Slater Koekkoek, D

Shoots: L

Height: 6-2

Weight: 183

Born: 1994-02-18

Hometown: Mountain, Ontario

Drafted: 2012 by Tampa Bay Lightning, 10th Overall

Observations:

February 2014 - Koekkoek has emerged as one of the Ontario Hockey League's best defencemen and has been healthy all season. Koekkoek currently ranks third on Windsor in points and third in the league in points among all defencemen. He leads the entire league with a dazzling +40 plus/minus rating and is the only member of his team among the top 10 of the category. Most recently, he's recorded 16 points in the last 17 games which has helped him

establish a career high. Expect Koekkoek to earn several accolades in the annual OHL coach's poll to be released sometime next month. Koekkoek placed just outside the top 10 in Dobber Prospect's ranking of the top 10 Tampa Bay prospects and could find his way on the list soon as he begins his professional career next season, likely in Syracuse. *Randall Buschmann*

November 2013 - Koekkoek entered his fourth (and final) season in the OHL with high expectations on a new team, the Windsor Spitfires. To date the often-injured defenseman has been healthy and through 17 games, not only leads Windsor in scoring among defensemen but also ranks 10th in the league at his position with four goals and 14 points. Koekkoek has the highest plus-minus rating on his team, sitting at plus-15 on the year, which ranks 8th in the OHL. Koekkoek is expected to be a key contributor for Team OHL at the upcoming Subway Super Series against Russia and then Team Canada at the World Junior Championships. *Ran dy Buschmann*

June 2013 - Koekkoek has developed a reputation as a band-aid boy already and hasn't even started his professional hockey career yet. Over the past two seasons, the recently turned 19 year old defenseman played only 68 games due to shoulder injuries. He finished the 2012-13 season with six goals, 28 points and a minus-28 rating in 40 games. It should be noted Koekkoek played top pairing minutes in all situations as the captain for Peterborough, one of the worst teams in the OHL last season. Koekkoek reportedly asked to be traded and his wish was granted as he'll play for Windsor next season, which will be his fourth season in the OHL. Tampa Bay signed Koekkoek to a three year entry-level contract in March, however, it's hard to imagine Koekkoek will be NHL-ready anytime soon due to the amount of games he's missed. He'll need to get stronger and stay healthy. If he can do both of those things his stock should skyrocket. *Randy Buschmann*

October 2012 - Slater Koekkoek was named to the 2012 Subway Super Series Team OHL Roster slated to compete in a six-game series versus the Russian National Junior Team in November. *Brendan Ross*

June 2012 - Stevie Yzerman makes a shrewd pick selected Slater Koekkoek 10th overall. Very high character and he owns some intriguing upside. *Brendan Ross*

March 2012 – In addition to having the coolest name among 2012 draft eligible prospects, the Peterborugh Petes' Slater Koekkoek is a fantastic skater who possesses a hard, accurate shot and isn't afraid to mix it up. Once touted as a top 10 pick, Koekkoek has slipped down mock draft boards due to a shoulder injury that forced him to miss half of the 2011-12 season. Still fairly lanky, the 18-year-old rearguard will play another OHL season or two, bulking up and working on his defensive zone play to prepare for the rigors of pro hockey. *John Canario*

Fantasy Outlook : B

His puck-moving prowess and quick release could translate to offensive success at the NHL level.

Footage:

Slater Koekkoek's first OHL goal

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