

The playoffs are just over the horizon and the trade deadline is even closer. What impact will injuries have on both?

# **New Additions**

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<u>Chip Alexander</u> reports that Carolina GM Jim Rutherford announced Ruutu will be out for about three weeks. With the trade deadline a week and a half away and Rutherford attempting to resign Ruutu, who is a pending UFA Rutherford said "The fact that we'd like him to stay and like to re-sign him has not changed in any way."

## Carl Gunnarsson, Toronto Maple Leafs – Ankle Sprain – Day-to-Day

The news is good for the Leafs as Gunnarsson has suffered a slight lower-ankle sprain, and is only expected to miss about seven days. Initially it was feared to be far worse. "It's not bad; it's not a high ankle sprain like we feared," Ron Wilson told the Toronto Sun

## Mikael Backlund, Calgary Flames – Arm/Shoulder – Mid-Late march

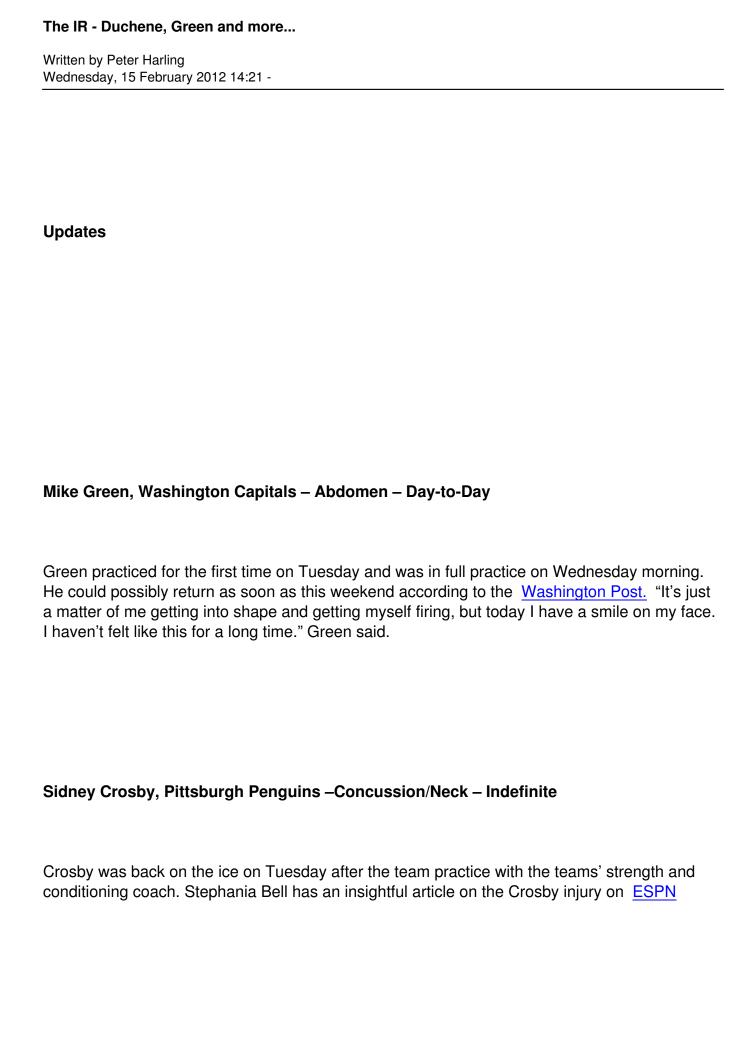
It is unclear if Backlund suffered his injury in a fight with Andrew Alberts, or as the result of a hit from Alex Edler. Regardless his arm is in a sling and he will be out four-to-six weeks.

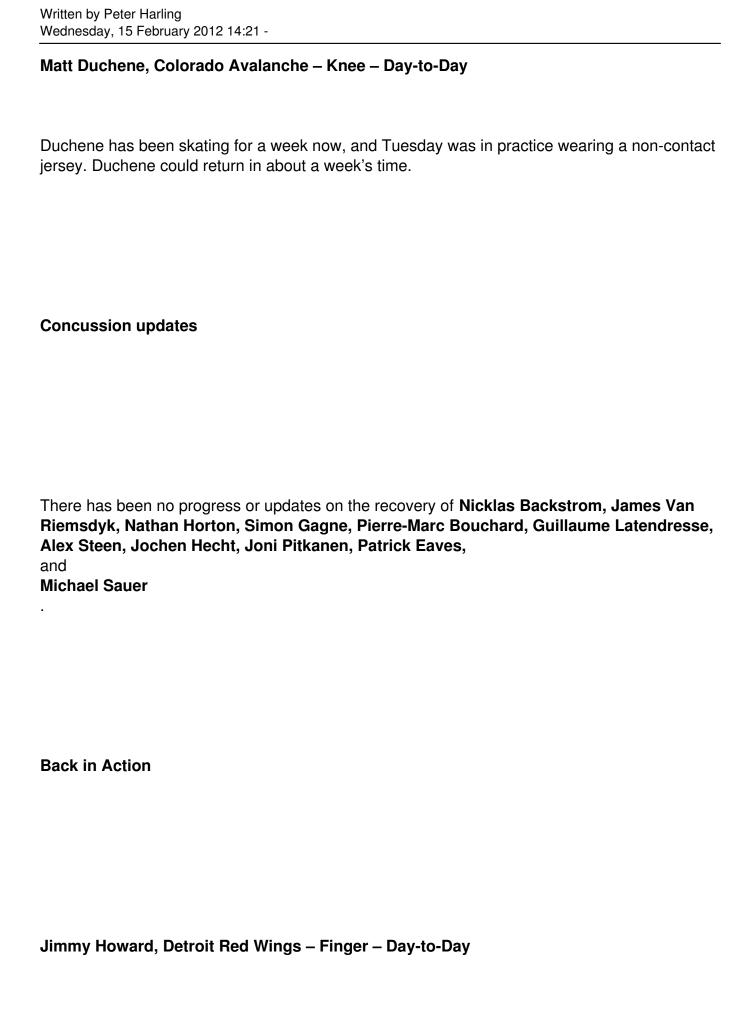
Jakub Voracek, Philadelphia Flyers – Upper Body – Day-to-Day



cracked in two spots, both requiring surgery and plates installed. His jaw will be wired shut for

five weeks and he will be on a liquid diet for that time. His season is very likely finished.





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Howard is back in practice with the team and has been taking shots. Mike Babcock has announced he will get the start on Sunday against San Jose and did not rule out the possibility of a Friday start against Nashville.

Jordan Staal made his return from knee injury. Wild captain **Mikko Koivu** has returned from a shoulder injury.

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#### mas Vanek

has returned to help the Sabres push for the playoffs.

## **Andy McDonald**

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## Matt D'Agostini

trade places as D'Agostini is out, and McDonald returns from concussion. Florida Panthers are missing three key defenders but welcomed back starting goalie

## Jose Theodore.

## **Ryan Malone**

returns from an upper body injury amid trade deadline speculation.