



Coach Seminar Series Player Selection & Evaluation

CSS SESSION #4

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Player Evaluation

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Discussion Points

- OHL Central Scouting
- Factors to Consider for Player Evaluation
- Hockey Canada Player Evaluation Ranking System (Sample System)
- Evaluating the “Short Term Event”
- Team Ontario U17 Selection process



OHL Central Scouting

- 9 Area Scouts- Covering all of Ontario, 24 USA States
- “Identify and Evaluate”
- Director- 900- 1300 Games Scouted in a Year
- 1-Skating
- 2-Individual Skill
- 3-Hockey IQ- Reading the play- DEFENSIVE PLAY
- 4- Competitiveness



Factors to Consider

- Reason for Evaluation- U17, Team Selection, Level of Play
- Evaluation Time Period- How Long?? U17 Weekend- Spring Tryout
- Number of Evaluators
- Age of Players
- Bias



Hockey Canada Player Evaluation Ranking System

- **5** – Top Line Forward/ #1 Dman/ Starting Goalie. An Elite player who will be a key component to the team.
- **4** – Solid 2nd Line Forward/ Top 4 D/ Back Up Goaltender who is contending for the Starting Job. Regular player and sound contributor
- **3** – Role Player/ 3rd-4th Line/ 5th -6th D who fills the role as a checker or a stay at home D
- **2** – Fringe, on the edge on being in the line-up, under consideration in case of injury, coaches decision
- **1** – Evaluated and identified, but not considered an invite to camp for various reasons



Evaluating a Short Term Event

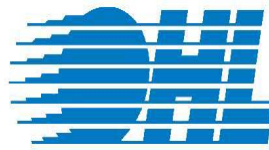
- Let the players come to you, the 5's and the 1's will be apparent.
- Focus on one Team at a time
- Create your own "System" be prepared and organized
- Avoid the "Good Player" "Can't play" quotes.
- Accountability



Team Ontario U17 Selection Process

- 10 Regional Member Partner Selection Camps
- 70 Players From Regional Camps. 14 Wild Cards
- 1 Final Camp- Ottawa
- 35 Players Short Listed from the Final Camp
- Players Evaluated until Mid-November
- Team Selected by Team Ontario U17 Staff

QUESTIONS





THANK YOU



- “You will find all the answers you are looking for, in one place, THE RINK”
- ***The only way you can be confident in your decisions and opinions is by being willing to put in hard work, and time...in the arenas.***

Add Forward Report

Player Name:	Daniel Catenacci
Team Name:	York Simcoe Express
Position: *	--Select--
Game Type:	--Select--
Scout Name:	Rob Kitamura
Entry Date:	03/26/02009



Ranking System: 5 - Exceptional, 4 - Above Average, 3 - Average, 2 - Fair, 1 - Poor, N/A - Not Available

Puck Control:	N/A	Competitiveness:	N/A
Shooting:	N/A	Scoring Ability:	N/A
Skating Forward:	N/A	Playmaking Ability:	N/A
Skating Backward:	N/A	Face Offs:	N/A
Checking:	N/A	Defensive Play:	N/A
Hockey Sense:	N/A	Ability Openings:	N/A
Stamina:	N/A		



Comments: *

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Add Defenceman Report

Player Name:	Daniel Catenacci
Team Name:	York Simcoe Express
Position: *	--Select-- 
Game Type:	--Select-- 
Scout Name:	Rob Kitamura
Entry Date:	03/26/02009

Ranking System: 5 - Exceptional, 4 - Above Average, 3 - Average, 2 - Fair, 1 - Poor, N/A - Not Available

Puck Control:	N/A		Competitiveness:	N/A	
Shooting:	N/A		Board Play:	N/A	
Skating Forward:	N/A		Moving Puck:	N/A	
Skating Backward:	N/A		Net Play:	N/A	
Checking:	N/A		Neutral Zone Play:	N/A	
Hockey Sense:	N/A		Point Play:	N/A	
Stamina:	N/A				

Comments: *

Add Goaltender Report

Player Name:	Daniel Catenacci
Team Name:	York Simcoe Express
Position: *	--Select--
Game Type:	--Select--
Scout Name:	Rob Kitamura
Entry Date:	03/26/02009

Ranking System: 5 - Exceptional, 4 - Above Average, 3 - Average, 2 - Fair, 1 - Poor, N/A - Not Available

Puck Control:	N/A	Competitiveness:	N/A
Shooting:	N/A	Mobility:	N/A
Skating Forward:	N/A	Playing Angles:	N/A
Skating Backward:	N/A	Hand Reflexes:	N/A
Checking:	N/A	Foot Reflexes:	N/A
Hockey Sense:	N/A	Rebound Control:	N/A
Stamina:	N/A		

Comments: *

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**OHF - OHL Under 16 Program of Excellence - PLAYER EVALUATION**

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____

TEAM: # Position:

Kitchener, Ont.

April 27-29, 2007

Game:

Evaluator:

SKATING

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ACCELERATION (first few strides, ability to pull away from, or catch other players)

SPEED (when in motion at full stride)

BALANCE (is he strong on his skates)

MOBILITY (agility, footwork, pivots, stops & starts)

BACKWARD SKATING

SHOOTING

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SHOT ACCURACY (does he hit the net, force the goalie to make a save)

SHOT STRENGTH (does he have a heavy shot)

SHOT RELEASE (ability to shoot without getting set, off of the stickhandle)

POSSESSES MULTIPLE SHOT TYPES (quality of wrist, slap, snap and backhand)

STICKHANDLING

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STICKHANDLING ABILITY (can he handle the puck at top speed, in a crowd)

PUCK PROTECTION (ability to adjust body position & balance to keep or acquire the puck)

PASSING

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GIVING A PASS (can pass to both sides, leads man, provides passes players can accept)

RECEIVING A PASS (receives passes cleanly both forehand and backhand, off his skates)

SCORING

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SCORING TOUCH (can he score several ways, smart around the net)

PLAYMAKING (vision, offensive imagination, sets teammates up for scoring chances)

SCORING DRIVE (willing to battle, go to the net, pay the price to score)

OFFENSIVE ANTICIPATION (reads the play and gets himself into scoring position)

DEFENSIVE PLAY

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DEFENSIVE ANTICIPATION (reads the play, knows where to go, takes away options)

POSITIONING (angles opponents, active away from the puck)

DECISION MAKING (ability to look for and make the correct play under pressure)

BACKCHECKING (picks up his man and returns hard to his own zone)

DEFENSIVE RELIABILITY (is he used in critical situations)

COMMUNICATION (does he communicate well with his teammates and coaches)

FACE-OFFS (over all effectiveness)

COMPETITIVENESS & PHYSICAL PLAY

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WORK ETHIC (overall effort, works and competes every shift regardless of score & venue)

BOARD & CORNER PLAY (battles for loose pucks, willing to pay the price)

PHYSICAL PRESENCE (size and strength are used as an asset)

CONDITIONING (overall physical conditioning, build, strength and stamina)

HITTING (takes the body, effectively separates opposition from the puck)

FORECHECKING (tenacious puck pursuit, fights through checks, persistent)

DISCIPLINE (does he except a bad call, avoids bad penalties, retaliation)

LEADERSHIP (takes charge, displays on-ice leadership)

VERSATILITY (ability to play various positions, roles)

PLAYER SUMMARY: WHAT TYPE OF OVERALL PLAYER IS HE? (choose one)

Power Forward [X] Skilled Forward [] Role Player/Checker [] Skilled/Offensive Defenseman [] Stay at Home Defenseman []

GENERAL COMMENTS



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