

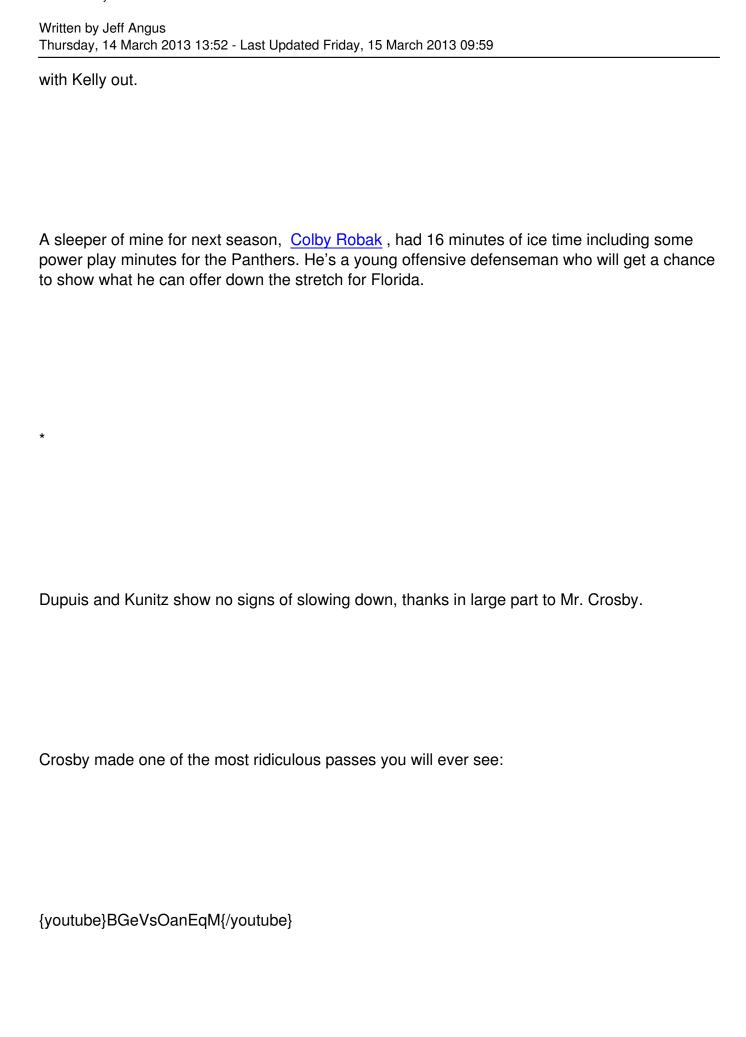
Written by Jeff Angus Thursday, 14 March 2013 13:52 - Last Updated Friday, 15 March 2013 09:59 Matt Cullen has points in four of his last five games and is quietly having a solid offensive campaign. Andrew Cogliano scored again. As mentioned before, he looks like a brand new player this year for the Ducks. Jonathan Quick was yanked after allowing three goals in 12 shots – at this point, Bernier seems to be giving the Kings a better shot to win games. Logan Couture was great lastnight, scoring a pair of goals, adding an assist, and firing five shots on net.

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Brent Burns, San Jose's new power winger, also had a great game. It will be interesting to see how long Burns sticks at right wing – he had a goal and a helper last night.
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Vancouver and Nashville expected to be a low scoring affair. So much for that – the two teams combined for 11 goals and some shoddy defensive play.
A plus/minus rating isn't always reflective of a player's performance, but in Ryan Ellis 'case, his minus-4 sums up how his night went defensively.
Andrew Ebbett had three points for the Canucks – don't expect him to hit the stat sheet each night, but he's a solid depth/waiver option for the next little while until Kesler is back and/or the Canucks bring in a center.

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Thursday, 14 March 2013 13:52 - Last Updated Friday, 15 March 2013 09:59 David Booth finally scored his first of the season (into the empty net). He has been playing well as of late, driving possession and creating offense, but his luck has been terrible. I'd buy low on him right now, and I am sure he is available for cheap in many leagues. Steve Pinizzotto had five PIM and four hits in his Canuck debut. He'll play a lot of games on the fourth line for this team, provided he can stay healthy. He brings a lot to the plate. Mason Raymond had a goal and an assist and he continues his bounceback season in 2013. He's been Vancouver's most consistent forward this season at both ends of the ice. Zack Kassian had a rough game, turning the puck over a few times. He's fighting it right now.





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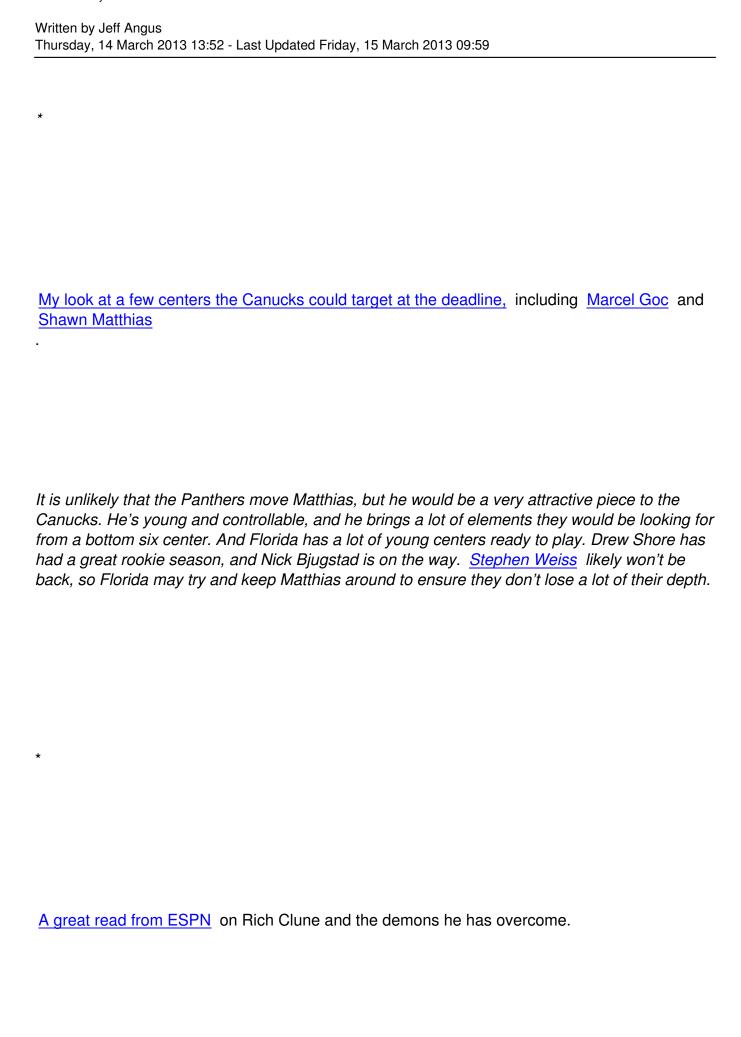
<u>Cody Franson</u> had a great game as he continues his strong season. He has so much to offer offensively, especially with how he passes the puck and sees the ice. And the Leafs were at one point essentially willing to let him walk for nothing!

John-Michael Liles was pointless in 17 minutes of ice time, but he did end up with four shots on goal.

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Dobber's latest Puck Daddy piece from yesterday.

<u>Patrik Berglund</u>, St. Louis Blues (5-4-2-6, plus-3, 2 PIM, 9 SOG) – While <u>Jeff Carter</u> will walk away with the Cy Young Award this year, Berglund's 13 goals and four assists have him in the running. Berglund is subject to prolonged stretches of terrible numbers, having had a five-game as well as a four-game pointless run already this season. But when he's on a role he deserves far more than 25% ownership that he has right now. He's also pretty good for hits (33 this year).



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Thursday, 14 March 2013 13:52 - Last Updated Friday, 15 March 2013 09:59 It was Hextall who called and told Clune that he was going to get a chance to play in the NHL again. The former NHL netminder acknowledged that it was a bittersweet moment for him because he had come to see himself as a kind of mentor to Clune and Clune represents the kind of player the Kings like to have in their organization. "He plays the game hard, and he plays for keeps all the time," Hextall told ESPN.com this week. Shared this yesterday – a must-read in case you missed it. Concussions: This is Your Brain on Hockey.

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Ottawa has signed free agent defenseman Troy Rutkowski from Portland (WHL). Rutkowski is a talented defenseman who needs to improve his foot speed if he is going to make it as a pro. A great "low risk" move by the Senators here, though.

His numbers are really impressive for a defenseman (Portland has had some great teams while he has been there). This season, he has 20 goals and 61 points in 69 games. Ottawa has had some success with young defensemen as of late (Karlsson, Cowen, Grbya, Wiercioch), and he could be the next in line.

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According to a reliable source out of Detroit, 2013-14 will be Pavel Datsyuk 's last in the NHL.

<u>Pavel Datsyuk</u> turns 36 on July 20th, 2014. That birthday will be celebrated a few months after the last minutes of hockey he'll ever play for the Detroit Red Wings. Next year will be his last in the NHL and that's according to a very reliable source in Detroit, someone close to the organization and entrenched in regional hockey programs.

are on the way up from the AHL?

Written by Jeff Angus Thursday, 14 March 2013 13:52 - Last Updated Friday, 15 March 2013 09:59 Why? Datsyuk wants to go home. We all understand that. But according to this source, a guy who skates with at least one recently-retired Red Wing and whose family is a staple in the Michigan hockey world, it's not just the lure of mother Russia. Datsyuk sees the realignment, knows the kind of nightly abuse he's going to take in the Eastern Conference and wants to "go out like Barry Sanders did." Healthy, in other words. And he wants to give the KHL a few years of brilliance. He wants his home country to see him while he still has magic left. Interesting, to say the least. <u>Vincent Lecavalier</u> is out indefinitely with a lower body injury. Does this mean <u>Tyler Johnson</u> and/or **Brett Connolly**

