##### RILEY HEIDT

Team: Prince George Cougars

League: WHL

Position: Center

Born: **25 MAR 2005**

Height: **5.11ft or 180cm**

Weight: **180 lbs or 80kg**

# Report Card – Excellent: 5, Very Good: 4.5, Good: 4, Above Average:3.5, Average:3, Below Average: 2.5, Deficient: 2, Poor: 1

#### Size/Strength Very Good: 4.5

##### Skating Good: 4

**Shot/Scoring Good: 4**

**Puckhandling Very Good: 4.5**

##### Physical Play Average: 3

**Offensive Play Excellent: 5**

#### Defensive Play Average: 3

**Hockey Sense Above Average: 3.5**

**Competitiveness Above Average: 3.5**

**Strengths**

**1. Quick hands and strong passing.**

**2. Agile skating.**

**3. Great Hockey IQ both offensively and defensively**

**Area’s For Improvement**

**1. Needs major improvement in faceoff work.**

**2. Needs improvement in work ethic for the defensive end.**

**3. Needs to start becoming a bit more physical to become NHL worthy**

**Skill:**

A silky and smooth playmaking center/winger who has strong potential to be NHL powerplay worthy.

**Scouting Report:**

Overall, Riley’s game is not to be denied offensively by most teams, yet he is considered quite a project. Starting with the negative side of his game is that he does not have the best defensive game. Even though he will block shots, he can be very out of position due to the multiple positions that he can play in that causes him to not focus on one specific position. Like Patrick Kane, Heidt does not have a lot of motivation to fight for the puck in the defensive end meanwhile it is the opposite case in the offensive zone which in some cases, he will lack defensive awareness in his own end. His physical game is a slouch as he does not intend to get physical a lot. If he wants to be a potential top to middle 6 forward, he needs to start becoming more physical. His biggest issue defensively however is that he cannot win faceoffs so putting him on the wing and making him practice faceoffs is a big must if he wants to succeed. That being said, he has a tremendous amount of offensive upside. He has very quick and smooth stick handling and has excellent passing which he puts the puck on his teammate’s tapes most of the time. His shooting is no slouch either, even though his shot needs to become more powerful to be NHL worthy, he does have strong accuracy and Riley is really intelligent on when and where he is going to shoot the puck whether it creating rebounds or catching goalies off guard. The other strong aspect to help Riley’s shifty game is that he has very agile skating. Even though he has good speed to chase after the puck in the offensive zone, it is shifty and agile skating maneuvers that will make him become more dangerous.

**Player type and comparison: Playmaker. Comparison: A loose-ended version of Patrick Kane**

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| **Year** | **Team** | **GP** | **G** | **A** | **PTS** | **PIM** | **+/-** |
| 21/22 | PG Cougars | 65 | 21 | 37 | 58 | 51 | -20 |
| 22/23 | PG Cougars | 68 | 25 | 72 | 97 | 36 | -3 |