Johan Larsson, C

Shoots: L

Height: 5-11

Weight: 198

Born: 1992-07-25

Hometown: Lau, Sweden

Drafted: 2010 by Minnesota, 56 th		overall

Observations:

November 2013- Larsson who was one of the pieces acquired by the Sabres for former captain Jason Pominville was creating some buzz coming into camp after helping lead the way for Sabres prospects with three goals and two assists while carrying them to the finals of the Traverse City Prospect Tournament. Unfortunately that buzz has waned with Larsson only registering one assist through his first 16 games after making the Buffalo roster out of training camp. Not quite the production the Sabres were hoping they would get for the former second round pick of the Minnesota Wild. The Sabres are clearly content on writing this season off and are in full rebuild mode so I would expect Larsson to finish out the year with them and gain much needed experience as not much can get worse in Sabre land. *Travis Watson*

April 2013 – Larsson has moved into an excellent organization for his future, he will have a real solid opportunity to crack the lineup, receive recalls and grow into a good player. He will join Rochester where he will be the top legitimate scoring prospect and one of the top recall options. His only downfall is that Buffalo owns a couple prospects with hire ceilings and a very good group of prospects, so he will need to battle for every chance he gets. *Jason Banks*

March 2013 – He has adjusted well to North America and is showing a stable ability to hold a top six role in the AHL at the age of 20. Larsson already has received a temporary recall in late February and played a responsible 14 minutes while posting a pair of shots. Larsson is likely to spend more time at the AHL level, this may be blessing for some intense fantasy managers, as they can allow bigger names like Charlie Coyle and Mikael Granlund to integrate themselves into the Wild's roster, allowing Larsson to slip in under the radar for a manager who is on the ball. I would want to see more growth of offence from his game before acquiring him, but keep him on your radar. *Jason Banks*

August, 2012- Larsson signed an entry-level contract with the Wild, and will attend their training camp this fall. He has a shot at making the team, but will be completing with Jason Zucker, Brett Bulmer, Matt Kassian, and Charlie Coyle among other for a spot on the suddenly deep Minnesota squad.

April, 2012- Johan Larsson is not exceptional at any one area of play. He is a very hard worker and has decent skill. His vision and awareness in all zones make up his greatest asset. After being selected by the Wild in 2010, he had a standout performance during the 2011-2012 Elitserien season with Brynas. He posted a solid 36 points in 49 games. In his six games at the WJC as the captain for Sweden, he maintained an assist-per-game. Larsson is a great fit for the Wild not only in his two-way and team-oriented style. His leadership potential and the

organization's lack of quality depth among their NHL forwards works in his advantage. The situation in Minnesota right now is ideal for player like Larsson to join, and that or the AHL is the expectation for next season. In either case Larsson will have to adapt to North American play but has a style that should translate well. The sooner he plays well in North America, the better his chances of getting a quality role with Minnesota. Larsson projects as a very good second line option eventually with some playmaking ability.

Fantasy Outlook : B+

Should find a role either as a playmaker or a very good third line forward. He is a very solid prospect all around.

Footage:

Larsson with a big time pass to Max Friberg in the 2012 U20 WJC against Slovakia:

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