

NAME: KEVIN POULIN

TEAM: NEW YORK ISLANDERS

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Kevin's first career NHL start and win was a huge success. Despite allowing two goals in the first 1:47, he stayed poised and confident as the game went on. His combination of a calm butterfly style and active hands allowed him to make a number of patient saves up high. He also displayed a great work ethic, as he battled hard to find pucks through screens and traffic. He stopped 10 of 12 shots in the first period, including five timely glove and blocker saves. His calm footwork revealed an economical style in which his body was set and ready for most of the shots he faced. His confidence was also on display when he moved the puck in an efficient and effective manner. He stopped all 11 shots faced in the second period and then 12 shots in the third before Milan Hejduk beat him with just :04 left in regulation. He would stop one shot in OT and finish with 34 saves for the 4-3 comeback win.

SKATING

- S5 Set Feet
- S3 Mobility
- S3 Speed
- S3 Lateral
- S3 Recovery

SITUATION

- S3 2-on-1's
- S3 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
- W5 Early (1st)
- S3 Late (3rd)

SAVES

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

STANCE

- S4 Square
- S4 Angles
- S5 Depth
- S3 Upright
- S3 Baiting
- S5 Patience

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

Quiet, focused mind allowed him to stay poised and confident after allowing two goals in the first 1:47.

HEAD

Active stick stayed close to his body. Dropped and abandoned it four times in haste and desperation.

STICK

Broad and square shoulders allowed him to hold his arms tight and still eliminate a lot of space.

ARMS

Great placement was one of his biggest strengths. Glove came up to his ears when he's in a crouch.

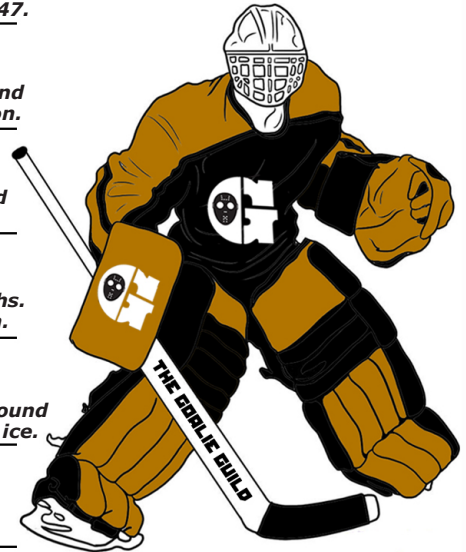
GLOVES

Another one of his biggest strengths. Great rebound control and very efficient at sealing pads to the ice.

LEGS

Needs to improve recovery speed and footwork. Struggled to stay in position on plays in tight.

FEET



Skill Area	Attributes	Score	Weight	Rating
Mental	To stay composed and confident after allowing two goals in the first 1:47 in his first career NHL start is a true testament to his mental toughness. His self-visualization tactics prior to each period was another great display of his focus and preparation.	86	30%	25.8
Attitude	Calm, quiet and confident attitude helped him stay focused despite a tough start. He managed the nerves of his first career start very well and was able to draw on his experiences in Bridgeport and in Victoriaville (QMJHL) to help him stay calm.	87	15%	13.05
Skating	Poulin is a quality skater, but his average speed holds him back. He wears his leg pads very low on his boots and tight to his skates. He has powerful strides and keeps his footwork quiet by making very few micro-adjustments. He relies on a long stride.	82	15%	12.3
Mobility	With average foot speed comes average mobility. He has very active arms and a strong upper body, but his legs recover slowly, which caused him to get caught out of position on a few sequences. Increased foot speed will really improve his mobility.	81	10%	8.1
Angles	Kevin did a terrific job of challenging shooters when necessary. He set up above the blue paint on faceoffs in his own zone and squared up to shots extremely well. He stood upright when the puck was away and crouched nicely when the puck was in tight.	85	10%	8.5
Legs	With a wide and imposing 6-foot-2, 211-pound frame, Kevin's legs were one of his most impressive areas. Powerful strides were the key to his success, as he was almost always set and ready for original shots. Very good rebound control down low.	86	10%	8.6
Hands	Poulin really impressed me with how he counter-balanced a quiet lower body with an active upper body. His hands were placed slightly in front of him and he made many strong blocker and glove saves as a result. He covered aerial angles very well.	87	10%	8.7
TOTALS	BOTTOM LINE - Poulin is a hybrid butterfly goalie with active hands and quiet feet. He has an intimidating and wide presence. His footwork is average, but his active hands allow him to stop many shots up high. He has strong mental toughness, quality work ethic and NHL starter upside.		100%	85.05