

It's true. Don't fight it. Size does matter.

SIZE MATTERS IN KEEPER LEAGUES

Calvin from Vancouver

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"8 team H2H Yahoo Keeper (Year 1, Keep 5)
G, A, P, +/-, PIM, PPP, GWG, SOG, W, GAA, Save%, SHO
Daily Roster: 2 C, 2 RW, 2 LW, 4D, 1 Util, 2 G
C: Datsyuk (LW), Getzlaf, E.Staal,
RW: Perry, Hossa, Semin (LW), Clarkson
LW: Parise, Vanek, Benn (C)
D: Boyle, Karlsson, Edler, Gonchar
G: Thomas, Quick
Hi Chris, Roster listed above. I am presently in first with a 50 point lead over 2nd place.

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Goalies and late draft picks (Vanek, Karlsson, Edler) are making up for my struggling top picks (Perry, Getzlaf, Staal). Who would you consider for 5 keepers? the rest i may offer to upgrade keepers.
I am considering among:
Datsyuk (getting older)
Perry (good alround stats, valuable RW)
Parise (valuable LW), Getzlaf (injury prone)
Staal
Benn
Karlsson (top dman)
Quick (younger, solid stats).

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Chris: First of all, congrats on the big lead so far.
I'm glad you asked this one Calvin because it brings up a great point about keepers when it comes to smaller leagues and fewer keepers. Because your situation is on the shallow side with only eight teams and since, on top of that, the number of keepers is relatively small with only five, I'd be much less worried about the age of a player.
As such, I think Datsyuk is still a legitimate guy to consider as a lock in terms of his production and talent. The only caveat, IMO, is whether or not you want to invest in any centres at all since forward position matters for you. As you know, pivots are plentiful. Not Datsyuk-level, but in a shallow league especially you'll be able to do quite nicely down the middle regardless.
Quick's keeper value continues to move upward. With Darryl Sutter's addition to the Kings, Quick's worth is only improved.

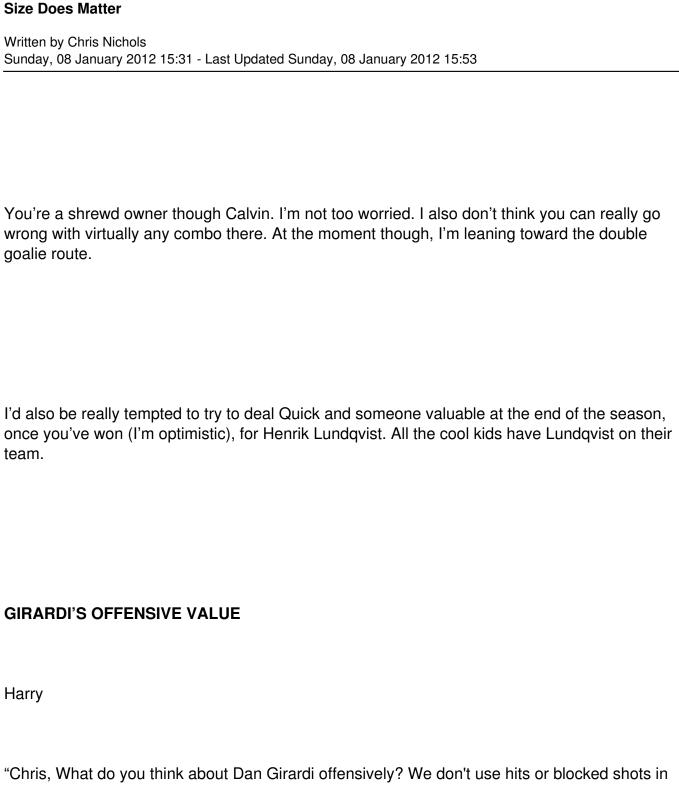
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Even though Tim Thomas is obviously up there in years, he's still playing so well and has such a great situation with the Bruins. Given your league dynamics, I could even honestly see going a little non-conventional in keeper thinking and going with both Quick and Thomas as two of the five. You'd likely be able to nab Rask back at the draft (the split situation might make his owner waver on keeping him, like you are with Thomas and his age) and your goaltending would theoretically be pretty awesome for next season.

If you went that route, then who for the final three choices? Parise and Perry should likely be locks. Wingers, solid stats and pretty valuable all-around.

I could then see going with Karlsson for the final pick, given his insane production and upside. It's always nice to have one d-man locked up in that scenario and there's no reason to expect any sort of dramatic drop-off for Karlsson. He's just a blue-chipper who has figured it out early in his career.

Honestly though, a legitimate argument could be made for Datsyuk (it's Pavel freaking Datsyuk) or Hossa (winger, great spot in Chicago and he's consistent), Benn (awesome young talent who is more valuable if he'll carry W/C eligibility into next season), Vanek (valuable winger and I have so much more respect for him after this season than I ever have before) or Getzlaf (looks bad now, but in standard leagues his long-term value is still really high). Staal, Boyle and Edler are no slouches either.

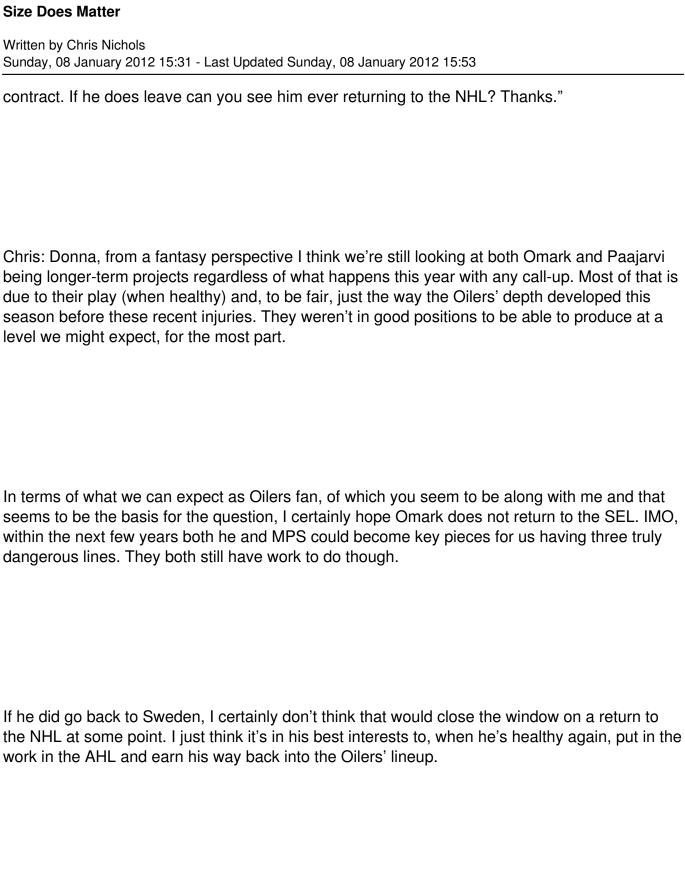


"Chris, What do you think about Dan Girardi offensively? We don't use hits or blocked shots in our league- otherwise he would be a stud. He appears to be a better real-world player than fantasy. As I speak- he has had a good week. We have a deep league- 16 teams. H2H points. Would you trade him for another d-man, or just ride him out? He has decent stats- 3G, 12A and + 7. But only 8 PIMS. Most of his points were early on, when he was more consistent. His last six weeks as far as fantasy pts go:



Written by Chris Nichols Sunday, 08 January 2012 15:31 - Last Updated Sunday, 08 January 2012 15:53 value would come from the two categories you don't count – hits and blocked shots. He's a beast in front of Henrik Lundqvist and the fact that he's taken only four minors this year is pretty incredible. If you can get something decent for him that'll help your team, go for it. **OMARK AND PAAJARVI** Donna "I'd love to hear your thoughts on Linus Omark and MPS. With the injuries to RNH and Eberle will they get a call up? I know Omark is healing from a broken ankle and will have the cast removed Jan. 12th and will have to rehab for a while. Luleå Hockey hopes that Omark would return to the Eliteserien before January 31st when the

transfer window closes. Do you think that will happen? He does have that out clause in his



From the Oilers' perspective, I'm most concerned right now with the future of Ales Hemsky. I certainly hope they don't deal him away, unless he'll be asking for an unreasonable amount of money in a new contract. Some media and fans seem to be taking shots at him left and right this year especially.