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Peter Budaj continued to play well during Craig Anderson's injury with a 5-0 shutout over the Stars. He did not face any action in the first 6:30 of the game but did a good job of staying calm and controlling rebounds on his first few shots. Shots to his blocker side resulted in bad rebounds but stopped 9-9 shots in the first. He was scrumbly at times, but very alert and focused. He controlled his upper body better in the second but still over-amplified his movements when forced to get into position for second chances. Regardless, he stopped all 14 shots he faced in the second period. Avs dominated puck possession in the third period, so Budaj was rarely tested as the Stars were out-shot 20-8. Budaj's improved composure and confidence were steady all night long and despite giving up some bad rebounds and only facing two PP shots, stopped all 31 shots he faced for his first shutout of the season.

SKATING

- S4 Set Feet
- S5 Mobility
- S4 Speed
- S4 Lateral
- S4 Recovery

SITUATION

- S4 2-on-1's
- 3-on-2's
- Breakaways
- S4 5-on-4's
- 5-on-3's
- S3 Slot Area
- S3 At Posts
- S3 Corners
- S3 Half-boards
- S5 Early (1st)
- S5 Late (3rd)

SAVES

- S3 Glove Side
- S2 Blocker Side
- S4 Five-Hole
- S3 Stick Side
- Deflections
- Screen/Tips
- S3 Backdoor
- S2 Rebound
- S5 Butterfly
- S3 Posts
- S4 Desperate
- S5 Toe/Kick

STANCE

- S3 Square
- S3 Angles
- S4 Depth
- S4 Upright
- S3 Baiting
- S3 Patience

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

Shaky moments were overshadowed by steady and consistent demeanor. Was poised in most sequences.

HEAD

Stick is tight to the pads and held at severe angle. One95 model gives up bad rebounds off paddle.

STICK

Solid form w/ decent placement. They're tense at times but generally sealed while in the butterfly.

ARMS

Held too far back and too tight to his body. They appear tense, frozen and too stationary at times.

GLOVES

One of his biggest strengths is his solid legwork. This allows him to recover quickly and efficiently.

LEGS

Recovers quickly but over-amplifies his footwork and is not strong at minimizing his movements.

FEET



Skill Area	Attributes	Score	Weight	Rating
Mental	This game was a good reflection of his enhanced mental toughness compared to last season. Even when he gave up some bad rebounds, he executed with clarity and was reading plays well. He was not challenged mentally with any pressure.	83	30%	24.9
Attitude	Budaj's attitude was terrific in the game. He worked hard to be a stable presence in the net. He's a very good goalie to fill the backup role because he does whatever it takes to be better. His strong work ethic makes him a positive vibe in the locker room.	85	15%	12.75
Skating	Budaj is a good skater and has quicker foot work than is seen on most performances. His solid skating fundamentals will not reveal an elite level of speed or quickness. He is prone to moving his feet too much and then losing his balance or angles.	85	15%	12.75
Mobility	Because his skating skills are average, so too is his mobility. He does a good job of making the desperate save, but too many times when he goes down, he's out. A lot of this comes from dropping one knee to the ice, as it causes weaker balance.	85	10%	8.5
Angles	Budaj has decent angles for his experience and NHL tenure but he still gets caught too deep at times. A lot of his effective angle play depends on his confidence. Tonight, he was at the top of his crease and very effective with his overall angle play.	85	10%	8.5
Legs	This is Budaj's biggest strength. His powerful legs and strong core combine together to give him a solid and square-to-the-puck appearance. His legs aren't the longest, but his athletic ability and flexibility makes him a quality pro-level talent.	86	10%	8.6
Hands	Budaj's main weakness comes from his hands being held too far back and too tight to his body. They set low on his waist and are passive. At times they freeze on shots that elevate quickly. His blocker side is weak because he punches out at pucks.	80	10%	8.0
TOTALS	BOTTOM LINE - A slightly above average NHL goalie that has improved his mental toughness over the summer to the point that he is capable of playing very well in streaks. His strength is leg and footwork and his weakness is his hand placement and blocker-side save execution.		100%	84.0