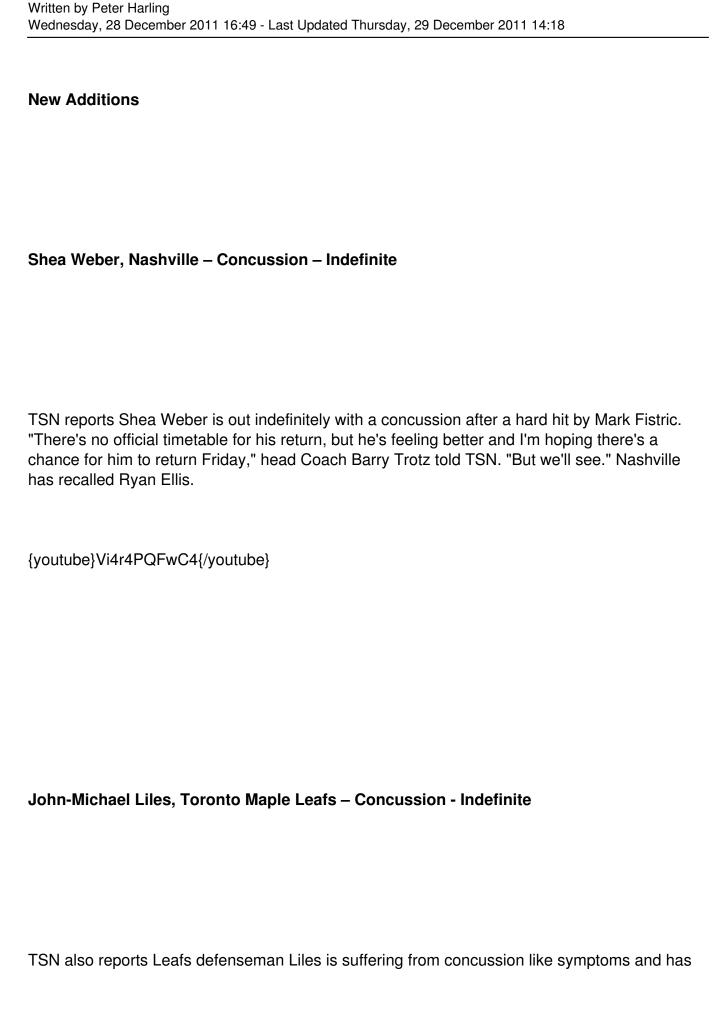


This week's Injury Report looks at new additions and updates on injured players, as well as who has made an impact since returning.



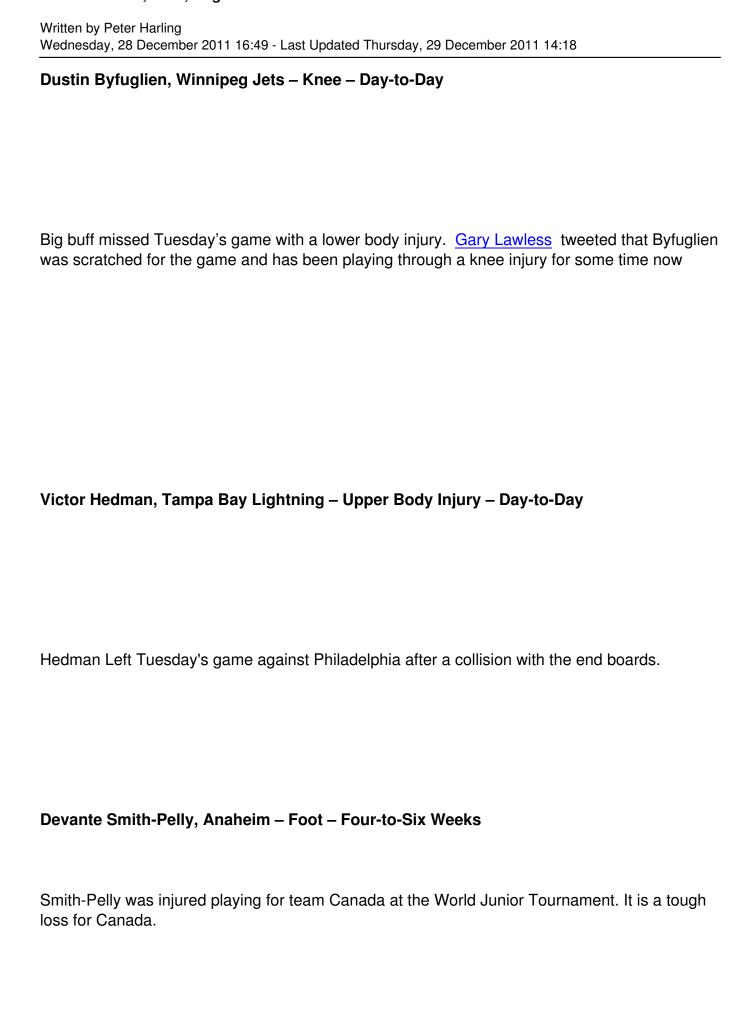
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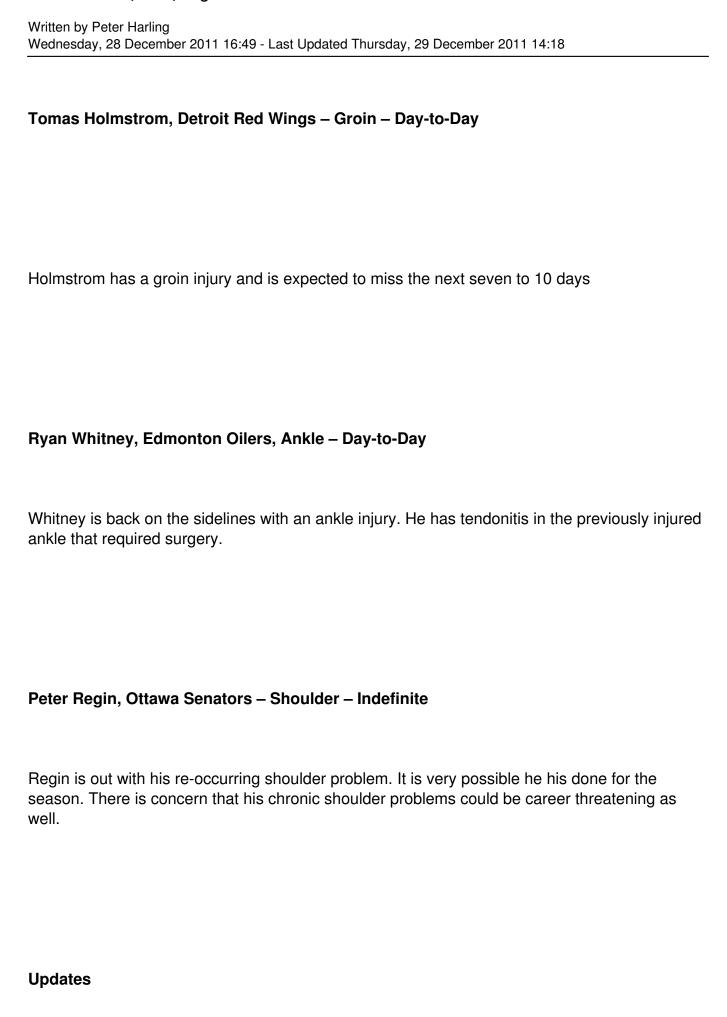
been placed on the injured reserve after being hit by Paul Gaustad. "We're shutting him down for a few days," said Coach Ron Wilson. "He was better today, but not ready to go and if we run into a crisis we've gotta have another defenceman available - in case of illness or another injury."

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Simon Gagne, Los Angeles Kings – Upper Body Injury – Indefinite

Gagne is out with an undisclosed injury, reports TSN. The Kings will not confirm it is a concussion after he was hit in Monday's game. Gagne has historically suffered from a variety of injuries, including concussions. Gagne is not traveling with the team on their current two game road trip.





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Mike Green, Washington Capitals – Groin – Day-to-Day

Green participated in his first full 45-minute practice on Tuesday. "I think I'm going to have to be cognizant of this for the rest of my career, probably," Green said. "It's something you've got to take care of, especially with hockey it's such a common thing. It's just maintenance right now, making sure I'm on top of my stuff and getting better. I don't think I'll be 100 percent for a long time, I've just got to get to that stage where I can play." Green told the Washington Post.

Mark Giordano, Calgary Flames – Leg – Indefinite

Flames GM Jay Feaster gave an update to NHL.com on Giordano's injury status, saying "The doctors have been pleased as he has been skating. So now it's a matter of pushing that a little bit more every time he goes out, ramping it up a little bit. Just the fact that he's skating, it's good news."

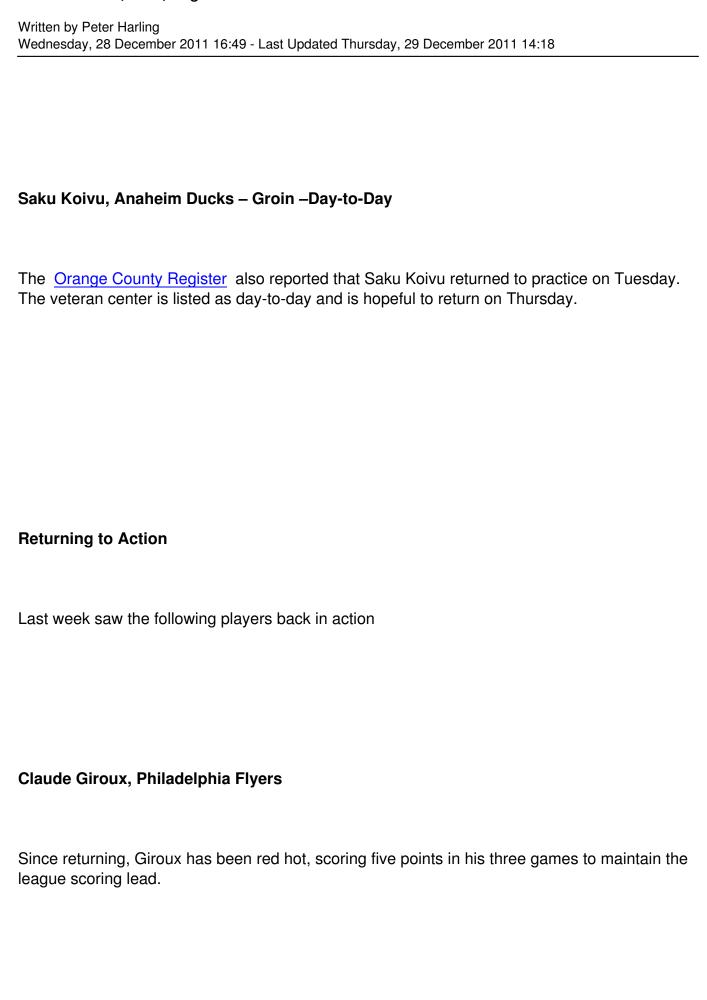
Alex Tanguay, Calgary Flames – Upper body Injury – Week-to-Week

Tanguay has moved from being listed as day-today, to week-to-week. He is not traveling with the team on their current six game road trip.

Written by Peter Harling Wednesday, 28 December 2011 16:49 - Last Updated Thursday, 29 December 2011 14:18 Nathan Gerbe, Buffalo Sabers – Concussion – Day-to-Day Gerbe has passed his concussion test and has returned to practice in a non-contact capacity. Contact clearance is expected shortly, possibly later Wednesday. Stephen Weiss, Florida Panthers – Upper Body – Day-to-Day Weiss missed his second straight game with an undisclosed injury. He is expected to return for Friday's game. Kari Lehtonen, Dallas Stars - Groin - Day-to-Day Lehtonen is expected to make his return to the Dallas goal on Thursday. Dallas will be keeping Richard Bachman in place as his back up. This decision will put Andrew Raycroft on waivers Jason Blake, Anaheim Ducks – Wrist –Day-to-Day

Blake returned to practice and is getting close to returning reports the Orange County Register

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Milan Michalek, Ottawa Senators

Michalek missed five games from a concussion. He was the league leading goal scorer with 19 goals at the time of his injury, and returns behind by three to Marian Gaborik and Steven Stamkos who each have 22 goals

Martin St.Louis, Tampa Bay Lightning

St.Louis has also returned hot, with three points in his last two games.

Mike Richards, Los Angeles Kings

Richards has played well and has two points in his three games, helping the Kings win two of those three games.