

Amateur Game Report(OHL)



Mar 15/09 Sudbury Wolves 4 at Mississauga St. Michael's Majors 5 Terry Clarke

Mississauga St. Michael's Majors

#17 Pelech, Michael	Gm.	Rat.	Type
Oct 06/89 C 6.02 212	D+	B	2way

Sk Sh PC Phy A/Pk HS

B- B- B- A- B- B-

*Redeemed himself with some strong play in 3rd period (lines were shuffled), but was on for all 4 goals against (-3, on for PPGA). Coach rested him a bit after 4th Wolves goal (about halfway through 2nd), but was back to regular shift in 3rd.

*took a stick to the face and had to go to room in 1st, but was back on bench before period ended.

*Despite bad game, was still aggressive causing turnovers on forecheck, blocking shots, as per usual.

*1 PP shift, 5 PK.. shifts by period 4-4-6-2 incl. OT.

Offense

-Doesnt project offensively as a pro, but can chip in - is St. Mike's leading scorer. Will get tough goals around crease, no items of beauty.

-Not top skater, but gets there quick. One of the best in OHL at causing turnovers with aggressive play/forechecking. Grinds guys on the boards. Pro size and meanness. Can and will fight.

-Decent hand-eye, scored a few on deflections this year.

-Uses teammates, no delusions of grandeur.

Defense

-Top PK centre on team, usually out in crucial situations.

-Always on the puck or man with puck, likes to hit.

-Blocks shots constantly, seen him play through many shifts in pain.

-One of the best on the forecheck in OHL.

-despite defensive prowess, not always in the best position. Has physical skills to be an asset in both ends.

Passed over in last year's draft, He has the size and basic tools to go to pro. Has edge and meanness above most in the league he's currently playing in. Scoring in OHL, and should contribute in pro, but never above 3rd line status.



#18 Wallen, William Gm. Rat. Type

Aug 16/91 LW 5.08 170 A- B- Sn

Sk Sh PC Phy A/Pk HS

B- B B+ B- B- A-

*In Brett Flemming's absence, played left point on power play very effectively, on for each PP situation

*+1 on game, on for 3 goals for (2PP, 1 5on5)

*Had around 9 shots, 7 (?) on net. Half dozen from point on one timers alone, including GWG/OT goal (high glove)... shoots from from the middle/high slot, not by the boards... finally getting to see him shoot more - a lot of zip in his slap for little guy. Getting to use it more now in PP situations, but passes it around very effectively too.

*Physically challenged much bigger players like Akim Aliu, and had battles ongoing with Kurtz and Marcus Foligno- Cam Gaunce had to step in once, not cus Wallen backed down - cus he'd get absolutely pummelled. But he's not afraid- just too tiny to realistically fight ANYONE.

*Getting alot more ice time every game, now that team has playoff position locked up. Up to about 6 shifts a period, including lots of PP time and some 4 on 4. Usually on LW, but has lined up on RW, LD on PP, and has won the only 2 faceoffs ive seen him waved into. Still takes some very short shifts otherwise.

Offense

-Speedy, will be aggressive on puck, but is too tiny to make a dent.

-Stronger on skates than he first appears - will initiate contact with much bigger players, but definitely not to be confused with Theo Fleury.

- Accurate shot when he keeps it down. Very effective on point as PP QB.

-Has natural ability (hands, moves) that cant be taught.

-Trying to shoot more, but uses teammates very well, looks around, very game-aware.

-Makes and takes passes well, better when on LW. Definitely adept as a shooter and playmaker.

-Can play either wing, usually LW (RH shooter).

-Surprisingly goes in to do work on boards - and sometimes comes up with them due to size, quickness, and lack of fear. Added strength would make his game - in every aspect.

Defense

-Has hockey sense, knows where to be. Seen him watch point men diligently, and stick to his man through the neutral and d-zone many times - and has drawn penalties as a result.

-not strong enough to be on PK, but the sense is there. Added strength will get him on a PK unit, he has the skills.

-High compete level in both ends. Not caught being lazy or unattentive. While a creative player, never seen him as a risk-taker yet either.

Everything comes down to added strength (and hopefully height) with Wallen. If he eventually ends up being 5.10 or 5.11, 185-195 with strength and maturity, he's an unranked steal in the draft 2 years after the fact... At that size he'd be all over the radar, and it could happen. Has hands and sense and natural ability, but is no prima donna and works hard, not afraid of rough play... Wondering if former blood clot in his brain issue affects how hard he can train (?).

#71 Foligno, Marcus Gm. Rat. Type

Aug 10/91 LW 6.01.75 203 A- A- PF

Sk Sh PC Phy A/Pk HS

B- A- B A B- B+

*Had 1st goal of game, was +1 today.

*size and strength assets he makes good use of at 6'2 202.

*Aggressive and focused when on the boards. Battles hard. Kept playing without helmet while involved in intense board battle behind net for some time without concern (surprised it wasnt whistled down after such a long time). Definitely likes to bang bodies.

*Very good 1st half of game. Always in the mix physically, caused a lot of offensive chances.

*Recieved zero special teams play - took him out of the game in the 2nd. Possibly coach (and father) Foligno making him earn it a bit harder? shifts by period: 5/4/5 ... they were on the PK for most of OT so he didnt see the ice.

*Big Slapshot, attempted about 5 shots from all angles, including both forehand and backhand wraparounds. With improved hands, good potential as a power forward in NHL. Has the pro size body and pedigree.



Notes

Last game of season - St. Mike's scratched top d-man Brett Flemming. Meaningless game to St. Mike's, but Wolves' playoff hopes dependant on result here and Oshawa game.

Worth note- Akim Aliu sat on the bench quite upset, head down through the 3 stars all alone after the loss- his jr career over if Oshawa wins - then an ass't coach came out and told him news he wanted to hear- theyre in the playoffs. I could then hear him whooping and shouting down the hall to the team room. It was interesting to watch that player off the ice during his "moment in limbo".

Sudbury Wolves

#18 McFarland, John	Gm.	Rat.	Type
Apr 02/92 C 6.00 192	C+	B+	Sn

Sk	Sh	PC	Phy	A/Pk	HS
A-	B+	B+	C+	C	B

*took hooking minor in OT - GWGA scored on PP.

*Prior to 1st Majors goal, coach Foligno screaming at him to "get back" on PP... majors scored SHG against seconds later.

*1st line LW, did not play Centre tonight.

*coach pulled him off ice for another during d-zone faceoff in 4 on 4 situation.

*Took long shifts - by period: 6-6-7-1 incl. OT, No PK shifts, Lots of PP time. Probably more ice time than any other OHL rookie (?)

*Dangerous with puck coming through neutral zone, and only getting better - pure offense at this point however

*had a few shots from all angles - good slap, wrist, made nice move with rolling puck.

Offense

-Dynamic once puck hits his stick. Fast, and notably good balance and pivot ability... drives to the net.

-Pulls in passes well, incl bouncing and rolling pucks, but unfortunately wasn't taking them well when he was at top speed tonight.

-Prefers to carry puck... will dish through neutral zone, but likes to have the puck. Seems less interested when he doesn't have it, but once it hits his stick, he's a shark.

-Quick release off LW

-Still lanky, but size not bad.

-Compete level high when offense involved. Not afraid of physical play, but not initiating anything.

-Wants to score. Will do it a LOT next season (draft year 2010) and be a high ranked pick.

Defense

-at this point far from an all around player. No PK shifts.

-was screamed at by coach for lack of backchecking causing a SHGA.

-Doesn't look like much until the puck is on his stick. then he's something else.

-D game needs work. Mostly a spectator. Sometimes up high, sometimes down low...

Will be a top-ranked prospect for next year's draft... Offense is natural, will he play more centre?... has to develop d-game, but scoring is what he wants to do and will live by it... listed at 6'0 190, he's lanky but that shouldn't be an issue in the future, as it barely is now. A bit more strength and battle, particularly without the puck, could be improved... should be dominant OHLer next year.

