Evgeny Grachev, LW,RW

Shoots: L

Height: 6-4

Weight: 225

Born: 1990-02-21

Hometown: Khabarovsk, Russia

Drafted: 2008 by New York Rangers, 75th Overall

Observations:

June, 2012 – In the past, Grachev has been a one sided player with a great skill set for a power

forward. His coaches in the AHL have been very impressed with his work ethic and mindset that he would like to be a valuable and contributing member of an NHL team. Grachev has an above average shot, deceptive speed and changes gears very well, an excellent puck handler and at 6’4 is a sizable player. He has added two-way responsibility to his make-up in the last two years. "He's got two-step quickness that, for a big guy, is pretty impressive.” was a line from Ken Hitchcock early in last season. Grachev has a high likelyhood of becoming a regular player next season, but solid production may still be a year or two away. He may again be moved as St. Louis is running deep with game-breaking prospect talent. (Schwartz, Rattie and Tarasenko)

Fantasy Outlook : B+

Likely will take a few years to hit his prime production, but should prove very useful and put up solid numbers for several seasons.

Footage: Grachev scores a few goals for the old Wolf Pack.

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