

NAME: TIM THOMAS

TEAM: BOSTON BRUINS

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Tim Thomas' unpredictable, hyper-active hybrid butterfly style was on display today against Colorado. Although he was beat just 2:00 into the game and only faced eight shots in the first period, he had no chance to make a save on Paul Stastny's 100th career goal. He bounced back with a number of aggressive saves and actively managed the puck very well. Thomas was caught unprepared twice in the first period, but still escaped with a 2-1 lead. He was much more alert and consistent in the second period, making 14 saves. The Avs made it 4-2 just 1:41 into the third when Kevin Shattenkirk pitched a 15-foot backhander over Thomas' glove. He didn't display good vision on the goal, as his eyes didn't track the puck and his head didn't turn. Shortly after the goal, Thomas made his most important save of the game on Kyle Cumiskey from point-blank range on the PK. He would finish with 32 saves.

SKATING

- S5 Set Feet
- E3 Mobility
- E2 Speed
- E2 Lateral
- E3 Recovery

SITUATION

- E1 2-on-1's
- E1 3-on-2's
- Breakaways
- E2 5-on-4's
- 5-on-3's
- E2 Slot Area
- E1 At Posts
- E2 Corners
- E2 Half-boards
- S3 Early (1st)
- E1 Late (3rd)

SAVES

- E1 Glove Side
- S5 Blocker Side
- E2 Five-Hole
- E3 Stick Side
- E2 Deflections
- E2 Screen/Tips
- E1 Backdoor
- S5 Rebound
- E1 Butterfly
- E1 Posts
- E4 Desperate
- E2 Toe/Kick

STANCE

- S5 Square
- E1 Angles
- E2 Depth
- S4 Upright
- E2 Baiting
- E1 Patience

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

Was unprepared twice + didn't track puck on 2nd goal. Was alert, focused and very mentally tough otherwise.

HEAD

One of the most aggressive sticks in the NHL was on display today. Was very active moving the puck.

STICK

What he lacks in height, he makes up for in width. Has very strong arms with slightly flared elbows.

ARMS

Holds his gloves low on his waist and tight to his hips. Very active gloves eliminate space quickly.

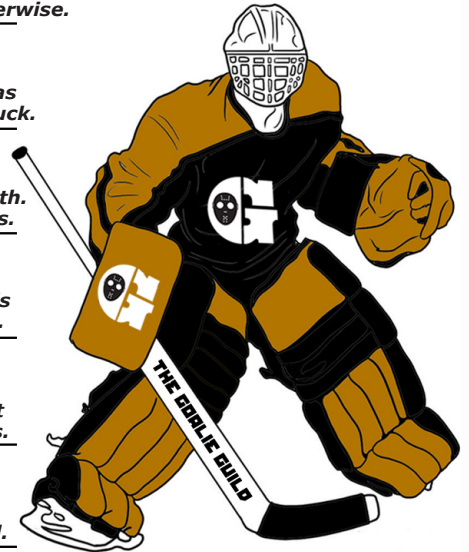
GLOVES

Because his legs are shorter, he pops in and out of the butterfly much quicker than taller goalies.

LEGS

Will abandon his feet to make desperate saves. Has powerful, quick pushes and excellent speed.

FEET



Skill Area	Attributes	Score	Weight	Rating
Mental	Despite giving up early goals in both the first and third periods, Thomas displayed strong mental toughness when it mattered most. He was extremely energetic and poised & was unnerved by the goals against. Was only caught unprepared twice all day.	93	30%	27.9
Attitude	Active, energetic, spontaneous, surprising, unpredictable and bold. Those are just a few of the adjectives that describe Thomas' attitude. He's one of a kind and extremely reactive. He never gives up on the puck and has an unyielding work ethic.	93	15%	13.95
Skating	One of the more underappreciated traits of Thomas' game is his skating ability. Although it is a "weaker" aspect compared to others, he still has terrific quickness and agility on his feet. The issue comes when he sinks back or fails to set his feet for shots.	87	15%	13.05
Mobility	Although his mobility is seen as being very desperate & over-aggressive, Tim is extremely flexible & dynamic. His desire to make saves is seen in his ability to contort his body whenever it's needed. He's fearless and throws his limbs behind pucks.	93	10%	9.3
Angles	Twice in the first period, Thomas was caught off-guard and off his angle. At times in the second and third, he was not squared up to initial shots or was still caught moving as the shot arrived. His mobility allowed him to cover angles in a desperate manner.	89	10%	8.9
Legs	Thomas' legs are shorter than most NHL goalies, so he's able to drop his knees to the ice very quickly. He also employs a wide butterfly stance in order to get his knees even closer to the ice. His leg strength allows him to perfectly seal his pads to the ice.	92	10%	9.2
Hands	Even though his gloves are held low on his hips and tight to his body, he still has extremely active hands. He did a great job of being aggressive at the right times. Due to his tenacious hands, he was able to get away with some risky plays moving the puck.	91	10%	9.1
TOTALS	BOTTOM LINE - Thomas is considered to have no technique, but that's far from true. He's a hybrid butterfly goalie that knows when to abandon technique in order to make saves. He has the strongest work ethic and mental toughness of any NHL goalie. His short legs are a true advantage.		100%	91.4