Rocco Grimaldi, W

Shoots: R

Height: 5-6

Weight: 172

Born: 1993-02-08

Hometown: Rossmoor, CA

Drafted: 2011 by Florida Panthers,	rd33	Overall

Observations:

January 2014 - Grimaldi continues to do well while the rest of his team struggles. He has 20 points in 22 games and UND are only 12-7-3. His 81 SOG are once again a strong sign. *Natha n Kanter*

November 2013 - Grimaldi leads the team in scoring with 10 points through 10 games. UND has

struggled, going 4-5-1. Last season they went 5-3-2 in their first 10 games. Without the firepower of Corban Knight and Danny Kristo from last year, North Dakota so far has lacked offense from someone other than Grimaldi. Grimaldi is firing lots of rubber on net (42 SOG in 10 games) but nobody else is, as Luke Johnson ranks second on the team in SOG with just 20 in 10 games. *Nathan Kanter*

July 2013 - Grimaldi attended Florida's prospect camp in early July and looked to be his typical speedy self. His size will always be an issue but his skills appear to be coming together nicely and he could certainly be of fantasy value one day. Florida's impressive depth (and size) down the middle only adds to that likelihood. For now, he is headed back to North Dakota for his junior year, so owners must stay patient. *Nathan Kanter*

March 2013 – Grimaldi was named to the All-WCHA Rookie Team last week after recording 13 goals and 18 assists for 31 points in 34 games in his first full season with North Dakota. He followed that up by posting three assists, 12 shots on goal, and a plus-2 rating against Michigan Tech in the best 2-of-3 series, helping UND advance to the Final Five quarter-final where they will now take on Colorado College. *Nathan Kanter*

January 2012 - Grimaldi had a weak opening three games of the tournament, playing his way from the first line down to the fourth line and, eventually, was stapled to the bench. After the benching he showed signs of life on the checking line, and then turned in a fine performance in the Gold Medal Game. He scored both goals in the 2-1 win, though both goals involved weird/lucky bounces. His skill was evident, as was his determination. Concerned about the consistency and the fact that it took a benching to get him going....May have been the product of a terrible line chemistry early on. *Dobber*

December 2012 - Grimaldi was one of the 27 American players named to the USA Preliminary roster for the upcoming 2013 World Junior Championships. The undersized forward stands a great chance at making the final roster as he has shown USA Hockey that his knee injury is fully rehabilitated scoring 11 points for the University of North Dakota this season. *Brendan Ross*

October 2012 - Grimaldi has shown zero ill effects from his knee injury. He is tearing up the NCAA on a line with Montreal prospect Danny Kristo, and after a tremendous preseason he has continued his strong play with a point in each of his first two contests for North Dakota. With seven shots in two games, he's picking up where he left off in terms of his aggressive play. *Dob ber*

March 2012 – A very small player who is solid on his skates, Grimaldi has incredible hands and quick feet. A serious knee injury cost him his freshman season at North Dakota, but he is expected to make a full recovery and be ready in the fall. The feisty winger had 73 points in 58 games for the USDP in 2010-11. *Rich Dillon*

Fantasy Outlook : B

Grimaldi is a dynamic offensive player in a small package. He’s several years away, but could be a good one.

Footage:

Rocco Grimaldi shootout goal:

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