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The best way to stay ahead of your competition in the fantasy world is to read this site. Articles like this one give a heads up on some players that are candidates to benefit tremendously from potentially moving teams this summer. A change of scenery can do wonders for some players, especially from a fantasy perspective. Look at Anson Carter, for example. He was a 33-goal scorer in Vancouver, but as soon as he moved teams, he struggled to find the back of the net. His fantasy value went from that of a solid depth winger to basically nil.

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Mike Cammalleri

The Kings have shown a reluctance to re-sign Cammalleri long-term, and he has been involved in countless trade rumors over the past few months. They obviously would like to move him for a young, two-way defenseman. Cammalleri has 50-goal hands and skill, but he has to be in the perfect situation to reach that. He should develop nicely into a consistent 35- or 40-goal scorer, and a top-line center or right wing, wherever he fits best.

He would be a perfect fit to be the go-to center in Atlanta, but they would not want to part with Tobias Enstrom. Another possible location would be Vancouver. GM Mike Gillis is Cammalleri's former agent and he would bring some much needed speed and skill to the Canucks. The Canucks could potentially dangle Kevin Bieksa. Although the Kings do boast an impressive array of young defensemen (Jack Johnson, Thomas Hickey, Peter Harrold and potentially now Zach Bogosian or Drew Doughty), they need a young guy to step in now and play top four minutes.

Olli Jokinen

If it weren't for the Panthers ownership nixing a possible deal, Jokinen would be out of Florida by now. He and GM Jacques Martin do not see eye to eye and the big Finn has been involved in numerous rumors over the past couple of seasons. There would be no shortage of teams wanting to take a big goal-scoring center signed to a reasonable deal, so if he gets shopped expect the return to be significant. I would bet that Florida refuses to deal him to an Eastern team. Out West, possible locations to keep in mind include Chicago, Detroit (not fair, I know), Vancouver, and Minnesota. Jokinen is a solid 40/40 guy in Florida, and if put in the right situation could approach the century mark with points. Besides his production, he comes loaded with a boatload of intangibles.

Patrick Marleau

Marleau rebounded this postseason from a dreadful regular season, where he posted a measly 19 goals and 48 points. The Sharks may not need to shake things up beyond letting the coach go, but after four straight postseason exists they may want to do more. Joe Thornton is as close to untouchable as you can get, and it looks like Joe Pavelski is ready to be a consistent contributor centering the second line. Like Florida and Jokinen, if Marleau is moved look for it to be out of the conference. He is a fantastic skater and is a point-per-game guy on most teams. The Sharks may try and move Jonathan Cheechoo and/or another top guy, but Marleau's name has been involved in too many rumors for nothing to happen this summer. Atlanta would again be a perfect fit, but what are they able to give up?

Maxim Afinogenov

Afinogenov struggled in a big way after Daniel Briere and Chris Drury jettisoned for greener pastures last off-season. Jason Pominville and Drew Stafford are both ahead of the speedy

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Russian on the wing depth chart, so expect the Sabres to shop him this off-season. His speed and hands open up a lot of ice, and if paired with a sniping center, he has the ability to be a very useful playmaker. Look for Buffalo to try and move him at the draft for a tough defenseman, something they lack.