

# TOP 125

## 2017 PROSPECTS



50	MACKENZIE ENTWISTLE					
POS	HT/WT	DOB				
RW	6-3/180	14-Jul-99				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
2015-16	Hamilton (OHL)	60	6	8	14	17
2016-17	Hamilton (OHL)	54	12	13	25	25

Coming into the year, Hamilton and draft pundits had high hopes for the versatile forward. A toolsy player who showed some aptitude as a rookie the previous year, it was assumed that he would be ready to step into the spotlight. Things did not quite work out that way.

Injuries played a role, but truthfully, it is hard to excuse a forward producing only 25 points in 54 games in his draft eligible year. If it were not for a stellar performance for Team Canada at the end of season U18 tournament, he may have been a fair ways from this respectable ranking. That event served as a reminder that Entwistle still has all of the tools that had scouts excited a few months prior.

The Mississauga native is physical, yet not dirty and is extremely committed to the defensive game. He is a tenacious defender and thinks nothing about throwing his body into hot spots. He is a plus, although short of exceptional skater and he shows the quickness in his hands, if not the confidence to suggest that more offense is in his future. If there is a sign that he is truly limited offensively from a skills standpoint, it is due to his shot. His wrist shot is unimpressive, lacking substantial power and much in the way of accuracy. Four goals in the WU18 cannot change that. He is a gamble, but an intriguing one any time after the middle of the second round.



51	STELIO MATTHEOS					
POS	HT/WT	DOB				
RW	6-1/195	14-Jun-99				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
2015-16	Brandon (WHL)	50	13	17	30	10
2016-17	Brandon (WHL)	69	26	35	61	59

With highly touted first ranked prospect Nolan Patrick sidelined by injury for long stretches of the year, Mattheos, himself the former first overall selection of the WHL bantam draft in 2014, had a greater share of spotlight to himself. It may be fair to say that he was at his strongest when Patrick was not around. In the two months between Oct. 11, 2016 and Jan. 13, 2017, he played 34 games, scoring 11 goals and adding 22 assists (0.97 points-per-game).

Considering that he contributed 0.8 points per game over the rest of the season, there is evidence to suggest that Mattheos has the skill set to be a more focal point of the offensive attack if given free rein to do so. This impression was only fortified when he was Brandon's leading point getter in their abbreviated postseason (again, with Patrick out of commission) and he tied for Team Canada's lead in goals scored at the U18 tournament.

We expect him to significantly increase his offensive output next season. He succeeds with plus stickhandling and finishing skills. His shot is dangerous from middle-distance on in. He likes to rush the net and has the hands to beat the netminder once he bears in on the crease. He also plays a promising two-way game, showing plus penalty killing ability at the WU18s. Not an overly aggressive physically, he has a pro-sized frame and is certainly not soft either. Expected to be selected in the second round, he has the raw tools to play above that pedigree down the road.