

## Looking Ahead - Week 13

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A tough decision can be made easier with these charts showing you the best five and worst five schedules for upcoming seven-day periods. Some of you used them last year but for the benefit of new readers here is a refresher. The number next to the team indicates the 'multiplier' to use on a player's point-per-game pace to give you an idea how many points to expect for that week.

Two weeks ago I mentioned that I felt a new Northeast Division leader was on its' way as the Habs were setting out on a seven game road trip. After a 4-1 loss to the Lightning on Thursday, Montreal has fallen to 1-5 on that trip thus far and has now dropped to eighth in the East. The Bruins have basically made up six points since last week's article and are now three points ahead with two games in hand. It will be interesting to see how the Habs fare in their final game against Florida, and their subsequent games once they return home for six of seven.

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The Best Bets for the Thursday week isn't very promising for poolies; NYI, St. Louis, Toronto, Minnesota, Boston. Guess which four teams are in the bottom third in goals for per game?

The Blackhawks only play eight games over the [next 21 days](#) , which will all but close the window you had to take advantage of their games played difference with a team like Detroit (who play ten in the next 21 days).

The Panthers play nine of their next 11 games at home, where they have been a much more offensive team. They have averaged only 2.3 goals per game in 20 road games, but are scoring 3.2 goals in 14 home games this year. They have also played a league low 14 home games so far.

A few weeks ago, I made two separate deals trading away a Duck for a King when LA had five less games than Anaheim. One was Getzlaf for Kopitar. The other was a two for two deal involving Visnovsky leaving and Doughty joining. This is something I like to look at in every deal I do. Even gaining one extra game in a trade can be enough to swing it in your favour.



### Best Bets

Calgary 4.25 - four games COL, @EDM, NYI, @VAN

Nashville 4.12 - four games @MIN, CBJ, @ANA, @LA

Vancouver 4.10 - four games @DAL, @COL, @SJ, CAL

New Jersey 4.07 - four games ATL, @CAR, MIN, PHI

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Phoenix 4.01 - four games @STL, @MIN, CBJ, @COL

### Steer Clear

Washington 2.13 - two games @PIT, TB

Ottawa 2.14 - two games @CBJ, TOR

Anaheim 2.63 - three games PHI, CHI, NAS

Los Angeles 2.66 - three games SJ, CHI, NAS

San Jose 2.69 - three games @LA, VAN, BUF

### Friday January 7, 2010

#### Best Bets

NY Rangers 4.46 - four games @TB, @FLA, CAR, @DAL

Calgary 4.18 - four games @EDM, NYI, @VAN, DET

Florida 4.13 - four games NYR, @CAR, ATL, CAR

Chicago 4.13 - four games @ANA, @LA, DAL, OTT

Vancouver 4.12 - four games @COL, @SJ, CAL, EDM

### Steer Clear

Philadelphia 1.92 - two games @DET, @NJ

Montreal 2.01 - two games ATL, PIT

Ottawa 2.03 - two games TOR, @CHI

Washington 2.13 - two games @PIT, TB

NY Islanders 2.23 - two games @CAL, @EDM

### Saturday January 8, 2010

#### Best Bets

Florida 5.18 - five games NYR, @CAR, ATL, CAR, @WAS

Vancouver 5.00 - five games @COL, @SJ, CAL, EDM, DET

NY Rangers 4.23 - four games @FLA, CAR, @DAL, @STL

Chicago 4.13 - four games @ANA, @LA, DAL, OTT

Nashville 4.12 - four games CBJ, @ANA, @LA, @SJ

### Steer Clear

Ottawa 2.00 - two games @CHI, TB

Washington 2.06 - two games TB, FLA

San Jose 2.55 - three games VAN, BUF, NAS

Anaheim 2.66 - three games CHI, NAS, CBJ

Los Angeles 2.66 - three games CHI, NAS, CBJ

### Sunday January 9, 2010

#### Best Bets

Florida 4.29 - four games @CAR, ATL, CAR, @WAS

NY Islanders 4.22 - four games @CAL, @EDM, @COL, @CHI

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Tampa Bay 4.14 - four games @WAS, @PIT, @OTT, @NJ

Carolina 4.13 - four games FLA, @NYR, @FLA, ATL

Chicago 4.07 - four games @LA, DAL, OTT, NYI

### Steer Clear

Montreal 1.78 - two games PIT, BOS

Philadelphia 1.80 - two games @NJ, NJ

Ottawa 2.00 - two games @CHI, TB

Washington 2.06 - two games TB, FLA

St. Louis 2.09 - two games @TOR, NYR

### Monday January 10, 2010

#### Best Bets

Detroit 4.22 - four games @EDM, @CAL, @VAN, @COL

Tampa Bay 4.14 - four games @WAS, @PIT, @OTT, @NJ

Minnesota 3.95 - four games @NJ, @BOS, @PIT, DAL

New Jersey 3.94 - four games MIN, PHI, @PHI, TB

Phoenix 3.79 - four games CBJ, @COL, BUF, @STL

### Steer Clear

Montreal 1.78 - two games PIT, BOS

Philadelphia 1.80 - two games @NJ, NJ

Calgary 1.83 - two games @VAN, DET

Ottawa 2.00 - two games @CHI, TB

Washington 2.06 - two games TB, FLA

### to Tuesday January 11, 2010

#### Best Bets

NY Islanders 4.13 - four games @EDM, @COL, @CHI, VAN

Nashville 4.12 - four games @ANA, @LA, @SJ, MIN

Florida 4.09 - four games ATL, CAR, @WAS, WAS

Vancouver 4.09 - four games CAL, EDM, DET, @NYI

Toronto 4.05 - four games STL, @ATL, @LA, SJ

### Steer Clear

Washington 2.10 - two games FLA, @FLA

Philadelphia 2.73 - three games @NJ, NJ, BUF

Anaheim 2.76 - three games NAS, CBJ, SJ

Montreal 2.77 - three games PIT, BOS, @NYR

Colorado 2.78 - three games PHO, NYI, DET

### Wednesday January 12, 2010

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### Best Bets

NY Islanders 4.13 - four games @EDM, @COL, @CHI, VAN

St. Louis 4.05 - four games @TOR, PHO, NYR, @ANA

Toronto 4.05 - four games STL, @ATL, @LA, @SJ

Minnesota 3.95 - four games @BOS, @PIT, DAL, @NAS

Boston 3.93 - four games MIN, @MON, @PIT, OTT

### Steer Clear

Calgary 2.04 - two games DET, @CAR

Atlanta 2.24 - two games TOR, @CAR

Philadelphia 2.73 - three games @NJ, NJ, @BUF

Anaheim 2.76 - three games NAS, CBJ, SJ

Buffalo 2.88 - three games @SJ, @PHO, PHI

### Thursday January 13, 2010

### Best Bets

San Jose 4.23 - four games NAS, @ANA, TOR, EDM

Vancouver 4.21 - four games EDM, DET, @NYI, @NYR

Toronto 4.10 - four games @ATL, @LA, @SJ, @PHO

Ottawa 4.09 - four games @CHI, TB, @BOS, @NYI

Carolina 3.93 - four games @FLA, ATL, CAL, @BUF

### Steer Clear

Calgary 2.04 - two games DET, @CAR

New Jersey 2.07 - two games @PHI, TB

Atlanta 2.24 - two games TOR, @CAR

Philadelphia 2.69 - three games NJ, @BUF, @BOS

Pittsburgh 2.71 - three games MIN, BOS, @MON

### Friday January 14, 2010

### Best Bets

San Jose 4.23 - four games NAS, @ANA, TOR, EDM

Washington 4.18 - four games FLA, @FLA, @TB, VAN

Vancouver 4.12 - four games DET, @NYI, @NYR, @WAS

Ottawa 4.01 - four games TB, @BOS, @NYI, CAL

Minnesota 4.00 - four games @PIT, DAL, @NAS, COL

### Steer Clear

Anaheim 1.81 - two games SJ, STL

Chicago 2.03 - two games NYI, COL

Atlanta 2.07 - two games @CAR, PHI

Edmonton 2.20 - two games @DAL, @SJ

Dallas 2.21 - two games @MIN, EDM

### Saturday January 15, 2010

### Best Bets

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San Jose 4.23 - four games NAS, @ANA, TOR, EDM

Phoenix 4.11 - four games @STL, @CBJ, TOR, ANA

St. Louis 3.99 - four games PHO, @ANA, @LA, @SJ

Boston 3.92 - four games @PIT, OTT, PHI, PIT

Tampa Bay 3.90 - four games @NJ, WAS, NJ, @CAR

### **Steer Clear**

NY Rangers 2.66 - three games MON, VAN, @MON

Florida 2.66 - three games WAS, NAS, NJ

Pittsburgh 2.66 - three games BOS, @MON, @BOS

Columbus 2.68 - three games PHO, DET, @DET

Anaheim 2.72 - three games SJ, STL, @PHO