Riley Barber, RW

Shoots: R

Height: 6-0

Weight: 198

Born: 1994-2-7

Hometown: Livonia, MI

Drafted: 2012 by Washington Capitals, 167th Overall

Observations:

January 2014 - Riley Barber and the rest of the American team was eliminated from World Junior competition after a 5-3 Quarterfinal loss to the Russians. The USA captain had a strong tournament with four goals and two assists in just five games and showcased his excellent speed and finishing ability while playing top-line minutes. A weaker squad than last year, Barber didn't have the luxury of playing with the same talent that the US had in Ufa and did well with what he had. Overall a strong tournament. *Nathan Kanter*

December 2013 - Barber has been named captain of Team USA for the upcoming World Juniors in Malmo, Sweden. Barber is one of few returning players on an American squad that will have a tough time defending their Gold medal from last year. Barber will no doubt play an integral role if they are to have any hope, and is set to begin the tournament on the first line with Danny O'Regan (SJ, 2012) and Nicolas Kerdiles (ANA, 2012). *Nathan Kanter*

December 2013 - Barber has been named to the Team USA World Junior Preliminary Roster. This really comes as no surprise given that he was on the team last year (6 points in 7 games) and he has been on fire to start his sophomore college season. It was virtually impossible to maintain his goal per game pace from mid-November (eight in eight games) but he has continued to put up points, now with 28 in 18 games. Though he only has three goals in his last 10, he has added 11 assists over that span, so has still been very productive. Look for him to be a big part of Team USA in Malmo at the World Juniors. *Nathan Kanter*

November 2013 - He had a fantastic rookie season and now he's back at it again, as Barber has started the NCAA campaign with eight goals in eight games for the Miami Redhawks. He has 14 points and is scoring all types of goals; powerplay goals, shorthanded ones and game-winners too. He has also bulked up to almost 200 lbs. Keeping up this pace will be near

impossible but Barber could still very well challenge for the Hobey Baker, but remember it's clearly still early. If his NCAA season ends early, expect him to get in a few games at the AHL level in April. *Nathan Kanter*

June 2013 - Barber had one hell of a year and could already be a steal. After the Caps snagged him in the 6th round of the entry draft, not only did Barber have a fantastic start to his freshman season with Miami (Ohio), but he then won a Gold Medal with team USA at the World Juniors before coming back and finishing at nearly a point per game for the Redhawks. In Ufa for Team USA Barber had six points in seven games but more impressive were his 39 in 40 games as a first year college player, which were good enough for a First-Team All-CCHA selection in addition to CCHA Rookie of the Year honours. This kid has shown right away that he can finish and that he knows how to win (also won Gold for the U.S. at the U-18's) so hopefully it continues for the Redhawks and then the Caps in a few years. *Nathan Kanter*

December 2012 – Barber, the son of former NHL player Don Barber, is from the same town in Michigan as Mike Modano. Of course, those facts don’t make him an NHL prospect. His sniper hands, hockey sense and nose for the net do. Barber isn’t big, but is aggressive in puck battles and when claiming a piece of ice his. He is off to a fantastic start to his collegiate career at Miami, with 22 points in his first 18 games and was named to the U.S. team playing in the 2013 WJC in Ufa, Russia. *Dobber*

Fantasy Outlook : B

Barber is still tapping his offensive potential, but if he continues to progress he'll be a top-six forward in three or four years.

Footage:

Barber wraparound goal:

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