

Hometown: Moncton, New Brunswick

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Height: 6-1	
Weight: 205	
Born: 1990-06-14	

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Drafted: 2008 by New Jersey, 54th overall

Observations:

July, 2013 - The Jets have agreed to terms with restricted free agent Patrice Cormier. Cormier had an underwhelming season with the Icecaps, posting 11 points in 35 games. However, he was called up to replace Jim Slater on the checking line and played ten games with the Jets, posting no points. It appears that the offence has dried up and Cormier has settled into a grinder role. He is unlikely to have any fantasy relevance in the near future. -*Kevin Won*

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March 2012 – Acquired from the Devils as part of the Kovalchuk deal, Cormier has developed slowly due to suspensions and injuries that only allowed him to play in 32 games in 2010-2011. This season he has played mainly in the AHL but has been up and down. Cormier can be a valuable asset to a hockey roster as he is a very aggressive physical player and is excellent defensively. His offense is limited however, making his fantasy value limited. He should crack the NHL but it will be as a third or fourth line checker.

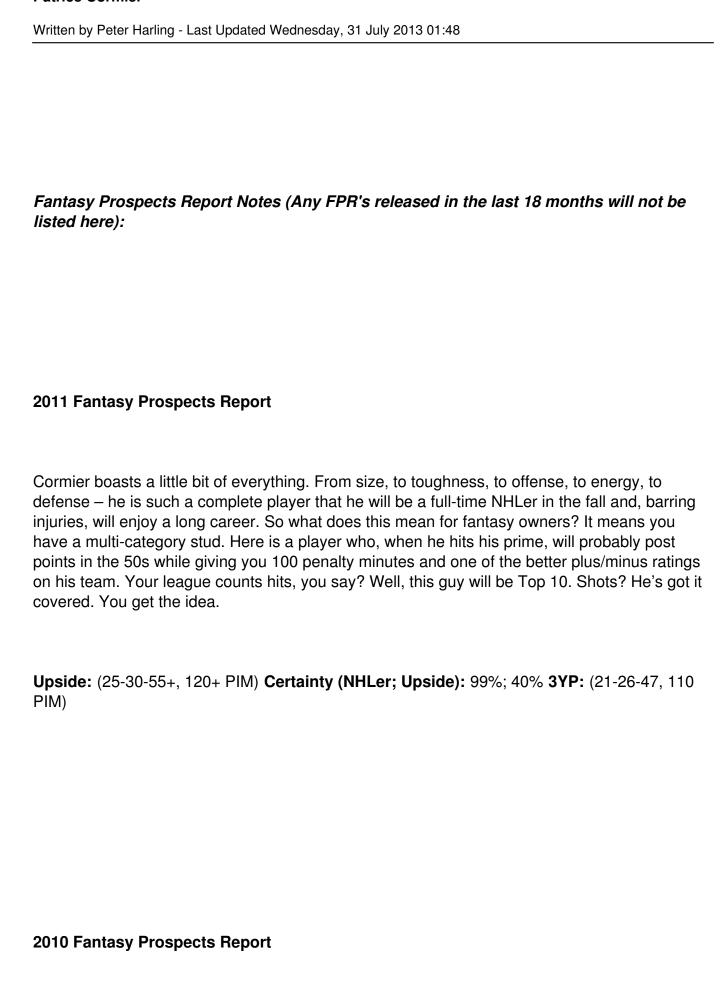
Fantasy Outlook: C+

Actual value far out weighs fantasy value.

Footage:

Cormier's infamous and vicious elbow on Mikael Tam

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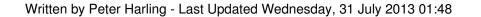
Yes, this is the guy who made the highlight reels across the hockey world in January when he elbowed Mikael Tam of the Quebec Remparts. He was suspended for the rest of the season and subsequently traded by New Jersey to Atlanta in the package for Ilya Kovalchuk. Cormier does not have much offensive talent but was once highly touted. His best junior campaign with Rimouski was 51 points and his production was curtailed mostly because he's been injury prone. Despite this, and the usual slow development curve of power forwards, the lack of production is worrisome. He never produced at more than a point per game in four seasons in the QMJHL. Cormier appeared to be on a trail to anonymity until he made Canada's world junior team two years in a row – and serving as captain this past year. Some scouts see more scoring upside, but third-line center a la Bobby Holik is a safer bet. Cormier will have to show better judgment in the pro ranks, because he's not nearly as good a fighter as his brother, Kevin. Given that he was part of the Kovy package, expect Atlanta to give him lots of opportunities and an early shot at the NHL in 2011.

Upside: (20-25-45+, 120+ PIM) Certainty (NHLer; Upside): 80%; 35%

2009 Fantasy Prospects Report:

Not enough speed or talent to be a superstar? No problem- just turn yourself into one of the country's best grinders and defensive forwards. That's the adjustment many players end up making after their major junior careers, but not for Patrice Cormier. A highly-rated prospect during his Bantam days, the strapping 6'2, 205 lbs center began playing Junior A at the tender age of 14. By 15, he was a PPG player at that level and at 16 he was in the Q. However, that's as good as it's gotten offensively for Cormier. While New Jersey's second-round pick in 2008 has progressed each season offensively, he will never be the Crosby-esque star once projected of him. Instead, as his 118 PIM in 54 games for Rimouski show, he's found a way to be a contributor. A member of the Canadian World Junior team in a checking role, Cormier has shown a penchant for producing in the post-season with 19 points in 22 career games. Two or three seasons away.

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Upside: Elite checking forward (20-30-50+, 100 PIM)

Certainty (NHLer; Upside): 70%, 45%

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