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March is the month with the most NHL action in it with a total of 210 games. Combine that with a playoff races and no stupid breaks like All-Star or Christmas and this is a hockey fan's dream. Although the schedule makers haven't pulled out all the stops and given us a day where all 30 NHL teams play. October 25 was your only time for that.

Starting on Saturday February 28 the Dallas Stars play five games in seven 7 nights. They are at home to play the Duck and Pens back-to-back and the on the road to face the Sharks, Kings and Ducks. Playing five games in a one week time doesn't happen very often - only twelve times during the regular season.

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Looking at a team's schedule may help your chances of finding a good injury replacement. Here are some of the high and low ratings for teams over a two, three and four week period starting February 27, 2009. The rating is shown in brackets.

### Two weeks

High ratings: Stars (7.97), Flames (7.75), Senators (7.71)

Low ratings: Rangers (4.91), Ducks (4.86)

### Three weeks

High ratings: Capitals (11.22), Senators (10.79), Stars (10.73)

Low ratings: Rangers (7.91), Ducks (7.77)

### Four weeks

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High ratings: Wild (14.57), Panthers (14.43), Flames (14.15)

Low ratings: Bruins (11.09), Ducks (10.80)

### **Best Bets**

Washington 4.11 - four games BOS, FLA, CAR, TOR

Florida 4.00 - four games NJ, WAS, ATL, PIT

Detroit 3.96 - four games LA, NAS, STL, COL

Dallas 3.88 - four games ANA, PIT, SJ, LA

Calgary 3.87 - four games MIN, TB, OTT, PHI

### **Steer Clear**

Anaheim 1.84 - two games DAL, CHI

Phoenix 1.84 - two games STL, STL

Atlanta 2.04 - two games CAR, FLA

St. Louis 2.06 - two games PHX, DET

Carolina 2.08 - two games ATL, WAS

### **Best Bets**

Dallas 4.82 - FIVE games ANA, PIT, SJ, LA, ANA

Washington 4.11 - four games STL, FLA, CAR, TOR

Florida 4.00 - four games NJ, WAS, ATL, PIT

Calgary 3.98 - four games TB, OTT, PHI, CAR

Ottawa 3.50 - three home games TOR, CGY, EDM

### **Steer Clear**

Vancouver 1.84 - two games CBJ, MIN

Chicago 2.06 - two games LA, ANA

NY Rangers 2.22 - two games COL, NYI

Philadelphia 2.62 - three games NJ, BOS, CGY

Edmonton 2.68 - three games MIN, NAS, OTT

### **Best Bets**

Florida 4.29 - four games WAS, ATL, PIT, STL

Tampa Bay 4.24 - four games CGY, PIT, STL, CAR

Calgary 3.98 - four games TB, OTT, PHI, CAR  
Columbus 3.86 - four games VAN, LA, NAS, DET  
Dallas 3.78 - four games PIT, SJ, LA, ANA

**Steer Clear**

NY Rangers 1.10 - ONE games NYI  
Phoenix 1.64 - two road games BOS, BUF  
Anaheim 1.95 - two games CHI, DAL  
Montreal 2.05 - two games BUF, ATL  
Atlanta 2.07 - two games FLA, MTL

**Best Bets**

NY Islanders 4.13 - four home games COL, NYR, NJ, PHX  
Boston 3.99 - four games PHI, PHX, CHI, NYR  
Calgary 3.98 - four games OTT, PHI, CAR, ATL  
Dallas 3.76 - four games SJ, LA, ANA, MTL  
Minnesota 3.63 - four road games VAN, SJ, LA, ANA

**Steer Clear**

Vancouver 1.74 - two games MIN, SJ  
NY Rangers 1.92 - two games NYI, BOS  
New Jersey 2.30 - two games TOR, NYI  
Phoenix 2.74 - three road games BOS, BUF, NYI  
Anaheim 2.80 - three games CHI, DAL, MIN

**Best Bets**

Ottawa 4.50 - four home games CGY, EDM, BUF, TOR  
Boston 3.99 - four games PHI, PHX, CHI, NYR  
Calgary 3.98 - four games OTT, PHI, CAR, ATL  
Carolina 4.04 - four games WAS, CGY, TB, NYR  
Los Angeles 3.92 - four games CBJ, DAL, MIN, VAN

**Steer Clear**

Colorado 1.89 - two games DET, CHI  
New Jersey 2.30 - two games TOR, NYI  
Vancouver 2.67 - three games MIN, SJ, LA  
Phoenix 2.74 - three road games BOS, BUF, NYI  
Anaheim 2.80 - three games CHI, DAL, MIN

**Best Bets**

NY Islanders 4.22 - four games NYR, NJ, PHX, TOR  
Toronto 4.18 - four games WAS, EDM, OTT, NYI  
Montreal 4.17 - four games BUF, ATL, DAL, EDM  
Buffalo 4.07 - four games MTL, PHX, OTT, PHI  
Dallas 3.95 - four games LA, ANA, MTL, STL

**Steer Clear**

Vancouver 1.83 - two games SJ, LA  
Chicago 1.86 - two games BOS, COL  
Anaheim 1.97 - two games DAL, MIN

New Jersey 2.17 - two games NYI, CGY  
Tampa Bay 2.17 - two games STL, CAR

**Best Bets**

Ottawa 4.57 - four home games EDM, BUF, TOR, TB  
NY Islanders 4.22 - four games NYR, NJ, PHX, TOR  
Toronto 4.18 - four games WAS, EDM, OTT, NYI  
Dallas 3.95 - four games LA, ANA, MTL, STL  
Carolina 3.94 - four games CGY, TB, NYR, CHI

**Steer Clear**

Colorado 2.10 - two games CHI, ATL  
Detroit 2.11 - two games CBJ, PHX  
New Jersey 2.17 - two games NYI, CGY  
San Jose 2.56 - three games MIN, VAN, MIN  
Columbus 2.69 - three games NAS, DET, BOS

**Best Bets**

Carolina 4.96 - FIVE games CGY, TB, NYR, CHI, DAL  
Montreal 4.48 - four games ATL, DAL, EDM, NYI  
Toronto 4.39 - four games EDM, OTT, NYI, TB  
Tampa Bay 4.29 - four games STL, CAR, OTT, TOR  
Ottawa 4.20 - four games BUF, TOR, TB, BOS

**Steer Clear**

Los Angeles 1.90 - two games MIN, VAN  
NY Rangers 2.69 - three games BOS, CAR, NAS  
San Jose 2.72 - three games VAN, MIN, STL  
Vancouver 2.76 - three games SJ, LA, ANA  
Pittsburgh 2.82 - three games WAS, FLA, CBJ

**Best Bets**

Toronto 4.39 - four games EDM, OTT, NYI, TB  
Ottawa 4.20 - four games BUF, TOR, TB, BOS  
NY Islanders 4.19 - four games NJ, PHX, TOR, MTL  
Chicago 3.92 - four games BOS, COL, CAR, CBJ  
Carolina 3.89 - four games TB, NYR, CHI, DAL

**Steer Clear**

Anaheim 1.90 - two games MIN, VAN  
NY Rangers 2.69 - three games BOS, CAR, NAS  
San Jose 2.72 - three games VAN, MIN, STL  
Pittsburgh 2.82 - three games WAS, FLA, CBJ  
Los Angeles 2.85 - three games MIN, VAN, VAN

**Best Bets**

Toronto 4.35 - four games OTT, NYI, TB, CGY  
Montreal 4.24 - four games DAL, EDM, NYI, NJ  
Ottawa 4.21 - four games TOR, TB, BOS, PIT

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Calgary 4.13 - four games ATL, NJ, DET, TOR

Boston 4.05 - four games NYR, CBJ, OTT, NYI

### **Steer Clear**

Anaheim 1.90 - two games MIN, VAN

Columbus 2.75 - three games BOS, PIT, CHI'

San Jose 2.80 - three games MIN, STL, LA

Los Angeles 2.81 - three games VAN, VAN, SJ

Vancouver 2.89 - three games LA, ANA, LA