Chris Bourque, LW

Shoots: L

Height: 5-8

Weight: 180

Born: 1986-1-26

Hometown: Boston, MA.

Drafted: 2004 2	nd	Rd. 33

Observations:

December, 2012 - The high-scoring AHLer is struggling to find his groove with his new team. Traded in the offseason to Boston for Zach Hamill, Bourque is finding scoring harder to come by with Providence. Doesn't help his NHL case much. - *Dobber*

February 2012 – The son of legendary Hall of Fame defenseman, Ray Bourque. Stellar prep years at Cushing Academy (MA) in early 2000s and early departure from the college ranks of Boston University in 2005 has Bourque outside looking in as a prospect. A tough Capitals system to crack, will likely be a career minor leaguer. He produced just one goal in 33 games in various stints with Capitals and Pittsburgh Penguins. Has had fairly successful point production years in the AHL with Hershey.

Fantasy Outlook : D+

There is slim hope that Chris gets another shot in the NHL. Lack of size, strength, and natural goal scoring ability will probably keep the aging Bourque in AHL, though if he ever sticks it will be as a scorer.

Footage:

Chris Bourque memorable 5-point night with Hershey Bears (AHL)- 12/11/2011:

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Fantasy Prospects Report Notes (Any FPR's released in the last 18 months will not be listed here):

2009 Fantasy Prospects Report:

For the third straight season, the diminutive winger (and son of Hall-of-Famer Ray) has improved his AHL numbers. This past year he also got into more NHL games and scored his first NHL goal. He's doing everything he needs to in order to forge an NHL career. The 23-year-old is still three or four years away from making a mark of any impact in the NHL – if he ever does. But that's just how things work for players who are 5-9 or shorter (he is 5-8). Another obstacle is the fact that he plays on the left side, which is already a position of strength in Washington. He may need to go to a new organization to succeed, much like Steve Sullivan (Chicago) needed to, as well as Martin St.Louis (Tampa Bay). Expect a more even split between the NHL and AHL this year and full-time duty in 2010-11. But if he gets above 50 points, it won't happen for a while.

Upside: Top-six winger (25-45-70, 60 PIM)

Certainty (NHLer; Upside): 70%; 30%

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