

I've brought up this scenario before, could the Oilers offer sheet him? And would they even want to? There's been talk about the Oilers going with Ryan Murray with the top pick at the Entry Draft. The problem with that is by the time he properly develops, the Taylor Hall's, Jordan Eberle's, Ryan Nugent-Hopkin's will all be heading towards RFA or UFA status and possibly won't be with the Oilers. So why not go with Nail Yakupov with the top pick, send an offer sheet of \$6.25 mil per season to Green's agent (compo of a first, second and third pick in next year's draft) and you've got a team ready to compete next campaign. Makes sense to me.

Semin's also headed towards UFA status this summer, does he walk? How would the Caps look if they lost both Green and Semin?

According to Fire & Ice, the Flyers will tweak their line up for today's game against the Devils.

JVR - Giroux - Simmonds

Hartnell – Briere – Voracek

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scenarios in professional sports where we're seeing "special status" given to athletes. I understand that a professional organization is to "win" games, but at the end of the day creating and sustaining a team culture is vitally important for the longevity of a franchise. The question is out of the 30 NHL teams out there, how many of them have the balls to do what the Preds did and how many of them would have caved? Would the Preds have stuck to their guns if it was game seven of the Stanley Cup final?

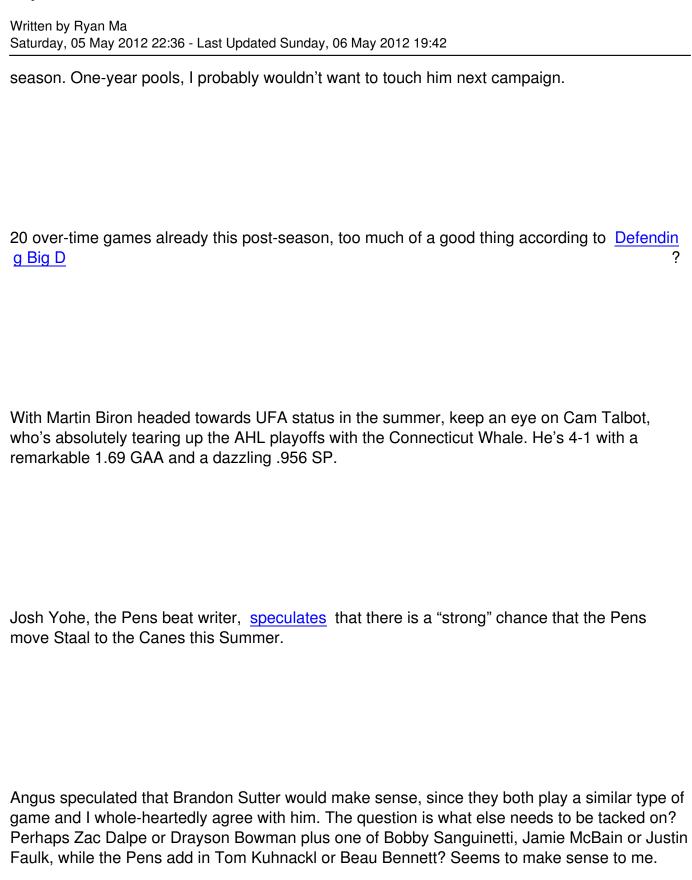
The duo has a "high probability" of returning back into the line up for Monday night's game five tilt.

According to Orange and Black, the reason why the Devils are leading the series, cycling and puck retrieval. I would chalk it down to limiting opposition shots and getting timely saves from a veteran goalie. Also Travis Zajac's 58.9 faceoff winning percentage doesn't hurt either.

Olli Jokinen had abdominal surgery which will sideline him for three to four weeks. He's scheduled to become a UFA on July 1 st, and there might be a few teams willing to knock on the door. His 61 points this campaign was ranked 19

amongst all centermen, while his 223 SOG were also in the top-50 in the league. There are plenty of teams that could use someone of his skill set (Leafs).

Marian Hossa still not "feeling himself", which is a worrying sign for poolies heading into next



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Another Jumbotron going into another NHL arena, this time costing \$5 mil. If I were the NHLPA, I'd use this to my advantage. Instead of owners "crying" about the lack of ticket revenue and soaring operating costs and how teams are losing money hand over fist, I'd throw this back at them and say quit whining when you can afford to spend \$5 mil on a new HD screen, you can afford more than a 50/50 revenue share.

First wake up call for Team Canada at the WC as they fell to the US 5-4 which dropped them to 1-0-1. It was the first time since 2001 that the Americans have defeated Canada in the WC tournament.

Max Pacioretty <u>leading the tournament</u> with four points in two contests.

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Ovechkin hit, suspendable?