Zach Budish, W

Shoots: R

Height: 6-3

Weight: 214

Born: 1991-05-09

Hometown: Edina, MN

Drafted: 2009 by Nashville, 41st overall

Observations:

February, 2012 – Budish's development last year after missing all but seven games due to a serious knee injury. He also missed his entire senior season in high school with a torn ACL in the other knee, so durability is a question. When healthy, Budish is a prototypical power forward, with a solid build and soft hands.

Fantasy Outlook : B+

His ceiling is a first-line power forward, but it will be a few more years before we know if he'll reach it.

Footage:

Zach Budish scoring a nice goal:

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Scouting Report: Join a D1 football school, play for four years and maybe get an entry-level deal worth tens of millions. Or join a D1 hockey school, play for four years and get an entry-level worth maybe $3M. Well, at least no one can accuse Zach Budish of being in it for the money. Coveted by several elite pigskin programs for his power and strength at linebacker, Budish instead opted for a shot at pro hockey... but not before football could ruin his draft year. Budish tore his ACL in a game against Stillwater High School on October 10th, ending both his hockey and football seasons. Budish has plenty of things going for him - size, obviously, but also the ability to take over a game with his combination of soft hands, immovable mass and great vision.

Notable Numbers: While his season was ended before it could begin, we can get a good snapshot what could have been. Budish put up almost 2 PPG in the Minnesota High School Elite League, an early fall league meant to warm up high school athletes for their short seasons. In 2007-08, Budish scored 63 points in 30 games with Edina.

Potential: Second-line power forward, 20-35-55, 100+ PIM

Years Away: 3+

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