Tomas Hertl, C

Shoots: L

Height: 6-0

Weight: 187

Born: 1993-11-12

Hometown: Prague, Czech Republic

Drafted: 17th overall by San Jose in 2012

Observations:

May 2013 - Tomas Hertl signed a entry-level contract with the San Jose Sharks. He had a solid season in the Czech Republic's best league scoring 30 points in 43 games. It is possible that this contract now allows him to come over to North America sooner than expected. So expect him to make a push for a starting spot in the fall as the third line center. *Tim Graveline*

March 2013 – Hertl has been enjoying a fine season for HC Slavia Praha. He plays such a well-rounded game and should be ready for training camp this coming off-season. He will be an integral piece for the Sharks next season. If anything, his positive development is giving the Sharks the flexibility to start retooling as soon as they see fit. He will most likely replace

Handzus as the third-line center and possibly work his way up to a scoring role. *Tim Graveline*

July, 2012 - Hertl will play next season in the Czech Republic. One more year, and then he plans to come over. - *Dobber*

June, 2012 - Doug Wilson and Sharks company wasted no time stepping up to the podium to select Czech pivot Tomas Hertl 17th overall at the 2012 NHL Draft. His skating is a work in progress but his offensive skills are certainly a plus. *Brendan Ross*

March, 2012 – Tomas Hertl is an immensely skilled pivot who currently plays in the Czech Extraliga. Blessed with nifty hands and an accurate shot, Hertl is always a threat to score or set up a teammate when he's in the offensive zone. In addition being among HC Slavia Prague's top producers, he notched five points in six games at the 2012 World Junior tournament in Calgary and Edmonton. *John Canario*

Fantasy Outlook : A
With a unique ability to create scoring opportunities out of seemingly harmless scenarios, Hertl looks to be well on his way to a productive hockey career.

Footage:
Tomas Hertl with a stellar backhand goal against Team USA:

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