##### MATHIEU CATAFORD

Team: Halifax Moosehead

League: QMJHL

Position: Left Wing

Born: **1 Mar 2005**

Height: **5.11ft or 180cm**

Weight: **187 lbs or 85kg**

# Report Card – Excellent: 5, Very Good: 4.5, Good: 4, Above Average:3.5, Average:3, Below Average: 2.5, Deficient: 2, Poor: 1

#### Size/Strength Very Good: 4.5

##### Skating Above Average: 3.5

**Shot/Scoring Very Good: 4.5**

**Puckhandling Good: 4**

##### Physical Play Good: 4

**Offensive Play Very Good: 4.5**

#### Defensive Play Above Average: 3.5

**Hockey Sense Good: 4**

**Competitiveness Above Average: 3**

**Strengths**

**1. Strong on the Puck**

**2. Quick Shot**

**3. Great Hockey IQ in the offensive zone**

**Area’s For Improvement**

**1. His skating is choppy and needs to improve his agility.**

**2. He sometimes becomes lackadaisical when back checking and isn’t always consistent.**

**3. Would need to possibly finish his checks a little more often.**

**Skill:**

A very skillful sniper who can be lethal on the powerplay. He has a very quick snapshot with a quick one-timer. He is very aware of where he is on the ice in the offensive end which is what makes him dangerous. Even though he is known for his shooting, his passing is accurate enough to make the tough cross crease.

**Scouting Report:**

Overall, Mathieu Cataford’s game has been one that many teams have received major interest from. Even though he may not be the most physical on the ice, he has very strong balance and can endure many hits and has strong tension with his stick which for that reason, does not lose the puck very often. His ability to see the game in the offensive end where he scores most of his goals is what causes teams to lose traction of him when playing against. His shot is very deceptive and is very strong to the point where he can just use his wrists as his source of shot power and can potentially increase his shot accuracy. Even though for his size he has good acceleration in a straight line, he definitely needs to improve on his lateral movement as creating tomahawk movements and pivots may cause him some skating trouble which if he wants to be an effective NHL player, then he needs to improve on his lateral mobility. Even though he’s not meant to be a defensive player, he does need to improve not only his work ethic in the defensive end but also his defensive awareness even though his poke checking is good enough. Sometimes Mathieu does get caught off guard and loses his man and sometimes he will assist on guarding another player. For that being, he needs to improve his consistency in the defensive end.

**Player type and comparison: Player type: Sniper/Playmaker: Comparison: Less physical version of James Van Riemsdyk**

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| **Year** | **Team** | **GP**  | **G**  | **A**  | **PTS**  | **PIM**  | **+/-** |
| 21/22 | Halifax Mooseheads | 62 | 17 | 29 | 46 | 30 | 5 |
| 22/23 | Halifax Mooseheads | 68 | 31 | 44 | 75 | 66 | 33 |
| **Projection** | **Halifax Mooseheads** | **68** | **31** | **44** | **75** | **66** | **33** |