

TheScout.Ca Player Profile Report: #13 Brady Smith

Submitted by: Connor Williams – Central Ontario Head Scout



Number/Player Name: Brady Smith

Team (League): North York Rangers (GTHL)

Position: Wing **Shot:** Right

Height: 6'0 **Weight:** 180 lbs

Top Strengths:

- **Goal Scoring**
- **Shot**
- **Playmaking**

Report:

An offensive weapon with elite goal scoring ability, Smith has consistently been a player the North York Rangers have looked towards and relied upon offensively from the start of the season till the end. Putting everyone on notice in the first tournament of the year, Smith scored 6 goals and 6 assists for 12 points at the Toronto Titans Prospects Tournament, showcasing his

ability to put the puck in the back of the net with a high-end shot, while also being a strong distributor of the puck.

From there Smith did not slow down, whether it be in the GTHL regular season or tournament play, Smith only continued to trend upwards. Smith possesses an elite shot contributing to his high-end scoring ability. With one of the best shots in the draft, he loves to shoot the puck. Unlike other players he doesn't require a great deal of setup or leverage in his shot. Utilizing quick hands and hand position on his stick, Smith is able to activate the flex on his stick to generate a great deal of speed and power on his shot, while using the flick of his wrists when shooting to give goalies little time to set up for the shot.

Although he can put the puck in the net like it's nobody's business, Smith consistently displays his high level of awareness on the ice, especially in the offensive zone. Smith's movement in the offensive zone allows him to get lost in and out of spots of traffic and put himself in quiet pockets in the offensive zone in between the defence in those high danger spots. On the breakout and in transition, Smith recognizes when to accelerate and get out in space through the neutral zone, allowing him to use his skating and acceleration to separate from defenders and create odd man opportunities for himself and his teammates.

While Smith's ability to put the puck in the back of the net jumps off the page, he presents as an underrated playmaker. His offensive awareness of where his teammates are on the ice, and his ability to execute plays quickly while under pressure through passing lanes making him a dual threat offensive player consistently. The winger utilizes shoulder checks and good vision to his advantage to be aware of pressure around him on the ice, and thus use his body to protect the puck effectively before looking to make a play. He reads and anticipates the defenders actions well and is then able to create open space for himself to quickly make a play to a teammate in high danger scoring areas. He can play with a great deal of poise with the puck on his stick, but also shows the ability to make quick decisions when necessary. Whether it be a shot towards the net or a pass through the slot, Smith makes every play with little hesitation and executes quickly and decisively.

With a 50-goal season and scoring 104 points in 56 games prior to the OHL Cup. Followed by 10 goals and 2 assists for 12 points in 6 games at the year

end showcase, the Rangers winger has shown positive development and continued to trend upwards over the course of the season. Smith projects as a scoring winger at the next level, with the potential to fit into a top 6 role. If you want a player who loves to shoot and can put the puck in the back of the net, Smith will be a valuable player for any organization.