Bo ‘Bowie’ Horvat, C/LW

Shoots: L

Height: 6-0

Weight: 206

Born: 1995-04-05

Hometown: Rodney, ON, CAN

Drafted: 2013 by Vancouver Canucks, 9th Overall

Observations:

November 2013 – Bo Horvat of the London Knights was named to the OHL roster for the 2013 SUBWAY Super Series. Horvat's 17 points through 13 games places him second in Knights scoring. *Brendan Ross*

October 2013 – Like many before him, Horvat will forever be linked to the player he was acquired for. That being said, he is beginning to make his own name for himself, displaying instant chemistry with 24th pick Hunter Shinkaruk. Before a pre-season trade, Horvat was reported to have made the Canucks opening day roster with superb preseason defense to go with flashes of his offensive potential. Now back in London, he is showing significant improvement at a 1.5 points-per-game pace on the top line with fellow top prospect, Max Domi.

He hasn't a point per game in the OHL, look for him to easily surpass that this year, as well as make the Canadian WJC team. *Austin Wallace*

May 2013 - No player in the 2013 NHL draft class elevated their draft status more than Bo Horvat during the OHL Playoffs after the Rodney, Ontario native scored the OHL Championship winning goal with 0.1 seconds remaining in Game 7 versus Barrie. Horvat was leaned on heavily for top defensive minutes in an attempt to shutdown the leagues' top players. In addition, London rode Horvat's hot hand as an offensive contributor as well and the young mature pivot ended the postseason with a league-leading 16 goals (21 games). Bo Horvat exemplifies leadership and high character and these two qualities are just a few reasons why he may be selected inside the Top 10 for the 2013 NHL Draft. Horvat was the recipient of the Most Sportsmanlike Award for the 2013 Memorial Cup as he displayed respect and a devotion to the game en route to registering five points in five tournament games.
Brendan Ross

March 2013 - Not surprisingly, Bo Horvat showed well in the Best Faceoff (2nd) and Best Shot Blocking (1st) categories of the annual OHL Western Conference Poll. Horvat had a very strong regular season competing hard at both ends of the rink and tallied 33 goals and 61 points in 67 games for the London Knights. *Brendan Ross*

February 2013 – This future captain of an NHL team owns a complete package of skills and the intangibles of no other player in this draft class. Understanding and reading the game is Horvat's greatest asset and it is evident in his ability to play in all three zones of the ice. He has been high on this list since last season and now other scouting services are beginning to realize that Horvat is much more than just a defensive forward (although, good luck winning a faceoff against him). He lacks top end speed but his powerful skating stride makes him a difficult player to knock off the puck especially when he combines his underrated puck control skills and intense never-quit attitude in board battles. *Brendan Ross*

Fantasy Outlook : B+

His top-level defense drove him up the rankings in a loaded draft class, and it will secure him minutes at the NHL level, but it is his offense that will keep him in a top-six role. Vision, passing and underrated stickhandling combine to make him a relatively safe projection as a defensively responsible second line center.

Footage:

Bo Horvat Highlights:

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