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# NHL DRAFT KIT 2011

## NHL DEPTH CHARTS

## ANAHEIM

**Left Wing**

Bobby Ryan  
Jason Blake  
Matt Beleskey  
Brandon McMillan  
J.F. Jacques

**Center**

Ryan Getzlaf  
Saku Koivu  
Andrew Cogliano  
Nick Bonino

**Right Wing**

Corey Perry  
Dan Sexton  
George Parros  
Kyle Palmieri

**Left Defense**

Lubomir Visnovsky  
Francois Beauchemin  
Cam Fowler  
Matt Smaby

**Goalie**

Jonas Hiller  
Dan Ellis  
Jeff Deslauriers

**Right Defense**

Toni Lydman  
Kurtis Foster  
Luca Sbisa  
Sheldon Brookbank

## BOSTON

**Left Wing**

Milan Lucic  
Brad Marchand  
Tyler Seguin  
Daniel Paille  
Jordan Caron

**Center**

David Krejci  
Patrice Bergeron  
Chris Kelly  
Gregory Campbell  
Marc Savard

**Right Wing**

Nathan Horton  
Rich Peverley  
Benoit Pouliot  
Shawn Thornton  
Jamie Arniel

**Left Defense**

Zdeno Chara  
Andrew Ference  
Adam McQuaid  
Matthew Bartkowski

**Goalie**

Tim Thomas  
Tuukka Rask  
Anton Khudobin

**Right Defense**

Dennis Seidenberg  
Joe Corvo  
Johnny Boychuk  
Steve Kampfer

## BUFFALO

**Left Wing**

Thomas Vanek  
Tyler Ennis  
Nathan Gerbe  
Luke Adam  
Marcus Foligno

**Center**

Derek Roy  
Ville Leino  
Paul Gaustad  
Cody McCormick  
Jochen Hecht  
Patrick Kaleta

**Right Wing**

Jason Pominville  
Drew Stafford  
Brad Boyes  
Patrick Kaleta  
Ales Kotalik  
Zack Kassian

**Left Defense**

Jordan Leopold  
Tyler Myers  
Mike Weber  
Shaone Morrisonn

**Goalie**

Ryan Miller  
Jhonas Enroth  
Drew MacIntyre

**Right Defense**

Robyn Regehr  
Christian Ehrhoff  
Andrej Sekera  
Marc-Andre Gragnani  
Dennis Persson

## CAROLINA

**Left Wing**

Jeffrey Skinner  
Jussi Jokinen  
Alexei Ponikarovsky  
Jiri Tlusty  
Zach Boychuk  
Drayson Bowman

**Center**

Eric Staal  
Tuomo Ruutu  
Brandon Sutter  
Tim Brent

**Right Wing**

Anthony Stewart  
Zac Dalpe  
Chad LaRose  
Patrick Dwyer  
Jerome Samson

**Left Defense**

Joni Pitkanen  
Tomas Kaberle  
Bryan Allen  
Bob Sanguinetti

**Goalie**

Cam Ward  
Brian Boucher  
Justin Peters

**Right Defense**

Tim Gleason  
Jay Harrison  
Jamie McBain  
Derek Joslin

## CALGARY

**Left Wing**

Alex Tanguay  
Rene Bourque  
Niklas Hagman  
Tom Kostopoulos

**Center**

Daymond Langkow  
Olli Jokinen  
Mikael Backlund  
Matt Stajan  
Brendan Morrison

**Right Wing**

Jarome Iginla  
Curtis Glencross  
David Moss  
Tim Jackman

**Left Defense**

Mark Giordano  
Anton Babchuk  
Scott Hannan  
Brendan Mikkelson

**Goalie**

Miikka Kiprusoff  
Henrik Karlsson

**Right Defense**

Jay Bouwmeester  
Cory Sarich  
Chris Butler  
T.J. Brodie  
Clay Wilson

NHL DEPTH CHARTS (cont ...)

CHICAGO

**Left Wing**

Andrew Brunette  
Viktor Stalberg  
Bryan Bickell  
Daniel Carcillo  
Kyle Beach

**Center**

Jonathan Toews  
Patrick Sharp  
Dave Bolland  
Jamal Mayers  
Marcus Kruger

**Right Wing**

Patrick Kane  
Marian Hossa  
Michael Frolik  
Rostislav Olesz  
Jeremy Morin

**Left Defense**

Duncan Keith  
Niklas Hjalmarsson  
Sami Lepisto  
Sean O'Donnell

**Goalie**

Corey Crawford  
Ray Emery  
Alexander Salak

**Right Defense**

Brent Seabrook  
Steve Montador  
Nick Leddy  
John Scott

COLUMBUS

**Left Wing**

Vinny Prospal  
Antoine Vermette  
Derek Dorsett  
Jared Boll  
Maksim Mayorov

**Center**

Jeff Carter  
Derick Brassard  
Sami Pahlsson  
Derek MacKenzie  
Ryan Johansen  
Cody Bass

**Right Wing**

Rick Nash  
R.J. Umberger  
Matt Calvert  
Cam Atkinson  
Tomas Kubalik  
Kristian Huselius

**Left Defense**

James Wisniewski  
Marc Methot  
Grant Clitsome  
John Moore  
Nick Holden

**Goalie**

Steve Mason  
Mark Dekanich  
Curtis Sanford

**Right Defense**

Fedor Tyutin  
Radek Martinek  
Kris Russell  
David Savard  
Aaron Johnson

COLORADO

**Left Wing**

Peter Mueller  
Gabriel Landeskog  
TJ Galiardi  
Daniel Winnik  
Cody McLeod

**Center**

Matt Duchene  
Paul Stastny  
Ryan O'Reilly  
Jay McClement  
Joey Hishon

**Right Wing**

Milan Hejduk  
David Jones  
Brandon Yip  
Chuck Kobasew  
Kevin Porter  
Ryan Stoa

**Left Defense**

Erik Johnson  
Ryan O'Byrne  
Matt Hunwick  
Shane O'Brien  
Tyson Barrie

**Goalie**

Semyon Varlamov  
Jean-Sebastien Giguere

**Right Defense**

Jan Hejda  
Kyle Quincey  
Kyle Cumiskey  
Stefan Elliott  
Ryan Wilson

DALLAS

**Left Wing**

Loui Eriksson  
Brenden Morrow  
Adam Burish  
Krys Barch

**Center**

Mike Ribeiro  
Jamie Benn  
Vernon Fiddler  
Tom Wandell  
Jacob Dowell

**Right Wing**

Steve Ott  
Michael Ryder  
Radek Dvorak  
Tomas Vincour  
Eric Godard

**Left Defense**

Alex Goligoski  
Nicklas Grossman  
Sheldon Souray  
Philip Larsen

**Goalie**

Kari Lehtonen  
Andrew Raycroft

**Right Defense**

Stephane Robidas  
Trevor Daley  
Adam Pardy  
Mark Fistric

DETROIT

**Left Wing**

Johan Franzen  
Dan Cleary  
Justin Abdelkader  
Chris Conner  
Cory Emmerton  
Drew Miller  
Tomas Tatar

**Center**

Pavel Datsyuk  
Henrik Zetterberg  
Valtteri Filppula  
Darren Helm

**Right Wing**

Tomas Holmstrom  
Todd Bertuzzi  
Jiri Hudler  
Patrick Eaves  
Jan Mursak

**Left Defense**

Nicklas Lidstrom  
Jonathan Ericsson  
Jakub Kindl  
Brendan Smith

**Goalie**

Jimmy Howard  
Ty Conklin  
Joey MacDonald

**Right Defense**

Brad Stuart  
Niklas Kronwall  
Ian White  
Mike Commodore  
Doug Janik

## NHL DEPTH CHARTS (cont ...)

## EDMONTON

**Left Wing**

Taylor Hall  
Ryan Smyth  
Magnus Paajarvi  
Darcy Hordichuk  
Ben Eager

**Center**

Shawn Horcoff  
Sam Gagner  
Eric Belanger  
Gilbert Brule

**Right Wing**

Ales Hemsky  
Jordan Eberle  
Linus Omark  
Ryan Jones  
Teemu Hartikainen

**Left Defense**

Theo Peckham  
Ladislav Smid  
Cam Barker  
Alex Plante

**Goalie**

Nikolai Khabibulin  
Devan Dubnyk  
Yann Danis

**Right Defense**

Ryan Whitney  
Tom Gilbert  
Andy Sutton  
Colten Teubert

## FLORIDA

**Left Wing**

David Booth  
Tomas Kopecky  
Kris Versteeg  
Evgeny Dadonov  
Jack Skille  
Quinton Howden

**Center**

Stephen Weiss  
Mike Santorelli  
Shawn Matthias  
Marcel Goc  
Bill Thomas  
Nick Bjugstad

**Right Wing**

Tomas Fleischmann  
Scottie Upshall  
Sean Bergenheim  
Matt Bradley  
Michal Repik

**Left Defense**

Mike Weaver  
Brian Campbell  
Dmitry Kulikov  
Nolan Yonkman

**Goalie**

Scott Clemmensen  
Jose Theodore  
Jacob Markstrom

**Right Defense**

Jay Garrison  
Ed Jovanovski  
Keaton Ellerby  
Erik Gudbranson  
Tyson Strachan

## LOS ANGELES

**Left Wing**

Dustin Penner  
Simon Gagne  
Kyle Clifford  
Ethan Moreau  
Andrei Loktionov

**Center**

Anze Kopitar  
Mike Richards  
Jarret Stoll  
Trevor Lewis  
Kevin Westgarth

**Right Wing**

Justin Williams  
Dustin Brown  
Brad Richardson  
Scott Parse  
Colin Fraser

**Left Defense**

Willie Mitchell  
Robert Scuderi  
Alec Martinez  
Davis Drewiske

**Goalie**

Jonathan Quick  
Jonathan Bernier

**Right Defense**

Drew Doughty  
Jack Johnson  
Matt Greene  
Vyacheslav Voynov

## MINNESOTA

**Left Wing**

Dany Heatley  
Guillaume Latendresse  
Cal Clutterbuck  
Eric Nystrom  
Casey Wellman

**Center**

Mikko Koivu  
Matt Cullen  
Kyle Brodziak  
Darroll Powe  
Cody Almond

**Right Wing**

Pierre-Marc Bouchard  
Devin Setoguchi  
Brad Staubitz  
Colton Gillies  
Carson McMillan

**Left Defense**

Nick Schultz  
Greg Zanon  
Clayton Stoner  
Marco Scandella  
Tyler Cuma

**Goalie**

Niklas Backstrom  
Josh Harding

**Right Defense**

Marek Zidlicky  
Jared Spurgeon  
Mike Lundin  
Nate Prosser  
Justin Falk

## MONTREAL

**Left Wing**

Michael Cammalleri  
Max Pacioretty  
Andrei Kostitsyn  
Travis Moen  
Brock Trotter

**Center**

Tomas Plekanec  
Scott Gomez  
David Desharnais  
Andreas Engqvist  
Lars Eller

**Right Wing**

Erik Cole  
Brian Gionta  
Mathieu Darche  
Ryan White  
Michael Blunden

**Left Defense**

Josh Gorges  
P.K. Subban  
Jaroslav Spacek  
Alexei Yemelin

**Goalie**

Carey Price  
Peter Budaj

**Right Defense**

Andrei Markov  
Hal Gill  
Yannick Weber  
Jeff Woywitka

## NHL DEPTH CHARTS (cont ...)

## NASHVILLE

**Left Wing**

Sergei Kostitsyn  
Colin Wilson  
Nick Spaling  
Blake Geoffrion

**Center**

David Legwand  
Mike Fisher  
Jerred Smithson  
Cal O'Reilly  
Kyle Wilson

**Right Wing**

Martin Erat  
Patric Hornqvist  
Niclas Bergfors  
Jordin Tootoo  
Zack Stortini

**Left Defense**

Shea Weber  
Francis Bouillon  
Jack Hillen  
Roman Josi

**Goalie**

Pekka Rinne  
Anders Lindback  
Chet Pickard

**Right Defense**

Ryan Suter  
Kevin Klein  
Jonathon Blum  
Tyler Sloan  
Teemu Laakso

## NEW JERSEY

**Left Wing**

Zach Parise  
Ilya Kovalchuk  
Mattias Tedenby  
Eric Boulton  
Rod Pelley  
Stephane Veilleux

**Center**

Patrik Elias  
Dainius Zubrus  
Jacob Josefson  
David Steckel  
Adam Henrique  
Travis Zajac

**Right Wing**

Nick Palmieri  
David Clarkson  
Vladimir Zharkov  
Cam Janssen

**Left Defense**

Anton Volchenkov  
Andy Greene  
Henrik Tallinder  
Alexander Urbom  
Matthew Corrente

**Goalie**

Martin Brodeur  
Johan Hedberg  
Jeff Frazee

**Right Defense**

Adam Larsson  
Mark Fayne  
Matt Taormina  
Mark Fraser  
Peter Harrold

## NY ISLANDERS

**Left Wing**

Matt Moulson  
Michael Grabner  
Blake Comeau  
Nino Niederreiter  
Trevor Gillies  
Kirill Kabanov

**Center**

John Tavares  
Josh Bailey  
Frans Nielsen  
Marty Reasoner  
Casey Cizikas

**Right Wing**

Pierre Parenteau  
Kyle Okposo  
Brian Rolston  
Jesse Joensuu  
Matt Martin  
Jeremy Colliton

**Left Defense**

Mark Streit  
Travis Hamonic  
Mark Eaton

**Goalie**

Al Montoya  
Rick DiPietro  
Evgeni Nabokov

**Right Defense**

Milan Jurcina  
Andrew MacDonald  
Ty Wishart  
Mike Mottau

## NY RANGERS

**Left Wing**

Wojtek Wolski  
Brandon Dubinsky  
Ruslan Fedotenko  
Michael Rupp  
Sean Avery

**Center**

Brad Richards  
Artem Anisimov  
Derek Stepan  
Brian Boyle  
Erik Christensen

**Right Wing**

Marian Gaborik  
Ryan Callahan  
Mats Zuccarello  
Brandon Prust

**Left Defense**

Marc Staal  
Michael Sauer  
Michael Del Zotto  
Steve Eminger

**Goalie**

Henrik Lundqvist  
Martin Biron

**Right Defense**

Dan Girardi  
Ryan McDonagh  
Tim Erixon

## OTTAWA

**Left Wing**

Nikita Filatov  
Milan Michalek  
Jesse Winchester  
Zack Smith  
Colin Greening

**Center**

Jason Spezza  
Stephane Da Costa  
Nick Foligno  
Zenon Konopka  
Mika Zibanejad  
Peter Regin

**Right Wing**

Daniel Alfredsson  
Bobby Butler  
David Rundblad  
Erik Condra  
Chris Neil

**Left Defense**

Chris Phillips  
Filip Kuba  
Matt Carkner  
Patrick Wiercioch

**Goalie**

Craig Anderson  
Alex Auld

**Right Defense**

Erik Karlsson  
Sergei Gonchar  
David Rundblad  
Brian Lee

NHL DEPTH CHARTS (cont ...)

**PHILADELPHIA**

**Left Wing**

Scott Hartnell  
James van Riemsdyk  
Andreas Nodl  
Blair Betts  
Tom Sestito

**Center**

Daniel Briere  
Claude Giroux  
Brayden Schenn  
Maxime Talbot  
Sean Couturier

**Right Wing**

Jakub Voracek  
Jaromir Jagr  
Wayne Simmonds  
Jody Shelley  
Ben Holmstrom

**Left Defense**

Chris Pronger  
Matthew Carle  
Kimmo Timonen  
Andreas Lilja  
Erik Gustafsson

**Goalie**

Ilya Bryzgalov  
Sergei Bobrovsky  
Jason Bacashihua  
Michael Leighton

**Right Defense**

Andrej Meszaros  
Braydon Coburn  
Oskars Bartulis  
Matt Walker

**PHOENIX**

**Left Wing**

Ray Whitney  
Lee Stempniak  
Raffi Torres  
Mikkel Boedker  
Taylor Pyatt

**Center**

Kyle Turris  
Lauri Korpikoski  
Martin Hanzal  
Boyd Gordon  
Alexandre Bolduc  
Marc-Antoine Pouliot

**Right Wing**

Shane Doan  
Radim Vrbata  
Petteri Nokelainen  
Paul Bissonnette  
Kyle Chipchura

**Left Defense**

Derek Morris  
David Schlemko  
Rostislav Klesla

**Goalie**

Mike Smith  
Jason LaBarbera  
Curtis McElhinney

**Right Defense**

Keith Yandle  
Adrian Aucoin  
Michal Rozsival  
Oliver Ekman-Larsson

**PITTSBURGH**

**Left Wing**

Chris Kunitz  
Steve Sullivan  
Matt Cooke  
Craig Adams  
Eric Tangradi

**Center**

Sidney Crosby  
Evgeni Malkin  
Jordan Staal  
Mark Letestu  
Colin McDonald  
Dustin Jeffrey

**Right Wing**

Pascal Dupuis  
James Neal  
Tyler Kennedy  
Jason Williams  
Arron Asham

**Left Defense**

Kris Letang  
Paul Martin  
Matt Niskanen  
Deryk Engelland

**Goalie**

Marc-Andre Fleury  
Brent Johnson

**Right Defense**

Brooks Orpik  
Zbynek Michalek  
Ben Lovejoy

**SAN JOSE**

**Left Wing**

Patrick Marleau  
Ryane Clowe  
Torrey Mitchell  
Jamie McGinn

**Center**

Joe Thornton  
Joe Pavelski  
Michal Handzus  
Andrew Desjardins  
Andrew Murray  
James Sheppard

**Right Wing**

Martin Havlat  
Logan Couture  
Benn Ferriero  
James Livingston

**Left Defense**

Dan Boyle  
Marc-Edouard Vlasic  
Jason Demers  
Jim Vandermeer  
Calgary Flames  
Matt Pelech  
San Jose Sharks

**Goalie**

Antti Niemi  
Antero Niittymaki

**Right Defense**

Douglas Murray  
Brent Burns  
Colin White  
Justin Braun

**ST. LOUIS**

**Left Wing**

Andy McDonald  
Alexander Steen  
T.J. Oshie  
T.J. Hensick  
David Perron

**Center**

David Backes  
Patrik Berglund  
Jason Arnott  
Scott Nichol  
Vladimir Sobotka

**Right Wing**

Chris Stewart  
Matt D'Agostini  
Jamie Langenbrunner  
Brandon Crombeen  
Ryan Reaves

**Left Defense**

Barret Jackman  
Nikita Nikitin  
Carlo Colaiacovo  
Kent Huskins

**Goalie**

Jaroslav Halak  
Brian Elliott  
Ben Bishop

**Right Defense**

Alex Pietrangelo  
Roman Polak  
Kevin Shattenkirk  
Ian Cole



NHL DEPTH CHARTS (cont ...)

TAMPA BAY

**Left Wing**

Steve Downie  
 Ryan Shannon  
 Adam Hall  
 Blair Jones  
 Mattias Ritola  
 RichaPanik  
 Ryan Malone

**Center**

Steven Stamkos  
 Vincent Lecavalier  
 Dominic Moore  
 Nate Thompson  
 Tom Pyatt

**Right Wing**

Martin St. Louis  
 Teddy Purcell  
 Dana Tyrell  
 Michel Ouellet

**Left Defense**

Mattias Ohlund  
 Brett Clark  
 Marc-Andre Bergeron  
 Matt Gilroy

**Goalie**

Dwayne Roloson  
 Mathieu Garon

**Right Defense**

Eric Brewer  
 Victor Hedman  
 Pavel Kubina  
 Bruno Gervais

TORONTO

**Left Wing**

Nikolai Kulemin  
 Joffrey Lupul  
 Nazem Kadri  
 Mike Brown  
 Joe Colborne

**Center**

Mikhail Grabovski  
 Tim Connolly  
 Tyler Bozak  
 Darryl Boyce  
 Philippe Dupuis  
 Matthew Lombardi

**Right Wing**

Clarke MacArthur  
 Phil Kessel  
 Colby Armstrong  
 Colton Orr  
 Joey Crabb

**Left Defense**

Keith Aulie  
 John-Michael Liles  
 Carl Gunnarsson  
 Matt Lashoff

**Goalie**

James Reimer  
 Jonas Gustavsson

**Right Defense**

Dion Phaneuf  
 Luke Schenn  
 Cody Franson  
 Mike Komisarek

VANCOUVER

**Left Wing**

Daniel Sedin  
 Mason Raymond  
 Marco Sturm  
 Chris Higgins  
 Byron Bitz  
 Todd Fedoruk

**Center**

Henrik Sedin  
 Maxim Lapierre  
 Manny Malhotra  
 Cody Hodgson  
 Andrew Ebbett  
 Ryan Kesler

**Right Wing**

Mikael Samuelsson  
 Alexandre Burrows  
 Jannik Hansen  
 Mark Mancari  
 Victor Oreskovich  
 Owen Nolan

**Left Defense**

Dan Hamhuis  
 Alexander Edler  
 Keith Ballard  
 Chris Tanev  
 Alexander Sulzer

**Goalie**

Roberto Luongo  
 Cory Schneider  
 Matt Climie  
 Eddie Lack

**Right Defense**

Kevin Bieksa  
 Sami Salo  
 Aaron Rome  
 Andrew Alberts

WASHINGTON

**Left Wing**

Alexander Ovechkin  
 Troy Brouwer  
 Joel Ward  
 Matt Hendricks

**Center**

Nicklas Backstrom  
 Brooks Laich  
 Marcus Johansson  
 Jeff Halpern  
 Mathieu Perreault

**Right Wing**

Mike Knuble  
 Alexander Semin  
 Jason Chimera  
 D.J. King

**Left Defense**

Karl Alzner  
 Jeff Schultz  
 Dennis Wideman  
 Tom Poti

**Goalie**

Tomas Vokoun  
 Michal Neuvirth  
 Braden Holtby

**Right Defense**

John Carlson  
 Roman Hamrlik  
 Mike Green  
 John Erskine

WINNIPEG

**Left Wing**

Andrew Ladd  
 Evander Kane  
 Ben Maxwell  
 Tanner Glass  
 Kenndal McArdle  
 Janne Pesonen

**Center**

Bryan Little  
 Nikolai Antropov  
 Alex Burmistrov  
 Tim Stapleton  
 Ivan Telegin

**Right Wing**

Blake Wheeler  
 Eric Fehr  
 Chris Thorburn  
 Patrice Cormier  
 Carl Klingberg

**Left Defense**

Tobias Enstrom  
 Zach Bogosian  
 Mark Stuart  
 Randy Jones

**Goalie**

Ondrej Pavelec  
 Chris Mason

**Right Defense**

Dustin Byfuglien  
 Ron Hainsey  
 Johnny Oduya  
 Andrey Zubarev



## PLAYERS NEWS &amp; NOTES

**Boston Bruins****Joe Corvo**

Corvo is dealing with a tight groin muscle, the Boston Herald reports. The report describes the issue as a minor snag for Corvo, who should be considered day-to-day for now.

**David Krejci**

Krejci is dealing with a tight groin, the Boston Herald reports. Pulled groins at this stage of the game in the preseason are not unusual at all for hockey players, so this shouldn't be a big concern for the B's slick playmaker. Consider Krejci day-to-day.

**Tuukka Rask**

Rask (knee) stopped 34-of-36 shots in Wednesday's preseason opener, a 2-1 overtime loss to Ottawa. The important thing here is that Rask's knee is fine, which means that's he's good to go as Tim Thomas' top backup this season.

**Ryan Spooner**

Spooner, who from all accounts is bigger and stronger in his second NHL training camp, seems to have the best chance of the Bruins' junior-eligible players to make the team, the Boston Globe reports. He's definitely caught the eye of his coach and while a roster spot might not translate into immediate fantasy impact, Spooner is a player who should be rising on the keeper radar. "Obviously this guy's got more confidence this year than he did last year," said coach Claude Julien. "Last year, we were pretty impressed with his first camp...He's starting to feel comfortable at this level. He definitely has great hockey sense. He seems to find the areas of where to put the puck. He makes good decisions pretty well all over the ice."

**Buffalo Sabres****Jochen Hecht**

Hecht is expected to skate next week, but will miss the next few preseason games, Mike Harrington of The Buffalo reports. He was hit in the mouth during Sunday's practice and needed stitches. Hecht suffered enough of a blow that the Sabres prefer to play it safe with their veteran after some concussion issues last season. He's been around long enough where a short layoff shouldn't affect him for the regular season so long as it's not concussion related, which hasn't been an indication so far.

**Carolina Hurricanes****Brett Bellemore**

The Hurricanes have shipped Bellemore to Charlotte of the AHL, according to the team's official site. Bellemore has always been considered a depth defenseman so this was expected.

**Derek Joslin**

Joslin returned to practice Friday after being limited by mononucleosis for a few days, Chip Alexander of the Raleigh News & Observer reports. Joslin's illness didn't help his chances of securing a roster spot, but hopefully he'll still have enough time to impress the coaching staff before final cuts are made.

**Kyle Lawson**

Carolina cut six players today, including Lawson, the team's official site reports. Lawson, who is known for his defensive prowess, no longer finds himself near the top of the Hurricanes defensive

prospect list with Ryan Murphy and Justin Faulk jumping to the head of the class.

**John Muse**

The Hurricanes have cut six players today, including Muse, according to the team's official site. The Hurricanes have a logjam at the goaltender position with Cam Ward and Brian Boucher already on the NHL roster so seeing Muse sent to Charlotte is not necessarily a bad thing for the Boston College graduate.

**Matthew Pistilli**

Carolina cut six players today, including Pistilli, the team's official site reports. Pistilli didn't stand much of a chance to make the Hurricanes roster this year considering that there were only two or three spots open. Pistilli should be irrelevant for fantasy purposes this season.

**Alexei Ponikarovsky**

Ponikarovsky scored Carolina's only goals in a 3-2 loss to Nashville Friday night. After a disappointing year in Los Angeles Ponikarovsky will look to rebound in Carolina where he signed a one-year deal in the off-season.

**Justin Soryal**

Carolina cut six players today, including Soryal, according to the team's official site. Soryal, who is considered to be one of the "tough guys" in the organization, will only be called up to Carolina for enforcing purposes only, and subsequently will only help a fantasy team with penalty minutes.

**Calgary Flames****Jarome Iginla**

Iginla (back) still has not participated in training camp. The Flames are not taking any chances with their superstar, so they don't want to pressure him to come back. Head coach Brent Sutter appeared unconcerned about the injury, though there is no timetable for his return to practice. That being said, it would be quite surprising if Iginla was not ready for the regular season.

**Pierre Luc Letourneau-Leblond**

Letourneau-Leblond has been suspended for the remainder of the preseason and the first game of the regular season for an illegal hit against the boards on Matt Clackson in Tuesday's game against the Canucks, NHL.com reports. Letourneau-Leblond is considered a repeat offender, forcing the NHL's hand in suspending him.

**Max Reinhart**

Reinhart revealed that he struggled with an unknown illness over the summer, but he is back practicing with the Flames, according to the Calgary Sun. Reinhart had a breakout season in the WHL in 2010-11, putting up 79 points in the regular season and 15 goals in 19 playoff games. He is one of the leaders in the Flames' bevy of young prospects, and has a chance to make Calgary's squad for the regular season.

**Chicago Blackhawks****Corey Crawford**

Crawford will get his first taste of the preseason by starting and play the entire game Friday night against Washington. For the first time in the last few years, the Blackhawks do not have a battle for



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the starting goalie spot. Crawford will try to show his critics that his rookie season was not a fluke. Crawford, 26, led rookie goal-tenders with 33 wins (33-18-6), and ranked eighth in the NHL with a 2.30 goals-against-average last season. He also led all rookies with a .927 save percentage and a 2.21 GAA in seven playoff games.

**Ray Emery**

Emery allowed four goals on 19 shots in relief of Alexander Salak in Thursday's preseason loss to Pittsburgh. Salak had stopped all eight he faced. Emery was behind the eight ball to begin with in this battle for Chicago's backup goalie job, and he certainly can't have improved his fortunes with this outing.

**Michael Frolik**

Frolik score the Blackhawks' only goal in the 4-1 preseason loss at Pittsburgh on Thursday. Despite getting the team's only goal, he had a minus-2 for the night. Frolik signed a three-year contract in the summer after notching 11 goals and 27 assists with the Blackhawks and the Panthers last season. After receiving Frolik from Florida, he scored three goals and six assists in 28 games for the Blackhawks.

**Brandon Saad**

Saad was on the ice Thursday night in the 4-1 loss to Pittsburgh in the second preseason game, the Daily Herald reported. The second-round draft choice in June has skated in both Blackhawks preseason games and head coach Joel Quenneville has pointed him out as the best prospect so far this season. "He's been good. He's been really good," Quenneville said. "He brought some attention to himself in how he played in the rookie camp. He was very noticeable and very noticeable here in every scrimmage. Every shift something was happening with him on the ice (Tuesday) night (against Edmonton). He's been one of those surprises maybe over the course of the camp that you'll talk about knowing he caught our attention."

**Alexander Salak**

Salak saved all eight shots he faced in Thursday's preseason game against the Penguins before giving way to Ray Emery, who surrendered four goals on 19 shots. This is certainly a big step in the right direction for Salak, who's trying to beat Emery out for the right to be No. 2 to Corey Crawford. The young netminder has a lot of potential and is capable of being fairly productive in the limited duty he's likely to see.

**Viktor Stalberg**

Stalberg netted two goals in Friday night's 3-2 win over Washington. More will be expected from the big, speedy winger after he signed a two-year extension this past off-season. With his two goals Friday night, Stalberg is off to a good start.

**Columbus Blue Jackets****Jeff Carter**

Carter picked up two helpers in Columbus' 4-3 loss to Minnesota Friday night. He'll be the number one center in Columbus, but is known more for his goals than his playmaking abilities. With Rick Nash on his wing, Carter should have a strong 2011-12 season.

**Tomas Kubalik**

Kubalik (concussion) hopes to start riding an exercise bike Friday, Aaron Portzline of the Columbus Dispatch reports. Kubalik hopes

to practice soon, but he will have to pass a concussion test before doing so. Kubalik's absence from practice, albeit out of his control, isn't helping his chances of earning a roster spot with the Blue Jackets.

**Ted Ruth**

Ruth (knee) is out 2-4 weeks, Aaron Portzline of the Columbus Dispatch reports. Ruth sprained his right knee in a fight Wednesday against the Capitals.

**Allen York**

York made 21 saves in Friday's 4-3 overtime loss to the Wild. He had no chance on three of Minnesota's four goals, and made a couple of very nice saves with the game on the line. York is still a season or two away from competing for an NHL job, but it looks like the kid might have a future.

**Colorado Avalanche****Tyson Barrie**

Barrie caught the eye of coach Joe Sacco during Thursday's 5-2 preseason loss to Dallas, reports the Denver Post. Barrie figured in all the scoring for the Avs, scoring one goal and assisting on the other, both on the power play. "Tyson played well tonight, especially on the power play," Sacco said. "I thought he competed hard away from the puck [too], especially in his own end. That's going to be one of the things he really has to focus on, his play away from the puck, because he's pretty good with it." Barrie still figures to open the season at AHL Lake Erie, but the Avs' likely won't hesitate to call him up in case the team runs into injury trouble.

**Joey Hishon**

Hishon (concussion) has not participated in training camp and remains out indefinitely, the Denver Post reports. There is no timetable for Hishon's return, and it's becoming increasingly likely he will start the season either on the IR or back in the minors.

**Gabriel Landeskog**

Landeskog earned some praise from coach Joe Sacco following his NHL preseason debut Thursday against Dallas, reports the Denver Post. "I thought Gabe looked good," Sacco said. "I thought he skated well, was really strong on the puck in the corners, took the puck to the net a couple of times, generated some offense that way, so I liked his game." Landeskog skated mainly with Ryan O'Reilly and Daniel Winnik, a combination that could open the season as the Avs' third line.

**Brad Malone**

Coach Joe Sacco doesn't foresee using Malone in a scoring role this year, even though he's been impressive this preseason, the Denver Post reports. Sacco was impressed with Malone's play, but isn't looking for scoring out of the 22-year-old rookie. "I think that Brad did fine, I think that his game is going to be one of a physical nature and that's what we want to see from him," Sacco said. "It's nice that he got on the scoreboard, but his game's not going to be judged by the scoreboard, his game's going to be judged by, 'Is he hard to play against, is he creating havoc on the forecheck, is he finishing his checks?' Those are the things that I was looking for from him." If Malone doesn't crack the roster as a fourth-line player, look for him to start the season at AHL Lake Erie. Either way, he's probably not someone you want to target in standard-depth fantasy formats.



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**Shane O'Brien**

O'Brien is currently nursing a shoulder injury, according to the Denver Post. A healthy O'Brien (6'3", 230 lbs) should be part of the Avs' opening-day roster as part of a bigger, stronger blue line corps. He won't score much, but he will provide big hits and be expected to clear the crease for his goaltenders. Consider him day-to-day for now.

**Patrick Rissmiller**

Rissmiller (back) has yet to skate with his new team, the Denver Post reports. Rissmiller made 79 appearances for the Sharks in '06-'07 and again in '07-'08 but has only appeared in 12 games for three different teams since then. Rissmiller could see limited ice time when he returns, but is not a viable option for fantasy.

**Dallas Stars****Jamie Benn**

Benn is expected to center a line with Loui Eriksson and Steve Ott in Thursday's preseason tilt, the Dallas Morning News reports. Benn's shift to center was pretty apparent when Michael Ryder skated on Dallas' top line Tuesday, and this just confirms it. He'll be looking to build upon a fantastic finish to last year's regular season, but will do so with the added burden of a Brad Richards-less Stars' squad.

**Jack Campbell**

Campbell stopped 12 of 13 shots in his first NHL preseason game, a 5-2 win over Colorado. At 19 years old, Campbell is still very much an unfinished product, but the 11th overall pick in 2010 is projected to grow into the Stars' franchise goalie. Fortunately, there's no pressure on him to do that right now — at least as long as Kari Lehtonen stays reasonably healthy.

**Brenden Morrow**

Morrow (knee) will be brought along slowly this preseason, and may play in just one game as a result according to the Dallas Morning News. Morrow has had good chemistry with center Mike Ribeiro in the past, so keeping Morrow healthy will be the focus of the preseason. He left Tuesday's preseason opener with a tweaked knee.

**Steve Ott**

Ott, skating major minutes on the first line Thursday in a preseason win over Colorado, stuffed the stat sheet with a goal, two assists, a plus-2 rating, a couple penalty minutes, three shots, a blocked shot, two hits, and five faceoff wins in eight tries. In short, Ott had himself a heck of a day. He's shown the ability to put up some points in the past, so if he sticks in Dallas's top six this year, he could certainly put up a good number of points to go with a whole ton of hits and PIM.

**Stephane Robidas**

Robidas will be brought along slowly this preseason as he recovers from offseason hip surgery, the Dallas Morning News reports. Robidas' spot on the top power play unit will largely hinge on how well Sheldon Souray plays, with Alex Goligoski expected to be a fixture at one of the two points.

**Colton Sceviour**

Sceviour scored a pair of goals in Thursday's preseason win over the Avalanche. He's not a big-time prospect, scoring just 41 points in 77 games last year for the AHL's Texas Stars, but

Sceviour is a reasonably tough guy with a little scoring touch who could potentially fit in on the checking line for Dallas.

**Detroit Red Wings****Jakub Kindl**

Kindl is battling Mike Commodore for the sixth blue-line spot, MLive.com reports. The 24-year-old Kindl is a good puck-moving blueliner with plenty of offensive upside. Both players should make the Opening Night roster, it's just a matter of sorting out who will be the first choice to join the third pairing while the other is likely a healthy scratch out of the gate. Kindl bulked up during the offseason and should be a part of the team's long-term plans regardless of the outcome of this training camp battle.

**Niklas Kronwall**

Wings head coach Mike Babcock expects Kronwall to lead the team in ice time this season, the Detroit Free Press reports. He'll be paired with Brad Stuart as the primary shut-down options on the blue line. Given Stuart's stay-at-home tendencies and steady play in the back end, Kronwall gets more opportunities to join the rush offensively and that ultimately is a driving factor in maintaining his chances for double-digit goal totals.

**Edmonton Oilers****Taylor Fedun**

Fedun (face) returned to the ice Friday, Dan Tencer's Twitter reports. Fedun suffered a facial bruise Tuesday against the Wild. He stayed off the ice but returned today with a red "no-hit" jersey. The Oilers were worried that he may have suffered a concussion, but with those worries dashed, look for Fedun to get back into game action shortly.

**Ales Hemsky**

Hemsky (shoulder) has been cleared by doctors, Dan Tencer's Twitter reports. Hemsky hopes to play in some preseason games now that he has been cleared for full contact. It would be safe to assume that he will play by the season opener. This is a normal progression of rehab and resumed skating last week.

**Shawn Horcoff**

Horcoff (ankle) was thrilled to play in a pre-season game Thursday, according to the Edmonton Journal. Horcoff only played 47 games last season due to injury and was just happy to get back on the ice, even it was a pre-season game. He is hoping to play in at least three more games to get back into the flow of things.

**David LeNeveu**

LeNeveu was one of seven cuts by the Oilers on Friday, according to the Edmonton Journal. LeNeveu, Cameron Abney, Mark Archbello, Johan Motin, and Hunter Tremblay were sent to Oklahoma City of the AHL while Travis Ewanyk and Drew Czerwonka were shipped to the Edmonton Oil Kings.

**Ryan Whitney**

Whitney says he'll push his injured ankle to get some practice time in, but won't play injured, according to Dan Tencer of the Oilers Radio Network. This is going slower than expected, and could even run into regular season action. Whitney says there's no timeline on becoming pain free, while we'll also note the Oilers were planning on decreasing his ice time anyway this season in an attempt to keep him healthier.



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**Florida Panthers****Alex Petrovic**

Petrovic has been reassigned to his junior club, the Red Deer Rebels, on Thursday the Panthers Official site reports. Petrovic, the Panther's 2010 second round (36th overall) pick is coming off a superb junior season where he had seven goals and 50 assists in 69 games played. The 19-year old defenseman is a punishing defender with a big shot and an up and coming offensive game. Petrovic could use some more seasoning in the minors and is a few years away from making a solid contribution at the NHL level.

**Garrett Wilson**

Wilson was one of eight players assigned to the AHL's San Antonio Rampage on Tuesday, the Panthers Official site reports. Wilson, the club's 4th round pick in the 2009 NHL entry draft, is a solid two-way player whose stock is rising after scoring 40 goals and adding 46 assist over 66 games played for the Owen Sound Attack of the OHL in 2011. Wilson's future is bright and he could be with the Panthers in the next year or two.

**Minnesota Wild****Cody Almond**

Almond has been sidelined by a back injury and is likely to miss Thursday's preseason game, the Minneapolis Star Tribune reports. It's not clear when he'll return and he could miss several preseason games. The injury is bad timing since it may prevent him from making the NHL roster.

**Niklas Backstrom**

Backstrom played the first 40 minutes of Thursday's preseason shutout victory over the Blues, stopping all 18 shots he saw before giving way to prospect Matt Hackett, who stopped the rest. Backstrom got his mojo back last year and certainly looks healthy and good to go this season, but Minnesota has a lot of question marks on defense and not a lot of scoring depth, two issues that are likely to limit his production in GAA and wins.

**Matthew Hackett**

Hackett was tasked with the third period Thursday against the Blues and stopped all 14 shots he face to complete Niklas Backstrom's shutout. Josh Harding is back from his ACL and MCL injuries, which means Hackett is ticketed for the AHL starting job again. He put up very nice numbers there last year straight out of juniors — a .237 GAA and .916 save percentage. With Harding an injury waiting to happen, Hackett could very well see some NHL time this year, so he's one to watch.

**Dany Heatley**

Heatley scored two power-play goals and had an assist in Friday's preseason win over Columbus. A strong debut in a Wild uniform for Heatley as the Heatley-Mikko Koivu-Devin Setoguchi top line looked strong.

**Mikko Koivu**

Koivu had three assists in Friday's preseason win over Columbus. Koivu centered the Wild's top line with Dany Heatley and Devin Setoguchi and the trio looked strong in their debut. Koivu could see his stats get a boost as a result.

**Mike Lundin**

Lundin is still hampered by back spasms and will be reevaluated next week, The Minneapolis Star-Tribune reports. Lundin's

spasms haven't ceased, leading to a concerning reevaluation. Minnesota is surely hoping their new signing's back issues don't linger into the regular season.

**Eric Nystrom**

Nystrom was on the ice for 19:53 in Thursday's preseason win over St. Louis. He's likely to center the Wild's fourth line with Colton Gillies and Brad Staubitz, the Minneapolis Star Tribune reports. It was his first action since surgery to repair a broken cheekbone in the offseason. Nystrom looks healthy, but he's a defensive forward who doesn't get many fantasy points.

**Zack Phillips**

Phillips played 15:18 in his preseason debut Thursday against the Blues. He didn't record a point and lost 10 of 12 faceoffs. This was a bit of a welcome-to-the-NHL moment for the 18-year-old Phillips, who was taken 28th overall in this year's draft after tearing off 95 points in 67 games last season in juniors. He seems unlikely to make the Wild's roster, but Phillips is a prospect to watch.

**Devin Setoguchi**

Setoguchi had a goal and an assist in Friday's preseason win over Columbus. The Dany Heatley-Mikko Koivu-Setoguchi top line looked strong Friday with three goals.

**Casey Wellman**

Wellman (back) will practice Friday, Michael Russo of the Minneapolis Star-Tribune reports. Wellman has missed both of the Wild's preseason games, so even though he is practicing again, it's not clear if he will be able to play in either of the team's two exhibition games this weekend.

**Marek Zidlicky**

Zidlicky had two assists in Friday's win over Columbus. Zidlicky missed 32 games last season with leg, hamstring and shoulder injuries, but looks healthy at the start of the preseason.

**Montreal Canadiens****Nathan Beaulieu**

Montreal head coach Jacques Martin praised Beaulieu after Wednesday night's preseason loss to Buffalo, Hockey Inside Out reports. Martin said the junior-age prospect has "exceptional talent" with vision and offensive flair. He will see "meaningful minutes" before camp breaks.

**David Desharnais**

Desharnais sustained a lower-body injury during Wednesday night's preseason game and is out of the lineup, Hockey Inside Out reports. It looks like Desharnais, who filled in for Scott Gomez on the first line Wednesday night, will not be available for Friday's contest against Ottawa.

**Lars Eller**

Eller (shoulder) will likely be available for contact drills next week, according to Montreal head coach Jacques Martin, Hockey Inside Out reports. Eller had offseason shoulder surgery, but appears to be on schedule to open the regular season Oct. 6 in the lineup.

**Andreas Engqvist**

Montreal head coach Jacques Martin said Engqvist will skate with veterans as training camp progresses, Hockey Inside Out reports.



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Martin mentioned Engqvist and Aaron Palushaj as two young forwards that will get time with the vets. There's one or two spots available on the Canadiens' roster, though one is presumed to be for a defenseman. It will come down to what Martin wants in a fringe forward — a defender like Engqvist or a scorer like Palushaj.

**Brendan Gallagher**

Gallagher, who had a power-play assist and three shots on goal in his preseason debut Wednesday night, will suit up Friday night in Montreal's preseason game against Ottawa, the Vancouver Sun reports. The 5-8 Gallagher also doled out three hits in Wednesday's loss to the Sabres, and has impressed his bosses in Montreal. He's expected to be eventually assigned to his junior team, the Vancouver Giants of the Western Hockey League, for whom he had a second consecutive 40-goal season in 2010-11.

**Scott Gomez**

Gomez (lower body) made his preseason debut Friday night and scored the game-tying goal in Montreal's shootout win over Ottawa. It was an active game for Gomez, who also had an assist and six shots on goal. Perhaps no Canadien is more motivated this year than Gomez, who experienced career lows in goals and assists last season.

**Andrei Markov**

Markov (knee) was skating on his own at Thursday's practice session, the Globe and Mail reports. Markov looks like an iffy proposition to lace them up for the season opener Oct. 6, but the Canadiens aren't worried yet.

**Brendon Nash**

Nash underwent shoulder surgery Wednesday, Marc Godin of La Presse reports. Nash has impressed the Montreal brass, but unfortunately he will be out indefinitely after undergoing the procedure Wednesday.

**Max Pacioretty**

Pacioretty scored two powerplay goals Friday night in Montreal's 4-3 shootout win over Ottawa. He was named the first start of the game. Pacioretty is fully recovered from the Zdeno Chara hit of last season and will be a key cog in Montreal's offense this year.

**Aaron Palushaj**

Montreal head coach Jacques Martin said Palushaj will be playing with veterans as camp progresses, Hockey Inside Out reports. Martin, who also mentioned Andreas Engqvist as another young forward who will skate with the vets, is trying to assess which forwards will stay with the team when the regular season opens. There are one, maybe two, forward spots available. Palushaj is more of the scoring threat while Engqvist is the defensive-minded forward.

**Carey Price**

Price allowed three goals in 18 shots Friday night in a preseason win over Ottawa. For those prone to worry, Price has allowed seven goals in less than 60 minutes through two preseason games.

**P.K. Subban**

Subban will not play in Friday's preseason game due to a minor back injury, Marc Godin of La Presse reports. Subban's injury is not serious, so don't be surprised if he returns to the ice for either Sunday's or Monday's exhibition game.

**Nashville Predators****Francis Bouillon**

Bouillon (concussion) has resumed skating, according to the Tennessean. "Frankie had three or four really good days where he got his heart-rate way up there," coach Barry Trotz said. "We've had no after-effects, other than he's really sore because he's not in athletic condition as well as he needs to, so he's trying to catch the train a little bit. So far he's had really good progress." Bouillon is still doubtful to start the regular season, but this is a good sign that his recovery is progressing well.

**Ryan Ellis**

After criticizing Ellis' play following the Preds' preseason opener, coach Barry Trotz was quick to praise him after Wednesday's game against Washington. "Ellis was 100 times better than he was in game one," Trotz said. "He didn't turn the puck over like he did [against the Panthers]. His first game he was a turnover machine early, then he started stabilizing. I thought he played a pretty good game." At this point, given all the mixed reviews, it's anybody's guess whether Ellis cracks the roster this year. For now, keep him on your radar as he is very much worth watching.

**Mike Fisher**

Fisher (shoulder) may miss the Predators' season opener, Josh Cooper of the Tennessean reports. Since undergoing shoulder surgery this offseason, Fisher has been making progress on his return. His range of motion and strength are improving but he is not optimistic he will be ready for the season opener, October 7th, against the Blue Jackets.

**Mike Fisher**

Coach Barry Trotz is not concerned about Fisher (shoulder) being out long-term, Joshua Cooper of the Tennessean reports. "He's getting to a point where hopefully it comes around and he gets healthy and ready to go a little quicker," Trotz said of Fisher. "I'm not too worried about him." Fisher is pretty much a lock for centering one of the Preds' top two lines this year - the real question at this point is how effective will he be in that role, especially if he misses most (if not all) of training camp.

**Blake Geoffrion**

Geoffrion (wrist laceration) will likely miss the rest of training camp, according to The Tennessean. "I'm just icing it and letting the laceration heal," Geoffrion said. "I can still skate which is good, but I can't handle a puck yet and I'm still getting some movement [back] in my wrist." This is a major setback for Geoffrion. Missing the remainder of camp means he is now off the coaching staff's radar. He will have to hope that what he's done so far will be enough to earn him a roster spot.

**Roman Josi**

Josi (upper body) may start the season at AHL Milwaukee, The Tennessean reports. The good news is, Josi's stint in the minors may only be temporary, according to coach Barry Trotz. "In the past we've had players gotten injured like Roman has, and gone down, got their game going and they were fine," Trotz said. Josi did not skate with the team Thursday and should be considered day-to-day for the time being.

**Nick Spaling**

Spaling (groin/shoulder) is expected to play his first preseason game Saturday against Winnipeg, Joshua Cooper of the



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Tennessean reports. It sounds like his recovery is going well. Still not a lot of fantasy relevance here, but good news nonetheless.

**New Jersey Devils****Martin Brodeur**

Brodeur (hamstring) will start Friday's preseason game against the Rangers, Tom Gulitti of the Bergen Record reports. Brodeur missed some practice time this week due to the injury, but it looks like a few easy days were all he needed to improve his health. After playing Friday, Brodeur will sit out Saturday's exhibition game to give Johan Hedberg a chance to play.

**Adam Larsson**

Larsson recorded two powerplay assists Friday night in New Jersey's 4-3 loss to the Rangers. The rookie defender played a little over 24 minutes and was a minus-2 on the evening. Larsson will almost certainly start the season on the Devils' blueline and is currently playing on the number one powerplay unit which bodes well for his fantasy numbers.

**Bryce Salvador**

Salvador will play in Friday's preseason contests against the Rangers, his first game in a year, the Bergen Record's Tom Gulitti reports. Salvador missed the entire season with a concussion and post-concussion syndrome stemming from a fight during last year's preseason. Salvador brings a veteran physical presence to the team's blue line and is one of a handful of players vying for third-pairing minutes. He's a defensive blueliner in the truest sense of the definition.

**Dainius Zubrus**

Zubrus (lower body) did not take part in Thursday's practice, according to the Bergen Record. Zubrus sat out Thursday after exiting Wednesday's practice early. He remains day-to-day.

**New York Islanders****Andrew MacDonald**

MacDonald (hip) skated Friday for the first time since undergoing surgery in March, The New York Post reports. The defenseman's surgically repaired hip is clearly feeling better. MacDonald won't play Friday or Saturday and his status for the remaining preseason games is uncertain. However, it wouldn't be unreasonable to think he'll play in the Islander's regular season opener against the Panthers.

**Rhett Rakhshani**

Rakhshani (concussion) returned to practice Thursday, Newsday's Arthur Staple reports. Rakhshani missed over a week of practice after suffering his second concussion in nine months, but fortunately he was not out longer. Rakhshani will resume his pursuit of a spot on the Islanders' roster.

**Marty Reasoner**

Reasoner (knee) returned to practice Friday, according to Newsday. Reasoner hadn't practiced all that much in his first week with the Isles, but the coaching staff wants to take it easy with the veteran and doesn't feel the need to rush him, preferring to wait until he is completely healthy.

**Brian Rolston**

Rolston (groin) did not practice Thursday, according to the Islanders' official Twitter page. Head coach said he held Rolston

out to get him a day off, so it does not appear this is an injury to be concerned about. Consider Rolston day-to-day.

**New York Rangers****Marian Gaborik**

Gaborik had a goal and an assist Friday night as the Rangers downed the Devils 4-3. Injuries always seem to bother Gaborik, but when healthy he's one of the top fantasy wingers in the league. With Brad Richards likely to be his center, Gaborik should put up very nice numbers in 2011-12.

**Chad Kolarik**

Kolarik injured his knee in a scrimmage earlier this week and is not practicing Thursday, the New York Daily News reports. The extent of the injury is unknown but it does not sound too serious. Kolarik played in only four games last year, tallying one assist. He is not expected to make much of a contribution to the Rangers.

**Brad Richards**

Richards (groin) returned to practice Thursday, Newsday's Steve Zipay reports. Richards missed Wednesday's preseason game after being limited at practice the day before, but the fact he returned to practice Thursday indicates his setback was not a serious one. Expect Richards to remain on the ice going forward.

**Marc Staal**

Staal (concussion) may not travel with the team on their upcoming trip to Europe, ESPN.com reports. Staal's status remains cloudy while he continues to deal with post-concussion headaches. It's still too early to determine if he will be ready for the Rangers' regular season opener Oct. 7.

**Ottawa Senators****Matt Carkner**

Carkner (knee) will play in his first preseason game Saturday, TSN's Brent Wallace reports. Carkner's knee has finally healed to the point that he was cleared to resume game action. Don't expect him to play heavy minutes in his first game since last season.

**Shane Prince**

The Senators have re-assigned Prince to the OHL, the team's official site reports. Prince was the 61st overall pick in the 2011 draft and will skate for the Ottawa OHL team for the second year in a row. He picked up 25 goals and 53 assists for the team last year.

**Zack Smith**

Smith scored two goals, including a shorthanded one, in Ottawa's 4-3 shootout loss to Montreal on Friday night. He'll likely start the season as Ottawa's third line center. Who his linemates will be is still to be determined, but look for the likes of Colin Greening and Erik Condra to be in the mix.

**Philadelphia Flyers****Jaromir Jagr**

Jagr had a goal and an assist Friday night. It was Jagr's first preseason game and he didn't disappoint as he was also named the game's first star. Jagr is a bit of a mystery at this point, but he still has loads of talent and could be a draft day steal for your league.

**Jody Shelley**

Shelley has been suspended by the NHL for the remainder of the preseason and the first five games of the regular season,



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NHL.com reports. Shelley was assessed a boarding infraction for a hit he put on Darryl Boyce in Wednesday's game. He has a history of making questionable plays and that poor judgment has earned him plenty of free time. Shelley was suspended twice last season, and his latest suspension brings his career total to six.

## Pittsburgh Penguins

### Sidney Crosby

Crosby (post-concussion) is back practicing Friday after taking a scheduled day off Thursday, Dejan Kovacevic of the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review reports. Crosby is taking part in high intensity 5-on-5 drills, though he has not been cleared for contact. It's good to see that his absence Thursday was not because of a recurrence of symptoms. Crosby still has no timetable for a return, but he continues to progress.

### Tyler Kennedy

Kennedy notched a goal and two assists Thursday against Chicago. He's trying to crack the lineup as a top-six forward and thus far he's off to a strong start. Most likely, Kennedy will move back and forth between the team's second and third lines. Even so, he retains fantasy value because of the high number of shots he takes. Kennedy's, who's coming off a career-high 21 goals, signed a two-year, \$4 million deal in the summer.

### Kris Letang

Not surprisingly, Letang led the Pens with more than 25 minutes played Wednesday night against Detroit. No one missed Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin more from a fantasy perspective than Letang last season. The defender scored 40 points in 45 games through Jan. 12, but had only 10 points in his final 37. Malkin's healthy and Crosby doesn't seem as far away as he once was.

### Jordan Staal

Staal, playing in his first preseason game, scored two third-period goals in Thursday. With Sidney Crosby still a big question mark, Staal is going to be relied upon to give the Pens' second line some more scoring punch. He's been in the league so long — this will be his sixth season — that it's hard to forget he's only 23 years old and still hasn't reached his full potential.

### Steve Sullivan

Sullivan (groin) is back skating with the team during Friday's practice, according to the Penguins' Web site. Sullivan missed Pittsburgh's first two games, but he's back on the ice and doing drills with Dustin Jeffrey and Sidney Crosby. He could make his season debut Saturday.

### Eric Tangradi

Tangradi didn't score Thursday but created a couple of scoring chances against the Blackhawks. Penguins coach Dan Bylsma said Tangradi was at the bottom of contention for an Opening Night roster spot prior to Thursday's game. He's in competition with Nick Johnson — who had a big game against Chicago with linemates Tyler Kennedy and Jordan Staal, and also Colin McDonald — who slacked off after a nice game Wednesday. Tangradi's star has dimmed in the last year but he figures to get a look as a midseason callup.

### Keven Veilleux

The Pens assigned Veilleux to AHL Wilkes-Barre on Friday. Veilleux re-lit his prospect star with a strong prospects camp. The

big forward could make his NHL debut at some point in 2011-12 with a strong start. He'll need a number of injuries to strike the big club, however.

### Jason Williams

Williams will sit out Thursday's game with a sore groin, the Penguins' Web site reports. This comes as a blow to Williams' chances of making the team out of camp. Most likely, he'll start the year in the AHL and wait for an untimely injury or two to strike the Pens.

## San Jose Sharks

### Logan Couture

Couture netted twice in the Sharks' 6-1 preseason win over the Ducks on Wednesday, the San Jose Mercury News reports. After his 56-point campaign in 2010-11, Couture came close to claiming the Calder Trophy as the league's top rookie, narrowly getting edged out by Carolina's Jeff Skinner in the voting. Still, this season, Couture could ascend even higher in the fantasy ranks because the Sharks have moved on from big-name scorers in Dany Heatley and Devin Setoguchi, and it's safe to assume that Couture will pick up more shots as a result.

### Martin Havlat

Havlat (shoulder) participated in team drills Thursday but is still not taking contact. Havlat is working his way back from offseason shoulder surgery performed last May. "I was trying a little bit to see how it feels," Havlat said Thursday. "It wasn't bad today. We'll see how it feels later on, but I tried to push and shove a little bit more for the first time. It's getting better slowly." Even though it sounds like Havlat is making progress, consider weighing the risk versus the reward as it pertains to the winger's fantasy prospects. In 621 career games between the Senators, Blackhawks and Wild, Havlat has averaged about one goal every three games. Unfortunately, he's never played all 82 games of an NHL schedule with chronic injuries largely to blame.

### Antti Niemi

Niemi still hasn't practiced since having a cyst removed ahead of training camp, but Sharks coach Todd McLellan has indicated that Niemi is on track to be available October 8, when the regular season opens for San Jose, the San Jose Mercury News reports. Niemi is getting robbed of valuable practice time which hurts his chances of getting off to a hot start to the season, but this issue is considered minor and should not alter his draft stock by a considerable margin.

### Antero Niittymaki

Niittymaki is likely to be out for 12 weeks after undergoing hip surgery earlier this week. Given the significance of a hip injury to a goalie, we're not surprised to learn that Niittymaki has opted for surgery. While Niitty recovers, Thomas Greiss appears to be the favorite to slide in as the backup netminder behind Antti Niemi (cyst removal) in San Jose this season.

## St. Louis Blues

### Jake Allen

Allen saved 23 of 25 shots in the Blues' preseason win Friday. Allen had a shutout going until the middle of the third period, and then allowed a late goal with 13 seconds left. The young netminder will play in the AHL this season, but he's a name to keep in mind when Jaroslav Halak's contract runs out in 2013-14.



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**Brock Beukeboom**

The Blues assigned Beukeboom (back) to his junior team, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch reports. Beukeboom, who is dealing with a sore back, will suit up for the Niagara Ice Dogs of the Ontario Hockey League once he's healthy.

**Jordan Binnington**

The Blues assigned Binnington to his junior league team, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch reports. Binnington will be the No. 1 goalie for the Owen Sound Attack of the Ontario Hockey League.

**Jonathan Cheechoo**

Cheechoo was named the third star in St. Louis' 1-0 preseason loss Thursday, the In The Slot blog reports. Cheechoo, who's had a good training camp so far, led the Blues with six shots on goal and had few good scoring chances. "A real easy chance to go right up to the top of that list... he had chances early," coach Davis Payne said of Cheechoo. "A guy gets his cracks, eventually it's going to go in... He's around the net, knows how to get a stick to a spot where he can get it back, has an outlet. At some point, you figure one of these is going to go in for him."

**Ian Cole**

With several other defenseman on the Blues' roster on one-way contracts, it looks like Cole will open the 2011-12 season with AHL Peoria, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch reports. Cole, the Blues' first-round pick in 2007, made his NHL debut in 2010-11 and fared well with a plus-6 in 26 games on the blue line. He definitely has a future in St. Louis, and we'll probably see him up with the big club at some point this season. "There's still that situation where if I perform well, the way I can, and someone doesn't perform as well, there's still an opportunity there," Cole said. "I mean, obviously I was aware of how things shaped up coming in, but I'm not going to let it determine or affect anything."

**Adam Cracknell**

Cracknell scored the game-winning goal late in the third period of St. Louis' win over Tampa Bay on Wednesday, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch reports. The 26-year-old Cracknell will most certainly begin this season in the AHL at Peoria, but the organization liked him enough to re-sign him as a free agent in the offseason. He made his NHL debut last year and had seven points in 24 games with the Blues, though being a promotable depth-forward at the AHL level seems to be his hockey role.

**Evgeny Grachev**

Grachev scored his third goal of the preseason Friday night in St. Louis' 3-2 win over Colorado. Grachev is playing like someone who's happy to be out of the Rangers' organization. He's making an early push for one of the available forward spots on the Blues' roster and, if this keeps up, he could find himself playing a larger role than anticipated.

**Jaroslav Halak**

Halak stopped 16 of 17 shots in St. Louis' 1-0 preseason loss to Minnesota on Thursday. The goal he allowed probably should have been saved, but other than that he played well in net, particularly during a four-minute stretch of the second period when the Wild peppered Halak on a power play.

**Kent Huskins**

The Blues are looking at Huskins as a possible defensive partner with Alex Pietrangelo, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch reports. The

two were paired for a second preseason game Friday night and the experiment will continue through Saturday, according to Blues head coach Davis Payne. Ultimately, it comes down to the chemistry between two players. Are they operating with one mind and are they positioned correctly in any situation? On paper, though, it would seem that Huskins' stay-at-home style would be beneficial in that it would allow Pietrangelo more freedom to initiate offense.

**Andy McDonald**

McDonald had five shots on goal and St. Louis' best scoring chances in Thursday night's 1-0 preseason loss to Minnesota. McDonald, who will wear an 'A' on his sweater this season, is expected to be one of the Blues' top point producers. He'll skate on the first line with David Backes and whomever head coach Davis Payne wants on right wing — Matt D'Agostini or Chris Stewart. "Everybody has different roles on this team and certainly my role is to produce offensively, but also be responsible defensively," he said. "I'm looking forward to it. I think I've found some chemistry with Backes. It's probably the first year we're not starting from scratch with the linemates. We've got something to build off from last year. I think that's encouraging and we know to expect."

**Philip McRae**

McRae won 10 of 16 faceoffs Thursday night in the Blues' 1-0 preseason loss to the Wild. McRae has won 15 of his 26 faceoffs during the preseason and has looked good in training camp. He's the most advanced forward prospect within the organization, but he'll open the season in the AHL for the Peoria Rivermen.

**Alex Pietrangelo**

In the on-going preseason effort to establish a defensive partner for Pietrangelo, the Blues are looking at newcomer Kent Huskins, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch reports. Pietrangelo and Huskins were paired for a second preseason game Friday night, and it sounds like coach Davis Payne will continue the experiment. "They've been pretty consistent, the communication has been pretty good on the ice and the reads are getting better. At a certain point, we want to create that consistency so those reads can get enhanced. We like this pair at that point, but we'll get through Saturday's game and digest it," said Payne. Huskins' stay-at-home style would be a good fit, allowing Pietrangelo to better utilize his offensive skills.

**Vladimir Sobotka**

Blues head coach Davis Payne said Sobotka will be used as a winger this season, the In The Slot blog reports. Initially, it looks like Sobotka will ride the fourth line with center Scot Nichol. "The initial thought is to use him on the wing," Payne said. "He and I talked about that. I thought he played very well there last year. He made that adjustment, had some real strong games there. Scotty Nichol coming into the fold, we feel we've really strengthened that middle. I feel like those two guys would make a real good tandem." Sobotka filled many roles last season for the Blues and will likely be handed similar duties in 2011-12. He was a mainstay on the penalty-kill unit, but was also required to fill in as a top-six forward at times.

**Tampa Bay Lightning****Cory Conacher**

Conacher, an undrafted free agent who inked a minor-league deal with the Lightning, is turning heads at the team's training camp



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and has forced his way into the mix for a spot on the roster, reports the St. Petersburg Times. He's little (5-8, 175), fast and offensive minded, but it's his defensive instincts and willingness to back-check that have really opened eyes in Tampa. "He's proving he can play," coach Guy Boucher said. "He's adapting every day. Usually when guys adapt that quick, there's a lot more coming. But he has to keep showing he can be reliable to be put on the ice on the NHL level." The Type I diabetic is a distant relative of Hall of Famers Charlie and Lionel Conacher, and he reminds many of his idol, Marty St. Louis. Cuts come Sunday so he will need to continue to display his talents in games Friday and Saturday against Florida. But he's been one of the most impressive guys at camp so far.

**Pavel Kubina**

Kubina picked up two helpers, both of which came with the man advantage, in Friday's 5-2 win over Florida. He wasn't in coach Guy Boucher's top-two in terms of PP time on the back end, at least earlier this week, but he showed Friday that he still has the skills to deliver there should he be asked. His concussion appears to be a thing of the past; draft him if he fits your format.

**Dwayne Roloson**

Roloson made 31 saves on route to a 5-2 win over the Panthers on Friday night. He was coolly efficient, particularly on the power play where he turned away seven of eight man advantages. He's going to deliver strong fantasy numbers even if his playing time is monitored over the season in preparation for a postseason run.

**Ryan Shannon**

Shannon ripped home two goals, including one on the power play, in Friday's 5-2 win over the Panthers. He earned the game's first star for his efforts. This guy's value is going to skyrocket if he can look even half as good as he did Friday night. He picked up the even-strength goal on a feed from Steven Stamkos, and that's a combo that we can't help but think will be mighty fruitful for this little speedster.

**Toronto Maple Leafs****Tyler Bozak**

Head coach Ron Wilson said Bozak is too "banged up" to play against Buffalo in Friday's preseason game, The Globe and Mail reports. This looks like simply a precaution. Toronto needs Bozak, who had two goals and an assist in Monday's game, to be healthy for the beginning of the regular season.

**Cody Franson**

Franson had a bit of rough night Friday against Buffalo. He seemed a bit jumpy with the puck at times and picked up two penalties as he struggled with the speed of the opposition forwards. The second penalty resulted in the game-winning goal. There's lots to like about this young man but he will occasionally have nights like this because of his defensive zone play. That won't matter if he can pound home some pucks.

**Jake Gardiner**

Gardner's strong rookie camp play has carried over into the regular training camp where Gardiner has impressed with his strong play in exhibition games. He was the third star Friday night in a 2-1 loss to the Sabres and would be in line for a job with the Buds if it were not for the team's depth on the blue line. His strong skating gets him out of trouble in a heartbeat. Time will tell if he

will develop into a true offensive defender but he sure looks like he has at least some of the skills.

**Carl Gunnarsson**

Gunnarsson's smooth play on the blue line continues to impress the Leafs this preseason. His ice time has been high in every game he has played. He's been calm and cool under pressure, and he's made low-risk, intelligent plays with the puck. He's doing everything he can to cement a spot on opening night.

**Phil Kessel**

Kessel notched his first goal of the preseason in Friday. He banged in a John-Michael Liles rebound after charging hard to the blue paint. He, Tim Connolly and Joffrey Lupul have taken their time finding some chemistry but there were glimpses of potential. A 40-goal season could be in the offing.

**James Reimer**

Reimer was sharp in the Leafs' 2-1 loss to the Sabres on Friday night. He made 31 saves. He was once again one of the best Leafs on the ice. He seems to be rounding nicely into form for the start of the season and should be drafted as a slightly above-average twinetender in most formats.

**Vancouver Canucks****Steve Begin**

Begin suffered a foot injury Tuesday, the Vancouver Province reports. The severity of the injury is still unknown. Begin is at camp on a tryout basis. The 33-year-old veteran was already a long shot to make the team and will have an even steeper hill to climb now that he's injured.

**Alexandre Burrows**

With Ryan Kesler (hip) sidelined, Burrows is getting looks with the Canucks' top power-play unit, the Vancouver Province reports. Burrows has been one of the better scorers for the Canucks over the past three seasons, but he hasn't seen much time on the power play. He could see a nice bump in power-play points if he's given 2-3 minutes of ice time on the man advantage.

**Alexandre Grenier**

The Canucks assigned Grenier to his junior club Wednesday, the team's official site reports. The 2011 third-round pick still has a ton of developing to do at the junior and AHL levels before getting a shot with the Canucks.

**Dan Hamhuis**

With Christian Ehrhoff now in Buffalo, Hamhuis (hernia) is expected to assume a bigger role on the Canucks' power play this season, the Vancouver Province reports. Hamhuis managed just two power-play points last season, but he could see a nice boost in that area with the expanded role.

**Nicklas Jensen**

The Canucks have signed Jensen to an undisclosed contract, the club's official site reports. Jensen has impressed in the preseason and was solid for the Oshawa Generals of the OHL in 2010/2011, scoring 29 goals and recording 29 assists.

**Eddie Lack**

Lack stopped all 10 shots he faced in Thursday's 2-1 preseason win over the Oilers. Lack continues to show the Canucks have a



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capable backup in waiting should the team decide to trade Cory Schneider. It might not happen this year, but don't be surprised if Lack eventually takes over as the No. 1 handcuff to Roberto Luongo.

**Steve Pinizzotto**

With Raffi Torres and Tanner Glass lost to free agency, Pinizzotto could earn a role on the Canucks roster as a physical presence on the third or fourth line, the team's official site reports. Pinizzotto has topped 40 points in each of his past two seasons in the AHL, but he doesn't profile as much of a scorer at the NHL level. The 27-year-old winger's energy and physicality will be valuable to the Canucks, but it's unlikely he chip in enough production to make much of a splash in fantasy.

**Mason Raymond**

Raymond (back) is hopeful he can make a return in late November, the Vancouver Province reports. Raymond is on the mend, but he's still dealing with "soft tissue" problems. The 26-year-old winger has been cleared to do cardio, but he's not skating or weight training yet. While it's nice to hear Raymond's optimistic for a late November return, the Canucks still haven't released a concrete timetable, and a return that early would likely be the best-case scenario.

**Anton Rodin**

Rodin was assigned to Chicago of the AHL on Friday, the Canucks' official site reports. No surprise here, as the 21-year-old winger hasn't seen any time at the AHL level yet. Matt Clarkson, Taylor Ellington, Alex Friesen, Nathan Longpre, Adam Polasek, Prab Rai, Stefan Schneider and Keith Tochkin were other camp casualties.

**Bill Sweatt**

Sweatt (undisclosed) has been cleared to take contact, according to the Canucks' official Twitter page. Sweatt missed some time with an injury that was not revealed, but he could be back in game action as early as this weekend.

**Washington Capitals****Jason Chimera**

Chimera left Friday's practice because, according to head coach Bruce Boudreau, he "felt a little off," the Washington Post reports. It's not clear if Chimera will miss any additional time, but he will not play in Friday's preseason game against the Blackhawks. Consider him day-to-day until more details are released.

**Winnipeg Jets****Michael Kirkpatrick**

Kirkpatrick has been assigned to the St. John's Icecaps of the AHL, the Winnipeg Sun reports. Kirkpatrick getting released from training camp this soon could be a sign that he is a few ways away from an NHL job.

**Mark Scheifele**

While fans in Winnipeg have fallen in love with 18-year-old Scheifele, Dale Hawerchuk, his former coach in the Ontario Hockey League, sounded skeptical about Scheifele's chances of being a star this season. In an interview with the Winnipeg Free Press, Hawerchuk admitted, "Does he have the ability? One hundred percent he has the ability. Does he have the mileage? Not yet." No one outside of Winnipeg is expecting Scheifele to step in and be the next Steven Stamkos or Sidney Crosby, but he has enough talent to make the NHL club. It will be interesting to see how quickly he can adjust to the speed of the NHL while inevitably enduring the bumps and bruises as a rookie.

**Ivan Telegin**

The Jets have sent Telegin back to his junior team, the Barrie Colts. There were some hopes Telegin could be a decent offensive weapon to come off of the bench for the Jets this season, but evidently he is not quite ready. Telegin wasn't going to be on anyone's fantasy radar to start the season and barring an injury to the regulars, he is not likely to make an impact in 2011-12.