Darnell Nurse, D

Shoots: L

Height: 6-3

Weight: 185

Born: 1995-02-04

Hometown: Hamilton, ON, CAN

Drafted: 2013 by Edmonton Oilers, 7th Overall

**Observations**:

September 2013 - Noise around the Oilers' training camp has been generated by 1st round selection, Darnell Nurse, a defenseman with high potential who wasn't exactly suppose to make his NHL debut, just yet. However, Nurse has been playing phenomenal hockey throughout training camp and exhibition play with the Oilers that he's putting them into a difficult situation. His play has warranted an extended look which will likely result in him seeing some NHL regular season action. Nurse has displayed veteran-like poise, impressive agility and skating skills and is showing that he is further along in his development than most experts initially felt. With a log-jam on the blue line that has (likely) forced out top defensive prospect Oscar Klefbom, Nurse will likely be returned to the OHL to serve as Soo captain but nothing is for certain quite yet. Keep tabs on this high potential multi-cat defenseman. *Brendan Ross*

June 2013 - The Edmonton Oilers have selected Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds defenseman, Darnell Nurse, with the 7th overall selection of the 2013 NHL Entry Draft. Nurse banged home 12 goals and 41 points, while sitting in the penalty box for 116 minutes last season in 68 games for the Greyhounds. *Brendan Ross*

February 2013 – Nurse entered his draft season as a player with immense pro potential and scouts were eager to see him tap some of that underlying talent. Fortunately, Nurse has done exactly that. The large smooth skating mobile defenseman has progressed with every shift this season. The biggest question mark in Nurse's game was always his offensive potential and he displayed quickly that he does indeed have the offensive skills to become a threat in all 60-feet of the rink. His ability to play the game calmly under pressure makes him easy to project as a reliable responsible two-way defender. Large, mobile, physical defensemen with the ability to provide offense are highly coveted and, as a result, Nurse will be the target of many NHL teams. *Brendan Ross*

**Fantasy Outlook** : B+

Big mobile smooth skating defenseme that play on the edge are fantasy gold. Nurse has the ability to develop into a puck moving defenseman who can rack up the penalty minutes as well.

**Footage**:

Nurse drops the gloves with Curtis Lazar at the 2013 CHL/NHL Top Prospects Game:

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