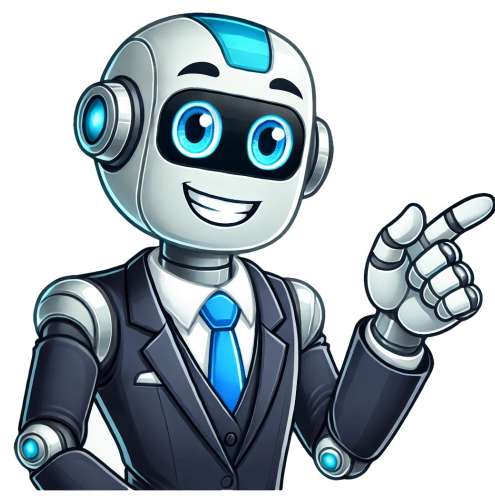


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However, his size hasn't been a problem for him, as he uses it to his advantage, mainly on his skating. He moves quickly and is always willing to jump in offensively to keep the pressure in the offensive zone. This has benefited the Kitchener Rangers on the power play, as THW's own Jordan Orth mentions in his player profile that Reid is an "absolute force on the power play, quarterbacking the Rangers' first unit and putting up the sixth-most power-play assists among defensemen in the Ontario Hockey League (OHL) behind players like Henry Mews, Zayne Parekh, and Emil Pieniniemi." You'd also think a player of his size wouldn't be as physical defensively, but Reid is the opposite. In almost every defensive play he makes, he closes the gap and denies opponents chances. He can combine his great skating ability with physicality to push opponents back. In addition, Reid has a great defensive IQ and knows where to be at all times when facing an offensive threat in his zone. He's patient and doesn't crack under pressure when he plays the puck or is in the defensive zone. Pierre McGuire Forum User Posts: 1524 Joined: 23 May 2024 13:10 pm Post by Pierre McGuire » 30 May 2025 08:45 am Reid is a really good player ...definitely wouldn't be upset with that pick. Much rather have Fiddler though if they go dman John Cocktoastin Forum User Posts: 444 Joined: 23 May 2024 14:00 pm Post by John Cocktoastin » 30 May 2025 09:48 am He's a quarterback, for sure, back there. Mobile, willing to pitch in. Really offensively minded. For a 6' guy, plays bigger. Not sure we have a D man like him in our system. STL fan in MN Forum User Posts: 1911 Joined: 23 May 2024 13:57 pm Post by STL fan in MN » 30 May 2025 10:22 am He wouldn't be my ideal pick simply because he's a LD and we have a ton of those in the pipeline but he'd absolutely a good prospect. There's about 22 players I'd be happy with at pick 19 (15ish of them we have no chance at) and he's one of them. And one of the ones we absolutely have a chance at, so he's definitely worth talking about. Good two-way d-man, a little bit more on the offensive side. 54 pts in 67 games for Kitchener. A bit undersized at 6'0" though. A slight concern he wasn't very effective in the OHL playoffs. Just 5 pts in 14 games. I see him and Brzustewicz similarly. Reid has slightly higher offensive potential IMO but Brzustewicz is 2 inches taller and a righty and for that, I value Brzustewicz more. But Reid is consistently ranked higher so I guess we'll see. seattleblue Forum User Posts: 1133 Joined: 08 Feb 2025 12:01 pm Post by seattleblue » 30 May 2025 11:16 am Another writeup from the "Big lunk Blake Fiddler has time to work on his bad defensive play and bad decisionmaking as soon as he gets to the NHL so it's not a big deal" guy! Been mentioning Reid for awhile here. He's very competitive, just has the "I will help us win this game" gene so I like him. When you look at Jiricek's skating and the way Hensler skates I can see them taking Hensler since they are both extremely good skaters similar size, though I slightly prefer Broo-STAY-vich, Cahokanut Forum User Posts: 145 Joined: 15 Jun 2024 06:19 am Post by Cahokanut » 30 May 2025 14:43 pm I just wouldn't do defense with first rd. Unless it's at the top of the draft. I don't see first rd defensive talent so much better than second or third. Unless it's at the top of the draft. My six unasked for rules to drafting. #1. Never do Defense with your first. Unless it's at the top. #2. Unless very offensive minded. Always take skill over 200' with 1rd pick. #3 never take goalie before 3rd. #4 if going defense, before pick 50, always go for the two way defender #5 after pick 50. Always take the bestest, biggest, defenseman available #6 On offense, after pick50, always pick the bestest, youngest player available. stljrs Forum User Posts: 118 Joined: 01 Feb 2018 09:17 am Post by stljrs » 30 May 2025 15:11 pm Cootes would be a nice get at 19. I've seen him lower than that in a few mocks. Nice projectable C. Ideally we get either a RD or C there. Assuming we don't trade this years first for a youngish RD or 2C. John Cocktoastin Forum User Posts: 444 Joined: 23 May 2024 14:00 pm Post by John Cocktoastin » 30 May 2025 16:57 pm General consensus: BPA, no matter position. Too hard to project and they are, afterall, assets. To be homegrown talent or to be traded. 82birds Forum User Posts: 12897 Joined: 23 May 2024 18:17 pm Post by 82birds » 30 May 2025 20:00 pm Cahokanut wrote: 130 May 2025 14:43 pm I just wouldn't do defense with first rd. Unless it's at the top of the draft. I don't see first rd defensive talent so much better than second or third. 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As the team recently entered into playoff contention and is building up to become a Stanley Cup contender, the emphasis will be on filling gaps, especially on special teams. In that case, Malcolm Spence should be on the Blues' radar ahead of this draft. Here's why he should be the Blues' first-round pick. Malcolm Spence Scouting Report NHL Central Scouting: 17th (Among NA skaters) Baracchini: 16th Horn: 20th Forbes: 13th Reimer: 16th 2024-25 Stats (Erie Otters, Ontario Hockey League): 65 games played - 32 goals, 41 assists, 73 points Spence is the best two-way forward in this draft and has the necessary tools to be a serious threat in the NHL. To start, he's a big forward. At 6-foot-2 and 201 pounds, he uses his size to be a force on offense and can shut down scoring threats with his strong defensive game. He scored five power-play and shorthanded goals during the 2024-25 Ontario Hockey League (OHL) season with the Erie Otters. As mentioned earlier, Spence's most valuable skill set is his special teams play, on both the power play and penalty killing units, which has brought him a long way in his OHL career and his gold medal-winning performance in the U18 World Championship. ... Im-spence/ STL fan in MN Forum User Posts: 1911 Joined: 23 May 2024 13:57 pm Post by STL fan in MN » 04 Jun 2025 09:51 am If he was truly the "best two-way forward in this draft" then he would be ranked top-5. He's not. He's tenacious as hell but he plays the game's least valuable position (LW) and he has 3rd line caliber skills. I see him as a future 3LW somewhat in the mold of Neighbours. He's going to be a solid secondary piece for a team. I like some other guys more but he's a safer option and I wouldn't hate the pick. He's leaving the CHL and joining the Wolverines in the fall. seattleblue Forum User Posts: 1133 Joined: 08 Feb 2025 12:01 pm Post by seattleblue » 04 Jun 2025 09:59 am Spence is a very solid player who plays at our biggest glut of talent spot. It's a totally different consideration than Cootes who plays the more scarce position and only iffly projects into it. I am very confident Spence will be a very good 3LW in the NHL but MN is right he is definitely not the top two way forward in the draft.