Brandon Gormley, D

Shoots: L

Height: 6-2

Weight: 190

Born: 1992-02-18

Hometown: Murray River, PEI

Drafted: 2010 by Phoenix Coyotes,	13th	Overall

Observations:

January 2014 – Gormley's inaugural NHL game could be coming very soon. He is currently on a five game scoring streak in which he has posted eight points. He currently sits in a tie for eighth in defensive scoring in the AHL, but the more rounded Connor Murphy keeps seeing NHL ice. Currently Gormley's homeland play is the concern, he sits with a negative 15 rating which is worst on the team, but through 12 games in January he is only one below par. David Rundblad has been bust in the NHL, and Micheal Stone struggling mightily, they could shake up within the organization before they acquire something from the outside. Gormley owners still won't see much from him soon, we have to keep in mind he is only turning 22 in a couple weeks, the development path is trending upwards, patients with the high talent, offensive, blueliner is key. *J ason Banks*

September 2013 - With nine defensemen signed to one-way deals ahead of him, Gormley was sent to Portland of the AHL on September 22nd. Phoenix has said they want to take a slow approach with their prospects and Gormley will benefit from another year in the AHL playing 25 minutes per game, running the power play and being a leader from the blueline. Depending on injuries and his play in Portland, he could receive a call up or two but will probably spend the majority of the season in the AHL. *Keith Duggan*

June 2013 - Though Gormley didn't exactly set the AHL alight in his first year as a pro, he still projects well as a top pairing defensemen with offensive ability. Such (cheap) skill will find its way into important minutes in the years to come, especially as the Coyotes franchise continues to struggle financially. He started the year off a bit slowly with some uncharacteristic positioning issues, not completely unexpected when trying to contain a whole new level of players, but eventually he was able to asset himself defensively. By the latter half of the year, he was noticeable (in a positive sense) in almost every game. While he was a minus- 3, defense is not a big issue for him. Like most defensemen, consistency should come with time and I would look for a big leap forward next year. *Austin Wallace*

May 2012 - Gormley was simply fantastic for the Shawinigan Cataractes during the 2012 Mastercard Memorial Cup. He was very efficient as a heads up player makign crisp outlet passes as well as getting hard accurate shots to the net. Gormley finished third in tournament scoring and first in defensive scoring with three goals and nine points in six games. He was named to the Memorial Cup All-Star team and it looks as though the Coyotes' have another defensive gem on their hands here. *Brendan Ross*

March 2012 – Brandon Gormley is one the best defenseman in the QMJHL. He has elite skills and controls the game with his calming presence. He represented Canada at the World Junior Championship and led the tournament in points by a defenseman and was named top defenseman of the tournament. The 20-year-old was recently traded from Moncton to the Memorial Cup hosting Shawinigan Cataractes. Although he has been out since early February with a foot injury, he's expected to return and play a pivotal role in the playoffs. The depth of the Phoenix Coyotes might be the only thing that slows this guy down. Top two potential but probably a couple years away from having an impact. *Derek LeBlanc*

Fantasy Outlook : B+

High upside. Phoenix will take their time with him and let him grow slowly.

Footage:

Brandon Gormley compilation:

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