**Ilya Samsonov**

Team: Stalnye Lisy Magnitogorsk

League: MHL

Position: Goaltender

Born: 22nd February 1997

Height: 6.3

Weight: 201

Draft eligible for NHL Draft 2015

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| **Athleticism** | **Good** |
| **Quickness/Speed** | **Good** |
| **Vision/Play reading** | **Good** |
| **Puckhandling** | **Good** |
| **Compete** | **Good** |
| **Technique/Style** | **Good** |
| **Rebound Control** | **Average** |
| **Size** | **Excellent** |
| **Competitiveness** | **Good** |

Report Card – Excellent, Good, Average, Below Average, Poor

**Strengths**

**1. Athleticism**

**2. Size**

**3. Able to make big saves**

**Area’s For Improvement**

**1. Rebound Control**

**2. High Shots**

**3. Proactive Puckhandling**

**Scouting Report:**

A big goalie who is challenging shooters pretty well and covers the whole net. Has great athleticism and quick movement. Shows good agility and flexibility. Is very calm and tracks the puck well but he impresses the most with his ability to make acrobatic saves. Needs to improve his rebound control, especially on high shots and could use his stickhandling in a more proactive way. But clearly one of the best Russian goalie prospects since Andrei Vasilevsky, who has potential to be an NHL starter if teams aren't afraid of the Russian factor.

**NHL Potential:** Starting goalie, who has good size and great athleticism.

**Style compares to:** Sergei Bobrovski