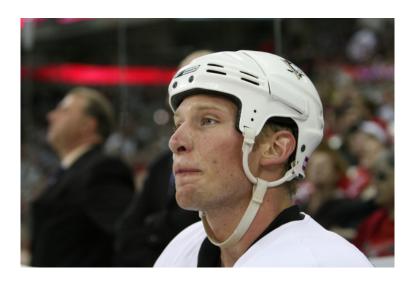
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A weekly look at the latest NHL injury news - whatever we can dig up in this 'Top Secret', CIA world...

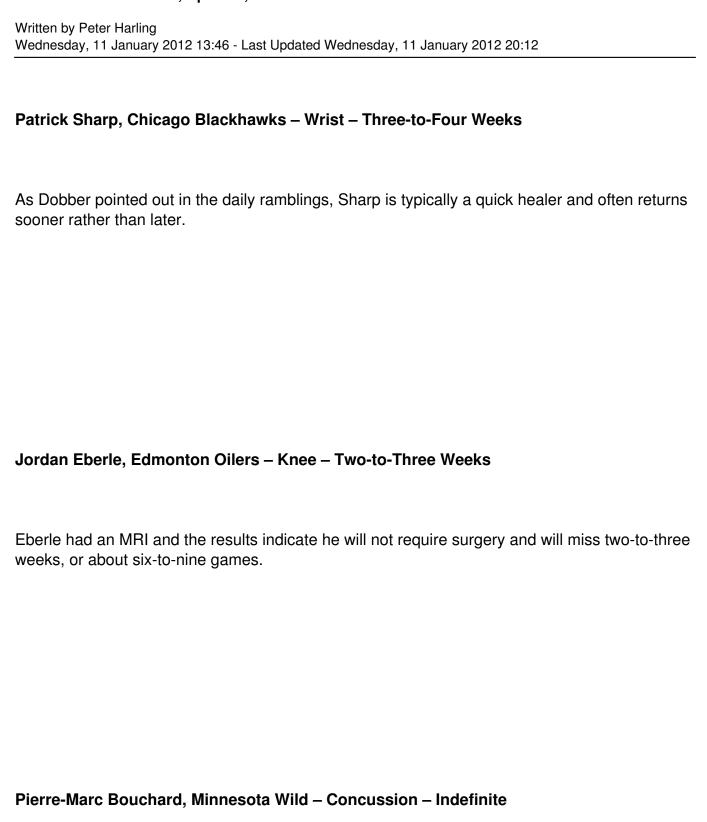
New Additions

Nicklas Backstrom, Washington Capitals – Head –Day-to-Day

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This is extremely bad news for Bouchard. He is another example of a player, who's career has been marred with concussion injuries. Bouchard's career is in jeopardy much the same as Marc Savard and Peter Mueller.

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Jacob Markstrom, Florida Panthers – Knee – Indefinite
Markstrom will undergo a minor knee surgery today. This will be his second in as many years. With Theodore already out with a knee injury, Scott Clemmensen will assume the starting mantle in Florida.
Updates from Last Night's Games
Pavel Datsyuk, Detroit Red Wings – Lower Body Injury – Day-to-Day
Datsyuk did not start last night's game in Long Island with an undisclosed lower body injury. The Red Wings tweeted that it is not serious and they hope he will be available soon.

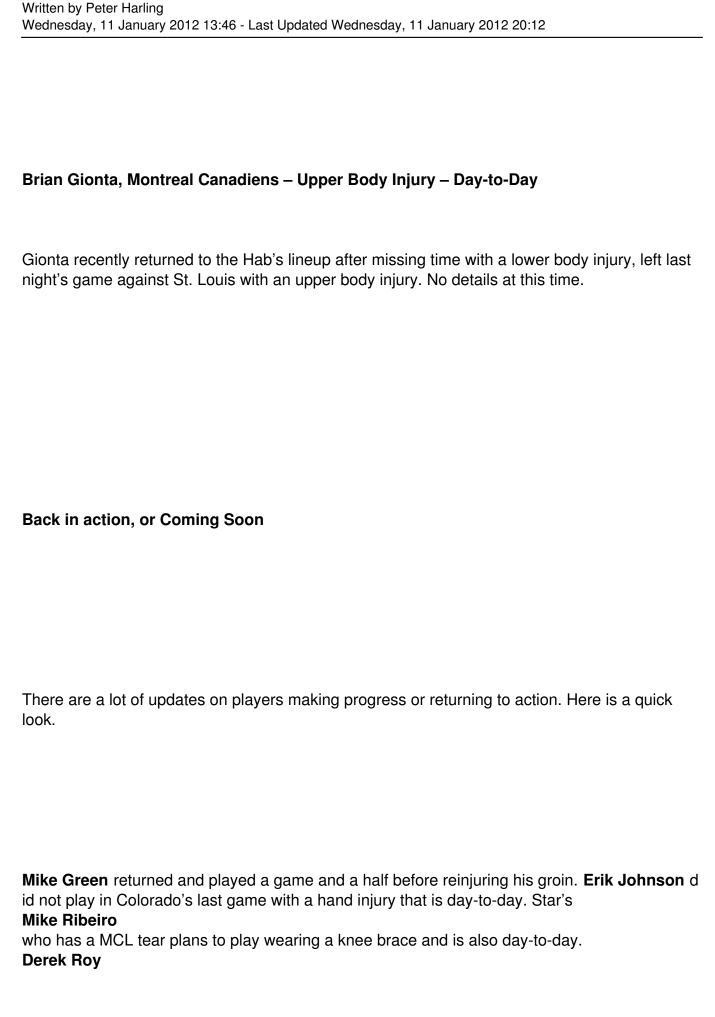
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Zach Bogosian, Winnipeg Jets - Lower Body Injury - Day-to-Day

Bogosian also left the game last night with an undisclosed lower body injury. No word on the nature of the injury or any time frame for a return.

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and

Tyler Bozak

were both absent from last night's Leafs Sabres game with shoulder injuries. Both could return for the rematch on Friday.

Sheldon Souray

and

James Neal

both returned to action last night. Neal had a broken bone in his foot magically heal to a bruise overnight. Some news from concussion victims,

Jeff Skinner, Andy MacDonald, Sidney Crosby and Kris Letang

these players have begun to resume skating and light workouts. None have been cleared for contact and all remain week-to-week. Flames

Mark Giordano

made a surprise early return to the ice. He was assumed to be out for the season but is way ahead of schedule as he has begun to practice on the ice. The news was not so good for Edmonton's

Tom Gilbert

who was the victim of Dan Carcillo's dirty hit. Gilbert has been downgraded from day-to-day to out four weeks. Goalie

Jonas Hiller

and

Jose Theodore

are getting closer to returning. Theodore is back in practice with the Panthers, while Hiller is travelling with the team again. After losing seven games in a row, Buffalo hopes to get

Christian Ehrhoff

back as he has begun skating. He may still be a week or two away yet. And finally, look for New Jersey to have

Travis Zajac

back in the lineup tonight as they continue a road trip in Edmonton.