Mark McNeill, C

Shoots: R

Height: 6-01

Weight: 209

Born: 1993-02-22

Hometown: Edmonton, Alta, Canada

Drafted: 2011 by Chicago, 18th overall

Observations:

November 2013- McNeil's professional career is off to a solid start, playing the all-around game that was expected of him while surprising on the offensive end. He leads Rockford with six goals and is second in points with 11 in his first 16 games. The Blackhawks' depth will allow them to take their time with McNeil, who projects as a solid two-way third-line pivot with second-line potential is his offense continues to progress. *Rich Dillon*

September 2013- McNeill was among the latest group of prospects sent down to Rockford as the Blackhawks trim their roster for opening night. The question now, can McNeill turn around his flagging offensive numbers which have fallen every season since his draft year. He will get plenty of ice time with the Icehogs to show what he's capable of. *Rex Doty*

June 2013 - McNeill wore the "C" for Prince Albert in what will likely be his final season in the WHL. He did however continue a trend which has seen his point totals drop ever since his draft year, down from 81 that season to 67 in 2012-13. While you never like to see trends like this, it's far from panic-worthy. We'll know more as he moves up to the AHL, but for now just dial back expectations a bit. He's still a prospect worth owning in deeper dynasty leagues. Rex Doty

December 2012 - Mark McNeil was one of 21 forwards invited to take part in Canada's National Junior Selection camp for the 2013 World Junior Championships in Ufa, Russia. McNeil will be competing for one of the bottom line forward positions at camp and will need a very good showing to make the final roster. *Brendan Ross*

April 2012 – McNeill saw a surprising dip in his statistics this year. He totaled 71 points in 69 games, a drop from the 81 he had in his draft year. McNeill was still a force to be reckoned with and was one of the few bright spots on the Prince Albert Raiders. He was responsible in his own zone and dangerous offensively. He is probably mature enough to make the jump to the NHL next year, but it will come down to numbers. If he doesn't make the cut, he will tear the league apart and be a huge part of Team Canada's World Junior Championship squad. - *Zenon Herasymiuk*

December, 2011 – Revving to prove a belonged on Team Canada, 6'2 center Mark McNeill had been in the midst of the hot streak to end all hot streaks. Racking up 21 points in 15 games prior to leaving for camp in Calgary, McNeill failed to make the grade competing against the best centers his age in Canada. A complete center who leverages strong vision and on-ice intelligence to play a mistake-free and sometimes dazzling game, McNeill is the best hope the Blackhawks have of finding a legitimate #2 center to fill the gap between Jonathan Toews and David Bolland. *Matthew Bugg*

Fantasy Outlook : A-

Decent upside, but it may be a bit of a wait.

Footage:

McNeill's compilation, pre-draft:

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