**SCOUTING REPORT/ PLAYER PROFILE**

NAME Pavel Cajan

**Team** Kitchener Rangers

**League** OHL, Major Junior A

**Position** Goaltender

**DOB** 2002-10-13

**Height** 6.02

**Weight** 174 lbs.

**Drafted** OHL Kitchener 2020, 1st Round, 41st overall

**REPORT CARD**

**Size/Strength** Very Good

**Skating** Excellent

**Shot/Scoring** n/a

**Puck Handling**  Very Good

**Physical Play** Average

**Offensive Zone Play** n/a

**Defensive Zone Play** Very Good

**Instincts/Hockey Sense** Very Good

**Character/Compete Level** Excellent

**OVERALL RATING** VERY GOOD

**PLAYER STRENGTHS**

1. Skating, mobility
2. Positioning/angling
3. Puck handling
4. Character/desire

**AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT**

1. Aggressively challenging shooters
2. Anticipation
3. Communication in defensive zone

**SCOUTING REPORT**

Pavel is in his first full season with the Rangers, after being drafted as an import in 2020. With the Covid Pandemic, he saw no OHL action in 2020. He is currently ranked 11th amongst goaltenders by the Central Scouting agency for the upcoming NHL entry draft. Pavel possesses a strong goaltending foundation and uses his blocker and catching gloves equally effectively. He plays his angles well and handles the puck exceptionally well for his defensemen. He is not afraid to clear the puck up the ice when the right situation presents itself. Would like to see him challenge the shooters a bit more aggressively and communicate a little better with the “d”, especially when the play carries below the end line and behind the net.

**NHL POTENTIAL**

Currently ranked 11th amongst goaltenders for the 2021 NHL entry draft by Central Scouting, this will be a year for Pavel to assert himself. The class of 2021 is still wide open for goalies, so with his size and skill set, he should remain competitive.

**PLAYER COMPARABLES**

Pavel is currently ranked 11th out of 53 goaltenders in the OHL. The top 5 are:

1. Tristan Malbouef, Hamilton Bulldogs: GAA 0 SV% 1
2. Matteo Lalama, Barrie Colts: GAA 1 SV% 1
3. Luke Cavallin, Flint Firebirds; GAA 1 SV% .973
4. Marco Costantini, Hamilton Bulldogs; GAA 1.96 SV% .943
5. Joe Vrbetic, North Bay Battalion; GAA 2.33 SV% .931