

NAME: CURTIS MCELHINNEY

TEAM: ANAHEIM DUCKS

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Since Curtis only plays 2-3 games a month, getting into a rhythm is not an easy thing for him to accomplish. In today's tilt against Colorado, obtaining that rhythm was an even tougher task because he only faced three shots in the first period. Due to that light workload, he really struggled to make sharp passes and he was hesitant when moving the puck. In the second period, Colorado's offense woke up and Curtis stopped all 12 shots he faced. Two of his best saves came on a Brandon Yip partial breakaway and then late in the period on a pair of Matt Duchene goal-line shots. In the third, Curtis' most timely save of the game came on a wide open chance by Adam Foote. Curtis dove across his crease and kicked out his right foot in time for the puck to hit his right skate blade and deflect wide. He finished with a 25-save shutout, the second of his career, and the Ducks won the game 3-0.

SKATING

- S3 Set Feet
- S3 Mobility
- S2 Speed
- S3 Lateral
- S3 Recovery

SITUATION

- S3 2-on-1's
- S3 3-on-2's
- Breakaways
- S3 5-on-4's
- 5-on-3's
- S3 Slot Area
- S4 At Posts
- S3 Corners
- S3 Half-boards
- S2 Early (1st)
- S5 Late (3rd)

SAVES

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

STANCE

- S3 Square
- S3 Angles
- S3 Depth
- S4 Upright
- S1 Baiting
- S3 Patience

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

Has a very relaxed and composed state of mind, but struggled to make good decisions moving the puck.

HEAD

Stick placement was solid, but it was too passive. Lost his stick once and had three total turnovers.

STICK

Has very relaxed arms that appear loose. His elbows were usually held away from his sides.

ARMS

Made a handful of timely glove and blocker saves. Both gloves were held in a good forward position.

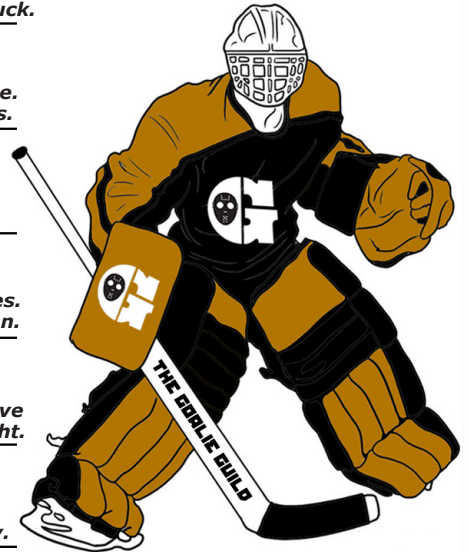
GLOVES

His legs are positionally solid, but he did not have the best balance on fast-developing plays in tight.

LEGS

Displayed solid skating ability, but wasn't very fast when he had to scramble or recover quickly.

FEET



Skill Area	Attributes	Score	Weight	Rating
Mental	Although he struggled to make good decisions with the puck and his passes in the first period, he showed great composure when the Avs had their best chances in the second and third. His timeliness was clearly his best mental trait in today's game.	86	30%	25.8
Attitude	Nervous and hesitant in the 1st period, Curtis did a great job of settling down in the second. His hard-working attitude radiated out to his teammates, as they blocked a ton of shots and worked very hard in front of him. Was relaxed and composed.	86	15%	12.9
Skating	Curtis' footwork looked unstable in the first period and he did not display a lot of quickness. He's fundamentally sound, but relies more on being in good position to make initial saves than reacting quickly. His balance is on the mid-point of his skates.	83	15%	12.45
Mobility	As I've said many times, mobility is often tied to foot speed. Along with his relaxed demeanor, McElhinney does not have the greatest mobility. He is a positional goalie that makes strong first saves, but gets into trouble when he's forced to scramble.	83	10%	8.3
Angles	Curtis is a very square and positionally sound goaltender. His angles were dead on today. Only a few times did I notice that he wasn't fully squared to the puck with his shoulders. He sets up outside his crease on faceoffs and has a wide ready stance.	85	10%	8.5
Legs	Like all NHL goaltenders, McElhinney's legs are a strength. He employs a slightly narrowed stance and when he sets for a shot, his stance widens and flares out. He has a narrow butterfly. He has above-average skills snapping in and out of the VH stance.	85	10%	8.5
Hands	Curtis made a handful of quality glove and blocker saves in this game. He made a savvy reaction glove save on Ryan O'Byrne in the first period and Duchene in the second period while falling on his stomach. His hands are held adequately in front of him.	83	10%	8.3
TOTALS	BOTTOM LINE - Curtis is a well-rounded, positionally sound NHL backup with quality fundamentals but limited skill upside. He's not one of the faster guys in the league, but has a strong work ethic and a calm demeanor. He continues to improve his ability to play the backup role.		100%	84.75