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TOP 200 RANKINGS

1. Alex Ovechkin, LW, WAS	"Team-first" approach didn't win many fantasy titles last season, but still the safest bet for monster year.
2. Steven Stamkos, C, TAM	Does Stamkos have another level to reach?
3. Corey Perry, RW, ANA	Perry's penalty minutes put him ahead of pure scorers like Daniel Sedin.
4. Daniel Sedin, LW, VAN	Can he keep up a 100-point pace, or slide back into the mid-80's?
5. Jonathan Toews, C, CHI	Still just 23 years old - should break the 80-point barrier this year.
6. Henrik Sedin, C, VAN	If he can crack 25+ goals again, he'll earn this draft spot.
7. Henrik Lundqvist, G, NYR	Ranking implies that you start two goalies each week; move goalies out of the first round if you don't.
8. Milan Lucic, LW, BOS	Move Lucic significantly down if you don't count PIM's as a positive.
9. Pekka Rinne, G, NAS	Workhorse goalie in a contract year.
10. Tomas Vokoun, G, WAS	You won't have to pay this price, but what a great set-up he's stepping into.
11. Nicklas Backstrom, C, WAS	Nobody hurt more than Backstrom's owners by team's drop in scoring - look for some recovery.
12. Bobby Ryan, RW, ANA	The next frontier for Ryan is more production on the man advantage.
13. Ilya Bryzgalov, G, PHI	The Flyers got their prime-time goalie that they desired, for a pretty hefty price.
14. Zach Parise, LW, NJD	Parise has reported no setbacks in recovering from his knee injuries.
15. Eric Staal, C, CAR	Staal played the final three weeks last year with a groin injury.
16. Ryan Miller, G, BUF	If you buy into Buffalo's offseason moves, you could put him higher without much argument.
17. Patrick Kane, RW, CHI	Kane hopes to be back from his wrist injury in time for the preseason.
18. Jarome Iginla, RW, CGY	The Flames might use youngster Mikael Backlund as his center.
19. Ryan Kesler, C, VAN	Watch carefully as we approach opening night - might have to discount Kesler due to his hip injury.
20. Martin St. Louis, RW, TAM	Once again, league format matters - if PIM's aren't a category for you, St. Louis's value rises.
21. Tim Thomas, G, BOS	Lower than the other elites only because he has a great backup.
22. Daniel Briere, RW, PHI	Hopefully Briere's production doesn't get hurt by shifting lines caused by Carter and Richards trades.
23. Henrik Zetterberg, C, DET	Made it back to a point-per-game level last season. In some leagues he qualifies at LW.
24. Corey Crawford, G, CHI	Look for the Blackhawks to bounce back big this year.
25. Roberto Luongo, G, VAN	Has a pretty capable backup in Schneider, thus might play less than some of the other top goalies.
26. Sidney Crosby, C, PIT	The ultimate high-risk, high-reward pick this year. Any sort of projection is a dart throw.
27. Alexander Semin, LW, WAS	Semin was fool's gold last year, but it's conceivable he could bounce back to his point-per-game level.
28. David Backes, C, STL	Grades out much higher in a roto format where PIM's and Plus/Minus are categories.
29. Antti Niemi, G, SAN	The Sharks made a few changes to give him more defensive help - he has a higher ceiling than this.
30. Patrick Sharp, RW, CHI	Sharp's plus/minus should recover along with the team's fortunes this year.
31. Dany Heatley, RW, MIN	What happens to Heatley's production in Minnesota?
32. Rick Nash, LW, CLM	Is Nash ever going to have that breakthrough to be among the elite?
33. Marc-Andre Fleury, G, PIT	Fleury did yeoman's work to carry the Penguins as far as they went last year.
34. Jeff Carter, C, CLM	Columbus is counting on Carter to help lift Nash to greater heights.
35. Ryan Getzlaf, C, ANA	We'd like to see Getzlaf shoot the puck more often.
36. John Tavares, C, NYI	If you're in a league that doesn't count plus/minus, Tavares will rank much higher.
37. Mike Green, D, WAS	Couldn't stay healthy last year and produced at a lower level when he was on the ice.
38. Joe Thornton, C, SAN	Thornton might be asked to do more this year given the Sharks' offseason moves.
39. Zdeno Chara, D, BOS	Chara gets a boost in leagues that count PIMs and plus/minus.
40. Matt Duchene, C, COL	Coming off of a fantastic sophomore campaign.
41. Carey Price, G, MON	Price had a nice redemption season after the Habs showed faith in him by trading away Halak.
42. Patrick Marleau, C, SAN	Marleau rode the roller coaster in the playoffs last year.
43. Drew Doughty, D, LAK	Watch out for Doughty's contract situation - a holdout is possible.
44. Alexandre Burrows, RW, VAN	So much of his value is dependent on whether he plays the Sedins' line.
45. Evgeni Malkin, C, PIT	Malkin will be coming back from a major knee injury, and might be doing it without Crosby.
46. Chris Stewart, RW, STL	The Avs will regret giving up on Stewart so quickly after his hand injury.
47. Martin Brodeur, G, NJD	Injuries, age, and most importantly, a lack of quality blueliners caught up to Brodeur last year.
48. Joe Pavelski, LW, SAN	The trade of Heatley ensures that Pavelski will be a top-six forward for the Sharks.
49. Thomas Vanek, LW, BUF	If the Sabres improve as many expect, Vanek's plus/minus might lurch forward.
50. Ilya Kovalchuk, LW, NJD	Kovalchuk is captain of the Last Year's Bums team.



TOP 200 RANKINGS (cont ...)

51. Dustin Byfuglien, D, WPG	Rankings presuppose you only start four defensemen; if more, start the blue line run earlier.
52. Shea Weber, D, NAS	Weber also is entering a big contract year.
53. Jimmy Howard, G, DET	Howard was much better in the playoffs, especially against San Jose, than in the regular season.
54. P.K. Subban, D, MON	Gets headlines for his pest abilities, but he's becoming a force on the man advantage too.
55. Brad Richards, C, NYR	Centers gets downgraded in an overall list where you have to specify positions among forwards.
56. Jonas Hiller, G, ANA	Hiller has been symptom-free from the vertigo that ended his season for the last two months.
57. Jonathan Quick, G, LAK	Quick will hold off Jonathan Bernier for one more season, though he might play less frequently this year.
58. Vincent Lecavalier, C, TAM	Lecavalier will play this season wearing a protective shield from his helmet.
59. Scott Hartnell, RW, PHI	Hartnell has had 140-plus penalty minutes each of the last four seasons.
60. Dan Boyle, D, SAN	Boyle might not be the only Shark defenseman getting PP points, following the acquisition of Burns.
61. Brenden Morrow, LW, DAL	How much will his production scale back without Brad Richards around?
62. Keith Yandle, D, PHO	With more talent around him, Yandle could be a top-3 blueliner.
63. Jeffrey Skinner, C, CAR	What will Skinner do for an encore in his sophomore season?
64. Claude Giroux, RW, PHI	Giroux had his breakthrough last season - he might slide back some with Carter and Richards gone.
65. Cam Ward, G, CAR	Led goalies in starts, minutes played last season. That might change with Brian Boucher as his backup.
66. Pavel Datsyuk, C, DET	Datsyuk's lower-than-expected ranking is a reflection of our concern about his wrist injury.
67. Duncan Keith, D, CHI	Keith shot just 4.0 percent last year - he'll do better than that this year and top the 50-point threshold.
68. Kris Letang, D, PIT	Letang really faded down the stretch last season - not having Crosby and Malkin around will do that.
69. David Krejci, C, BOS	Krejci has much higher ceiling; it's only that poolies might overrate because of his playoff production.
70. Marian Gaborik, LW, NYR	Gaborik's inability to stay on the ice prevents him from getting ranked higher.
71. Ryane Clowe, LW, SAN	The Sharks need Clowe to be more than a nice secondary winger this season.
72. Paul Stastny, C, COL	Stastny got caught up in the malaise of the Avs' second-half collapse, dropping from 79 points to 57.
73. Christian Ehrhoff, D, BUF	Ehrhoff probably joins a much worse power play with Sabres, though he'll shoulder more responsibility.
74. Dustin Brown, RW, LAK	With the additions of Mike Richards and Simon Gagne, the Kings can run out two scoring lines now.
75. Mike Richards, C, LAK	Reunited with Simon Gagne, and will get significant power play time.
76. Nicklas Lidstrom, D, DET	Who expected Lidstrom to outlast Brian Rafalski? Lidstrom's plus/minus nosedived last season.
77. Lubomir Visnovsky, D, ANA	Visnovsky led all defensemen in points last season and is a safe bet for 50 points with the Ducks.
78. Johan Franzen, RW, DET	Franzen tapered off badly at the end of the regular season last year.
79. Anze Kopitar, C, LAK	Kopitar still has swelling whenever he skates stemming from the broken fibula that ended last season.
80. Dwayne Roloson, G, TAM	Roloson probably won't play as much as other goaltenders on contending teams.
81. Patric Hornqvist, RW, NAS	Hornqvist backslid a little last season after his breakout in 2009-10.
82. Phil Kessel, LW, TOR	Will the signing of Tim Connolly be the spark that pushes Kessel to greater heights?
83. James Neal, LW, PIT	Neal stands to benefit as much as anyone if Sidney Crosby can return to full form.
84. Loui Eriksson, LW, DAL	Give Eriksson a healthy bump in leagues where plus/minus and PIM's aren't used.
85. Marian Hossa, RW, CHI	Hossa probably has a ceiling of 75 points after hitting the 90-point level earlier in his career.
86. Dion Phaneuf, D, TOR	Never really became the monster fantasy player we once thought he could become.
87. John Carlson, D, WAS	Carlson tallied 37 points in his rookie year, just two years after he was drafted.
88. Brent Burns, D, SAN	Burns might rank higher if he weren't second fiddle to Dan Boyle on the power play.
89. Miikka Kiprusoff, G, CGY	Kiprusoff gets hurt by his middling supporting cast.
90. Mikhail Grabovski, C, TOR	Grabovski is the Leafs' second line center, but given Connolly's fragility, that could change quickly.
91. Steve Downie, LW, TAM	One of these years Downie could string together a 50-point, 200-PIM season.
92. Justin Williams, RW, LAK	Williams can join teammate Anze Kopitar on the rehab path.
93. Martin Havlat, RW, SAN	Havlat won't be asked to do as much offensively, but his plus/minus should improve with the Sharks.
94. Brandon Dubinsky, LW, NYR	Part of an emerging young core with the Rangers, now buoyed by the signing of Brad Richards.
95. Ryan Whitney, D, EDM	Watch Whitney's ankle injury - his production last year was curtailed by a similar injury.
96. Chris Pronger, D, PHI	Offseason back surgery; won't be ready for camp but still hopes to be ready by opening night.
97. Niklas Kronwall, D, DET	Responsibilities increased last season, with Rafalski retired, the Wings will need even more from him.
98. Tyler Ennis, C, BUF	Ennis turns just 22 at start of season - expect some improvement, but not a giant leap like last year.
99. Jaroslav Halak, G, STL	Halak found the going much tougher as the regular starter than as the favored backup.
100. James Reimer, G, TOR	Reimer outpaced junior-level rate stats last year - some decline could be reasonably expected this year.

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101. Nathan Horton, RW, BOS	Horton is symptom-free from the concussion that knocked him out of the Stanley Cup Final.
102. Shane Doan, RW, PHO	Doan doesn't have much upside at this point, but he's still a solid producer.
103. James van Riemsdyk, LW, PHI	Flyers counting on van Riemsdyk to take the leap this year - he'll skate with Claude Giroux this year.
104. Ryan Callahan, RW, NYR	Callahan first broke out then broke his ankle - he appears to be good to go to start the season.
105. Erik Cole, RW, MON	Now with the Habs, Cole should find himself on the first line with Plekanec and Cammalleri.
106. Niklas Backstrom, G, MIN	Backstrom had a disturbing number of blow-up games last season.
107. Alex Pietrangelo, D, STL	The Blues nurtured Pietrangelo along correctly. Now he won't be a surprise to anyone.
108. Alex Goligoski, D, PIT	Goligoski racked up 15 points in 23 games after getting traded to the Stars.
109. Jamie Benn, LW, DAL	Benn has a high ceiling - he may not get there this year, but 75+ points is in his DNA.
110. Craig Anderson, G, OTT	Anderson really shined once he escaped Colorado. Which version is the real Anderson?
111. Tomas Plekanec, C, MON	The addition of Erik Cole gives Plekanec a better winger to work with.
112. Logan Couture, C, SAN	Couture had a pretty good argument for the Calder, though he was edged out by Jeff Skinner.
113. Brad Boyes, RW, BUF	Boyes' disappearing act in the playoffs drew the ire of Sabres fans last season.
114. R.J. Umberger, LW, CLM	If he drops to the third line, you'll have to discount him below this spot.
115. Jaromir Jagr, RW, PHI	Jagr should get a vast majority of his production from the power play.
116. Jason Pominville, LW, BUF	Pominville is trying to make it all the way back from a scary leg injury.
117. Mark Streit, D, NYI	Trying to come back after missing the entire season last year with a shoulder injury.
118. Mark Giordano, D, CGY	Giordano had 25 power play points last year.
119. Tyler Myers, D, BUF	Myers recovered from horrible start to finish with passable numbers. Should break 40 points if healthy.
120. Kari Lehtonen, G, DAL	Lehtonen might be the last of the full-time goalies here, depending view of some of timeshares remaining.
121. Drew Stafford, RW, BUF	Sabres gave Stafford a four-year commitment this offseason, counting on at least a repeat of last year.
122. Ondrej Pavelec, G, WPG	Pavelec could be a good upside pick, though he'll have a tough time overcoming team's weaknesses.
123. Andrew Ladd, LW, WPG	Ladd probably is the Jets' best forward, but his plus/minus will cost you.
124. Joe Corvo, D, BOS	Corvo replaces Tomas Kaberle on the Bruins' power play.
125. Brent Seabrook, D, CHI	Seabrook racked up a career-high 48 points last year - will he retreat a little this year?
126. Erik Karlsson, D, OTT	Karlsson was a whopping -30 last year - too bad, because his offensive game (45 points) is strong.
127. Ryan Suter, D, NAS	Preds' contractual logjam could come to head with Suter; watch closely around the trade deadline.
128. Kimmo Timonen, D, PHI	Timonen is not a 50-point player any longer, but he's still reliable for 35+ points.
129. Jordan Staal, C, PIT	If Crosby has to sit out significant time, Pens will look at Staal to be far more than a third-line center.
130. Taylor Hall, LW, EDM	2010 first overall draft pick had a credible rookie season - he could threaten to get 30 goals this year.
131. Nikolai Kulemin, RW, TOR	Kulemin got to 30 goals last season - is there another step up for him?
132. Devan Dubnyk, G, EDM	Dubnyk first has to win a job battle with Khabibulin, but he's the one with upside.
133. Mike Ribeiro, C, DAL	Taking back over the top center duties with Richards gone.
134. Erik Johnson, D, COL	The Avs invested a lot to get Johnson and hope he becomes their Chris Pronger.
135. Alexander Edler, D, VAN	Needs to avoid back injuries that sidelined him for two months. Also recovering from broken fingers.
136. Jack Johnson, D, LAK	Johnson is an offense-minded defenseman on a team that's gearing up to be a higher scoring team.
137. Joni Pitkanen, D, CAR	Would rate higher if he stayed on the ice more - missed at least 10 games each of the last four years.
138. Zenon Konopka, C, OTT	Get your goon points here!
139. Jose Theodore, G, FLA	Theodore will keep the seat warm for Jacob Markstrom for at least the first half of the season.
140. Steve Mason, G, CLM	This is a huge year for Mason, after two bad seasons in a row.
141. Alex Tanguay, LW, CGY	Ought to carry Jarome Iginla's bags - playing with Iginla has made Tanguay much wealthier.
142. Curtis Glencross, LW, CGY	If the Flames ever open up their style of play, Glencross could benefit the most.
143. Brad Marchand, RW, BOS	Marchand's playoff performance has us thirsting for more than his 41 regular season points last year.
144. Andrei Markov, D, MON	Markov has played just 52 games the last two years due to multiple knee injuries.
145. Tobias Enstrom, D, WPG	Enstrom outperformed this level last year, tallying 51 points.
146. Travis Hamonic, D, NYI	Hamonic is a trendy sleeper in many circles - he's also a bet against Mark Streit's continued health.
147. Mikko Koivu, C, MIN	Hooking up with Dany Heatley might give him a big boost.
148. Michael Cammalleri, C, MON	Cammalleri has had two injury-shortened campaigns in a row.
149. Stephen Weiss, C, FLA	Our first Panthers skater, Weiss has an upside of about 65 points.
150. Jason Spezza, C, OTT	How the mighty have fallen.

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151. Rene Bourque, LW, CGY	Bourque can either carry you for weeks or disappear for weeks - you just don't know when.
152. Mike Knuble, RW, WAS	Boring but steady.
153. Dustin Penner, LW, LAK	Penner was a total bust after arriving from Edmonton at the trade deadline last year.
154. Semyon Varlamov, G, COL	Can Varlamov stay healthy, and can Avs lessen number of shots they allow (31.8 per game last year)?
155. Rick DiPietro, G, NYI	Under contract until the rapture, so you know he'll get his chances.
156. Kris Versteeg, RW, FLA	Might be able to click with Weiss.
157. Martin Erat, RW, NAS	Seemingly always available late in your draft.
158. Steve Montador, D, CHI	Montador essentially replaces Brian Campbell on the Blackhawks' blue line.
159. Kevin Shattenkirk, D, STL	43-point rookie season - now the Blues will look for him to be more proficient in his own end.
160. Mike Smith, G, PHO	Competing with Jason LaBarbera to be the Coyotes' starting goalie.
161. Jonathan Bernier, G, LAK	Bernier would immediately become a middle-of-the-pack goalie if either he or Quick were traded.
162. Evander Kane, C, WPG	Will Kane take a big leap or just show incremental progress?
163. Derek Roy, C, BUF	Missed all but one playoff game with a quad injury.
164. Kevin Bieksa, D, VAN	With Ehrhoff leaving, Bieksa might be counted upon for more power play production this year.
165. Victor Hedman, D, TAM	At some point in his career, Hedman will hit the 40-point plateau.
166. John-Michael Liles, D, TOR	Liles will pile up the points, all while tearing apart your plus/minus.
167. Dennis Wideman, D, WAS	Only question is how much power play time will Wideman get with Green and Carlson in Washington.
168. Jordan Eberle, RW, EDM	Eberle has 60-point potential, though that would require a big leap from his 43-point rookie season.
169. Chris Kunitz, LW, PIT	The only thing keeping Kunitz from rating higher is his playing style, which often leads to injury.
170. Cory Schneider, G, VAN	Hard to dislodge Luongo, but Schneider has huge ceiling if he gets extended action between pipes.
171. Matt Moulson, LW, NYI	If NYI is team on the rise, Moulson will be worth more than this with a better plus/minus.
172. Brian Gionta, RW, MON	A boring pick, but sometimes boring can pay the bills.
173. Jussi Jokinen, LW, CAR	A major component of the Hurricanes' power play unit.
174. Al Montoya, G, NYI	If the Islanders go strictly on performance, not tenure, Montoya could end up playing a lot.
175. Tuuka Rask, G, BOS	It's hard to believe that two years ago Rask was the better goaltender between he and Thomas.
176. Cal Clutterbuck, RW, MIN	Clutterbuck brings a little of everything, but doesn't excel in one particular area.
177. Cam Fowler, D, ANA	Huge scoring upside - deserves to be a top-25 defenseman in non plus/minus leagues.
178. Dennis Seidenberg, D, BOS	Seidenberg is another Bruin that shined in the playoffs.
179. James Wisniewski, D, CLM	Cashed in on his career season - don't expect 51 points again.
180. Tomas Kaberle, D, CAR	Kaberle was a bust in the playoffs - can he regain his mojo?
181. Marc Staal, D, NYR	Staal has started to add more offensive components to his game.
182. Ian White, D, DET	As the only right-handed shot among primary Red Wings blueliners, White has power play potential.
183. Matt Cooke, RW, PIT	Not a beloved player, but he'll get you some points to go with the PIMs.
184. Michael Grabner, RW, NYI	Somehow the Islanders were able to turn Grabner from a waiver claim into a 34-goal scorer.
185. Jakub Voracek, RW, PHI	Could skate with Hartnell and Briere.
186. Andrei Kostitsyn, LW, MON	Has been the poster child for unfulfilled potential - already talk about "coach problems."
187. Clarke MacArthur, LW, TOR	Exploded in the early portion of season - also provides a number of hits for leagues that use that stat.
188. Ty Conklin, G, DET	Jimmy Howard went through tough stretches during season - thus, Conklin has some upward mobility.
189. Anders Lindback, G, NAS	If Rinne's contract becomes an issue, all of a sudden Lindback will step into a good situation.
190. Alexander Steen, C, STL	Steen is the "Max Fisher" of hockey and the Blues are his Rushmore - he'll fill in any role in a pinch.
191. Patrice Bergeron, C, BOS	Bergeron has really improved the defensive side of his game.
192. Mikael Samuelsson, RW, VAN	Hoping to log plenty of ice time with the Sedins, at the least on the power play.
193. Ryan Smyth, LW, EDM	Member emeritus on the "all-boring" team.
194. Jamie McBain, D, CAR	Kaberle's arrival hurts him in the short-term, but eventually a primary power play spot will be his.
195. Teemu Selanne, RW, ANA	At press time, Selanne hadn't yet decided whether he would return for one more year.
196. Derick Brassard, C, CLM	Bumped off the Nash line because of the Jeff Carter trade.
197. Mathieu Garon, G, TAM	Garon is a good hedge against Roloson's ability to stay healthy.
198. Jacob Markstrom, G, FLA	Perhaps the best goalie prospect out there, though last season wasn't his best.
199. Michal Neuvirth, G, WAS	We expect good things from Vokoun, but in case he flops, Neuvirth isn't a bad alternative.
200. Patrik Berglund, C, STL	Trendy sleeper in some spaces - he rates lower here because there are just so many useful centers.

