

Lockout Update: Day 65: There is still a lockout.

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Reports filtered in Saturday evening that the NHL and NHLPA had agreed to meet today. This was just a couple of days after the NHL suggesting a two-week moratorium, solidifying their status as worldwide leaders in digging up abstract words and finding ways to use them.

In case you've fallen asleep behind on where things stand in the NHL vs. PA talks, [here](#) is a good and relatively quick rundown by Kevin Allen.

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If the lockout were to cancel the season, [Teemu Selanne](#) says he will " [probably](#) " retire. Not overly shocking, as I'm sure we could have guessed that. But worth noting.

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I really enjoyed [this piece](#) in Japer's Rink on Brett Hull's relationship with Ken Hitchcock and how he transformed as a player. The result was a Cup. And the situation was compared to [Alex Ovechkin](#) and how he needs to change under a new coach.

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In [yesterday's ramblings](#) , Nichols gives some great insight on Damien Brunner - I'm going

in-depth on him later today over at The Hockey News. Nichols also gives his impression on [Jonathan Quick](#)

's injury status and the situation with

[Jonathan Bernier](#)

. He also notes injuries to Ryan Murray (Columbus stud) and

[Claude Giroux](#)

(some guy who plays for Philly).

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The [Super Series](#) is up and Russia went 3-2-1, so congrats to them. [Jonathan Huberdeau](#) led the series in scoring with five points in two games. Nail Yakupov, Mikhail Naumenkov, Maxim Shalunov and Andrei Sigarev had four points in six games. You can find the [full stats here](#)

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Here's an Islanders prospect who has put himself on my radar - [Mitchell Theoret](#) , who is clicking with teammate, linemate and Islanders-mate

[Ryan Strome](#)

. He already has 22 points in 19 OHL games, topping his career high set in 62 games last year. A third-line energy guy, don't let the stats fool you. But experiences like this can sometimes shift a player's style of play and change him, if he's still young enough to be changed.

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[Joe Pavelski](#) suffered a " [minor](#) " leg injury (in KHL action) that may keep him out for this week, but probably not any longer.

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Pittsburgh prospect [Eric Tangradi](#) earned his first assist of the season Saturday. That seems terrible, and it is. But he does have nine goals, including a hat trick Friday. So he's heating up, and his goal-scoring has been there all year. He's getting more comfortable as a pro, this is his fourth year and yet his career high for goals is 18. He's halfway there with 65 games left. Skilled power forwards with that kind of size (6-4, 232) need a couple of extra years to find that comfort zone and learn the limitations of their body.

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Funny how [Ales Hemsky](#) is Mr. Healthy when he's playing in the Czech League. Well, perhaps his re-found confidence will rub off on for good and he returns to form upon his NHL return. He has 21 points in 17 games overseas.

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[Brooks Laich](#) has sustained a middle-body [injury while playing](#) in Switzerland and is returning to North America for treatment. No word on how long he'll be out, but it sounds serious if he has to seek treatment.

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Two weeks from today, Justin Goldman and I will be releasing the first annual Fantasy Goalie Guide. I go through in depth, team-by-team, the status of each goaltender in the eyes of their organization. Where do they fit? Who gets the red carpet rolled out for them? Who has to climb the highest mountain before getting respect? And after I go through that, Justin then profiles all fantasy-worthy goalies. Using the two perspectives, you'll know exactly what your goaltending situation is like when you look at your fantasy squad. [More details are here](#) .

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[Ben Scrivens](#) had a much-needed shutout for the Marlies. Suddenly, his poor start is turning around - that's two wins in a row, one goal allowed on 41 shots.

[Nazem Kadri](#) scored this beauty:

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That gives Kadri 11 points in six games. He's back in business.

In his second game of the season, [Matt Frattin](#) scored again. He has three goals already.

Sven Bärtschi was a minus-3. He has just two points in his last five contests.

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[Nino Niederreiter](#) is on an eight-game points streak. He has 17 points this year already, overall.

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He had a slow start, but [Brett Connolly](#) has five points in his last three games for Syracuse.

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I'm looking for good people. I need to add to the staff of excellent contributors here at Dobber Sports. [Take a look here](#) and see if there's a fit.

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This funny PK Subban video is going around. Love how he serves beer!

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