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Atlanta deals Marian Hossa and Pascal Dupuis to Pittsburgh for Angelo Esposito, Erik Christensen and Colby Armstrong and a first round pick.

Pittsburgh gets: One of the best wingers in the NHL. Too strong at center and not strong enough on the wing? Problem...SOLVED.

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Atlanta gets: A future center for Ilya Kovalchuk in Espo if things falter with Little, a temporary center for him in Christensen and a winger in Armstrong who adds hustle and 45-point skill.

Fantasy Players Impacted: Where to start... Armstrong's dark horse status disappears. He is a 45-point third liner who can sub in on the second line. He was Crosby's buddy so unless he forms that bond with Kovalchuk he is no longer a dark horse. Christensen could see a surge in points over the next couple of weeks, but in the long term he is a 60-point player. Esposito can now play his natural position. I like him in Atlanta but I think his value takes a hit because Atlanta is no Pittsburgh. I can see Bryan Little as a No.1 center in two or three years and Esposito as a No.2 center. Espo's value goes down.

Marian Hossa - can a superstar get any better? YES. 110-point potential in Atlanta, 140 in Pittsburgh - if they can re-sign him. In the meantime, I would not be shocked to see him get 35 points in 20 games to end this season. With Malone, Sykora and Malkin clicking, you just know that when Crosby returns he will have Hossa on his right. Bank on it. I don't see Dupuis doing anything.

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