Valeri Nichushkin, LW

Shoots: L

Height: 6-4

Weight: 196

Born: 1995-03-04

Hometown: Chelyabinsk, RUS

Draft Eligible in 2013

**Observations**:

May 2013 - Valeri Nichushkin announced May 22nd that he plans on playing in North America next season after getting out of his KHL contract with Dynamo (Moscow). This news is huge for a prospect of his talent considering the biggest question surrounding him was whether the Russian born forward would report to play in the NHL. He will get consideration for the upcoming draft as a top 5 selection. *Brendan Ross*

February 2013 - Moving his way up the draft boards is rangy pivot Valeri Nichushkin after an impressive showing for Russia at the 2013 WJHC. Nichushkin's overtime goal in the bronze medal game sent Canada home without a medal for the first time in 14 years. Easily the

top-ranked Russian forward in this draft class, Nichushkin has climbed his way up the ranks by impressing with the use of his sizeable frame, coveted net drive game and dangerous shooting arsenal. Nichushkin is a player with tons of raw offensive potential and this ranking reflects that. Whether or not the *Russian factor* comes into play at the draft, Nichushkin has top-10 skills. *Brendan Ross*

**Fantasy Outlook** : A-

Nichushkin owns promising offensive skills and has a good motor which could equate to some hard-working penalty minutes in fantasy leagues. He will be among the more valuable forwards from the 2013 draft class.

**Footage:**

Nichushkin scores to win the Bronze medal for Team Russia at the 2013 U20 WJC

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