Fantasy Impact: The Anaheim Ducks have signed defenseman Sheldon Souray to a three-year deal worth $11 million. The main fantasy impact here, is the fantasy of thousands of men - living in California with Kelly Kelly. Oh, fantasy hockey, right... moving on...

The Ducks get: an injury-prone rearguard who plays tough and has a howitzer of a shot. Souray, 35, had 13 points in 14 games to start last season. But this isn't the NFL and the season, unfortunately for Souray, extends beyond the 16-game mark. He had eight points in 50 games after that and was injured for 18 others. I wish there was a nice way to paint this contract, but it was the dumbest of the day. The Ducks could have had Souray for free two years ago at less than $3 million thanks to re-entry waivers. But the Ducks, as well as 28 other teams, had no interest in Souray at that price. But those 21 points in 64 games that he got last year were just too tantalizing to pass up I guess.

The thinking is that Souray will replace Lubomir Visnovsky. They must have meant the Visnovsky of "last" season - the one who managed just 27 points in 68 games. If that was their goal, then mission accomplished. But if they wanted to replace the "real" Visnovsky, they failed miserably.

Fantasy Players Impacted: Cam Fowler needs to step up. He needs to put the sophomore slump behind him. Because not only will he be expected to become the Fowler of his rookie days, but he needs to compensate for the disappointment that is likely to be Sheldon Souray. There were a handful of Ducks last season who slumped miserably - mainly Fowler, Ryan Getzlaf and Bobby Ryan (I contend that Corey Perry didn't have a slump, his numbers sunk due to the other players slumping). They will have to turn this around themselves, because Souray is not going to help.

Oh sure, Souray may have another hot start. Let's say he gets 18 points in 23 games to kick off the season. But his odds of playing 65 games are slim to none, and in those remaining 40 games or so I'm betting that he posts 10 points (for a total of 28 points in 60-65 games). Tops. But with the kind of investment that the team has in him, he'll get every second of PP time he can. So his odds of succeeding, personally, are at their best right here in this situation. I just think those odds are still slim.

Fantasy Players this helps, in order:

1. Souray

2. Kelly Kelly

3. Fowler

Fantasy Players this hurts, in order:

1. Getzlaf

2. Ryan

3. Perry

4. Jonas Hiller