due to the nature of the goaltending position, projected skills are very difficult to accurately predict. So many elements of the position rely on quality development, timing and the overall maturity of the athlete. But there are still ways to project skills, depending on your knowledge of the position and how certain athletes are able to mature and develop. I keep these methods private for obvious reasons.



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★ Francois Tremblay

08/29/1994
Baie-Comeau, PQ

Francois was 5-10-4 with a 3.91 GAA and .869 SV% as a 16-year-old in the "Q" last year, a stretch of 26 games that acted as a catalyst for his rising draft value. With a solid frame at 6-foot-2 and 200 pounds, Tremblay makes a good mid-round pick thanks to his good flexibility, well-rounded technique, and "big save" ability.

★ Franky Palazzese

05/28/1993
Mississauga, ONT

A product of the Markham Waxers (CCHL), Franky's value has come on strong over the past three months for Kitchener after spending last year with Kingston. Through 18 games, he has a 2.71 GAA and a stellar .930 SV%, and the added exposure he'll receive during John Gibson's concussion will also help his value.

★ Joonas Korpisalo

04/28/1994
Pori, FIN

I know very little about Korpisalo's game, but he has solid credentials. Over the past three seasons, he has represented Finland in international play (U-16, U-17, U-18) and has never posted below a .909 SV%. He's also having a stellar season in the Jr. A SM-liiga, posting a 2.29 GAA and .909 SV% in 25 games played.

★ Matej Machovsky

07/25/1993
Opava, CZR

Although he's ranked low by CSS (17th midterm), Matej has been one of the most efficient OHL goalies this season. Through 26 games for Brampton, he had a 15-6-4 record, a 2.11 GAA and a .917 SV%. This is mainly due to the success of his team, but I've always liked his size (6-foot-2, 187lbs) and skills combination.

★ Maxime Lagace

01/12/1993
Saint-Augustin, PQ

Due to his age and his lack of support on a weak PEI Rocket team, Lagace falls into the hidden gem category. He doesn't merit the type of value that deserves a mid-round ranking, but his skills are legitimate and the potential is there. I could definitely see him being snagged very late this summer, maybe in Round 6 or 7.

★ Collin Olson

04/04/1994
Apple Valley, MN

Collin has grown more than half-an-inch over the last six months, so now that he's listed at 6-foot-3.5 and 197 pounds, he has been a steady riser since the start of the season. Another quality product coming out of the USJDP, Olson has only played in seven games this season, but has a 1.86 GAA and .917 SV% (3-3-0).

★ Etienne Marcoux

09/29/1993
La Plaine, PQ

Etienne is ranked #1 (as of 1/8) in the NHL Draft Top-20 by goalie scout Jerry Shields, and I definitely agree that Marcoux is a hidden talent with a high skills threshold. He was 14-5-2 with a .906 SV% and 2.82 GAA for the Armada (QMJHL) through 1/12 and was also named the CHL Goalie of the Week back on 12/13.

★ Clint Windsor

11/02/1993
Hamilton, ONT

Listed at 6-foot-4 and 210 pounds, Windsor has the size and speed combo that NHL teams are drooling over. I don't think his skill threshold is as high as some other Green Star prospects, but he had a solid December (4-2-0 with a .881 SV%) and will still earn a lot of looks due to his rise in the CSS rankings (is now 20th).

★ Ty Rimmer

03/23/1992
Edmonton, ALB

Ty is absent from the CSS midterm ranking since he was born in 1992, but considering he's dominating the WHL this season, I like him as a darkhorse. He not only plays a very steady style, but he's showing elements of leadership by mentoring WHL rookie Eric Comrie. Ty was the CHL Goalie of the Week on 1/11.

★ Alex Dubeau

07/01/1994
Mascouche, PQ

Since he's listed at just 5-foot-9, nobody (CSS or NHL) will give Dubeau a chance in this draft. But as I have seen with smaller goalies like Jon Bernier, Jhonas Enroth and Richard Bachman, there's still plenty of value hidden in these kids. Dubeau is the epitome of a darkhorse and truly deserves a spot on my first report.

TRAIT III: CHARACTER & ATTITUDE

A prospect's character and attitude is more important than their skills and talents, for those elements act as the vehicle that powers the individual's technique. Get to know the goalie you're scouting by learning their character traits, their work ethic, their competitiveness, and their body language:

A. WORK ETHIC: A goalie's work ethic is the most important traits to have. How much energy do they put into practices and drills? How hard do they work to track the puck, cover loose pucks, fight for space and sightlines? How hard do they work off the ice? Are they students of the game? Are they first on and last off the ice? Are they coachable, energetic, passionate and vibrant? Work ethic is everything.

B. BODY LANGUAGE: A goalie's body language reveals a lot about their attitude. Do they have negative reactions after allowing goals? Do they appear complacent? Are they cool, calm and collected? Are they stoic, poised and patient? How their body reacts - including facial expressions, hand movements, interactions with their teammates and opponents - plays a role in how they mentally process and handle certain adversities and situations that arise in a hockey game.

C. COMPETITIVENESS: A goalie's competitiveness is revealed in many different ways, both on and off the ice. On the ice, how hard do they battle for pucks? Are they aggressive in the crease? Do they appear alert, attentive and extremely focused? Do they practice with the same level of intensity that they display in games? How hard

do they work to control rebounds or cover loose pucks in practice? Keep these questions in mind when evaluating their competitive nature and realize it is a very important asset for draft-eligible goalies to have.

D. AURA: A goalie's aura is simply their demeanor and their ability to display traits that separate them from other goalies. What is it about a certain goalie that makes them so unique? Is it a certain element of flair, of confidence, or charisma? You may not be able to put it into words, but you know as a trained scout when they have "it" and when they have an ability to perform above and beyond.

TRAIT IV: VISION SKILLS

A prospect's vision is one of the most important assets a goalie can have. Some goalies are born with tremendous vision, others can slowly improve their tracking skills over time. Do some homework and ask goalies what kind of vision they have to help uncover a hidden gem:

A. NATURAL VISION: Tracking the puck is crucial to a goalie's success, so find those prospects with 20-20 vision. Near-sighted or far-sighted goalies will probably have less success tracking a fast-moving puck with as much precision.

B. TRACKING SKILLS: It is of utmost importance that a prospect keeps his eyes on the puck at all times. Tracking the puck as it moves around their zone, as it comes off a shooter's stick, as it rebounds off their body, and as it is deflected or tipped in the slot all play a major role in their ability to make saves.

TRAIT V: SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS

A prospect's situation plays a major role in their perceived value in certain rankings, such as the NHL's Central Scouting rankings, and the International Scouting Services rankings. Make sure to have a very clear understanding of the different elements that make up a goalie's current situation heading into an NHL Entry Draft:

A. TEAM STRENGTH: How good is the team in front of your goalie? Are they a powerhouse? Do they keep the shot totals down? Do they provide him with plenty of goal-scoring support? Does the defense lack in skill and talent? Does he get shelled on a nightly basis? All of these questions are important to know when it comes to situational analysis. Many non-goalie specific scouts will invest too much energy in a goalie's statistics. This is a pitfall of drafting, as stats are arbitrary numbers that rarely reflect the true potential of a prospect. Get to know the team so you can better understand how the goalie performs in those situations.

B. DEVELOPMENTAL PATH: One major advantage European prospects have over North American prospects is their steady and effective development path. If goalies bounce from league to league, and program to program, it can cause clashes in coaching and playing styles. Having more than one goalie coach has advantages, but if those goalie coaches interfere with the natural style that goalie thrives in, it can negatively influence their draft potential. In Europe, most goalies develop in the same program for many years, working their way up to the pros, so keep a goalie's path in mind!