##### SAMUEL HONZEK

Team: Vancouver Giants

League: WHL

Position: C/LW

Born: **12 NOV 2004**

Height: **6.04ft or 193cm**

Weight: **185 lbs or 84kg**

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

#### Size/Strength Very Good: 4.5

##### Skating Good: 4

**Shot/Scoring Good: 4**

**Puckhandling Very Good: 4.5**

##### Physical Play Good: 4

**Offensive Play Good: 4**

#### Defensive Play Very Good: 4.5

**Hockey Sense Good: 4**

**Competitiveness Good: 4**

**Strengths**

**1. Strong Awareness on both ends of the ice.**

**2. Creative with the puck in the offensive zone that involves excellent passing.**

**3. Tremendous amount of linear speed for a guy at 6’4.**

**Area’s For Improvement**

**1. Does not use his shooting skills enough.**

**2. Sometimes tries to cover too many players which can cause miss positioning.**

**3. Needs to use his size more by becoming more physical.**

**Skill:**

A truly reliable playmaking two-way forward who can use his size to his advantage in all situations, including the penalty kill.

**Scouting Report:**

Overall, Samuel’s game is truly underrated compared to the rest of the players of the 2023 draft which could possibly become a huge steal for a team. He is the type of player that even though it may not show the big picture with the greatest number of points, but what is crucial in his game is that he does many of the small things right by being supportive in all ends of the ice which is crucial for a big centerman like Honzek. He uses his reach in an excellent manner when controlling the play, which assists him to help his teammates. One thing to note about Honzek’s game is that his skating is a double-edged sword. The bright side is that he has tremendous amounts of linear speed up the rush, however, he is a taller player which that does not help with his agility and his tight turning loses a lot of speed. One of his main strengths is the way how he plays defensively in his defensive end as he is one of those that not only wants to sacrifice the body in different ways, but he also tries to block difficult passes which it will even work which is truly important in Honzek’s style of play. One aspect that he needs to train a lot is his shooting. Even though he can score goals, he mainly gets his goals in-front of the net and does not shoot from far out very often. His shot power can sometimes be weak which he needs to practice more but sometimes when he shoots, the puck will wide pretty often.

**NHL Potential:**

A Middle-Top 6 forward who can have some crucial time on the powerplay but can also be a big threat in the penalty kill.

**Player Comparison: Joel Eriksson Ek**

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