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Name	Position	2015-16 team	Analysis/Notes
Wiljami Myllylä	LW	JYP U16	Myllylä is a highly skilled forward with game-breaking talent...plays with passion and competes in all three zones...heavy shot and good puck skills, consistently creates high quality scoring chances...good skater for his size and age, plays with high pace...needs to make quicker decisions and utilize his size better at times
Antti Saarela	C	Lukko U16	Saarela has an impressive shot selection...heavy, quick slap shot & one-timer...played at the point on power play...smooth and agile skater...good puck poise.... he was in charge of most of the zone entries...has a light frame compared to his brother Aleks (Carolina Hurricanes prospect)
Leevi Teissala	RW	TPS U15	Teissala is one of the most exciting 01 forwards I saw this season based on his talent...has quick hands and is able to make highly skilled passes...a smart player with good decision making in possession...smooth skater who shows a pretty good compete level away from the puck – should only get better as he gets bigger and stronger
Miika Herrala	LW	HIFK U15	Herrala is a skilled LW who really excels in puck possession and on power play...can shoot the puck with good wrists...smooth skater with speed and agility...has a decent arsenal of dekes and protects the puck well for his size (5'9)...
Onni Korkka	D	Lukko U16	Korkka has good upside in the long-term despite being somewhat raw right now...a good puck mover from backend, able to rush the puck up the ice with decent effectiveness...good point shot...doesn't always read plays properly without the puck, can be caught out of position...can play physically in defensive and neutral zone...needs to work on his stride and agility...logged big minutes for Lukko U16 as an underager
Ville Heinola	D	Ässät U15	The leader on defense for Ässät U16/U15 when I saw the team play...his vision and long-range passes are excellent, allowing for quick attacks...able to compete along the boards, he's also effective defensively...has decent skating mechanics, even though not extremely quick he's hard to get around...good positioning and gap control in 1-on-1s
Aapo Holtinkoski	D	Kärpät U16	Holtinkoski is a smooth skating defenseman...has above-average puck skills and plays with a lot of poise...possesses superb lateral agility, smooth at turning pivots while maintaining speed...moves the puck with crisp, well-thought passes on power play and in transition...has the ability to

			get quality wrists on net through traffic...has good awareness of his position...shows a decent compete level but could be a tad more aggressive in battles...in addition to U16 hockey, he was also solid for Kärpät U18 in one game
Anton Lundell	C	HIFK U16	Lundell played for HIFK U16 as an underager throughout the season...a responsible center with upside...already knows how to use his reach in puck battles...displays strong understanding of the game...more of a passer than scorer, his on-ice vision allows to move the puck through traffic...has good separation speed, although isn't a very explosive skater at the moment...won't be NHL draft eligible until 2020 because of October birthday
Rasmus Lahnaviik	RW	Jokerit U15	Lahnaviik was on another level in the couple games I saw from Jokerit U15...has some finesse to his game, will take pucks to the net...quick and heavy wrist shot...strong straight line speed and is well-balanced on his skates...handles the puck well in tight spaces, decent passer too...will also do his job defensively...should be in the U16 national team
Leevi Aaltonen	LW	KalPa U16	The top scorer in his age group in the U16 league this season...has good offensive tools, including above-average shot and offensive instincts...able to anticipate plays really well...skilled with the puck, good hand-eye coordination...has nice speed and shows superb edge work...defensive game is a work in progress
Kaapo Kakko	LW	TPS U16	Kakko combines strong skating, offensive skills and good size (5'11) to be a threat in the final third...long, smooth stride and effective acceleration... a really good passer on power play, able to find openings...has a dangerous wrist shot with a quick release...sees the ice extremely well...Kakko has the tools to become an excellent prospect...really stood out both with TPS U16
Santeri Hatakka	D	Jokerit U15	Hatakka is a physical defenseman with two-way potential...shows a sound positional game and gap control...able to walk the blue line before unleashing heavy slap shots...skating is one area he can particularly improve, has a bit heavy feet...doesn't completely stand out with his puck handling ability, though it can't be considered a glaring weakness either...scored three goals in one U15 game – also solid for Jokerit U16