

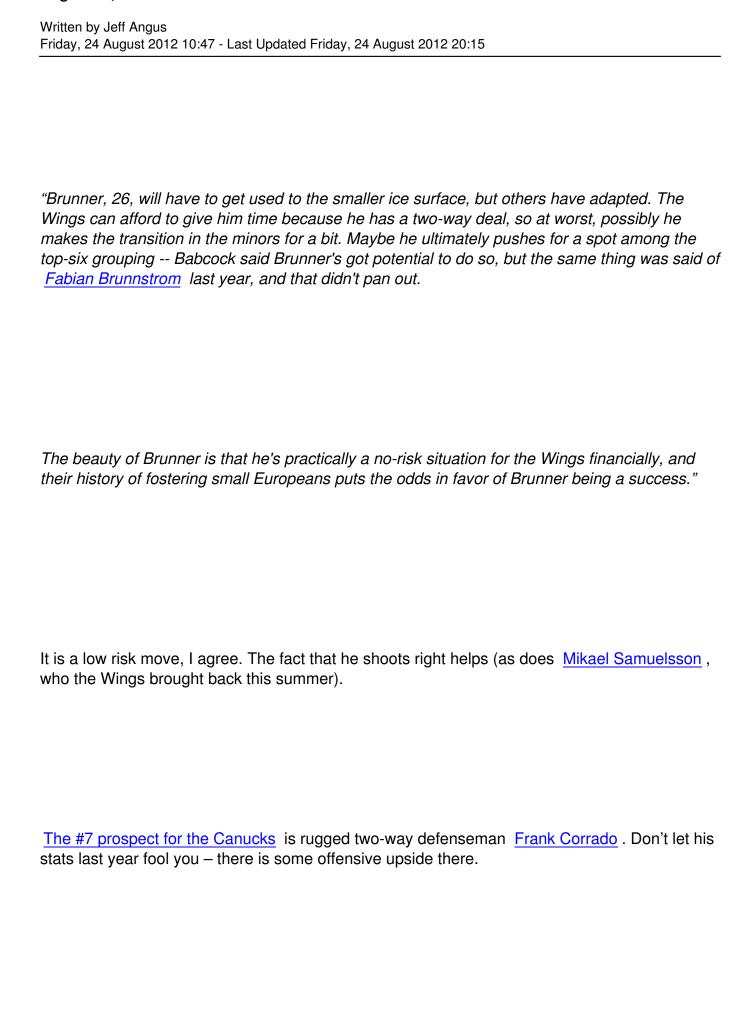
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The Red Wings have apparently made a two-year contract offer to Carlo Colaiacovo . He would likely supplant (or at least provide some competition) to one of Kindl or Smith on the back end. Colaiacovo had a terrific season last year, but most of that was due to playing with Alex Pietrangelo

He's a solid two-way defenseman (when healthy). A poor man's Matt Carle, perhaps. In Detroit, he would get along fine as long as he was put in the proper role and not given responsibilities outside of his skill level. We have a new Shane Doan deadline. According to Doan's agent, Terry Bross, Doan is going to sign a contract before the CBA expires on September 15th. An interesting look at Erik Karlsson's assists from last season.

The Detroit Free Press takes a look at Swiss forward Damien Brunner.



August 25, 2012 Written by Jeff Angus Friday, 24 August 2012 10:47 - Last Updated Friday, 24 August 2012 20:15 Canucks assistant GM Laurence Gilman on Corrado: " Frank Corrado is the first guy that comes to my mind [as a sleeper prospect], and you're always hesitant making these kinds of statements because you don't want ot put to much pressure on the player. [Corrado is] quite a dynamic player and we think his ascension is far more advanced than it should be for a player picked in the fifth round, and there are those in our organization that think this guy will challenge to make the National Hockey League a lot sooner than most people think he will." How do the top six forwards in the Atlantic Division stack up? In Lou We Trust finds out.

"In comparing each team, the Devils measure up to much of the Atlantic Division equally. They finished behind the Penguins and Rangers in goals scored (tied with the Flyers at 139), while coming just behind the Penguins in assists. In total points, the Devils came in second (346) behind only the dominant Penguins (457). It is worth noting that these numbers are without both Parise's 31 goals and Sykora's 21 goals from last season. The team was able to keep up with a majority of the competition without over 50 goals while the other teams did not face as major

losses. For example, the Flyers lost only the 19 goals Jagr scored last season while the

Rangers are gaining 30-goal scorer, Nash."

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terms of position and role. Kovalchuk-Zajac will be two-thirds of the top line, likely flanked by Zubrus. I wonder if the Devils have thought of putting a prospect like Mattias Tedenby

there (provided he has a strong camp)?

We interrupt these ramblings to bring you some Datsyuk magic:

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<u>Lighthouse Hockey looks</u> at the recent second contracts for 1st overall picks, including <u>Taylor</u> Hall

and

John Tavares

"On that note, it's interesting that Tavares and Hall have both come in at lower average salaries than the peers who came before them -- even though the cap has actually been higher in the years Hall and Tavares signed. The massive second deals signed by <u>Alex Ovechkin</u> and <u>Sidn</u> <u>ey Crosby</u>

have been followed by smaller rather than bigger salaries for other #1s.



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