



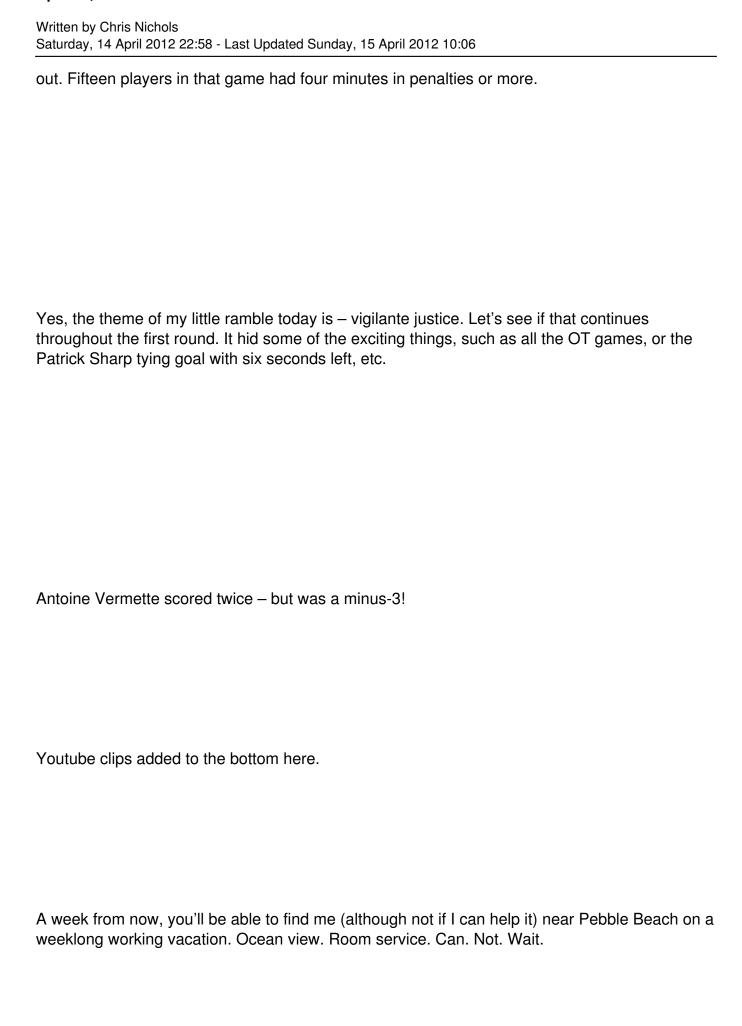
Alex Semin led the Caps with five shots, Thornton led the Bruins with five shots. Semin played 29 minutes, Thornton played eight.

A couple of quick thoughts on the games overall – I thought the Matt Carkner thing (clip added to bottom) spurred the Sens. Boyle punched Karlsson, so Carkner punched Boyle. I also thought the Shaw hit on Mike Smith rattled the goaltender enough to make a difference. Dirty plays that got the players into hot water – but won the game and in the case of Chicago may eventually win the series. This is looking as though teams need to do this... or have this done to them. Let's say Phoenix sends out a non-star to take liberties on Jonathan Toews and that non-star gets suspended – if Phoenix gets momentum back if Toews is put out of the lineup, it will have been worth it, no? My point – teams may be starting to think that way. Vigilante justice. Unless the league and the refs seize control back. Brandon Dubinsky was kicked out for being the third man in on that Boyle fight.

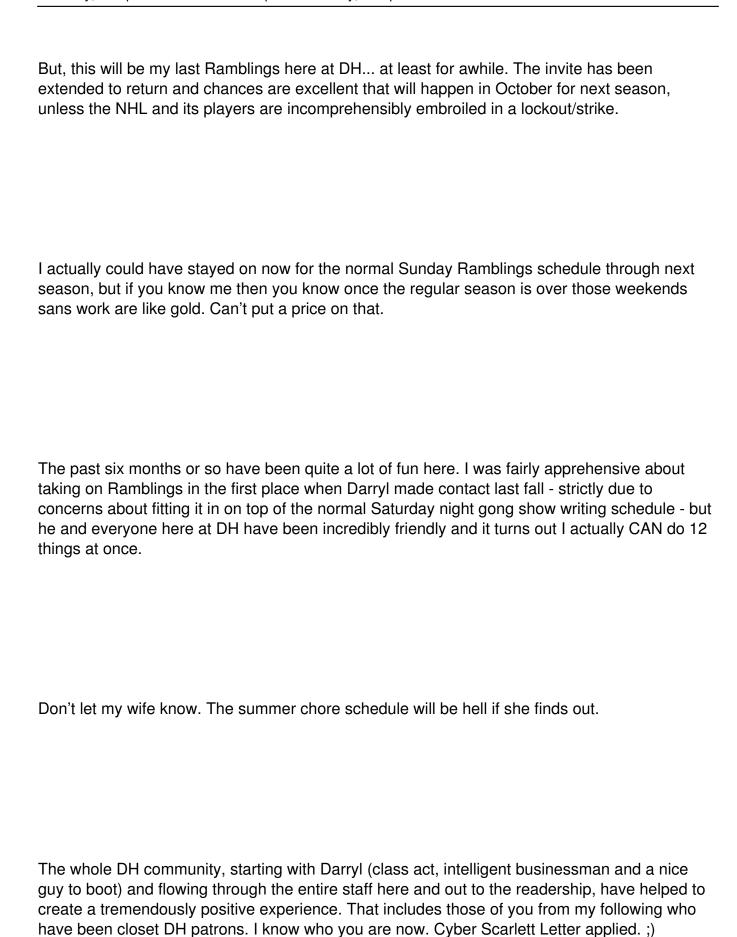
The Rangers could be in trouble is Ryan McDonagh is out. He blocked a wicked shot from the point off the inside of his ankle.

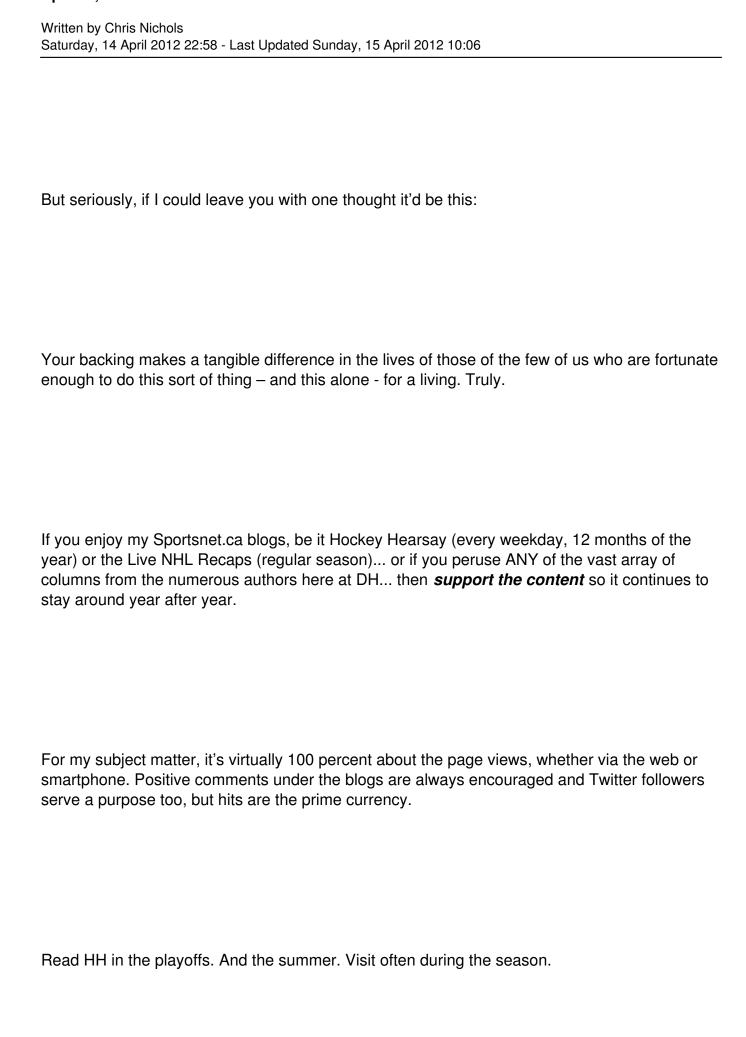
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Carl Hagelin also hit Daniel Alfredsson with an oustretched elbow to the side of his head. Guaranteed suspension there, and Hagelin out of the lineup could mean Chris Kreider – in.
Alfredsson left the game. No word on the severity.
Jaroslav Halak also left the game with a lower body injury, and Brian Elliott came in and shut the door. I'd have to think that they ride Elliott until he falters, whether Halak is healthy or not.
Do yourself a favor, if you missed the Sharks/Blues game. Scroll through the scoring summary – penalty section. It'll take awhile. After the buzzer there were five misconduct penalties handed

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You don't have to agree with everything that's ever written here. That's not the point. It's about supporting the concept of having a poolie-friendly haven where we of the fantasy brethren can
gather. Thank-you – sincerely – for your support of my work both here and at SN. It means a lot.
Enjoy the playoffs.
Should you be so inclined, follow me on Twitter for NHL and fantasy info as a safe mobile notifications options with minimal self-involved dreck in 140-character spurts.

Ross... FYI & FWIW, here's the deal so you and anyone else who was thinking the same thing knows:

Per my initial agreement with the site, last Sunday was going to be my finale Ramblings to coincide with the end of the regular season. I had planned to tack this "farewell" sentiment onto the end of that evening's work.

Sometime during the week before that finale Sunday, Darryl asked if I could do one extra week. With some of the things he alluded to off the top of his Ramblings today, he's been really busy of late and needed a little extra time so he and I could talk about our possibilities going forward.

I said sure, for him I'd be happy to do an extra week. Then, early this week, it turned out that he caught up with everything. We had a chance to map out what we might do together for the fall. He also said he'd be able to have this Sunday covered, so I didn't need to worry about it anymore.

So I made other plans. Then Thursday, he let me know it turned out he couldn't get coverage for today's Ramblings after all. I told him I knew at that point I wouldn't be watching any of Saturday's games (although I caught overtime of the BOS/WAS game, hence my tweet wondering why Caps players would be jumping into Nicklas Backstrom in the boards after he scoring the winner when the guy is coming off half-a-season of lost games from a concussion) and also wouldn't have time to write something... but said I could pen the farewell tidbit I had initially planned to do last weekend, if that would help.

Perfect, he said. Then people won't wonder where you went. He would then tack on some game notes on Sunday when he had a chance, but wouldn't have to worry about writing anything Saturday night. Win-win.

So... that's the scoop, as it unfolded. Hence the "improper ramblin". I thought about mentioning the highlights of this when I wrote this Ramblings message out Friday in the first place, but didn't figure it was necessary. Apparently it was.

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Matt Carkner jumps Brian Boyle and gives him a message – "no punching Karlsson". Later in the clip, Dubinsky makes his entry into the Gatorade bucket toss contest:
{youtube}94r8eauXqkU{/youtube}
Shaw hammering Mike Smith, who was down and out – but returned.
{youtube}YVPulvuP6O8{/youtube}

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