Despite not having any picks in the first round of the 2011 NHL Entry Draft, the St. Louis Blues selected three young players in the second round that have very promising futures.

The Blues, who owned the 32nd, 41st and 46th picks in the second round, have stayed away from making trades in the first two rounds. Blues management has decided to use their draft picks to improve their team for the future.

Blues select Ty Rattie with the 32nd draft pick

Rattie, 5'11" 163 lbs, is a speedy right wing who has a nose for the net. Being compared to top pick Nugent-Hopkins on hockeysfuture.com, Rattie is able to find the open ice on the rink to start plays for his teammates.
Rattie is known as a special-teams expert as well.

Rattie scored 12 power-play goal s last season for the Portland Winterhawks of the WHL, which was second on his team. He also ranked fourth on the team with 79 points (28-51—79).

View Rattie's hockeysfuture profile here.

View Rattie's official draft prospect card here.

Blues select Dmitrij Jaskin with the 41st draft pick

You can't really select more of an opposite of Rattie. Jaskin, 6'1" 196 lbs, is a strong right wing that will crush any opposition into the boards.
Hailing from Omsk, Russia, Jaskin scored 3 goals and 7 assists in 33 games for Slavia Praha of the top Czech league.

Hockeysfuture.com says that Jaskin has a mean streak, sometimes causing penalty trouble. He is likely to stay in the Czech Republic for 1-2 more seasons.

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Blues select Joel Edmundson with the 46th draft pick

Drafting a tough 6'4" defenseman is never a bad option. Playing for the Moose Jaw Warriors of the WHL, Edmundson won Moose Jaw's hardest shot competition with a 98 mph slap shot.
He can provide offense with his big shot, but his overpowering defensive play is why the Blues drafted him.

Edmundson's top attribute is his ability to clear the front of the net for his goaltender. He is slow of foot but if he can improve that in the coming years, he will be a great addition for the Blues.

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