John Gaudreau, LW

Shoots: L

Height: 5-8

Weight: 150

Born: 1993-08-13

Hometown: Carney's Point, NJ, USA

Drafted: 2011 Calgary Flames, 104th overall

Observations:

April 2014 - It took Gaudreau a total of one period to garner himself a shot on the Flames top line. His speed was evident all night long as he twisted and darted his way around the offensive zone. At times Canucks took their opportunities to give the rookie a good shoulder or a crosscheck but that is all stuff Johnny has dealt with before. Perhaps the size of the opponent was a bit intimidating at times but it will become old hat soon enough. Let's not forget this kid was playing in a college game just five days ago. Although he had a few hickups, he turned in an impressive NHL debut finishing with one shot and a plus-1 in 15:11 of ice. Oh, did I mention he scored his first NHL goal in the second period. A classic stick on the ice deflection. Gaudreau doesn't look to be joining the Flames farm team in Abbotsford for their playoff drive however as he and Arnold are headed back to BC to finish out their semester of classes. *Brad Wilson*

April 2014 - Gaudreau has won the 2014 Hobey Baker Memorial Award. He is the only player in the last 11 years to score 77 points in a season and there was only two games all year that he did not score for BC. The Flames have a good one here. *Brad Wilson*

April 2014 - Johnny Hockey is a Calgary Flame and will reportedly debut Sunday versus the Canucks. The start of a very anticipated career. *Brad Wilson*

April 2014 - Gaudreau's Boston College Eagles were ousted by the Union Dutchmen of New York in the first game of the Frozen Four. The Eagles lost the game 5-4 and Johnny had a shot to tie it, breaking in with a shot from the top of the circle after the final opening draw was taken with 4.3 seconds on the clock. Amazing he was even able to get the shot off but speed is a funny thing. Gaudreau had a goal and two assists in the game and tallied a plus-1 on the night. In a post game interview he suggested he would now sit down with family and decide what is the best move for his career. "I'll need to figure that out (signing with Flames or returning to BC as a senior) here in the next day, or tonight." A deciding factor may be that his line-mates and self-stated best friends on and off the ice are seniors. They will not be back in Maroon and Gold next season. Now we wait... *Brad Wilson*

April 2014 - Boston College Junior and Flames prospect, Johnny Gaudreau took another step forward in 2013-14. Gaudreau finished the season as the NCAA scoring leader with 35 goals and 77 points in 39 games. He was recently named winner of the Leonard Fowle Award (New England’s most valuable player) as well as t
he Herb Gallagher Award (New England's
best forward). It is the second straight year Gaudreau has been the recipient of the awards. It is also his second straight season being nominated for the Hobey Baker award as he was named part of the Hobey Hat-trick. "Johnny Hockey" as he's known, is the favorite to win the latter award in his second time around. A New England Division 1 All-star, the highly skilled forward is on his way to the Frozen Four with Boston College and is expected to be offered a contract to join the Flames at the completion of the Eagles season. The kicker here is, Gaudreau still has a year left of college. It has been reported that his father may be pushing for him to take the leap to pro hockey but his mother apparently is pushing the other direction and wants her son to graduate first. No question, another year of getting stronger would help him in the transition to the pro game but Gaudreau is also clearly approaching, if not already, too good for college hockey. If he signs he will not be permitted to return to Boston should he not make the Flames next season, it would be Abbotsford where he would continue his development. If the Eagles are successful in the Frozen Four, Johnny would have nothing left to win at the college level, except of course, his education.
Brad Wilson

March 2013 - Gaudreau was named a finalist for the Hobey Baker Award, one of only 10 players in the nation to be named. He led the nation with 1.5 points per game (49 in 33), and was fifth in NCAA scoring. Don't get too far ahead of yourself though - at this point his progress is comparable to Nate Gerbe, so still a couple of years from the NHL and once there is a couple more years from producing. - *Dobber*

January 2013 - Gaudreau was the best forward for the Gold Medal Champion USA team, other than Alex Galchenyuk. Gaudreau flashed loads of skill and was hard for opposing defensemen to handle. He oftentimes had the puck on a string and his shiftiness made him difficult to hit. His stickhandling really stood out - he could do it in a phone booth....Scored seven goals and nine points in seven games...Was selfish with the puck at times. May be accustomed to having to do so much on his own with Boston College...Was named by Team USA as one of their Top 3 players. - *Dobber*

December 2012 - Johnny Gaudreau was one of the 27 American players named to the USA Preliminary roster for the upcoming 2013 World Junior Championships. On a USA squad that has struggled to score goals in recent years, Gaudreau will be counted on for his scoring prowess that has seen him notch 10 goals for 21 points in just 13 games this season for Boston College. *Brendan Ross*

November 2012 - Gaudreau has picked up right where he left off last season as the small offensive collegiate star has recorded a point in every game this season for Boston College. With seven goals (five of them game-winning) and five assists, Johnny Gaudreau's hockey sense and slick puck handling have him tied for 11th in NCAA Division I scoring with 12 points through nine games. Size will continue to be a challenge for Gaudreau but his hockey intelligence and offensive prowess are extremely attractive in fantasy hockey. *Brendan Ross*

August, 2012 – An offensive catalyst by definition, Jersey native John Gaudreau has proven to be larger than life on the ice and that's a good thing for the extremely undersized Flames prospect. After lighting the USHL on fire with 72 points in 60 games, Gaudreau was quickly named the league's top rookie. The Flames' fourth round selection headed to Boston College taking his talents with him featured by his insane puck skills. Gaudreau, despite being generously listed at 5'8" continues to prove people wrong. In his first NCAA season, he was named NCAA (Hockey East) Tournament MVP finishing second in team scoring (only to Rangers' Chris Kreider by one point) en route to bringing home a championship. He owns deft puck skills, plays with an element of elusiveness and is simply one of the most dangerous players with the puck on his stick. *Brendan Ross*

Fantasy Outlook : B+

A smallish forward with oodles of skill. If Gaudreau can overcome the size challenge he could be a dynamite playmaker for the Flames. First line upside.

Footage:

Gaudreau's first NHL goal:

{youtube}R91b_sNdycY{/youtube}

Johnny, why are you so good?:

{youtube}z8dsGsy3bAc{/youtube}

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