**Mathew Barzal**

Team: Seattle Thunderbirds

League: WHL

Position: Center

Born: 30th January 1997

Height: 6.0

Weight: 181

Draft eligible for NHL Draft 2015

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

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

**Strengths**

**1. Vision**

**2. Two-Way Game**

**3. Puckhandling**

**Area’s For Improvement**

**1. Size/Strength**

**2. Needs to shoot more**

**3. Tries to do too much**

**Scouting Report:**

A rather smallish center with tremendous vision and excellent playmaking skills. Is a very smooth puckhandler and possesses an accurate pass. He is very dominant in the offensive zone and likes to circle with the puck on his stick. Sometimes is trying to do too much and is missing the moment to fire the puck. Not only is he an offensive dominant player, he also takes his defensive responsibilities serious. Backchecks good and uses his stick very well to take away the puck and leads the break away. All in all, Barzal is a very competitive center who works good in all three zones and is dominant in most of his shifts. Has the ability to make players around him better.

**NHL Potential:** Playmaker, who has excellent vision, good puckhandling skills and good defensive mind.

**Style compares to:** Claude Giroux