**Auston Matthews**

Team: U.S. National U18 Team

League: USHL/USDP

Position: Center

Born: 17th September 1997

Height: 6.2

Weight: 194

Draft eligible for NHL Draft 2016

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| **Size/Strength** | **Good** |
| **Skating** | **Good** |
| **Shot/Scoring** | **Good** |
| **Puckhandling** | **Excellent** |
| **Physical Play** | **Average** |
| **Offensive Play** | **Excellent** |
| **Defensive Play** | **Good** |
| **Hockey Sense** | **Good** |
| **Competitiveness** | **Excellent** |

Report Card – Excellent, Good, Average, Below Average, Poor

**Strengths**

**1. Puckhandling**

**2. Creating Chances**

**3. Hockey Sense**

**Area’s For Improvement**

**1. Physical Game**

**2. Shoot The Puck**

**3. Finnishing Plays**

**Scouting Report:**

A complete player with good size and tremendous offensive skills. Creates offensive plays and scoring chances every time he hits the ice. Has great movement with the puck and puckhandling skills. Smooth zone entries and shows extraordinary patience while carrying the puck, never panics when under pressure and stays calm even when pressured by multiple defenders. Is always in motion and makes it hard for defenders to neutralize him. Never quits and always hustles back when the puck is lost, shows decent defensive mind. Needs to shoot more in certain situations and could work on his physical game. However, he makes players around him better in every shift and always manages to create something in the offensive zone. Shows great understanding of the game. Auston is eligible for the Draft 2016 and expect him to be a top pick.

**NHL Potential:** Captain Material, who is excellent in the offensive zone and possess hockey sense.

**Style compares to:** Anze Kopitar