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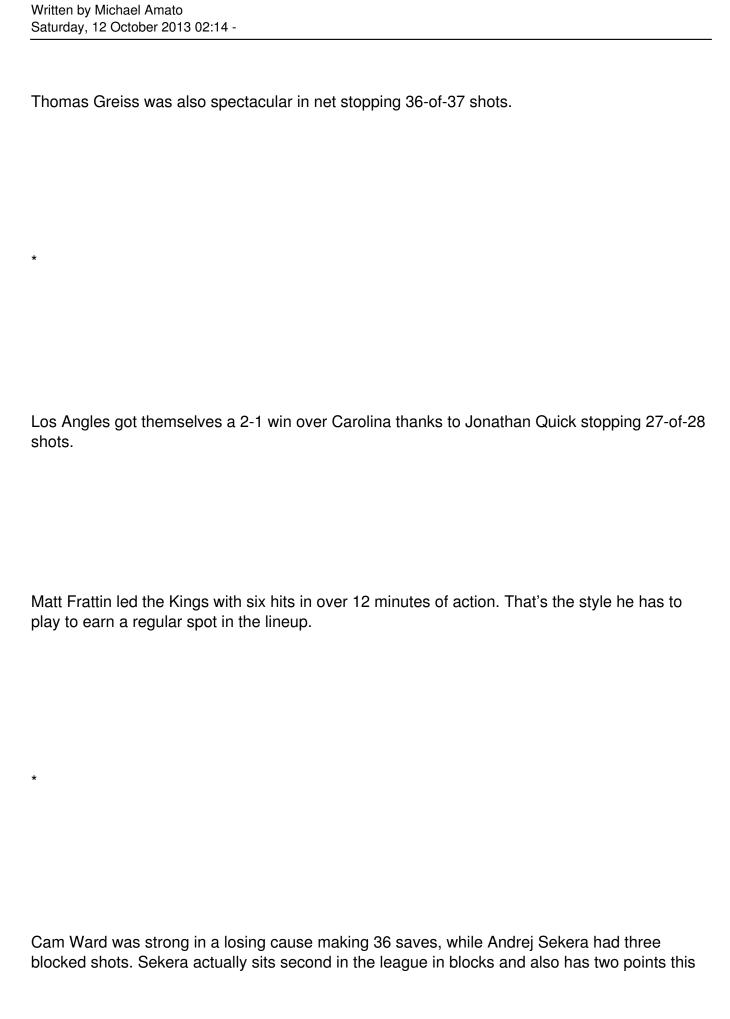
The Philadelphia Flyers can't score. They have six goals in five games and Friday's 2-1 loss to the Phoenix Coyotes showed no signs that their lack of production would improve anytime soon. Both Scott Hartnell and Vincent Lecavalier left the game with injuries and according to Paul Holmgren they will each miss at least a week.

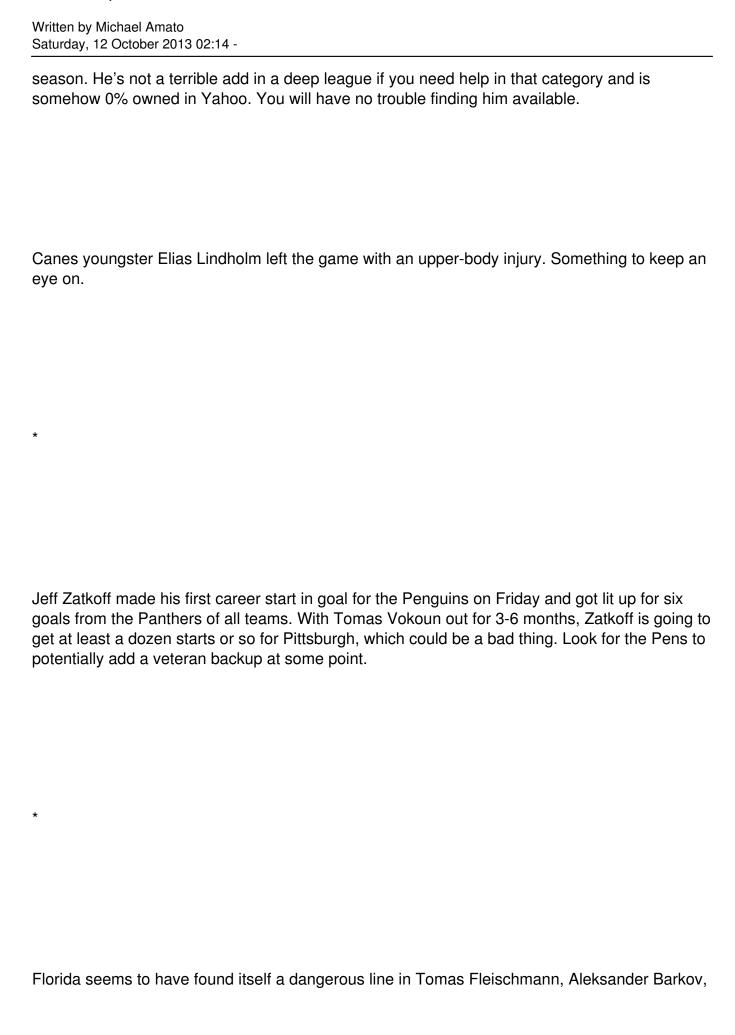
Matt Read jumped up onto the top line when Hartnell went down, but that's not necessarily an upgrade at the moment because Claude Giroux still hasn't recorded a point in five games this year. Sean Couturier was the lone bright spot among forwards, picking up an assist to go along with five shots and a nearly 60% rate in the faceoff circle.

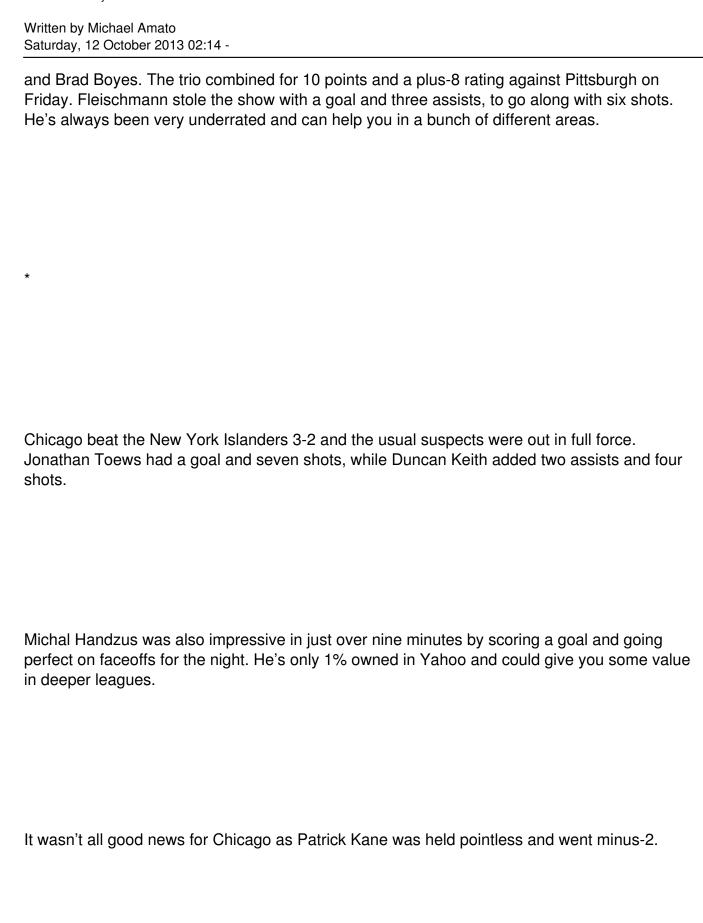
Goaltender Steve Mason does deserve a mention for his efforts in 2013. In his last three contests he has posted save percentages of .941, .971, and .935 respectively. You know things are bad in Philly when the most positive signs are coming from the goaltending.

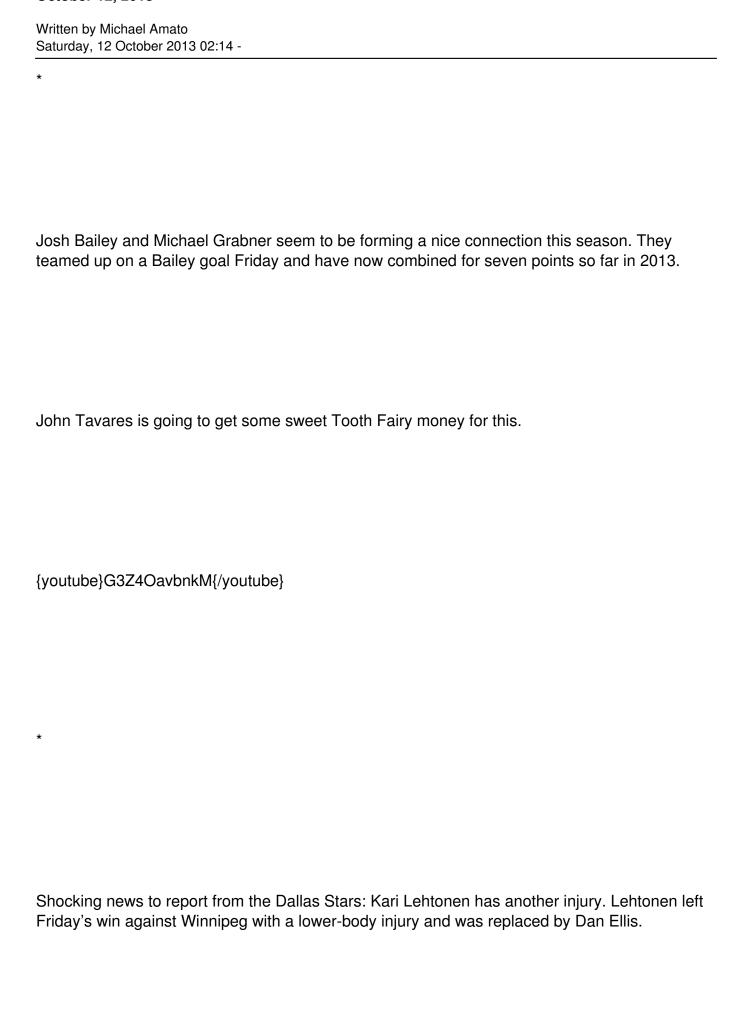
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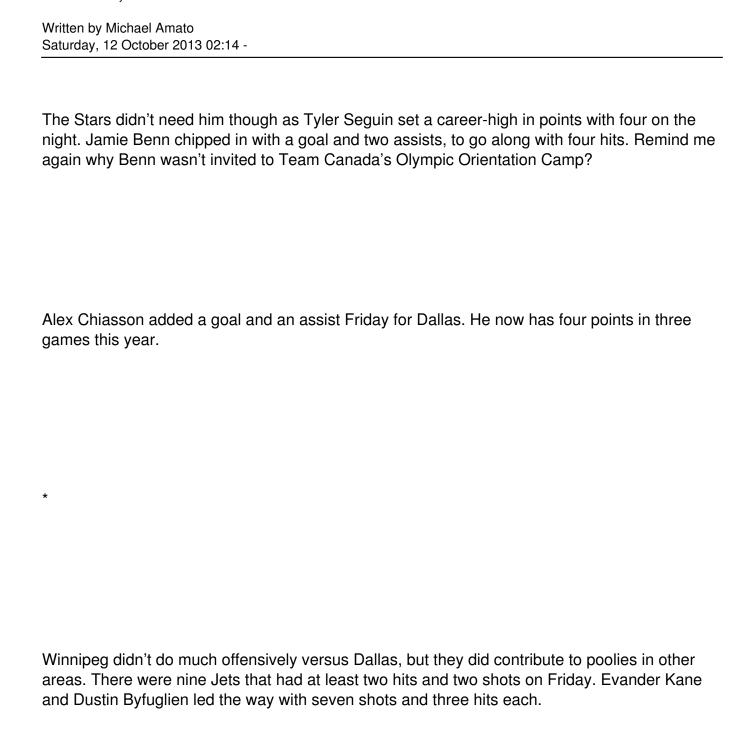
Oliver Ekman-Larsson had himself a game on Friday playing over 25 minutes, with a goal, four shots and three hits. He also played a whopping six-plus minutes with the man advantage.

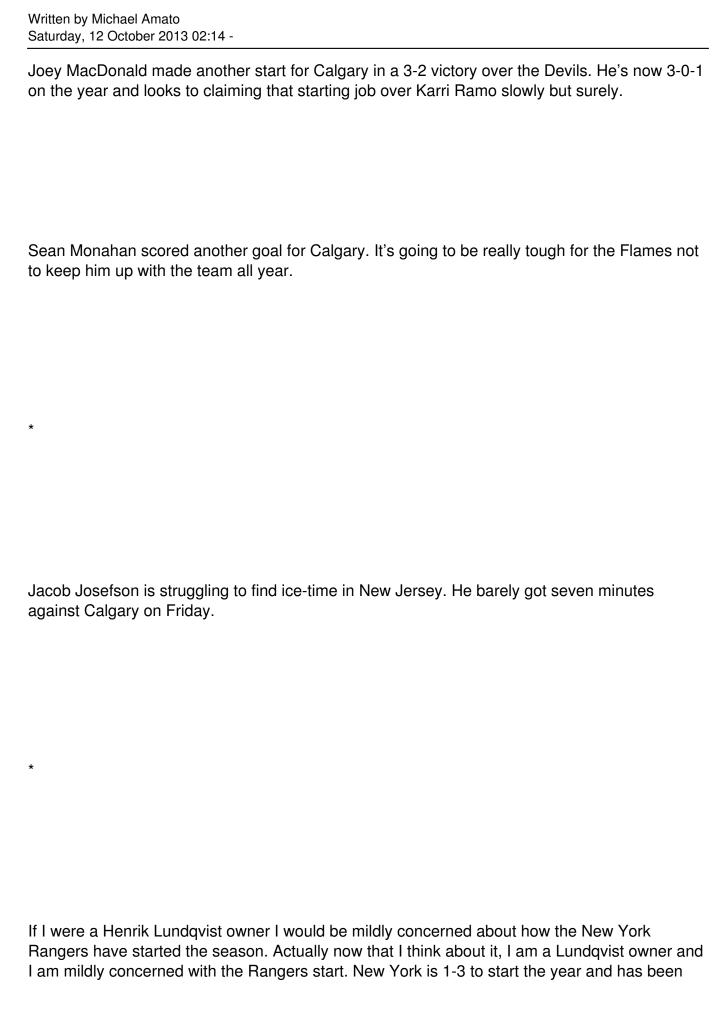


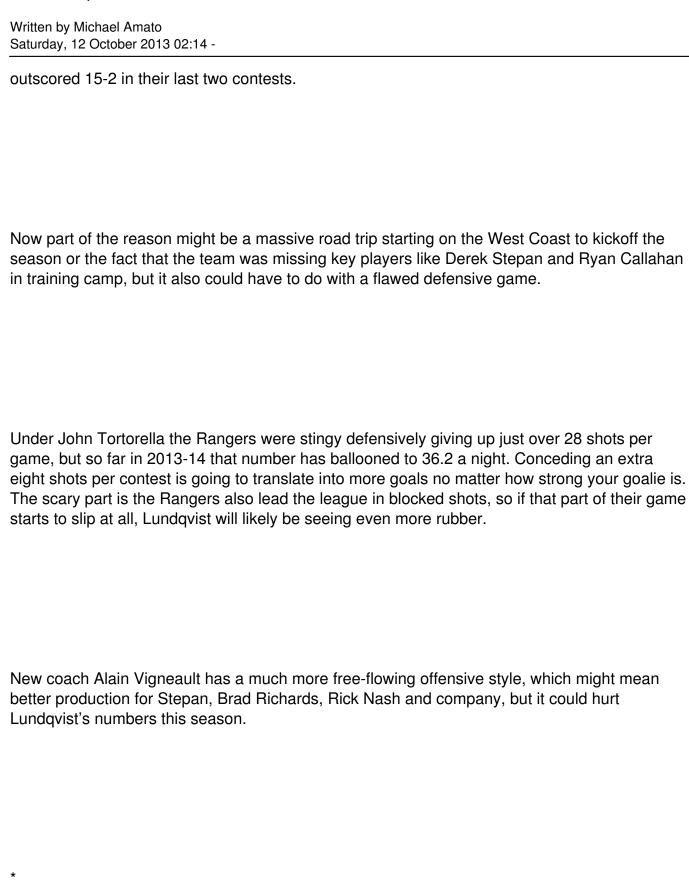








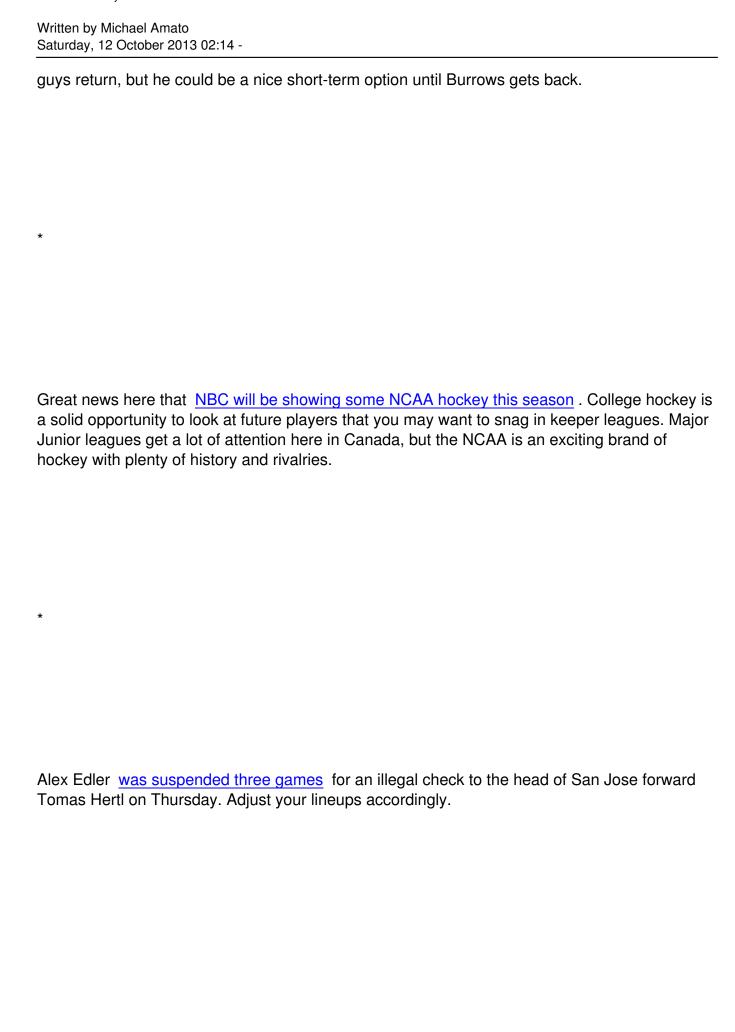




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Tampa Bay Lightning goalie Ben Bishop suffered a minor lower-body injury in a win Thursday Although it isn't believed to be serious, over Florida. Anders Lindback should get the next couple of starts since they called up Kristers Gudlevskis to take Bishop's place. These are the types of opportunities that someone like Lindback can take advantage of and parlay into earning more playing time, in a goalie situation that is up for the taking. The Minnesota Wild set a franchise record for faceoff winning percentage on Thursday in a 2-1 win over Winnipeg. The Wild went 73.8% on the draws that night and were led by Mikko Koivu who went 14-of-19 in the circle. Many fantasy leagues have faceoffs now as a category and if you can find someone like Koivu that can put up points as well, it's a nice bonus to have as an owner.

Don't look now, but Mike Santorelli of the Vancouver Canucks has four goals in five games to lead the team. His fast start is thanks to moving up in the depth chart because of an injury to Alex Burrows and a suspension to Zack Kassian. Santorelli won't keep up this pace when these



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