Chris Kreider, W

Shoots: L

Height: 6-3

Weight: 225

Born: 1991-04-30

Hometown: Boxford, MA

Drafted: 2009 by New York Rangers, 19th overall

Observations:

March 2013 – Rich Dillion mentioned Kreider's well-known struggles early this year and hit the nail on the head with his discussion on his 'need' for AHL seasoning. The Rangers eventually assigned him and now we have seen a glimpse into what may be the turning of the tide for him. For eight games in early March, Kreider reeled off six goals and averaged over three shots-per-game for Connecticut. Tortorella and management recalled him looking to inject new life for team that is much better than it has shown. The short AHL stint has not translated back into NHL production yet, but it shows that the talent we all witnessed in last year's playoffs is very much still in him. He is still likely to bounce down to the 'farm' after the deadline as the Rangers are looking for more forward depth. *Jason Banks*

January, 2013- Kreider has really struggled in his rookie pro season, where he has posted a meager 12 points in 33 AHL games when most people expected him to excel. After the lockout, Kreider was given a top-six position and failed to record a point in his first three games and landed in the press box for the fourth. He needs to find his game, and that is more likely to occur in the AHL than in the shortened NHL season. *Rich Dillon*

May 2012 – Kreider is quickly shooting up draft lists for next season. Chris scored his fifth playoff goal in his NHL career today. Tortorella has shown large faith in him to handle regular minutes and has been rewarded. *Jason Banks*

April 2012 - Kreider has fit in perfectly as the Rangers start their Stanley Cup charge. Debuting in Game 3 of their opening series against Ottawa, he has three points in his first seven NHL games, with both goals counting as game winners. The Rangers have shown quite a bit of confidence in him, putting him in all types of high pressure situations. With examples such as being on the ice during the last thirty seconds of the Game 7 win vs the Senators, and being trusted with important powerplay minutes, the 2012 playoffs seem like a sign of good things to come. - *Dan Turner*

February, 2012 – Returned to Boston College for his junior season, and has grown as a player and taken on a leadership role for the Golden Eagles. Kreider has power forward size, with the

skill of a smaller player. More of a scorer than playmaker, but seems a sure bet to be a top-six forward, as soon as next season.

Fantasy Outlook : A-

His size and speed all but guarantee Kreider will get plenty of opportunity to succeed. Top six forward with first line potential, average hockey sense is the only thing that could hold him back.

Footage:

Chris Kreider shows his skill:

{youtube}QHOFyATBRww{/youtube}

Fantasy Prospects Report Notes (Any FPR's released in the last 18 months will not be listed here):

2009 Fantasy Prospects Report:

Scouting Report: 2009's surprise find. Dominant in New England prep thanks to his quick, powerful, skating stride, great hands and heavy shot. A possible top ten pick.

Notable Numbers:
Has scored 61 goals in 52 games with Andover Academy.

Potential: First-line forward, 35-40-75+

Years Away: 3

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