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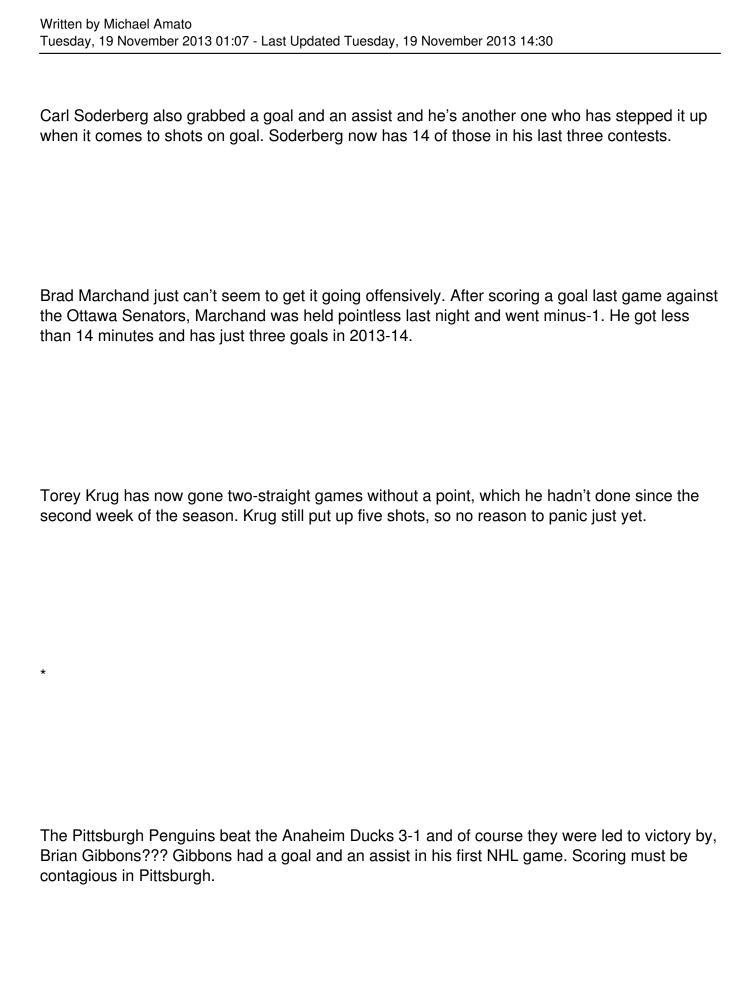
Carolina fell to the Boston Bruins on Monday night, but Cam Ward returned to the net after missing 10 games with a lower-body injury. Ward gave up two goals early on, but seemed to settle in after that. Justin Peters had a nice run of strong performances while Ward was out, but his value is likely minimal now.

Drayson Bowman had another decent effort for the Canes picking up an assist. Bowman played 18:21 against Boston which was by far the most ice-time he has received in a game this season. His next previous high barely topped 15 minutes. Bowman now has 11 shots on goal in his last four games.

Tuomo Ruutu had the lone goal for Carolina and it was his first of the campaign.

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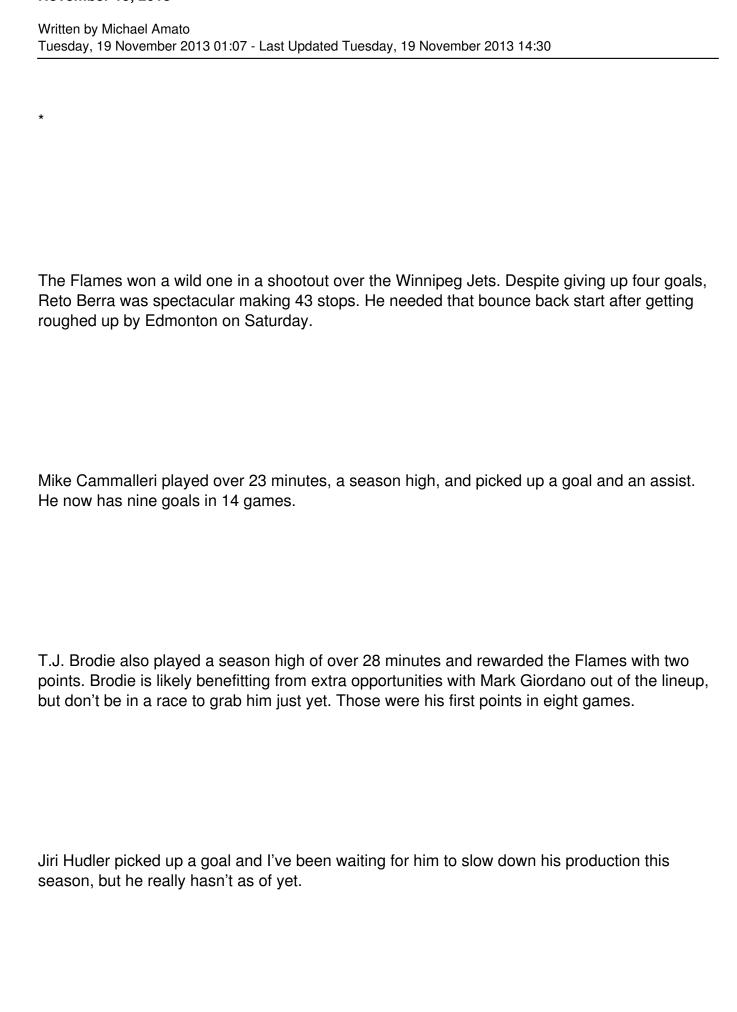
Reilly Smith could end up being a dark horse in the Tyler Seguin deal. The youngster had a goal and an assist against the Hurricanes after going three games without a point. Before that he posted five points in four games, so the skill is there. On that roster in Boston he has 20-25 goal capabilities.

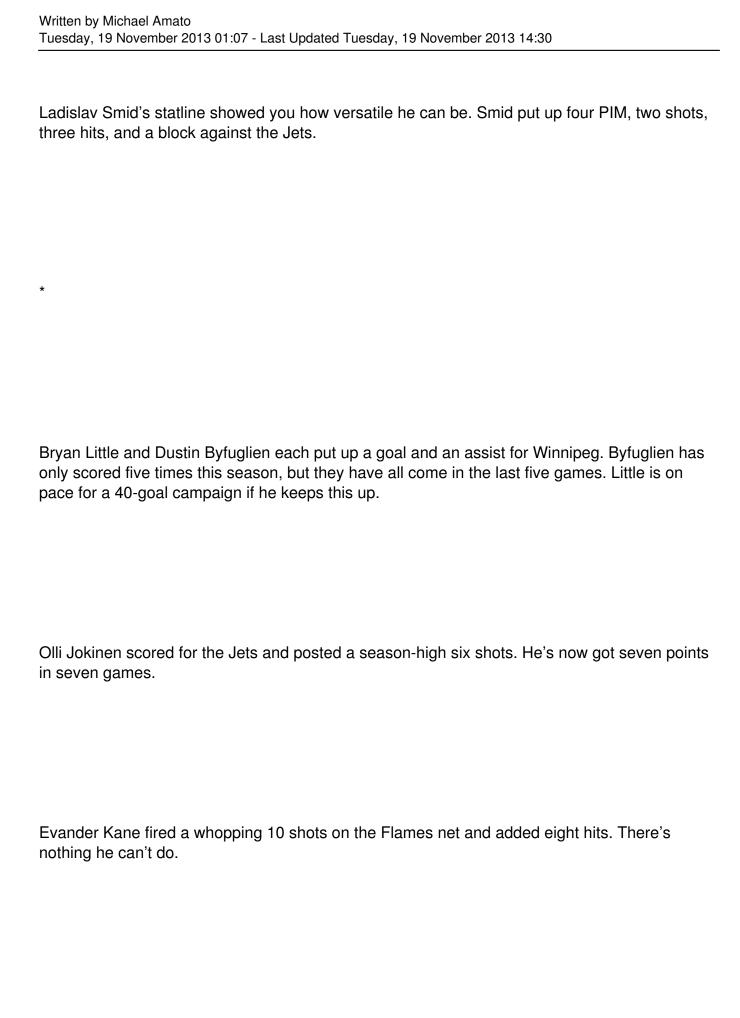


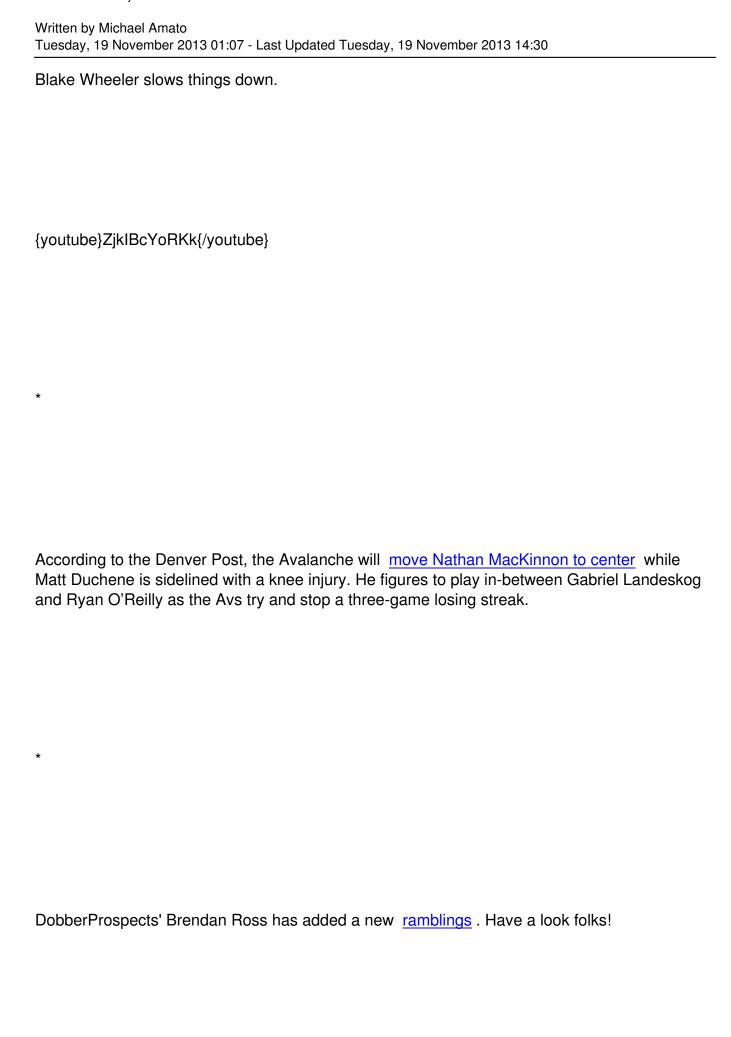
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If it is contagious, Evgeni Malkin must be immune. Malkin has now failed to find the back of the net in 14 straight games, which is a career-worst. With that being said, Malkin was arguably the best player on the ice Monday and picked up two assists, which is encouraging. Brandon Sutter and Sidney Crosby also scored for the Penguins. Sutter now has three points in three games and seems to be gaining some momentum. Viktor Fasth had a bit of a rough night for the Ducks. He's now made two straight starts for Anaheim and it's a little curious that they would send Frederik Andersen back to the AHL after playing so well. Ryan Getzlaf scored again and now has five tallies in his last four games and 11 total on the year.

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Written by Michael Amato Tuesday, 19 November 2013 01:07 - Last Updated Tuesday, 19 November 2013 14:30 Valeri Nichushkin would be a wise addition to your roster right now and is only owned in 7% of Yahoo! leagues. As Dobber mentioned yesterday, he has six points in his last seven games and has gone plus-9 during that stretch. The key thing about Nichushkin at the moment is that he is playing primarily with Tyler Seguin and Jamie Benn, who have been absolutely on fire lately. He's skated with them for nearly 20% of his even strengths shifts, which now takes as over as his most frequent line combination for the season. If he gets dropped from that group it could be trouble, but don't hesitate to grab him as long as he continues to play on the Stars' top line. New York Islanders goaltender Evgeni Nabokov has officially been placed on injured reserve because of a groin injury. Kevin Poulin will take over between the pipes and is a good add if you need goaltending help. Poulin's been serviceable this year in Long Island and has a chance to keep the starting job even when Nabokov returns, if he can string together some solid starts.

