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Just four minutes into tonight's game against Colorado, Ilya Bryzgalov played a routine clear way too casually. The puck hit his stick and slowly trickled into the no-play zone during a Coyotes PP. That allowed Philippe Dupuis to chase down the puck and draw a penalty behind the net. Fifteen seconds later, Bryzgalov was beat under the glove by a Ryan Stoa wrist shot. It was the only shot he faced in the entire first period. Despite the severe inactivity, Ilya was razor sharp and attentive the rest of the night and stopped all 19 shots he faced in the second period. In the third, he continued to excel at fighting through traffic and was only beat by a Matt Duchene wrist shot at the 15:44 mark. It beat him in the same spot as Stoa's goal - just under the glove. Overall, Bryzgalov's elite speed, patience and footwork led him to make 29 saves on 31 shots. Aside from the first 4:20, he was truly exceptional.

### SKATING

- E1 Set Feet
- E2 Mobility
- E2 Speed
- E2 Lateral
- E2 Recovery

### SITUATION

- E1 2-on-1's
- E1 3-on-2's
- S4 Breakaways
- E2 5-on-4's
- 5-on-3's
- E2 Slot Area
- S5 At Posts
- E1 Corners
- E1 Half-boards
- S4 Early (1st)
- E1 Late (3rd)

### SAVES

- E3 Glove Side
- E1 Blocker Side
- E1 Five-Hole
- S5 Stick Side
- E1 Deflections
- E1 Screen/Tips
- E1 Backdoor
- E1 Rebound
- E2 Butterfly
- S5 Posts
- E2 Desperate
- E2 Toe/Kick

### STANCE

- E1 Square
- E1 Angles
- E1 Depth
- E3 Upright
- S5 Baiting
- E2 Patience

Ability: E=Elite / S=Strong / W=Weak. Rank: 1=Poor / 5=Elite

*Way too casual early, but otherwise he was razor sharp. Terrific vision in traffic and on high shots.*

### HEAD

*Had it in solid position all night long. No pucks leaked through and kept it very tight to his body.*

### STICK

*Very relaxed arms allow him to react extremely fast. Tight elbows allow him to condense quickly.*

### ARMS

*Elite hand speed allow him to make great reflex saves. Both hands are held slightly in front of him.*

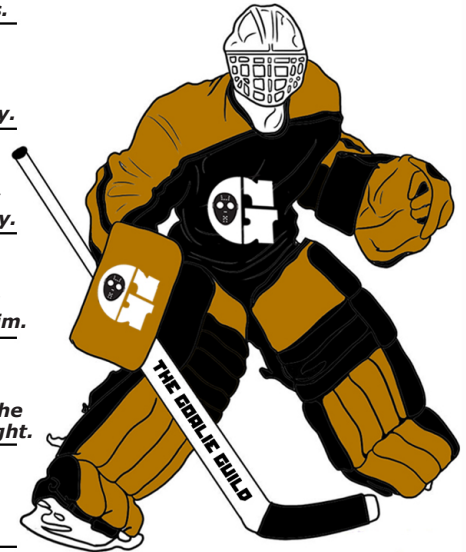
### GLOVES

*His legs thrive on being positionally sound and he uses the pop-up recovery with many plays in tight.*

### LEGS

*This is the basis of his elite skills. His footwork is very quick and sharp on a consistent basis.*

### FEET



Skill Area	Attributes	Score	Weight	Rating
<b>Mental</b>	His casual state of mind in the first five minutes eventually led to Stoa's goal at the 4:20 mark. Considering this was his second game in two nights, he did a great job of re-activating his mind and playing with really sharp focus in the 2nd and 3rd periods.	88	<b>30%</b>	26.4
<b>Attitude</b>	Ilya's attitude is one of terrific confidence. This led to very consistent netminding in the second and third. Because he is so technically sound, he stays even-keeled and shows very little emotion. He never once reacted negatively the entire game.	88	<b>15%</b>	13.2
<b>Skating</b>	By far, Ilya's best attribute, aside from his quick hands, is his skating skills. He has elite footwork and can cover angles with pure ease. His quick feet allow him to recover, push and track pucks with precision. Pop-up technique is proof of these skills.	93	<b>15%</b>	13.95
<b>Mobility</b>	Ilya's tremendous skating skills allow him to be very mobile and athletic whenever necessary. He's one of the more flexible goalies in the NHL and also has tremendous reaction speed. With mobile hands and legs, he rarely ever misses a clean shot.	93	<b>10%</b>	9.3
<b>Angles</b>	Because Ilya relies on reflexes to make sharp saves, his angles are not the essence of his success. He stays very square to pucks, but was caught a step deep on both goals against. His depth in the net may force him to challenge shots a little more.	90	<b>10%</b>	9.0
<b>Legs</b>	Although his legs are not as strong as other bigger and bulkier goalies, Bryzgalov's speed is the true asset of his leg skills. He seals the ice extremely well and recovers back to his skates with ease. Great ability to stretch legs without losing balance.	92	<b>10%</b>	9.2
<b>Hands</b>	Both goals Ilya allowed snuck under his glove, but he still had six point-blank snags that reflected his quick reactions. He held his hands well in front of his body, but very tight to his waist, so in a narrowed fashion. Was perfect to the blocker side tonight.	93	<b>10%</b>	9.3
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>BOTTOM LINE</b> - Bryzgalov is one of the most pure-skilled goalies in the NHL. Extremely quick feet and hands combined with his solid confidence, composure and quiet demeanor allows him to focus on his game and track the puck with ease. He makes most saves look very effortless.		<b>100%</b>	90.35