##### BRAYDEN YAGER

Team: Moose Jaw Warriors

League: WHL

Position: Center

Born: **3 JAN 2005**

Height: **6ft or 183cm**

Weight: **165 lbs or 75kg**

# 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 Above Average: 3.5

##### Skating Good: 4

**Shot/Scoring Very Good: 4.5**

**Puckhandling Good: 4**

##### Physical Play Above Average: 3.5

**Offensive Play Good: 4**

#### Defensive Play Very Good: 4.5

**Hockey Sense Very Good: 4.5**

**Competitiveness Good: 4**

**Strengths**

**1. Excellent close-in passing.**

**2. Quick and Accurate wrist shot.**

**3. Great Hockey IQ both offensively and even more defensively.**

**Area’s For Improvement**

**1. He needs to become a bit heavier to become effective physically as a center.**

**2. Work on his lateral movement to improve his agility.**

**3. Some work needs to be done on faceoffs to become more affective.**

**Skill:**

A reliable two-way center who can be truly key in many situations, whether its on the powerplay or even better on the penalty kill.

**Scouting Report:**

Overall, Brayden has a very leveled out style of play, which is truly important if a team is trying to find someone who is versatile in a lot of situations. He is one of those who emphasizes what a two-way centerman means in the future of the NHL. Like Patrice Bergeron, Yager is truly known for his defensive awareness that can create huge contributions on the offensive side, especially being a key player on the penalty kill. A strong point in Brayden’s game that teams need to see is that he is truly supportive of his players. Support meaning that he is always open for his teammates to make the easier pass to Brayden which then he can translate his linear speed to create some odd rush scoring chances. Even though his deking is considered on the neutral side, his passing is what makes him stand-out for his puck handling abilities as he is very good at connecting close end and breakout type passes to create scoring chances. His shooting is no slouch either. Whether it is stationary or if Brayden is skating up the rush, he has a very quick release, and it can be very accurate. On occasion, he can try to be a bit too perfect with his shot and can shoot it a little too high. His faceoffs need some work on his consistency at what side he will try to win the faceoff for because there is an inconsistency of Brayden trying to use his backhand side compared to his forehand side. Even though his linear speed is good, Brayden does need to improve his agility as his lateral movement is somewhat choppy. The other aspect is that he will need to improve his strength by building more muscle if he wants to be effective physically and become more trustworthy to become a very important top 6 to 1st line centerman.

**Player type and comparison: Two-Way Forward. Comparison: Patrice Bergeron “that needs to improve more on his consistency in some situations”**

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| **Year** | **Team** | **GP** | **G** | **A** | **PTS** | **PIM** | **+/-** |
| 21/22 | MooseJaw Warriors | 63 | 34 | 25 | 58 | 18 | 18 |
| 22/23 | MooseJaw Warriors | 60 | 28 | 50 | 78 | 14 | 6 |