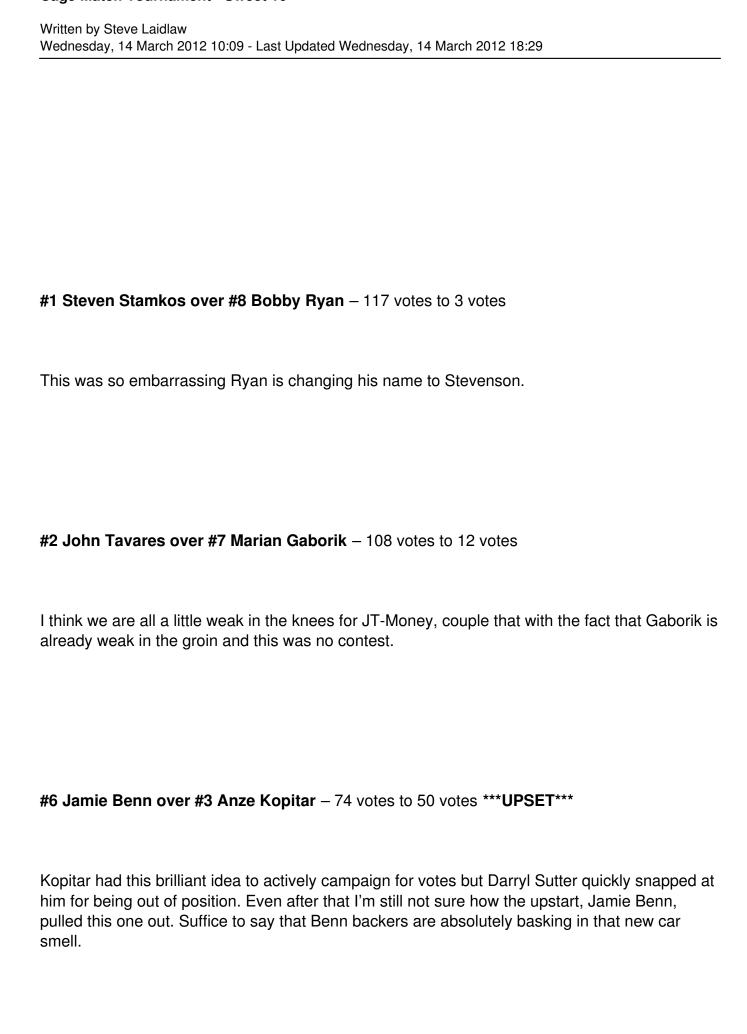


Oh boy, what an opening round! After four weeks of voting in the **Cage Match Tournament** we have now pared the field down from 36 to 16. That's right folks, we're over halfway there. This past week was quite possibly the most exciting yet. We upped our output to keep up with you fantasy hockey fiends, releasing not one but two polls per week. Not only that but the matchups themselves got super interesting. Over the past couple of days you voted on the first round matchups of the final bracket and it was absolute fireworks.

Steven Stamkos took on Also Ran. John Tavares took on Marian Gaborik in the battle for New York. Anze Kopitar and Jamie Benn duked it out in the battle of non-descript big men. And just to prod at Leaf Nation we had Phil Kessel up against Tyler Seguin. But before we get to results, in case you need to get caught up:

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# #5 Tyler Seguin over #4 Phil Kessel – 91 votes to 29 votes \*\*\*UPSET\*\*\*

This result is not very surprising so this is hardly an upset (unless your name is Brian Burke – then you are extremely upset bordering on butthurt.)

Here is the updated bracket:



Now that the first round is entirely complete we are off to the Sweet Sixteen! This week we will have the second round matchups in the **Howe Bracket** and the **Richard Bracket**.

