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Milan Lucic, ranked 259 in my prospects ranking, was named the Memorial Cup MVP. The future power forward belongs to the Bruins.

Buffalo signed Philip Gogulla, 338 on the list, to an entry-level deal. he is a two-way forward who is likely years away.

The Star Tribune is speculating that Manny Fernandez could be dealt to Phoenix.

Chris Kunitz returned early from his broken hand, only to leave in the middle of the contest with a leg injury. No word on how long this new injury will put him on the shelf for.

The Kings signed a depth goalie yesterday. Undrafted 25-year-old Erik Ersberg will likely not have a Backstrom or Norrena-like impact on the team. His numbers in the SEL were nothing to write home about, nor was he all that fantastic at the Worlds.

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The Preds signed Patric Hornqvist. A rapid riser on the prospects list, he currently sits at 130. Decent two-way skills and he could be in the NHL in two or three years.

St. Louis signed 5'9 forward Martin Kariya, Paul's brother. Martin tore up the Finnish League last season. I doubt he'll make an impact, but I can't say I won't be paying attention in camp...

Chicago signed Petri Kontiola, a talented playmaking Finn who dominated the Finnish League and is, at 23, probably ready to take a run at a roster spot. He was unranked on the prospects list, but I have just added him and he should debut in the top 150 - just because he does seem to be ready.

The Caps signed prospect goaltender Michal Neuvirth to an entry level deal.

Not of fantasy significance but Warren Peters signed to play in the Finnish League next year.

The Red Wings signed a Bugg favorite - Johan Ryno - to an entry level contract. Ryno is 293 on

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the prospects list.

Chris Pronger has indeed been suspended for one game.

I'm back. My apologies to the people of Ottawa for the sudden drain on their beer supply. I'll try and give more notice next time. My thanks for Jeff Angus for pinch-hitting today and yesterday!

Chris Pronger will likely be suspended after his elbow to the head of Dean McAmmond. At least one game, maybe longer because this will be his second of the playoffs.

AJ Thelen was not signed by the Wild. Thelen's agent believes he has UFA status, but their may be a slight technicality because he left college early for the WHL. He hasn't developed as hoped but he still has NHL potential as a solid depth guy.

Vancouver GM Dave Nonis has made it clear that he plans to address the scoring woes by moving out a blueliner. He may dangle Lukas Krajicek, or even stud prospect Luc Bourdon in

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hopes of landing a young right-winger.

The Edmonton Oilers are believed to be heavily interested in Scott Hartnell, and may go as high as \$3.5 million per season for his services. His combination of toughness and skill will have many teams phoning his agent on July 1st.

Peter Forsberg has declared himself healthy for next season and wants to play in Nashville, Colorado, or Philadelphia. As per usual, he remains a huge fantasy risk.