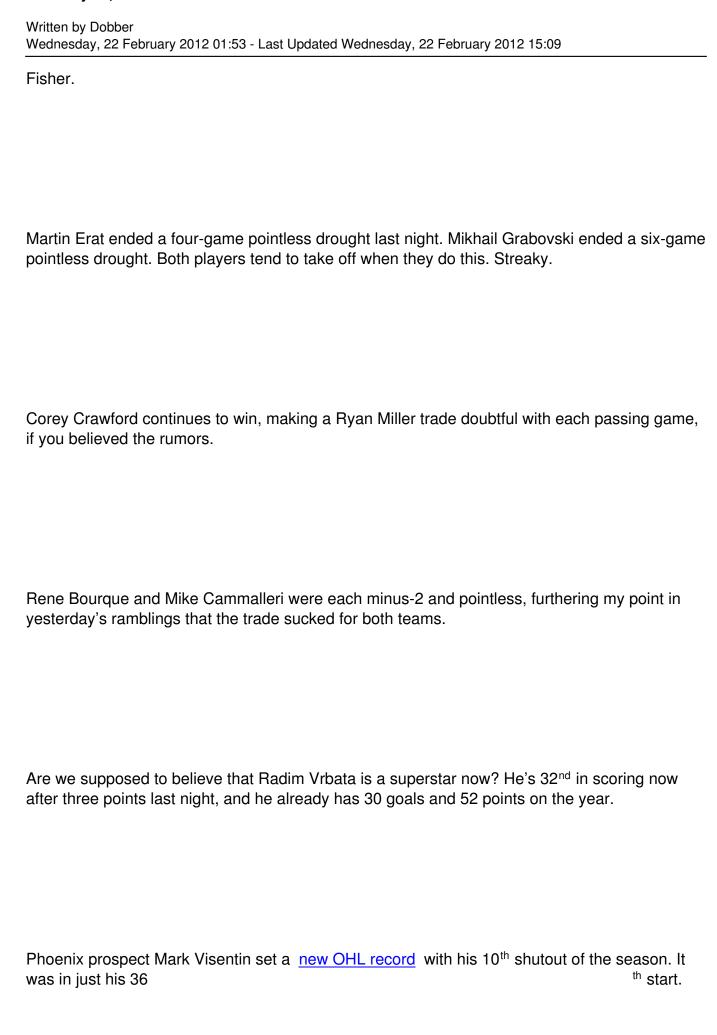
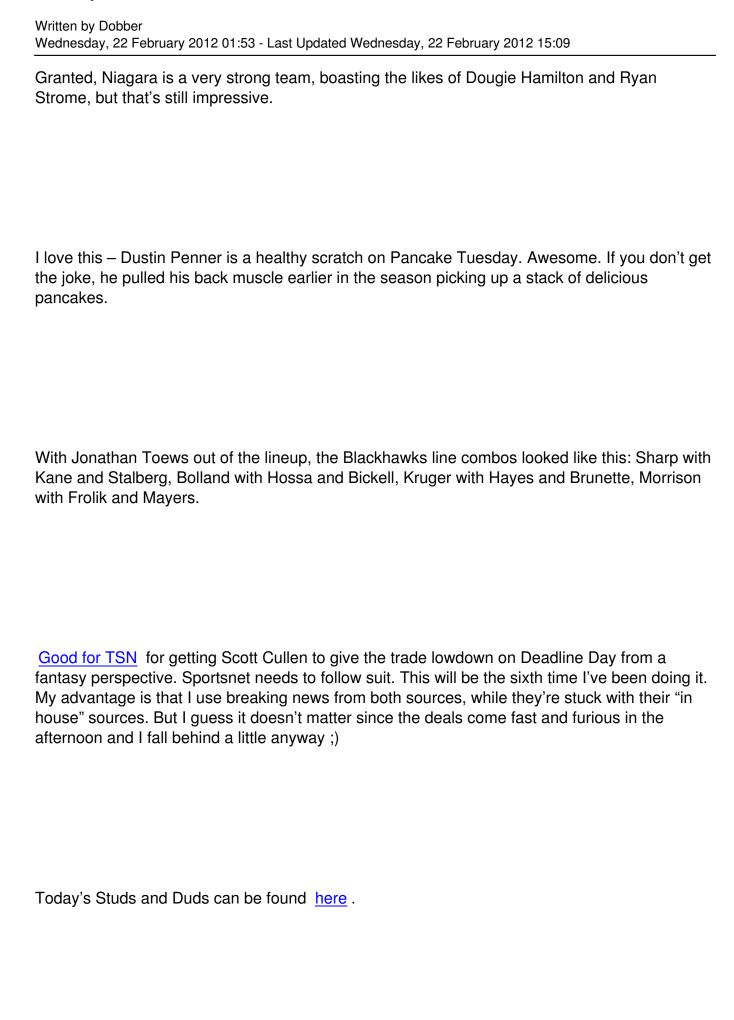


Written by Dobber Wednesday, 22 February 2012 01:53 - Last Updated Wednesday, 22 February 2012 15:09 Alexei Ponikarovsky has 10 points in 13 games for New Jersey, after managing just 15 points in 49 games for Carolina. He has a shot at playing 85 games this year, which is pretty cool. Those extra games could help him reach 45 points and salvage his NHL career. Matt Taormina has points in both games that Kurtis Foster has been sidelined. He also had a point in the game that Foster missed right after he was traded to NJ. Jonathan Quick is 16-0-2 when the Kings score at least three goals for him. After a bit of a slump, Scott Hartnell has 10 points in six games, as well as 23 PIM in that span. So with two points for Malkin and Giroux, and three for Stamkos, it's becoming a three-horse race. While I wouldn't rule out Spezza's hot streak, or the Sedins... or even Tavares when he gets hot, I think it's down to the three. Malkin has 73 points, the other two guys have 70 each.

Mike Fisher has 21 points in his last 19 games. He had 16 in 32 before that. Typical Mike





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In his first regular season game back in Montreal since they traded him, Mike Ribeiro is named first star. He's excited, he goads the fans, gets the media riled up – I like it. Whatever gets people's panties in a bunch I'm on board. Life's too short, and if you whine about it or let it get to you then you are reacting just the way the trolls want you to:

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