

DALTON YOUNG

TEAM: Saginaw Spirit

LEAGUE: Ontario Hockey League (OHL)

POSITION: Defense

BORN: July 14, 1993

HEIGHT: 6' 1"

WEIGHT: 170 lbs

SHOOTS: Left

Report Card – Excellent, Good, Average, Below Average, Poor

Size/Strength:	Good
Skating:	Average
Shot/Scoring:	Excellent
Puckhandling:	Average
Physical Play:	Good
Offensive Play:	Good
Defensive Play:	Good
Hockey Sense:	Excellent
Competitiveness:	Good

STRENGTHS

1. Sees the game exceptionally well. Positions himself well. Keeps feet moving & anticipates the play well.
2. Not afraid to challenge opposing team's forwards in his own zone.
3. Exceptional shot - hard and accurate.
4. Moves puck well - makes good first pass & clears the zone regularly.
5. Uses stick fairly well. Blocks lanes when needed.
6. Will clear out opposition in front of net when need be.
7. Jumps into the rush frequently & fearlessly

AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT

1. Moves puck quickly, sometimes too quickly leading to turnovers. Work on timing & holding the puck a little longer when possible.
2. Could use work on foot speed. Not a hindrance at this level, but he could improve on it.
3. Prone to one or two turnovers a game, which goes back to #1. Can work on holding on to the puck a bit & working with the puck.

SKILL:

Very solid & responsible two-way defenseman. Very capable on the point leading the PP. Offense will pick up as he gains more confidence.

SCOUTING REPORT:

At 6'1" and 170 lbs. has decent size and is still growing. Game has improved dramatically since the start of the season. Have viewed him on at least a dozen occasions. Always moving. Does not seem to plant his feet – is anticipating the play. Seems a step ahead of the play most times. Great hockey sense both with the puck and away from the puck. With the puck makes the right move 80% of the time or more. Moves the puck quickly, which is good and bad. Can lead to turnovers, but more times than not, gets the puck to where it belongs. Good passer. Great lateral movement. Not the fastest skater, but positions himself well.

Speed can increase with more training & practice. Good, hard shot from the point. Accurate as well. Is prone to one or two bad turnovers a game, but quick recovery. Handles his stick well, keeps in good position to break up passes from the opposing team. Not overly physical yet, but seems to be able to make a big hit when needed. Uses finesse and skill (anticipation) to make the plays. Does not seem to wear down throughout the game. Coach seems to have confidence in him. Last year found it hard to crack the lineup, this year is playing at times on the top power play pairing. Playing a lot of minutes. Could turn into a real leader for Saginaw. Has the potential to be the star of the defense.

NHL POTENTIAL:

Potential to be a top 4 defenseman in the NHL filling the role of an offensive minded two way defenseman. Also would be an asset on the power play.

STYLE COMPARES TO:

Ian White, Alex Goligoski, Kris Letang

YEAR	TEAM	GP	G	A	P	+/-	PIM
10/11	Saginaw Spirit (OHL)	46	0	4	4	-2	10
11/12	Saginaw Spirit (OHL)	37	2	9	11	-5	8
TOTAL		80	2	13	15	-7	18

**Stats Courtesy SaginawSpirit.com as of 1/16/12*