Danny Kristo, W

Shoots: R

Height: 5-11

Weight: 187

Born: 1990-06-18

Hometown: Eden Prairie, MN

Drafted: 2008 by Montreal, 56th overall

Observations:

March 2014 – Last summer Montreal traded Kristo to New York, this season Kristo playing top 6 minutes for the Hartford Wolf Pack. The Rangers have let him develop in the AHL all year long. Kristo has started the season well, in the first two months he managed a point-per-game pace thorough 16 games, scoring nine goals and seven assists in that stretch. His performance recently cooled off after his hot star, but Kristo is a creative goal-scoring winger. He has high hockey IQ, excellent vision, and a very quick release. He has all the tools and if he improves his overall play, next year there will be a promotion from the Rangers. *Jozsef Kurtosi*

May 2013 - Kristo was named to the American IIHF World Championship roster. *Eric Daoust*

March 2013 - Kristo was named one of the 10 finalists for the Hobey Baker Award for top college player in the nation. The UND forward finished third in the NCAA in goals (with 24). He also had points in 19 consecutive games at one point. Look for Montreal to sign him to a contract and get him into some AHL games. With an injury or two in the Habs roster, he'll get a look with the big club. - *Dobber*

December, 2012 - Kristo is off to a great start in his senior season, notching 14 points (five goals) in North Dakota's first ten games. He's stepped in as a leader and is flourishing in his current role as the go-to guy in the offense. His pro career will commence later this season with Hamilton of the AHL. *Rich Dillon*

February, 2012 – Kristo is in his junior year at the University of North Dakota and has a wealth of international experience playing for Team USA at the World Junior Championships. His 36 points as a freshman earned him the WCHA Rookie of the Year honor in 2010.

Fantasy Outlook : B+

Kristo has the skill and hockey sense to be a solid second-liner in the NHL. He will probably spend time in the AHL next season.

Footage:

Danny Kristo World Junior highlights:

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

2009 Fantasy Prospects Report:

2008-09 was a season of questions for Danny Kristo. Renowned for his speed and soft touch with the puck, the slight forward had nevertheless failed to play elite competition - and when he did, the small forward was pushed off the puck and rendered invisible. Thankfully, one worry was eliminated before the year even began - size. While an inch and ten pounds isn't a lot, it turned out to be enough to help Kristo transition seamlessly to the USHL. The second-leading scorer for Omaha, the 6'0, 185 lbs winger finished the year with 58 points in 50 games. What's on tap next year? Well, more questions. Still extremely slight and prone to inconsistency, the college game presents new challenges in 2009-10. He’s a good four years away.

Upside: Top-six forward, (25-40-65+, 40 PIM)

Certainty (NHLer; Upside): 60%; 55%

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