Devante Smith-Pelly, RW

Shoots: R

Height: 6’0”

Weight: 222

Born: 1992-06-14

Hometown: Scarborough, Ontario

Drafted: 2010 by Anaheim, 42nd overall

Observations:

November, 2013 - Since being called up on October 15th, the hard-working Devante Smith-Pelly has posted five points (one goal, four assists) along with a plus-6 in only seven games. He's currently seeing time on the third and fourth lines, but Boudreau wasn't afraid to let Smith-Pelly see some secondary powerplay time as well. Once the Ducks recover from the myriad of injuries their team has, expect Smith-Pelly to get sent back down. However, this is quite promising for fantasy owners as most believe he can only fit into the NHL as a checking foward. -*Kevin Won*

March 2013 – Pelly is spending much needed development time at the AHL level this season. He has chipped in 20 points in 50 games, thus far but this pace needs to improve for him to get back into a long term NHL role. His excellent skating skills should create more problems for minor league defensemen than it has, and his minus -20 rating leads the Norfolk Admirals, both are reasons for concern to current and prospective owners. He is still only 20 years old and has a promising future but much growth in his game is needed. Anaheim's current team layout and management could cause force some prospects to be rushed or lower end players to be trust into roles they are not capable of, hopefully Pelly's potential is not hindered due to short term roster needs. *Jason Banks*

May 2012- About a year ago Smith-Pelly was competing with the best in junior hockey for the Memorial Cup, with the Mississauga St. Michaels Majors (OHL). This year Smith-Pelly has found himself on the third line of the Ducks as well as playing for Canada at the World Juniors. Unfortunately, his WJC was cut short due to a foot injury. He is very physical and plays well in his role as a third line energy player. He loves to use his solid frame to go for the big hit and he's not afraid to go to the dirty areas of the ice. He has a great shot, and with a little more speed, he may be able to rip that shot more often. Nonetheless, he has the potential to be a third line energy player that's capable of bringing offense from the bottom six and, if needed, he can play a top six role. Also a great leader on and off the ice, Smith-Pelly is very good on the penalty kill and could be a good asset on the powerplay in the future. -*Justin Shemie*

Fantasy Outlook : B+

Big upside. Needs to improve stride and control his emotions on the ice.

Footage:

Smith-Pelly taps a nice feed from Getzlaf on the penalty kill.

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Two game-winners in the OHL playoffs, four in the regular season, three POTG selections and a championship at the prestigious OHL Cup; it's clear the spotlight loves Devante Smith-Pelly. A vocal leader- both in the room and on the ice thanks to his relentless speed and energy- Smith-Pelly has overcome his meager 5'11, 180 frame to become one of the league's top 1992-born players. Tied for points and second in goals on the Mississauga roster during the regular season, Pelly again co-lead the team in points and was first on the team in goals as the Majors reached the Eastern Conference finals. Added strength will help Smith-Pelly avoid injury in the future, but his north-south game is suited perfectly for the NHL. Potential: Second/Third line glue winger, 25-20-45

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