

Myer & Jack Budovitch Memorial Award



Zack Phillips

It's been said about Canadian hockey prospects; "Many are called, few are chosen."

Fredericton's Zack Phillips heard the call in 2011 and had a dream season.

The 19 year old forward with the Quebec major Junior Hockey League's Saint John Seadogs got to live his championship dream last season. He helped the Seadogs win the coveted Memorial Cup championship and played a key role.

Phillips had 38 goals and 57 assists for 97 points in 67 regular season games. And he followed that up with a strong playoff run, adding 24 points in 17 playoff games. His performance got him some national attention. He played for Team Orr in the C-H-L Top Prospects game, and had a goal and two assists in his team's 7-1 victory over Team Cherry.

He was also among the select few to garner an invite to the National Junior hockey team's camp in Alberta. And while he ultimately didn't make the team, it was an accomplishment just being invited.

But the highlight of a memorable year came last June, when Phillips was drafted in the first round of the N-H-L entry draft - 28th overall - by the Minnesota Wild.

So, Phillips is now one of the many called to the N-H-L. His ultimate goal is to be among the few who are chosen to live out a Canadian boy's dream of being an N-H-L player.

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