

TheScout.ca - 2024 OHL Mock Draft - 5 Rounds/100 Players

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Pick #1 - Team Blake 1

Adam Valentini, Forward, Toronto Marlboros

The GTHL's player of the season, Valentini in my eyes very closely beats out Ethan Belchetz for my top pick in this mock draft. Valentini has a complete offensive package with elite playmaking skills, excellent puck handling, a dynamic skating ability, and a highly dangerous quick release shot which he is able to use in combination with his ability to generate space for himself to get a high volume of pucks on (and in) the net. With extremely high IQ and hockey sense, Valentini is always two steps ahead of his opponents, perceiving the game at a higher level than any skater in this 2008 draft class. Despite his size, he is a highly competitive player at both ends of the ice, using his previously mentioned hockey IQ to generate offense, and actively defending his zone unafraid to put his body on the line for a blocked shot or body check. Overall, once Valentini fully adjusts to the next level, I believe he will be an unstoppable offensive force.

Pick #2 - Team Keenan 1

Ethan Belchetz, Forward, Oakville Rangers

Belchetz was one of the most dominant players in the 2008 class this year, standing at 6'5 and weighing 230lbs. His ability to put the puck in the net, paired with his willingness to play any style of hockey is unmatched. He loves having the puck on his stick and is poised when in control, while being able to generate good speed for a player his size. He utilizes a strong accurate wrist shot and he is nearly impossible to stop when he is moving while having the ability to beat defenders in a multitude of ways. Ethan will be able to step into the OHL right away next season and play impactful minutes as a rookie.

Pick #3 - Team Connor 1

Caleb Malhotra, Forward, Vaughan Kings

A two-way player that has only trended upwards all season long, battling through adversity with early season injuries, Malhotra bounced back looking better than ever. While it isn't 100% that Malhotra will play in the OHL, his father Manny before playing in the NHL played for the Guelph Storm holding the door open for interest from Caleb for the chance to play in the OHL next season. Malhotra is a player with a great deal of potential, still growing into his body the forward already possesses good skating with lateral footwork and a level of explosiveness that allows him to manipulate the defence and change directions through the neutral zone and on zone exits and zone entries. Working in unison with his feet and his hands, his quick puck handling, placement of the puck along with awareness of open ice around and behind players allows Malhotra to not only maintain possession of the puck while under pressure through traffic. It also plays into his attacking style on offence, as he consistently is unafraid to attack head on against opposing players. Not only can he drive the play offensively as a primary player, but with his high hockey IQ he is able to be an effective support player in all three zones both on offence and defence. Finding the quiet pockets and using good off puck movement in the offensive zone, he is able to be a decoy or available to receive the puck a great deal of the puck, being able to then use his awareness to distribute the puck to teammates in high danger areas. On the defensive side of the puck, he is a player who could be relied on to come back hard on the backcheck, skating through the middle of the ice, and provided strong support below the hashes for his defenceman, one again finding those soft lanes down low and on the breakout up the middle for slip passes and breakout passes. Malhotra put his complete two-way game on display throughout the GTHL playoffs and at the OHL Cup as he was a driving force for Vaughan throughout both events, helping to lead the Kings to a GTHL Championship and a second place finish at the OHL Cup.

Pick #4 - Team Ethan 1

Braidyn Wassilyn, Forward, Markham Majors

One of the most talented players in this year's draft, Wassilyn is expected to make a large impact when he steps foot into the OHL. The Majors' star forward has proven to be an electric force in the attacking end, generating dangerous chances whenever he is on the ice. Wassilyn becomes an immediate threat whenever he starts his shifts, tracking down loose pucks and capitalizing on holes in the opponent's defence. Wassilyn has explosive power, using a few powerful strides to get up to speed. When a shooting lane is open, Wassilyn will not hesitate to unleash his quick and accurate shot to catch both defenders and goalies off guard. Wassilyn uses his strength to fend off defenders in puck battles, and uses his elite vision to find the right routes or connect with his teammates on a clean, accurate, tape-to-tape pass. Overall, Wassilyn has all the tools to become an elite OHL player under the right development and opportunities, therefore making him my 4th overall selection.

Pick #5 - Team Sean 1

Nathan Amidovski, Forward, Barrie Colts

Nathan is a great pick for any team looking to add some skill and offense to their lineup. At 6'02, Amidovski has the frame to jump right into the OHL. He played top minutes on a highly skilled Barrie Colts team this season and was their leading goal scorer. With 40 goals in 33 regular season games, Nathan showed why he should be in the mix for a top 10 spot in this year's OHL draft. Amidovski has a great shot, good hands, and strong playmaking abilities. While Amidovski's goal scoring abilities generated lots of attention, his skating and hockey IQ also stand out. He is a great skater, especially for his size, and used his IQ to generate offense all season with other standout Colts in Hawery and McLean. I think Amidovski is an OHL ready first rounder, and a team will be very happy with their selection of him.

Pick #6 - Team Liam 1

Zach Nyman, Defence, Vaughan Kings

With the number 6 pick in the draft I was thrilled to land Nyman, who I consider the top defenceman in the draft. Nyman is an incredibly gifted offensive defenceman who skates extremely well. He generates dangerous chances any time he's in the offensive zone using his smarts to deceive the opposition while walking the blueline. His defensive abilities have improved greatly over the course of the season as well. There are rumblings Nyman is headed to the Penticton Vees of the BCHL next season but if an OHL team can convince him to report to their program he will be well worth a high selection in this year's draft.

Pick #7 - Team Matt 1

Parker Vaughan, Forward, Elgin-Middlesex Canucks

The Alliance Player of the year, Vaughan was absolutely dominant all year long and a player I was happy to select. Possessing dynamic skills with the puck, a hard and accurate release, and a powerful stride in his skating that can see him blow a defensive gap, Vaughan was a threat every time he was on the ice. Vaughan uses his size on the ice and is strong on his skates and hard to take off the puck. He has a strong defensive game as well as he is very involved in back checking and does everything he can to turn the play back in his team's favour.

Pick #8 - Team Michael 1

Alex McLean, Forward, Barrie Colts

McLean is a two-way centerman with exceptional hockey IQ. He has great playmaking skills showcasing his great vision on the ice making consistent passing plays for high grade scoring opportunities all season. He demonstrates this ability by being aggressive on the forecheck creating turnovers in the neutral zone and transitioning well up the ice to capitalize on good scoring chances towards the net. The Barrie Jr Colts were a leading charge this season and played up toward their potential in tournament play, where McLean was a standout early on and never looked back by creating opportunities for himself and his teammates in games whether it is maintaining pressure in the opposing teams zone with great offensive capabilities or intercepting pucks through the neutral zone to set up odd man rushes, he always seems to be in position to make a play to utilize his teammates. Leading all the players in assists and points in the OMHA East, Alex McLean is a high-end talent that possess great instincts with the puck and strong skating abilities to cover all areas with a 200ft game that can translate at the next level.

Pick #9 - Team Kris 1

Colin Fitzgerald, Forward, Peterborough Petes

I was thrilled when Fitzgerald fell to me at the 9th overall pick. He was one of my favourite players to watch this year and only got better as the year went on. I project Fitzgerald to be a #1 centre at the next level, with pro-level upside. He scored 52 goals in 43 games, including 14 markers on the powerplay. Fitzgerald is a natural goal scorer that can score in a variety of ways, he has good size (6'2"), can play in all situations, win faceoffs, excels in the offensive zone and is a monster in transition. Fitzgerald supports the puck extremely well in all 3 zones, he's always getting involved in

puck battles and is constantly an outlet for his teammates. Getting a future #1 centre who can score goals, play against other teams top lines and excel on special teams at the 9th pick overall was a no brainer for me.

Pick #10 - Team Jagr 1

Logan Hawery, Forward, Barrie Colts

With the 10th overall pick I am very happy to select Logan Hawery, the captain of a talented Barrie Colts team who dominated throughout the OMHA season and during the OHL cup before a devastating loss to the eventual champs Oakville Rangers. A highly skilled forward, Hawery has shown the ability to consistently carry a line at both wing and center and succeed in clutch situations all season long as he led his team to multiple tournament wins (Steve Richey and Wendy Dufton covered by TheScout). In league playoffs, Hawery produced an impressive 29 points in 10 playoff games as the Colts powered their way to an OMHA championship. Dangerous down the middle with his speed, elite edgework, and impressive hands, Hawery is equally a dangerous playmaker as goal scorer and is consistently a handful for defenders to try and contain in all types of situations. A proven winner, clutch performer, strong leadership qualities along with a dynamic skill set, Hawery checks all the boxes and will make any team excited to have him on their team for years to come.

Pick #11 - Team Jagr 2

Alessandro Di Iorio, Forward, Vaughan Kings

An imposing centerman with his size and skill, Di Iorio already possesses an OHL frame at 6'1" 170lbs and uses his lengthy reach to disrupt plays defensively and to dance around defenders in the offensive zone. Di Iorio had a dazzling performance at the Youth Olympic games (6G in 4 games) before winning the GTHL championship, where he showcased how dynamic he is in transition and around the offensive zone with his impressive acceleration and agility, with the ability to dart around defenders and attack the dangerous areas of the ice. A natural goal scorer, Di Iorio finds the soft spots of the ice well and has a lethal release with his wrist shot. Di Iorio's size and reach allows him to not only protect the puck easily as he drives the net, but also increases the magnitude of his curl-and-drag release to get the shot through defenders. Quick hands in tight situations, Di Iorio controls the puck every well at high speeds and is a handful for defenders to try and contain, I expect him to continue to be an impact center at the next level as well.

Pick #12 - Team Kris 2

Beckham Edwards, Forward, Detroit Little Caesars

Edwards has signed a tender with Youngstown of the USHL, with that being said, the London, Ontario native is too talented to pass up. He's a rangy forward that can play all 3 forward positions (LW/C/RW) but excels at playing Centre, where he can use his size (6'0") and speed to cover a lot of ice and make a greater impact on the game. While he takes a competitive and consistent approach to the defensive game, he truly excels on the offensive side of the puck where his puck skills, vision, and strong wrist shot allow him to produce offence at will. He plays a strong North-South game, can make plays in transition and capitalizes on scoring chances consistently. Edwards was able to produce 60 goals and 37 assists in 64 games throughout the season. Although his commitment to the OHL is uncertain, I can see a team taking a chance on him in the first round with the chance he'd commit.

Pick #13 - Team Michael 2

Callum Croskery, Defence, Oakville Rangers

Croskery is a two-way puck moving defenceman with great vision. He uses his strong skating abilities to consistently evade opposing forechecks to make sound decisions in his own when transitioning the puck through the neutral zone. He displays great on-ice awareness through good positioning to help lead the attack going into the offensive zone. In the offensive zone he uses great edgework to move laterally along the point to shift opposing players out of position for shooting lanes or playmaking opportunities towards the net for good scoring chances. Leading all defenceman in points in the OMHA, Callum Croskery is a top-tier defenceman in this class that possesses a rare trait of size and skill on the back end that will continue to develop as he transitions to the next level.

Pick #14 - Team Matt 2

Tyler Challenger, Forward, North York Rangers

Challenger is a versatile power forward with exceptional offensive instincts and a dynamic playing style. His speed, agility, and powerful strides allow him to break defensive gaps, creating scoring opportunities in the offensive zone. He possesses excellent playmaking abilities and a quick release wrist shot, making him a threat in high-grade scoring areas. Additionally, his physicality and puck protection skills make him effective in the offensive zone, where he excels at maintaining possession and generating scoring chances for himself and his teammates. Overall, Challenger is a reliable offensive force with the chance to be a dominant force at the next level.

Pick #15 - Team Liam 2

Cole Zurawski, Forward, Mississauga Rebels

Zurawski is one of the most dynamic offensive players available in this year's OHL draft. He carried the load offensively for his Mississauga Rebels team and seemed to get on the scoresheet each game. He plays with great pace and can dance through defenders to create high danger chances. His shot is high-end and resulted in many goals as the trigger-man on the powerplay. He competes hard and is not afraid to throw his body around in all three zones. His game will transition well at the next level and he should be an important player to his team for the duration of his junior career.

Pick #16 - Team Sean 2

Weston Cameron, Forward, Toronto Marlboros

Weston was the captain of one of the top GTHL teams this season, the Toronto Marlboros. Weston is a strong, powerful forward with good offensive abilities. He was the center on one of the top U16 AAA PPs which featured projected top pick Adam Valentini. Weston is a great skater and has goal scoring ability. He uses his body to play physical and hunt pucks at both ends of the ice. He is strong in the faceoff dot, and responsible for driving a lot of offense for the Marlboros. He is also reliable at both ends of the ice and was able to play a shutdown role against other team's top lines. At 6'03 Weston has the frame to compete at the OHL now, and if he is able to add on muscle mass this offseason, he will be able to excel even more as a powerful forward. I think Weston has a bright future in the OHL, and I can see a team utilizing him as a top 6 center in 2-3 years once he has developed and adapted his game at the next level.

Pick #17 - Team Ethan 2

Luca Blonda, Defence, Pittsburgh Penguins Elite

One of the most offensively talented d-men of the draft, Blonda was no brainer selection at this point of the draft. Blonda is a talented skater with exceptional puck skills. Blonda's top speed is one of the fastest in this year's draft among defenders, and his stickhandling skills allows him to weave through traffic effortlessly. Blonda is able to use his skill-set to create a scoring chance from a seemingly harmless situation - making him unpredictable and deceptive. What attracted me most to picking Blonda was his confidence with the puck. Blonda is a bold player, taking chances and routes that most wouldn't dare take. Granted, they do not always work, but the vision is clearly there, and with more refinement of his skills and more strength, has the potential to be an unstoppable force at the next level.

Pick #18 - Team Connor 2

Pierce Mbuyi, Forward, Toronto Marlboros

A highly skilled, high IQ forward from the Toronto Marlboros, Mbuyi continued to grab your attention as the season progressed using his deception and creativity to contribute to his high level playmaking and solid goal scoring. A player with a high level of on-ice awareness, Mbuyi can play a strong support role with other talented players as well as be a play-driving winger. Playing alongside fellow top prospect this year Adam Valentini much of the year, Mbuyi provided the Marlboros the luxury of being able to stack a line with himself and Valentini while also being able to split them up and have to play driving forwards on separate lines. With a great feel and awareness of pressure on the ice, he is able to anticipate the play ahead of him and make plays either himself using open ice or strong plays to his teammates in order to move and get around contact and pressure. The winger uses a great stick with and without the puck to make plays on the ice. With the puck, Mbuyi uses subtle movements with his stick to lead defenders in desired directions to where he can then use his above average puck handling to bring the puck in a different direction to create more space for himself. As the season progressed, Mbuyi continued to showcase his ability to be a dual threat player as a puck distributor and a goal scorer. While he has shown to be a stronger playmaker, seeing lanes and executing passes at a high rate, his goal scoring through his shot and in close finishing has progressively increased.

Pick #19 - Team Keenan 2

Maximus Crete, Forward, Upper Canada Cyclones

Crete was an offensive dynamo for the Cyclones, leading the HEO U16 regular season in points as well as being named the HEO Player of the Year. He loves to play with the puck on his stick and thrives offensively. Using his high-IQ paired with a good mix of competitiveness, vision and skating, Crete can pick apart teams however he wants and can put the puck in the net with ease. His shot allows him to pick corners from anywhere in the zone and he can make passes that defenders never see coming. Crete has the upside to become a top 6 forward with scoring upside in the OHL.

Pick #20 - Team Blake 2

Brady Smith, Forward, North York Rangers

With the last pick of the first round, I am extremely happy to take North York's Brady Smith. The talented winger is an elite goal scorer who has tons of upside and potential to be an impactful player

at the next level. With the puck on his stick, Smith is one of the most talented players in this draft, seemingly being able to generate offense out of nothing using his elite finishing talent to make his shot from any location dangerous. As he is a calm, smooth puck handler, Smith shows signs of being able to control the pace of play while he has possession, and uses that to open lanes for himself and/or teammates to produce offense night in and night out. Despite playing a more relaxed game than some of his peers, there have been numerous instances where Smith has shown a high-competitive drive, which leads me to believe that under the right coaching, he could be a high value pick for the team that selects him.

Round 1 Recap

Pick	Player
1	Adam Valentini
2	Ethan Belchetz
3	Caleb Malhotra
4	Braidy Wassilyn
5	Nathan Amidovski
6	Zach Nyman
7	Parker Vaughan
8	Alex McLean
9	Colin Fitzgerald
10	Logan Hawery
11	Alessandro Di Iorio
12	Beckham Edwards
13	Callum Croskery
14	Tyler Challenger
15	Cole Zurawski
16	Weston Cameron
17	Luca Blonda
18	Pierce Mbuyi
19	Maximus Crete
20	Brady Smith

Pick #21 - Team Blake 1

Kohyn Eshkawogon, Defence, North York Rangers

Kicking off the second round, I chose to select one of the premier right-handed defencemen of the 2008 draft in Kohyn Eshkawogon. Eshkawogon is an excellent two-way defender who demonstrates high level puck skills and physicality when he is on his game. With having a high skill upside, Eshkawogon rarely forces a risky play, instead making safe, calculated decisions with the puck and saving more creative plays for situations where he is more likely to successfully execute without losing

the puck. Excellent in both zones, Eshkawkogan is able to lock down the defensive zone and use his strength to win puck battles in the corner and clear the crease in his own end. His explosive skating, skill and vision makes him a highly reliable option in transition, as he is often able to create space for himself to move the puck up ice either via pass or skating it up himself. Breaking into the zone, he is unafraid to join the rush and provide a fourth offensive option to his forwards, often being able to overwhelm the opposition on an odd man rush. Offensively, Eshkawkogan uses his mobility to his advantage to consistently make himself a passing option for his teammates, as well as being able to activate and move the puck into high danger areas for a goal scoring chance. Overall, with his strong foundational skill set, Eshkawkogan should have little trouble translating his game to the next level, and should prove to be a valuable pickup.

Pick #22 - Team Keenan 1

Dimian Zhilkin, Forward, Toronto Jr. Canadiens

Zhilkin is a smaller but offensively gifted forward that does all the right things on the attack. He is a deceptive skater who can slow down the pace of play, then use his 3-step speed to get back up to top speed and break away from a defender, cutting to the outside or toe-dragging inside to be able to get his heavy shot off, firing a curl and drag snapper on net to switch angles on goalies. Another highlight of Zhilkin's game is his creativity, which allows him to keep plays going with a small area pass, chip around a defender or by using his hands to execute a nice deke. Dimian, like his brother Danny, has all the tools to be a high-end OHL player in the near future.

Pick #23 - Team Connor 1

Jet Kwajah, Defence, Toronto Jr. Canadiens

A mobile two-way defenceman, with his skating abilities and high IQ Kwajah plays with an aggressiveness offensively while still being focused on being reliable on defence as well. Driving much of Kwajah's game is his skating ability, he presents good footwork laterally to allow him to be a confident skater east to west, manipulating players on breakouts. While also using his skating to open up lanes while walking the offensive blue line. With good vision on the backend he is able to find these passing lanes and execute simple and complex plays at a high level, being a strong playmaker for the Jr. Canadiens all season long. Kwajah is an exciting defenceman because while he is an exciting player to watch in the offensive zone, the potential is very high for the defenceman in his own end as well. A multi-tool player on the breakout, Kwajah has the ability to be a primary puck carrier out of his own zone, using his feet to skate the puck out of high pressure areas. The defenceman displayed a strong understanding of the right times to activate in the offensive zone or jumping up to be an extra attacker in transition. In addition to his ability to use his feet, Kwajah also showed the ability to consistently see the different layers up the ice to get the puck out of his own zone with strong first passes. While he has signed a tender with Madison of the USHL, he will be an exciting player for whichever team selects him.

Pick #24 - Team Ethan 1

Alexander Hage, Forward, Vaughan Kings

A dynamic force for the Vaughan forward core, Hage is a talented offensive player with a large impact in the attacking zone. Hage slots in well with both the top-line and the second, displaying his versatility. What attracted me most to Hage are his instincts and IQ. Hage displays exceptional awareness of his surroundings, always knowing where his teammates are on the ice. Hage is a

deceptive skater, making shifty movements on the drop of a dime and blowing by defenders with his quick acceleration. I feel Hage has the tools and IQ to become an effective forward at this next level, therefore making him my 24th selection.

Pick #25 - Team Sean 1

Carter Hicks, Defence, London Jr. Knights

Carter is one of my favourite defenders from this draft class. Carter is a 6'02 defenceman who skates as well as anyone in this 08 age group. He is the Captain of the London Jr. Knights who won the Alliance Championship. Hicks is a right-handed defenceman who plays a strong two-way game. He had 38 points in 44 games this year, and has a great shot. His combination of speed and stick handling made him the ideal breakout candidate for the Knights, and he was responsible for controlling lots of zone exits and entries. He has great vision on the power-play, and is responsible for generating lots of high danger scoring chances for his teammates. In his own end he is as reliable as they come, and plays big minutes for the Knights. I think he has the tools to be a top end defender in the OHL, and I think a lot of teams looking for a mobile right-handed defender will have him near the top of their list.

Pick #26 - Team Liam 1

Ryder Carey, Forward, Oakville Rangers

Carey is a creative player who excels in all 3 zones. His biggest strength is his hockey IQ, which he uses to outsmart opposing defences to create scoring chances or to simply transition through the neutral zone. He works very well along the boards and uses his 6'0" frame to shield the puck from defenders down low. He was second in team scoring for the OHL Cup champion Oakville Rangers totalling 56 points in 34 games played. His two-way game should be enticing enough for an OHL team to select him within the first two rounds of this year's draft.

Pick #27 - Team Matt 1

Ryder Cali, Forward, Markham Majors

Cali is a hardworking forward known for his quickness and agility on the ice. With a good initial burst and quick shot, he poses a threat in transition, often driving the net with relentless determination. His active stick and defensive work ethic make him effective in his own end, as he consistently disrupts opposing plays and creates turnovers. Notably, he excels in the dirty areas, displaying a willingness to battle for loose pucks and capitalize on scoring chances in tight spaces. Overall, Cali's combination of size, speed, and work ethic make him a valuable asset in all areas of the game. Will be a good addition to any team and will complement any line he plays on.

Pick #28 - Team Michael 1

Kent Greer, Defence, Barrie Jr. Colts

Greer is a smooth skating offensive defenceman with strong edgework. He uses great edges in his skating to create good body positioning consistently evading opposing forecheckers in his own zone. Greer also displays great playmaking abilities that he demonstrates well especially on the team's top powerplay unit. He also looks for good open lanes to skate through minimizing body contact from opposing players that leads to him maintaining puck possession through the offensive zone. He has great vision to make good tape to tape passing plays to drive the puck up the ice for quick efficient

breakouts. He also has good playmaking abilities in the offensive zone for a defenceman as he can consistently make plays for high grade scoring opportunities. Greer has a good reach with his stick work to consistently poke pucks loose from opposing forwards giving him an advantage on the boards to win puck battles in his own defensive zone. Greer is a D-man that can create game breaking plays that will help him in his game at the next level.

Pick #29 - Team Kris 1

Thomas Vandenberg, Forward, Ottawa Myers Automotive

After drafting Colin Fitzgerald with the 9th overall pick, I get myself another solid 2-way centre. Vandenberg is a strong skating centreman that loves to compete and make an impact every shift. He was the #1 centre for the HEO champions, and was the driving force of that team. He plays against the other team's best lines, supports the puck extremely well and is a dynamic offensive player. He is very strong on his skates, is rarely knocked off balance and uses his size and strength well in puck possession, board battles and when fighting for net front presence. He posted 33 goals and 26 assists for 59 points in 38 games in U16, while also getting called up to play U18 where he posted 3 points in 5 games. Vandenberg has all the tools to make an impact at the next level and if all aspects of his game keep evolving, he could be a steal here at pick 29. I would love having Fitzgerald and Vandenberg as my 1-2 punch down the middle on my team in 2-3 years from now.

Pick #30 - Team Jagr 1

Jean-Christoph Lemieux, Forward, Quinte Devils

A unique player in the draft due to his impressive speed, wicked release mixed with a hard-nosed playing style, I was happy to select Lemieux here as there's not many players that can match his intensity and talent. Lemieux is a player who gets under the skin of opponents after whistles, attacks the net aggressively while still playing a highly skilled, fast paced game. Lemieux's shot is lethal due to its quickness off the blade and power behind it, he has a comfortable release off the rush and changes the angle of the release well to shoot through defenders. A complete player with a high compete level, Lemieux is equally aggressive offensively as defensively, with a relentless backcheck and ability to easily separate attackers off the puck with his strength. A player who you hate to play against but love to have on your team, Lemieux has the ability to play up and down the lineup and contribute on the scoresheet in points, takeaways and PIMs with his dynamic playstyle.

Pick #31 - Team Jagr 2

Michael D'Alessio, Defence, Vaughan Kings

Teammate to Di Iorio who was taken with my first pick, D'Alessio is a rangy two-way defender with strong IQ and an underrated skill set with the puck. Listed 6'1.5" D'Alessio is able to maintain position in the defensive zone and use his reach well to disrupt possession and cut passing lanes. D'Alessio is very poised under pressure during breakouts, able to evade any oncoming pressure before delivering a crisp, accurate pass or skating it up himself if needed. Offensively, D'Alessio uses his high IQ to consistently activate at the right times for appropriate length of duration during the cycle and off the rush. Rarely was D'Alessio caught aggressively pinching, creating an odd man rush against, or overstaying his play down low before retreating to the line. A smart, dependable two-way defender, D'Alessio will continue to grow into his frame and his new role as an effective top 4 defender who can be trusted in all situations.

Pick #32 - Team Kris 2

Jacob Xu, Defence, Toronto Junior Canadiens

Xu has been a player I loved watching all season long. He's a smooth skating two-way defenceman that does it all. Defensively, he isn't afraid to use his big frame to lay out some imposing body checks and he doesn't need much time to line up a big hit. He welcomes body contact but doesn't go out of his way chasing it. He always leads with his stick trying to disrupt plays before having to lay a hit, with the hopes he can quickly turn that puck over into a transition play for his team. He helps support the transition game by jumping into the play to support his forwards, and he also isn't afraid to go end to end if the right opportunity presents itself. Offensively, he has a natural ability of knowing when to continue the cycle or get the pucks to the net. He understands leverage and overloading one side of the ice to outnumber and confuse opponents who are used to covering stagnant defenders. He also has an absolute rocket of a shot and isn't afraid to use it, but he can also use his shot as a diversion to lure defenders to him to set-up a teammate backdoor for a tap-in. Xu has a lot of dimensions to his game but his skating is what truly sets him apart from other defenders with his size in the draft. Overall, I'm thrilled to have Xu drop to me here at pick #32 because I believe he goes higher than this on draft day. This pick gives me two high upside players with untapped potential in Xu and Edwards.

Pick #33 - Team Michael 2

Gage Brandon, Forward, Vaughan Kings

Brandon is an agile goal scoring forward that consistently makes an impact for the Kings offensively. He does a great job in generating good acceleration with quick feet that gives him an edge over opposing attackers through the neutral zone in the transition game with his excellent stop and go skating ability. Gage Brandon then uses his speed to his advantage in the offensive zone by winning puck battles along the boards easily while protecting the puck close to his body to curl out for high grade scoring opportunities for his teammates in the offensive zone. Throughout the season, he also managed to maintain pressure on the opposing team with an effective forecheck and a knack to create turnovers in the defensive zone leading to high grade scoring opportunities. Brandon is a dynamic forward that combines his playmaking skills with a great quick release shot to find the shooting lanes leading to great tournament play at the silver stick where he led his Vaughan Kings in points and winning the overall tournament MVP. Brandon is a smart goal scoring forward that uses his competitiveness to his advantage which he will look to build on at the next level.

Pick #34 - Team Matt 2

Quinn Kipfer, Forward, Huron-Perth Lakers

Quinn Kipfer is one of the top 200-foot forwards that I've seen this season and maybe in the past few seasons. With an impressive combination of offensive prowess and defensive responsibility, Kipfer consistently impacts the game at both ends of the ice. Offensively, he is a formidable threat, demonstrating exceptional speed and agility on his skates, allowing him to navigate through defenders effortlessly. His shot possesses a quick and accurate release. Additionally, Kipfer's tireless work ethic fuels his relentless offensive presence, positioning him as a top forward. Defensively, he excels as a strong 200-foot player, swiftly rejoining plays, lifting sticks, and disrupting opposing attacks. Overall, Kipfer's complete game makes him a valuable asset on the ice, capable of making significant impacts in all aspects of play.

Pick #35 - Team Liam 2

Jalen Lobo, Forward, North York Rangers

Lobo is one of the best skaters in the draft, possessing an ability to get up the ice with minimal strides and either generate chances on the rush or beat opponents to loose pucks. He has a good shot and sneaky good hands that allow him to finish on the numerous rush chances he generates. His speed also helps on the defensive-side of the puck, often helping him to break up rushes the other way. He played well on both special teams units for the Rangers this season and should be able to do the same during his OHL career.

Pick #36 - Team Sean 2

Cole Emerton, Defence, Vaughan Kings

Cole is one of the best skating defenders in this draft. Vaughan is a highly skilled team at the U16 age group, and Cole is a key fixture in this mix. He is reliable at both ends of the ice, and is able to control the play when he has the puck with his skating abilities. He's a good skater who has great edgework and is able to walk the line in the offensive zone, while also opening up opportunities for his linemates to set up for scoring chances. He is the kind of defenceman I believe you can build a team around, and I see him having a lengthy OHL as a two-way defender.

Pick #37 - Team Ethan 2

Ethan Kindree, Forward, Halton Hurricanes

Halton's top forward coming into this year's draft, Kindree has consistently proven why teams should not pass him up on April 12th. Kindree is a power forward in the making, forechecking hard and finishing checks. Kindree has great anticipation, calculating where the puck will be, rather than playing where it is. When Kindree has the puck, he is able to dance his way into the attacking end, inevitably creating a prime scoring chance off the rush. What drew me to Kindree the most at this pick was his relentless effort. It is clear that Kindree is always working on his game, trying new plays, and never quitting on a play. Additionally, Kindree is reliable in his own end and is able to play both the powerplay and penalty kill.

Pick #38 - Team Connor 2

Lucas Ambrosio, Defence, Toronto Jr. Canadiens

A strong defenceman in his own zone, Ambrosio possesses good size at his age contributing to his physical presence on the defensive side of the puck. Although he won't blow you away with his skating, Ambrosio moves well at his size, he has stability on his feet with comfortability in his forwards and backwards skating allowing him to maintain strong gaps defending off the rush and using his feet in combination with his long stick and body to close off players along the boards. With a long reach, Ambrosio uses his stick effectively to be able to get stick on puck, block lanes, and lead opposing puck carriers to where he wants them to go. Ambrosio is often able to take and make the simple and right play with the puck on his stick executing simple plays. Ambrosio is able to contribute here and there offensively, but the big defenceman plays a great complimentary role on the offensive side of the puck, while providing great support defensively to more offensive defence partners.

Pick #39 - Team Keenan 2

Caleb Mitchell, Defence, Peterborough Petes

Mitchell was the leader on the Petes back end offensively and loved to start or jump in the rush. He makes a good first pass after retrieving the puck, stretching zones and hitting his teammates on tape through his own zone as well as neutral ice. His skating ability also allows him to jump into the rush effortlessly by taking the right routes and exploding with a few crossovers. Another highlight of Caleb's game is when he is on the offensive blue line, as his edges and skating allow him to move well in all four directions, evading pressure from wingers and finding shooting lanes to the net or by gaining separation and driving wide and down to the net.

Pick #40 - Team Blake 2

Ryland Cunningham, Forward, Peterborough Petes

After selecting North York's Brady Smith, it seemed like an excellent opportunity to draft Ryland Cunningham with my second round selection to help shore up my offense. Cunningham has consistently been an offensive threat for the Petes, finding his stride and continually improving throughout the season to make himself an asset for his U16 squad. At the next level, I believe Cunningham's ability to capitalize on loose pucks to create opportunities or space for himself will help him translate his game. With this, Cunningham's ability to generate scoring chances for his teammates with creative playmaking skills, as well as his ability to make the opposition pay should they give him an open shooting lane gives me the confidence to select him with the 40th selection of this mock draft.

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Pick #41 - Team Blake 1

Ryan Chamberlain, Forward, Toronto Marlboros

Joining his teammate Adam Valentini, I am happy to take Ryan Chamberlain at the top of the 3rd round. A very important piece to the Marlies' core, Chamberlain is a high flying forward who has excellent speed, elusive puck skills and a dangerous shot. Chamberlain demonstrates the ability to successfully make plays under pressure, as he is able to react at a high speed and make quick, smart decisions. With his excellent skating and ability to generate offense, Chamberlain is poised to make an impact at the next level.

Pick #42 - Team Keenan 1

Noah Barton, Defence, Oshawa Minor Generals

Barton grew leaps and bounds over the course of the season which allowed him to steadily rise up rankings all year. His skating ability for a player his size is amazing, allowing him to match the speed of attackers and keep his gaps close, oftentimes sealing off players into the boards or knocking the puck off of their sticks with a well timed poke-check. Noah also knows how to use his size to his advantage by not puck watching, he will follow the centre of his man and blow them up with huge hits while they try to transition the puck, never taking himself out of the play to chase a hit. In Front of his own net, he intimidated opponents with his frame and was effective at clearing traffic for his goalie, always getting body position and tying up loose sticks. Offensively he is no slouch either, being able to get his feet moving fast and generate speed through the neutral zone, he got better at finding where to get to with the puck and had a few highlight-reel end to end rushes that ended with him putting the puck in the net.

Pick #43 - Team Connor 1

#88 Javian Nei, Forward, Toronto Jr. Canadiens

A quiet yet important piece to the Jr. Canadiens forward group, Nei doesn't always play that flashy style of game but rather executes the small details of the game with and without the puck that contribute to making him an effective player for his team this season. With good footspeed, Nei is able to dive in and out of open ice, while also using his feet to get out in space in transition. Possessing a solid shot Nei loved to shoot the puck, he is able to find ways to get it off and beat goalies on his off wing as well as in open space. Nei always finds ways to have the puck in and around the net in high danger scoring areas and as he continues to develop will be able to capitalize even more on his opportunities. A consistent presence in the faceoff dot, Nei was relied upon in late game situations both in the defensive zone and offensive zone with his two-way capabilities to both get the puck out of the defensive zone and keep possession offensively for the Jr. Canadiens.

Pick #44 - Team Ethan 1

Bryson Morgan, Forward, York-Simcoe Express

An essential component to this year's York-Simcoe team, Morgan was a player that continuously excited me throughout the year. Morgan is a complete 200-foot forward, playing hard in all areas of the ice. Morgan brings a high compete level to every shift, never taking a shift off and providing a consistent and relentless effort in both the attacking end and his own. Morgan is a gifted skater, using his fantastic skating mechanics to move past opponents on the rush and to make quick direction changes with the puck to throw off defenders. Potting 25 assists in 34 regular season games, Morgan proved his playmaking ability and effectiveness when engaged in the cycle. Morgan's playmaking ability, combined with his competitiveness made it easy for me to select Morgan with the 44th pick.

Pick #45 - Team Sean 1

Brady Blaseg, Defence, Ottawa Myers Automotive

Over the course of the season, Brady has become one of the most dynamic defenders at the U16 level. Blaseg is a 6'3" defenceman who uses his size to play physically when needed, in addition to defending in his own end. Brady's play excels in the offensive zone as he was close to being a point-per-game defender this year (43 points in 45 games, Regular Season + Playoffs + OHL Cup). Brady has a good shot and does well at getting pucks on net, especially on the power-play. He also distributes the puck well which led to his leading his team with 24 assists this season. If you are looking for a smart defender with good size, who moves well, puts up points and is responsible at both ends of the ice, Blaseg is a great selection. I can see Brady continuing to fill out his frame over the next few years and being an impactful defender at the next level, having a lengthy OHL career.

Pick #46 - Team Liam 1

Alexander Bilecki, Defence, Mississauga Rebels

Bilecki played a huge role for this year's U16 Rebels team that made the semi-final of the GTHL Playoffs and the quarter-final of the OHL Cup. He is a tall, offensive minded defenceman who skates the puck up the ice like few in this draft. He is not afraid to get deep into the offensive zone and possesses the speed to get back to his defensive post if the puck heads the other direction. He quarterbacked the powerplay for the Rebels and passed the puck extremely well, finding teammates through traffic effortlessly. He has some filling out to do physically, but he has all the tools to make him a dangerous offensive-defenceman at the next level.

Pick #47 - Team Matt 1

Mateo Beites, Goalie, Barrie Jr. Colts

Had an outstanding season on a very good Barrie Colts team and can be a dominant goaltender in big games. He has a lot of size and is one of the better goaltenders I've seen in terms of using that size with his angles in net. He covers a lot of room both up high and down low. Beites uses a lot of standing post leans, taking away visibility at the side of the net and also utilizes the RVH on a regular basis. With his size, he can go post-to-post quickly when he drops low with his leg size and flexibility. Very difficult goaltender to figure out for shooters and as he continues to grow could be a dominant goaltender at the next level.

Pick #48 - Team Michael 1

Troy Patton, Forward, Barrie Jr. Colts

Patton is a speedy winger with great offensive instincts. He demonstrates this well with powerful strides and quick feet to evade opposing defenders through the neutral zone on the attack in the offensive zone generating time and space for high grade scoring opportunities. He also has great playmaking abilities with an exceptional quick release wrist shot. The way he uses his edges to protect the puck and make good passing plays lead to many chances in the high and low slot areas of the offensive zone for his team. While generating great playmaking opportunities in the offensive, he also uses his skill with great stickhandling that creates a quick release point on his shot. He demonstrated this well by using his speed and skill to stickhandle through opposing defenders and releasing the puck quickly off his stick for highlight reel goals. Patton is the type of player you can rely on in the offensive zone with great instincts and speed to use all areas of the zone to capitalize on high grade scoring opportunities.

Pick #49 - Team Kris 1

Ben Bowen, Forward, Vaughan Kings

Bowen is a rangy winger that stands at 6'2" and is a strong skater with good pucks skills. He isn't the most explosive skater but is extremely smooth on his edges and can weave around the ice using his length and soft hands to control the pace of the game. He uses his size well while protecting the puck down low, and has great vision keeping his head on a swivel trying to find time and space for his teammates. He stood out from the get go, putting up 12 points in 4 round robin games at the Titans early bird tournament. He dealt with some injuries throughout the season but he didn't let that impact his game too much. He has an accurate wrist shot, ability to beat opponents 1 on 1, and has the vision to make plays with skilled linemates. Bowen will probably need another year of development to keep up with the pace of the OHL, but look for his game to evolve as the potential is there for his game to translate into a middle 6 forward with offensive upside. I'm happy to add a player of his size and caliber into a roster with Fitzgerald and Vandenberg, two players that would fit well with Bowen's playing style.

Pick #50 - Team Jagr 1

Cooper Otterman, Defence, Halton Hurricanes

After starting the draft off with 2 'high ceiling' players in Hawery and Lemieux, I switch over to a large, smooth skating, right shot defender who coaches will love at the next level. Otterman's development really took off since joining the Hurricanes, after playing a year up in Windsor the prior season. Listed at 6'1 181 lbs already, Otterman is a projectable right shot defenceman who is difficult to play against due to his size, ruggedness, and long reach in the defensive zone. Capable of a strong first pass out of the zone or using his legs under pressure, Otterman has all the tools needed to be a strong shutdown defenceman playing hard minutes at the next level.

Pick #51 - Team Jagr 2

Jordan Perrier, Forward, Ottawa Valley Titans

The first member of the Ottawa Valley Titans top line off the board, I went with Perrier due to his home run potential after playing it relatively safe with my first 2 picks of team 2. A dynamic skater with elite speed and elusive agility, Perrier plays a fast-paced north-south game and is able to create offensive chances out of nothing with his lightning quick hands. A strong playmaker, Perrier uses his speed to dance around defenders, attracting the focus on him before dishing it off to an open teammate. Not just a skilled player, Perrier is explosive in transition from defence to offense and has

an edge to his game, finishing his checks along the boards and driving the net often. Not many players can process the game at such a high speed, if Perrier can continue to grow and evolve his game, he has the potential to be an impact player.

Pick #52 - Team Kris 2

Liam Campbell, Forward, Quinte Red Devils

Campbell screams potential in my eyes. He's a silky winger that has an extremely high level of hockey IQ and skill. He played on a line with highly touted QMJHL prospect Maddox Dagenais and J-C Lemieux (30th pick) on what was one of the most dominant lines in U16 AAA in Ontario. The left-winger is an elusive skater with deceptive speed and makes plays with the puck extremely quickly. Although he spent a lot of his season on the wing, he did play some centre as well when Quinte tried to spread the wealth offensively. He's extremely responsible defensively, understands assignments and is a coach's dream when looking for commitment from high-end players on both sides of the puck. Offensively, he's very creative with his approach to create offence. He loves finding soft spots to set-up for one-timers, can attract defenders towards him before finding teammates backdoor and understands the cycle game extremely well. His game is best suited to play with highly skilled players who read the game well like he does, as it allows him to use his skill set to the best of his abilities. I'm happy to take a player with his skill set and potential in the middle of the third round.

Pick #53 - Team Michael 2

William Camputaro, Goalie, Toronto Jr. Canadiens

Camputaro is a sizable hybrid goalie that demonstrates an ability to make great timely saves. He does a great job in squaring up pucks by pushing out when the shots come through from the point. He also showed an ability to be tough when opposing players were being at their most aggressive in front of the net. He demonstrates this by making timely saves late in games while the opposing players were applying pressure in front of the net. Camputaro also uses his size to his advantage by pushing off effectively on his skates resulting in good edge work to close out high grade scoring opportunities on the wings when the opposing forwards try to make him move laterally in the net. Throughout this season against high power offensive teams he was able to consistently square up to pucks shot through traffic and close off open areas of the net making it difficult to accurately shoot pucks toward the net. Look to see William Camputaro off the draft boards early as he has the potential to breakout as a top tier at the next level.

Pick #54 - Team Matt 2

Eric Frossard, Defence, London Jr. Knights

Frossard is a skilled defenceman with excellent skating ability and offensive instincts. While Carter Hicks may have gotten more attention for most of the year, Frossard's game continued to pick up as the year went along. With his size and skating ability, he often joins the rush to create scoring opportunities. Frossard's puck handling in tight spaces is impressive for a player of his size, allowing him to maintain control and navigate traffic effectively. A good first pass player, using his feet and making accurate passes to initiate offensive transitions. This could be a player that we have not seen the best of yet.

Pick #55 - Team Liam 2

Jackson Halloran, Forward, York-Simcoe Express

Jackson Halloran was an offensive driver for the Express this season that impressed me each time I got to see them play. His two-way ability stood out each game, as he was able to break up plays by the opposition and then transition into the offensive zone with great speed. He is a smart player who makes crisp passes through seams and also possesses some finishing ability himself using his hockey IQ to position himself in dangerous areas of the offensive zone. Halloran led the Express in scoring this season with 43 points in 34 games and should have no problem scoring at the next level.

Pick #56 - Team Sean 2

Carter Stevens, Forward, Ottawa Valley Titans

Carter was one of the highest risers on my draft board this year. I think his development from the start of his U16 year to the OHL Cup was incredible. Even though his team did not make it out of the Round Robin at the OHL Cup, his line consisting of himself, Jordan Perrier and Braydon Lindsay was one of my favourites to watch in the tournament. Stevens skating, vision and shooting skills were all on display as he generated 8 points in 4 games. In total he finished the season with 70 points in 42 games. Stevens skating abilities not only allow him to stretch the ice to beat defenders, but he is also able to control the speed of the game avoiding defenders. He is used in many different situations and is reliable at both ends of the ice. I think Carter has a good opportunity to have a lengthy OHL career if he is able to continue his development at the next level. I think an OHL team would be really happy if they were able to get Stevens this late in the draft, as he may be a hidden gem coming out of the HEO.

Pick #57 - Team Ethan 2

Braydon Lindsay, Forward, Ottawa Valley Titans

Lindsay is a well rounded forward who has been a critical player for the success of the OVT team. Lindsay is an offensive threat, as he has the ability to generate dangerous scoring chances from anywhere in the offensive zone. When in possession of the puck, he makes it seem like it's on string, cutting in and out of traffic with ease and patiently waiting to find the best available play. In his own end, Lindsay is well positioned and is able to identify plays and intercept them before the puck enters dangerous areas. In transition, Lindsay is a force in the breakouts, complete flawless zone entries and capitalizing on chances off the rush. Additionally, Lindsay possesses a deadly shot that he does not hesitate to use whenever a shooting lane is open.

Pick #58 - Team Connor 2

Patrick Babin, Defence, Niagara North Stars

Captaining his Niagara North Stars team to a Wild Card Play-In game victory at the OHL Cup, Babin has been a staple of consistency for the North Stars throughout the season. With poise in all areas of the ice, Babin is a quarterback from the defensive zone and onwards. With very little panic while under pressure in his own zone, Babin confidently utilizes his skating ability to lose forecheckers in his own zone. He is able to use his feet to evade checks and accelerate into open ice creating more time and space for himself where he can make plays with the puck. Babin advances the puck with decisiveness to his teammates, going through his progressions to make decisions on strong passes to his teammates on the breakout. Manning the offensive line at both even strength and on the power play,

Babin uses his feet to create options and seams for his teammates and showed the ability to distribute the puck while also sifting pucks through traffic to the net at a good volume.

Pick #59 - Team Keenan 2

Colin Ellsworth, Goalie, York-Simcoe Express

Ellsworth was one of the top 2008 goalies in Ontario throughout the season and he was also selected to represent Canada at the Youth Olympic Games. Colin sees the ice well and can read plays before they develop. He fights through traffic often and makes timely saves with consistency. Already standing at 6 '1 and weighing 185 lbs, paired with him being a December birthday, Ellsworth has time to still grow and could end up being a starting goalie in the OHL within the next 2-3 seasons.

Pick #60 - Team Blake 2

Nathan Gaitens, Defence, Hamilton Steel

Leading the defence core on a struggling Hamilton Steel team this season, Gaitens has experienced ups and downs throughout the year but contains all the right tools to be an effective puck moving defenceman at the next level. With outstanding edges, excellent vision and strong puck moving skills, Nathan Gaitens has been the main offensive driver for his team, particularly showing high effectiveness in transition where he can utilize his skating and puck protection skills to beat opponents to the outside and exit the defensive zone/gain the offensive zone with relative ease. Once set up offensively, Gaitens uses his edgework to remain mobile on the blueline with and without the puck, simultaneously making himself a passing option for his teammates while putting himself in a better position to create offense. Defensively, Gaitens has shown the ability to defend the rush well, combining his skating, positioning, and precise stick checking to keep forechecking opponents to the outside and strip them of the puck before they can reach a high danger area. Under the right coaching and development, Gaitens can prove to be a highly valuable pick who can provide at the next level from the back end as a right-handed defenceman.

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Pick #61 - Team Blake 1

Kale Mace, Forward, Peterborough Petes

Joining a squad full of talented puck movers, selecting Kale Mace with my fourth round selection ties together my offensive depth by bringing in a highly talented goal scorer. Mace has an excellent shot, showing the ability to find the back of the net at a high rate should he be given any space in scoring areas of the offensive zone. A versatile goal scorer, he is able to create scoring chances for himself both while set up in the offensive zone, and off of rush chances. With good strength on the puck, Mace is able to protect the puck in tight areas and through traffic, showing the ability to create chances for himself and teammates. Overall, as one of the more talented goal scorers of the entire 2008 draft, I am more than happy to select Kale Mace, as his ability to generate and convert on offensive chances both during even strength and on the powerplay is something I am excited to see pan out at the next level.

Pick #62 - Team Keenan 1

Jude Bray, Defence, Toronto Marlboros

Bray is another highly skilled but small-ish defender like a few others that could go in this range, but what he does to separate his game from everyone else's is that he does not play small. Bray closes gaps with authority and can ride players into the boards, surprising them with his strength and balance as he is able to take bigger players down. Jude also has exceptional hockey IQ, as every time he gets the puck it seems he has already planned his moves out in advance. Bray evades pressure with simple cuts to the backhand or forehand while still moving, just getting the puck out of the way enough to where he isn't slowed down by checks. Bray can move the puck very well using hard and accurate passes as well as put the puck in the net himself by using deceptive movements and fakes which open up more room and allow him to get the puck into shooting lanes consistently. Bray has a high offensive upside but can also shut players down defensively. If he decides to come to the OHL, he could be an effective point-getting defender.

Pick #63 - Team Connor 1

Evan Headrick, Forward, Oakville Rangers

In a family full of hockey players, Evan will look to follow in older brother Owen's footsteps as he won an OHL Championship with the Erie Otters. Moving down from Sault Ste. Marie to play with the Rangers in his U14 season, Headrick has played a pivotal role in the Rangers success over the past three seasons, and more specifically their most recent OHL Cup Championship. Playing with tons of speed, Headrick's ability to accelerate is an instant headline in his game. Dangerous in the slightest bit

of open ice, with a few quick crossovers Headrick is able to accelerate and separate from opposing players, allowing him to create odd man rushes for him and his linemates where he has shown the ability to use his playmaking set up his teammates, while also showing finishing ability in close with quick hands and quick shots. Although a bit undersized, Headrick does well at using his feet to be very shifty, helping to evade checks with quick lateral crossover to jump in and out of traffic. With some growth potential in his body still to be had, and his explosive play driving ability, Headrick is an exciting prospect for any team to have in the pipeline.

Pick #64 - Team Ethan 1

Mason Roy, Defence, Halton Hurricanes

Roy was a steady defender for the Halton Hurricanes this year, displaying excellent skating ability and puck moving skills through consistent breakouts and positive contributions in transition. Roy plays a two-way game with solid positional awareness and is able to win puck battles using his size and excellent stick work. Roy has all the tools to become an effective defender at the OHL level.

Pick #65 - Team Sean 1

Brady Smith, Defence, Oshawa Generals

Brady Smith is the captain of one of the most hard working teams in the OMHA, the Oshawa Generals. Brady's hardworking attitude on the ice is the perfect example of his team's brand of hockey, he is not afraid to play physical or work hard in the dirty areas to help his team win. Smith defends hard and takes risks throughout the game, jumping up in the rush to help his team generate scoring chances. The 6'02 left handed defender had 34 points in 49 games for the Generals this year. He has a good shot and is able to generate additional offence with his playmaking abilities. I think Brady has the potential to have a lengthy OHL career, his work ethic and size translate well to the next level, and his development will give him the chance to be a top defender in the league.

Pick #66 - Team Liam 1

Christian Armstrong, Forward, Oakville Rangers

Armstrong has high-end skill that makes him a threat any time he's on the ice. He is the complete package offensively: great hands, strong shot, good skater, smart. He was a key player for the 2024 OHL Cup champion Oakville Rangers, scoring 10 points in 7 games. I think he'll go earlier than 66th in the draft so I was more than happy to scoop him up in this slot and pair him with teammate Ryder Carey, with whom he already shares great chemistry.

Pick #67 - Team Matt 1

Luca Bonomo, Defence, North York Rangers

Luca Bonomo is a force on the ice, using his imposing size and strength to dominate in front of the net. At 6'4" and 215 lbs, he is a difficult defender to play against as he can use both his size and athletic ability to make life difficult for the opposition. Bonomo isn't afraid to join the offensive rush, quickly transitioning the puck up the ice. He has good vision as he can see a play developing and move the puck quickly to a streaking forward. With his size and strength he is able to power shots from the point through the net with accuracy and his shot can be difficult to contain. Bonomo could be a scary prospect at his size and ability.

Pick #68 - Team Michael 1

Brady Knowling, Goalie, North York Rangers

Knowling is a sizable hybrid goalie that demonstrates good rebound control and the ability to make quality, timely saves. He does a great job in squaring up pucks by eliminating most of the open areas in the net when the shots come through from the point. He demonstrates this by making timely saves late in games while the opposing players were applying pressure in front of the net. He uses his angles well with good rebound control throughout the season preventing pucks from appearing in front of the net in the dangerous areas. Knowling also uses his size to his advantage by pushing off effectively on his skates resulting in good edge work to close out high grade scoring opportunities on the wings when the opposing forwards try to make him move laterally in the net. Throughout this season and in tournament play against high power offensive teams he was able to consistently make saves and keep his team in the game, squaring up to pucks shot through traffic and close off open areas of the net making it difficult to accurately shoot pucks toward the net. Knowling is a versatile goalie that can play well under pressure and stay composed in tight game situations which will help him develop to the next level.

Pick #69 - Team Kris 1

Sam Wathier, Defence, Eastern Ontario Wild

Wathier stands out immediately on the ice because of his size and how he moves around on the ice. He stood out so much that he earned himself an invitation to the USNTDP evaluation camp in March. Wathier stands at 6'2" with plenty of room for physical development, like most kids his age. The thought of Wathier as an 18-19 year old defenseman in the OHL could be a scary sight for the opposition. He's a two-way defenseman that loves joining the rush and contributing to the transition game and creating odd-man rushes. While he may not be the most physical defenceman, I think that with some time and added muscle, that part of his game will round out. He's one of the most intriguing prospects in this draft because of his potential and I'm happy to add him to the mix with the high-end offensive talent I've already added in this draft (Fitzgerald, Vandenberg and Bowen).

Pick #70 - Team Jagr 1

Lincoln Baker, Defence, Cambridge Hawks

Switching gears back to a high-potential swing here with a puck mover who I was able to watch quite a bit and see both his confidence and 200-foot game grow steadily as the season went on in Lincoln Baker. Baker played heavy minutes for the Hawks in all situations due to his effortless skating, impressive puck skills and poise with the puck. Baker's release is quick and dangerously powerful, he has the poise to make multiple moves at the line under pressure to open a lane for a shot. Baker's confidence continues into the defensive zone where he attacks open areas on the breakout with his explosive acceleration and excels in tape to tape passes out of the zone. Aggressive with his stick in the defensive zone, Baker contains attackers to the perimeter and is able to maintain inside position during net front and board battles. Baker has the potential to become a successful puck moving defenceman at the next level if he continues to develop the way he has this season.

Pick #71 - Team Jagr 2

Ethan Dean, Forward, London Jr. Knights

Captain of the Alliance champions, Dean certainly led by example racking up an impressive 15 points in 10 playdown games while continuing his proficient two way play down the middle of the ice. A high-compete centerman, Dean utilizes his impressive top speed to quickly transition from defence to offense and attacks the middle of the ice off the rush, forcing defenders to make a play. Dean is heavily involved in his team's breakouts, supporting defenders in board battles while kick-starting the breakout, Dean often drives his line in all 3 zones. Dean's strong effort shift after shift has earned the respect of his teammates and coaches, shouting "Deaner" as he skates down the bench after scoring a goal. Dean's skating ability, high worth ethic and underrated hands in tight will allow him to positively impact any role he gets put into at the next level.

Pick #72 - Team Kris 2

Brayden Krawczyk, Forward, Toronto Junior Canadiens

I can see Krawczyk being higher on some teams' draft boards due to how he projects at the next level. I think he will convert perfectly into a 3rd line centre with 2nd line centre upside. He's 6'3", can win faceoffs, battles hard defensively, a strong penalty killer and can skate like the wind. He was still able to produce offensively but maybe not as much as some scouts would have hoped, as his profile and other tools will undoubtedly transition well at the next level. He competes extremely hard, and has a good level of skill to make smart plays with the puck. If a team believes in his offensive potential, look for Krawczyk to be long gone before the 4th round. I think it's a safe pick at this point in the draft as Krawczyk has all the tools necessary for a long OHL career.

Pick #73 - Team Michael 2

Peter Koukouves, Defence, Toronto Marlboros

Koukouves is a two-way defenceman with great defensive foundations. He generates great speed by using his edges and a good long stride to separate himself from opposing forecheckers. He also has great vision up the ice by being patient with the puck and finding the right passing plays for his teammates to create a good transition through the neutral zone leading to multiple offensive attacks throughout his play all season. He shows strong ice awareness by positioning himself well to intercept pucks through the neutral zone and create a transition game that puts a lot of pressure on the opposing players trying to defend. Koukouves also has great foundations for a defenceman by consistently boxing out speedy forwards using his body positioning to win puck battles and clear the zone effectively. Koukouves is an intriguing defenceman come draft day as he possesses the tools to be a two-way defender with offensive instincts at the next level.

Pick #74 - Team Matt 2

Austin Brekelmans, Forward, Elgin-Middlesex Canucks

Brekelmans, although often overshadowed by his teammate Parker Vaughan, had a very strong year for the Canucks. His exceptional offensive prowess and physical dominance make him a significant asset on the ice. His ability to protect the puck and draw attention to himself creates ample scoring opportunities for his teammates. Renowned for his effectiveness along the boards and strong cycling abilities, Brekelmans thrives in the physical aspects of the game, his gritty playstyle allows him to excel in battles and maintain possession for his team. Brekelmans showcases a strong 200-foot game, combining defensive awareness with offensive flair, his ability to set up teammates highlights his value as a dynamic offensive contributor. Brekelmans' aggressive style positions him as a constant threat in front of the opposing net. His willingness to drive to the net makes him a difficult player to

contain. Brekelmans' blend of physicality, playmaking ability, and net-front presence solidified his status as a key player for the Canucks.

Pick #75 - Team Liam 2

Adam Kelly, Forward, Toronto Jr. Canadiens

Here I'm going back to the GTHL with my selection of Kelly that further adds to a forward group with great two-way ability. Kelly works really well along the boards and is great on the cycle. He's a good distributor of the puck and has the sense to set teammates up from below the goal-line in the offensive zone and also is fearless when driving towards the net on his own scoring chances. Kelly played a key role on the penalty kill for the Junior Canadiens this season and has an active stick on the forecheck. His skating ability allows him to be an effective player at all ends of the ice and will no doubt be a benefit to any team that selects him.

Pick #76 - Team Sean 2

Layne Gallacher, Forward, Oshawa Generals

Similar to other standouts from the Oshawa Generals U16 team, Layne is a hard working forward who is able to generate lots of scoring chances through his relentless forchecking abilities. I believe Layne got better as the season progressed, and as a result he was able to generate well over a point-per-game for his Oshawa team. Layne is listed at 6'0" and is not scared to play physical or work hard in the dirty areas. As Layne fills out and adds some size I can see him becoming a highly efficient player in the OHL. I believe an OHL team willing to allow Layne to develop in U18 will be very happy with this pick.

Pick #77 - Team Ethan 2

Nik Rossetto, Forward, Pittsburgh Penguins Elite

Another northerner who made their way down to the States, Rossetto is a shifty and quick forward who plays a fast and loose game. Rossetto is dynamic with the puck, quickly locating routes into the attacking end and capitalizing on holes in the opponent's defence. Rossetto uses his quick skating ability to dominate in possession, blowing by opponents and using his strong edgework to weave through traffic. Additionally, Rossetto is quick to pounce on loose pucks in the slot for dangerous shots on goal. For these reasons, I am happy to select Nik Rossetto with my 77th pick.

Pick #78 - Team Connor 2

Jason Schaubel, Goalie, Barrie Jr. Colts

On a team with as much offensive firepower as the Colts had this past season, it can be easy to become hidden as a goalie. Many goalies aren't as keen on playing for these high offence teams as they may not get as many shots. However, Schaubel was a big player for the Colts this season as Barrie saw some ups and downs, and lots of growth over the course of the season. Sometimes seeing more shots, other games seeing less shots. This focus and consistency in between the pipes is what made Schaubel such a strong goalie for the Colts this year. His athleticism and poise in net provided the team in front of him with confidence to play freely and take chances knowing their goaltender could not only make the saves he needed to make, but also be there to make some athletic saves to bail them out when needed.

Pick #79 - Team Keenan 2

Jay-Zeus Mbarushimana, Forward, Upper Canada Cyclones

I am taking Jay-Zeus here as he can potentially pair back up with Max Crete and create a dynamic duo offensively. Jay-Zeus is creative and deceptive and can beat players any way he wants to. He gets down low in his skating style and uses short but powerful strides to gain speed through neutral ice, being able to use his full bag of tricks at top speed, Mbarushimana can walk around defenders with his dekes and turn heads with some moves he pulls off. His vision is another quality asset, allowing him to find teammates wide open in space for a scoring chance, or by using a nice saucer pass to stretch the width of the zone to get the defending team moving to the other side of the ice to open up more room to work away from the puck. Jay-Zeus has the flair and offensive upside to be able to create scoring chances at the next level and could be a good OHLer throughout his time in the league.

Pick #80 - Team Blake 2

Jaxon Cover, Forward, York-Simcoe Express

Jaxon Cover is a highly talented offensive skater who has a high level of raw skill and potential to be an impact player at the next level. With good acceleration, Cover is able to make himself effective in transition by blowing past opposing defenders to help gain the zone, displaying good strength and balance with the puck to not get knocked off stride by checking attempts. A confident player, Cover utilizes his puck skills effectively to create space for himself and generate offensive chances both through playmaking and goalscoring means. Away from the puck, he demonstrates strong positional skills, often being in the right place at the right time to capitalize on a scoring opportunity, or help continue offensive possession as an outlet option. As a talented player with strong foundational skills, I believe Cover can be a valuable player at the next level, thus I am pleased to take him with the 80th pick of this mock draft.

Round 4 Recap

61	Kale Mace
62	Jude Bray
63	Evan Headrick
64	Mason Roy
65	Brady Smith
66	Christian Armstrong
67	Luca Bonomo
68	Brady Knowling
69	Sam Wathier
70	Lincoln Baker
71	Ethan Dean
72	Brayden Krawczyk
73	Peter Koukouves
74	Austin Brekelmans

75	Adam Kelly
76	Layne Gallacher
77	Nik Rossetto
78	Jason Schaubel
79	Jay-Zeus Mbarushimana
80	Jaxon Cover

Pick #81 - Team Blake 1

Tanner Nettleton, Defence, Oshawa Generals

My fifth and final selection of the draft for Team 1, I am rounding out my defence with the talented Tanner Nettleton. Nettleton is an effective two-way defenceman who has a strong, well-rounded toolkit which makes him valuable in virtually every situation. A good puck moving defenceman, Nettleton is effective in transition through his mobility and ability to consistently make an excellent first pass out of the zone, often hitting his teammate with a crisp tape-to-tape pass. In the offensive zone, he is able to walk the blueline well, creating space for himself and opening up lanes to either pass, skate or shoot into. Defensively, Nettleton is well-positioned and able to box out the opposition with a strong active stick, limiting passing opportunities through the middle of the ice with good hand-eye.

Pick #82 - Team Keenan 1

Nolan Buttar, Forward, Peterborough Petes

Buttar was one of the most consistent players for the Petes throughout their run to the OHL Cup Semi Finals, being able to put the puck in the net or set his teammates up with solid vision, making him a player opposing teams needed to cover night in and night out. He liked to work in open space and would get lost in coverage, popping back up completely open and in a high-danger scoring position. On the other side of the puck, Nolan can shut plays down with an effective backcheck and good active stick, knocking pucks away from behind unaware attackers and turning up the other way, as he can get going quickly in transition and has a solid first pass to headman the puck. Nolan has a bright future in the OHL, as he is a versatile player with high-potential that could slot in anywhere on a lineup and play to his strengths.

Pick #83 - Team Connor 1

Matt Souter, Forward, Peterborough Petes

A strong season overall, Souter really played well as the games got bigger and tighter. With some strong performances throughout the OMHA Playdowns and OMHA Championships, the forward carried this over into the OHL Cup where, just like his Petes team overall, Souter had a strong OHL Cup. Souter came up with some clutch performances including a hat trick and the Overtime winner against Ottawa Myers Automotive with a slick deke in tight showing off his finishing ability against a tough Ottawa team. Souter is able to play with a variety of players due to his versatility, as he is able to read his teammate's actions well and move well off the puck to give them more space or be an open recipient of the puck. Furthermore, Souter is able to get himself to the house of the offensive zone at a good rate, allowing him to then utilize his scoring ability with quick hands in close or a solid shot from distance to be an offensive threat for the Petes this season.

Pick #84 - Team Ethan 1

Raiden Doxtator, Forward, London Jr. Knights

The London Jr. Knights forward had an excellent second half of the season, showing his ability to use his raw skill and speed to make meaningful contributions for his team. Doxtator is a elite skater, making him extremely difficult to defend at top speed, especially with the puck. Doxtator is dangerous in transition, reaching his top-speed in a few short strides. Using shifty body movements, Doxtator is able to throw defenders off his trail with ease, allowing for him to work with more room in the attacking end.

Pick #85 - Team Sean 1

Reggie Taylor, Forward, Whitby Wildcats

Reggie is a hardworking forward who knows how to score. He carries a high motor at both ends of the ice and has a great shot he uses to generate scoring chances. He is reliable at both ends of the ice with emphasis on his offensive play. He led his team with 20 goals in 35 regular season games this season. I think he has an OHL ready shot, and if he is able to continue developing his game, and put on some size I imagine he will be pretty effective at the next level. I'm very happy to see him still on the board at pick 85 as I believe this is great value at this slot.

Pick #86 - Team Liam 1

Jacob Bultje, Forward, North York Rangers

Bultje may not be the biggest player but he plays hard and is difficult to knock off the puck. He is dangerous on the rush and has a great release, along with impressive speed up the ice that makes him a tough task for opposing defenders. Bultje is a smart player who finds open areas of the ice all over the offensive zone. Bultje should be an effective contributor at the next level, especially if he continues to grow.

Pick #87 - Team Matt 1

Mateo Craievich, Defence, Elgin-Middlesex Canucks

Craievich was part of a very good Elgin-Middlesex team that boasted a solid defensive core and he was a key cog in the machine. A smooth-skating defenceman, seamlessly impacts the game at both ends of the ice. His size and skating prowess allow him to excel defensively, where he maintains composure under pressure, creates separation from attackers, and disrupts zone entries with his long reach. Offensively, Craievich is efficient in transitioning the puck up the ice with crisp passes, while also engaging in the offensive play with controlled strides and responsible pinches. A reliable presence on the backend, he demonstrates a high compete level, moves the puck effectively, and displays offensive promise, notably contributing in key games by quarterbacking plays and generating scoring opportunities for his team. A very good all - around defenceman who will contribute to any team he plays on.

Pick #88 - Team Michael 1

Blake Gowan, Defence, Barrie Jr Colts

Gowan is a sizable two-way defenceman with excellent puck moving skills. Gowan has the combination of size and skating abilities to separate himself from opposing forecheckers in his own zone, resulting in creating space on the ice to move the puck out consistently for clean breakouts. He also likes to use his long reach and active stick to close out high grade scoring opportunities from the opposing forwards. His offensive abilities are also one to watch out for as he can walk the line with good lateral movement to force defenders out of position leading to great playmaking opportunities on the wings and in front of the net, where he likes to utilize his teammates for good offensive scoring chances. Gowan is the type of player that skates well for his size and is not afraid to attack opposing players, he has a strong hockey IQ where he is able to see the play well up the ice with great vision on intercepts, passing plays, and quickly accelerate up the ice through the neutral zone in the transition. Blake Gowan has excellent defensive foundations and projects to be a Top 4 defenceman at the next level.

Pick #89 - Team Kris 1

Nolan Battler, Defence, Guelph Jr. Gryphons

Battler is a defenseman that skates like the wind. He loves getting involved in the play and joining the rush. He's a right shot d-man that shows an ability to drive offence, run a power play and act as a 4th forward at times. He will need to reel that in just a little bit at the next level because teams will take advantage of that, but I love his willingness to get involved. He's a dynamic skater and has really good top-end speed while also having good edgework, weaving his way around the ice. Defensively, he has an active stick and good awareness, but there is some work to do in that area, like most young offensive-minded defensemen. He plays a high-risk high-reward game that works well against his own peers but we'll need to be more careful at the next level. I believe in Battler's upside and can see him as a strong skating puck-moving d-man at the next level, with the potential to play in the top-4. I would love to see a Wathier-Battler defensive pairing in 2 years from now.

Pick #90 - Team Jagr 1

Eddie Hickson, Forward, Sun County Panthers

Hard to pass up on Hickson in this position of the draft as he was the shining light for a Panthers team who put together a strong playdowns, despite a middle of the pack regular season. Another captain of their team, Hickson is a skilled two-way centerman who was heavily relied upon in transition as he possesses great edgework, good speed, and top end hockey IQ, easily able to pick his spot and enter the offensive zone with control. In the offensive zone the play ran through Hickson as the primary playmaker due to his impressive vision, consistently finding open teammates quickly and delivering accurate passes to their tape. A high-competent player, Hickson wins more battles than you'd expect from a 5'9" forward purely due to his IQ and skill with and around the puck. While a top-end playmaker, Hickson was one of only 3 Alliance players to hit the 20-goal mark on the season while finishing 2nd overall in points behind Parker Vaughan (by 1 point). His size might hinder him come draft time, but his talent, leadership, and work ethic should allow him to continue to produce at the next level, already evident as he's done so in 9 games with Windsor's U18 team and 5 with Chatham's GOJHL team.

Pick #91 - Team Jagr 2

Mickael Fournier, Defence, Quinte Red Devils

Rounding out Team 2, Fourier is a left shot puck moving defenceman whose agility at the blue line is amongst the best in the draft while playing a hard-nosed defensive game. Fourier often pushed the pace for the Devils using long stretch passes out of the defensive zone or skating it to the offensive zone himself. When in the offensive zone, Fourier has elite lateral movement and utilizes fakes well to open passing and shooting lanes, ensuring no turnovers are made at the line. Fourier loves to create offense in the zone, always keeping his head up and trying to push the puck towards the dangerous scoring areas. Defensively, Fourier is actively engaged in board battles and effective in tying up sticks and net-front box outs, all while enjoying stirring the pot during play and after the whistles. With good size at 5'11" already, and strong puck moving skills, Fourier is an intriguing prospect who should find his way onto an OHL roster sooner rather than later.

Pick #92 - Team Kris 2

Nick Frasca, Defence, Toronto Marlboros

With strong hockey bloodlines, Frasca, is a player who will know what it takes to play at the next level. There were 2 marlies defencemen taken ahead of Frasca, but I believe I got one who's game will transition best at the next level. His game has definitely grown on me throughout the year. He lengthened his skating stride, became more confident with the puck and evolved his offensive side of the game. He was typically one of the d-men on the ice when protecting 1 goal lead or down a goal in the last minute. He has really good straight line speed, and is extremely efficient at retrieving pucks on dump-ins fending off incoming forecheckers and making the simple outlet pass. I believe he has the potential to develop into a top 4 defenceman if he can elevate some of those offensive instincts he's clearly been working on throughout the season.

Pick #93 - Team Michael 2

Logan Rivard, Forward, New Liskeard Cubs

Rivard is an underrated two-way forward with great hockey IQ. He has great on ice awareness with an ability to cut passing lanes and slowing down the attack through the neutral zone leading to more takeaways and faster breakouts for him and his teammates. He demonstrated this well by closing out the middle of the ice and forcing the opposing attacker to try and skate through him, often resulting in a turnover in the neutral zone and an odd man rush the other way. Rivard also demonstrates a great ability to consistently win faceoffs in both the offensive and defensive zone, establishing an advantage in the game by maintaining possession and pressure on the opposing team in their defensive zone. Rivard also is efficient in battling for loose pucks to continue the cycle leading to high grade scoring chances throughout this game. Rivard is an excellent two way forward that plays a 200ft style game that can be relied on in all areas on the ice. Logan Rivard in tournament play at the OHL Cup for Team NOHA really impressed on the ice with great positional awareness and instincts to read plays well. From Northern Ontario, Logan Rivard is a wild card pick that given the opportunity can be a steal on draft boards as he develops to be a good two-way forward at the next level.

Pick #94 - Team Matt 2

Ian Robinson, Forward, York-Simcoe Express

A solid player this year for YSE, Robinson is a smart and effective offensive player who can play at both ends of the rink. A scoring threat who thrives on his off-wing, Robinson showcases his skill by maneuvering up ice with speed and agility. Upon entering the offensive zone, he displays remarkable effectiveness in driving wide and unleashing powerful and accurate shots on goal. Robinson's

versatility is evident as he logs significant ice time in all game situations, from power plays to penalty kills. A player who has a deceptive style of play, Robinson's high hockey IQ is evident as he consistently positions himself strategically on both ends of the ice, contributing to his team's success. This player will complement any team he is on and can help make the players around him better.

Pick #95 - Team Liam 2

Andrew Robinson, Defence, Vaughan Kings

While my four previous selections were defensively responsible forwards, I figured it was time to select a defenceman. Andrew Robinson's game progressed over the course of the season and by the end he was an important player to the OHL Cup runner-up Kings at both ends of the ice. He has a really good sense of when to jump up into the offensive attack. He pinches in from the blue line and capitalizes on scoring chances with a hard, accurate wrist shot from the point. He has great agility that aids him in defending the rush while also possessing a good defensive stick to knock pucks off opponents' sticks. He makes crisp breakout passes as well as good d-to-d passes inside the blue line. As his game continues to trend upward he could end up being a great value pick in the middle rounds of the draft.

Pick #96 - Team Sean 2

Tucker Roberts, Forward, York-Simcoe Express

This season, Tucker was a key contributor on one of the top teams in the OMHA, the York Simcoe Express. He averaged over a point-per-game over the course of the season and played big minutes for the Express. Tucker is a two-way forward with some size who is able to generate scoring chances and also put the puck in the net. He has a good shot while not being afraid to drive to the net. Tucker was effective on the powerplay and I believe there is opportunity to be effective on the penalty kill at the next level based on his hockey IQ and mobility. I anticipate Tucker will utilize another year or two to further his development, but I view him to be a valuable asset to an OHL team in the future.

Pick #97 - Team Ethan 2

Ryan Yurkiw, Defence, Detroit Little Caesars

The half-American half-Canadian mobile defenceman has been an asset for the Detroit Little Caesars this season. Yurkiw thrives on his skating ability, as he is able to move the puck out of his zone effectively and consistently via a rush. Yurkiw harnesses a great passing ability, as he is able to find open passing lanes quickly and connect with his teammates. In the offensive zone, Yurkiw does a good job keeping the cycle alive and holding the offensive blueline. With additional strength and conditioning, Yurkiw can make for an extremely effective offensive D-man at the next level.

Pick #98 - Team Connor 2

Nicholas Gilby, Forward, Niagara North Stars

A player who has a lot of speed, Gilby uses that speed to play that game at a high pace. Playing up tempo, the North Stars forward is always moving his feet and always ready to accelerate with or without the puck. Gilby uses his quick feet and footspeed on both sides of the puck, with a strong back check to hunt down puck carriers, while with the puck he is able to burst into open space as well as

use quick crossovers to change direction and often cut into the middle of the ice on zone entries for high danger scoring opportunities. Once in areas like the house of the offensive zone, the Niagara forward has a booming shot with lots of speed and power which takes very little time to set up, allowing him to beat goalies with one quick motion of both his inside leg and outside leg.

Pick #99 - Team Keenan 2

Matthew Airhart, Forward, Quinte Red Devils

Airhart is one of the most reliable defensive forwards available in this draft, paired with his offensive ability, it was a no-brainer to take him inside the top 100. Matthew was the captain of his team and led by example, never taking a shift off and competing hard every time he jumped over the boards. His defensive IQ is high, as he can read plays and step into passing lanes to deflect or intercept passes and always seems to get on the right side of pucks to shut down chances and transition the puck out of his defensive zone. Offensively, Airhart uses his teammates well and spreads the zone when on the attack, using cross seam passes and plays off the wall. He also works well around the net, out working defenders and using his size to get his stick on redirections and rebounds. An underrated aspect of his game is his shot, as he can get it off quickly and oftentimes fired right through a defenders legs before they had time to gap up on him. Matthew may need a season of Junior A before the OHL, however it would make the transition to Major Junior much easier and allow him to grow his abilities in every facet of the game

Pick #100 - Team Blake 2

Elliot Arnett, Defence, Barrie Jr. Colts

With the final selection of this mock draft, I am happy to select Elliot Arnett to round out my defensive core. Arnett is a solid two-way defenceman, showing to be a jack-of-all-trades with the Barrie Jr. Colts this season. Arnett uses his puck moving skills to make quick, smart decisions with the puck, helping his team to move the puck up ice in transition and maintain possession in the offensive end. Defensively, Arnett is consistently able to keep the opposition to the outside by combining his physicality and stick checking skills to limit opportunities to cut into the middle of his area of coverage. Overall, with Arnett being able to provide value in all situations during even strength, the penalty kill and the powerplay if called upon, Arnett should be able to contribute at the next level as he continues to develop.

Round 5 Recap

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87	Mateo Craievich
88	Blake Gowan
89	Nolan Battler

90	Eddie Hickson
91	Mickael Fournier
92	Nick Frasca
93	Logan Rivard
94	Ian Robinson
95	Andrew Robinson
96	Tucker Roberts
97	Ryan Yurkiw
98	Nicholas Gilby
99	Matthew Airhart
100	Elliot Arnett

Draft Recap

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Kohyn Eshkawkogan (21)
Ryan Chamberlain (41)
Kale Mace (61)
Tanner Nettleton (81)

Team Keenan 1
Ethan Belchetz (2)
Dimian Zhilkin (22)
Noah Barton (42)
Jude Bray (62)
Nolan Buttar (82)

Team Connor 1
Caleb Malhotra (3)
Jet Kwajah (23)
Javian Nei (43)
Evan Headrick (63)
Matt Souter (83)

Team Ethan 1

Braidy Wassilyn (4)
Alexander Hage (24)
Bryson Morgan (44)
Mason Roy (64)
Raiden Doxtator (84)

Team Sean 1
Nathan Amidovski (5)
Carter Hicks (25)
Brady Blaseg (45)
Brady Smith (65)
Reggie Taylor (85)

Team Liam 1
Zach Nyman (6)
Ryder Carey (26)
Alexander Bilecki (46)
Christian Armstrong (66)
Jacob Bultje (86)

Team Matt 1
Parker Vaughan (7)
Ryder Cali (27)
Mateo Beites (47)
Luca Bonomo (67)
Mateo Craievich (87)

Team Michael 1
Alex McLean (8)
Kent Greer (28)
Troy Patton (48)
Brady Knowling (68)
Blake Gowan (88)

Team Kris 1
Colin Fitzgerald (9)

Thomas Vandenberg (29)
Ben Bowen (49)
Sam Wathier (69)
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Team Jagr 1
Logan Hawery (10)
Jean-Christoph Lemieux (30)
Cooper Otterman (50)
Lincoln Baker (70)
Eddie Hickson (90)

Team Jagr 2
Alessandro Di Iorio (11)
Michael D'Alessio (31)
Jordan Perrier (51)
Ethan Dean (71)
Mickael Fournier (91)

Team Kris 2
Beckham Edwards (12)
Jacob Xu (32)
Liam Campbell (52)
Brayden Krawczyk (72)
Nick Frasca (92)

Team Michael 2
Callum Croskery (13)
Gage Brandon (33)
William Computaro (53)
Peter Koukouves (73)
Logan Rivard (93)

Team Matt 2
Tyler Challenger (14)
Quinn Kipfer (34)

Eric Frossard (54)
Austin Brekelmans (74)
Ian Robinson (94)

Team Liam 2
Cole Zurawski (15)
Jalen Lobo (35)
Jackson Halloran (55)
Adam Kelly (75)
Andrew Robinson (95)

Team Sean 2
Weston Cameron (16)
Cole Emerton (36)
Carter Stevens (56)
Layne Gallacher (76)
Tucker Roberts (96)

Team Ethan 2
Luca Blonda (17)
Ethan Kindree (37)
Braydon Lindsay (57)
Nik Rossetto (77)
Ryan Yurkiw (97)

Team Connor 2
Pierce Mbuyi (18)
Lucas Ambrosio (38)
Patrick Babin (58)
Jason Schaubel (78)
Nicholas Gilby (98)

Team Keenan 2
Maximus Crete (19)
Caleb Mitchell (39)
Colin Ellsworth (59)

Jay-Zeus Mbarushimana (79)
Matthew Airhart (99)

Team Blake 2
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Ryland Cunningham (40)
Nathan Gaitens (60)
Jaxon Cover (80)
Elliot Arnett (100)