Toronto has traded Luke Schenn to Philadelphia in exchange for winger James van Riemsdyk. A precursor to a Luongo trade? How about Bobby Ryan? Justin Schultz? This one has serious fantasy ramifications…

Toronto gets:

A young power forward with immense offensive upside. JVR's offensive game is well rounded – he has no weaknesses. He skates well for a big guy, he has a terrific shot, and he sees the ice really, really well. He has 40-goal upside and Toronto will give him a chance to flourish as a top line star (something that hadn't happened yet in Philadelphia). JVR played 2:47 per game on the PP last season for the Flyers. Injuries are a bit of a concern, though – he missed a lot of time in 2011-12 with a concussion.

Linemates from 2011-12:

Frequency

Strength

Line Combination

14.67%

EV

48 BRIERE,DANIEL - 17 SIMMONDS,WAYNE - 21 VAN RIEMSDYK,JAMES

11.83%

EV

27 TALBOT,MAXIME - 21 VAN RIEMSDYK,JAMES - 93 VORACEK,JAKUB

9.75%

EV

10 SCHENN,BRAYDEN - 17 SIMMONDS,WAYNE - 21 VAN RIEMSDYK,JAMES

Philadelphia gets:

A talented young defenseman who has lost his way a bit in Toronto. Schenn came into the league hyped as the next Shea Weber , but inconsistent play has plagued him in his first few years as a pro after an impressive rookie campaign. The Flyers did a great job turning the career of Braydon Coburn (once a hyped prospect) around – hopefully they can do the same with Schenn.

Welcome to Philly:

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He is very strong and a good skater (forwards and backwards), but he struggles at moving the puck and seems to think the game a step or two behind others. He will be reunited with his brother Brayden, and getting away from the immense pressure that was on him in Toronto will probably help a lot.

Schenn could slide in nicely alongside Andrej Meszaros on the second pairing. Lots of options there – Grossman, too.

Fantasy players impacted:

To me, the most interesting part of this trade isn't necessarily who was traded, it is what it does for each team. In Philadelphia, this signals that Chris Pronger probably isn't coming back. It also opens up a spot on the left wing – Bobby Ryan, perhaps?

JVR wasn't the top dog yet, but he still played an important role for the Flyers. They will have to find a way to replace his offense. His injury concerns may have hurt his trade value a bit, but the Leafs are getting a stellar young forward.

In Toronto, this frees up one of Nik Kulemin or Clarke MacArthur for a trade to Vancouver. I know the Canucks like Kulemin a lot. Joffrey Lupul has some competition for that top LW spot now, too.

On the back end, there is now an opening on the right side. Justin Schultz plays the right side. Connect the dots…. (Yes, I know they are completely different players.)

Some potential line combinations as of right now:

Lupul – Bozak – Kessel

JVR – Grabovski – Kulemin

Kadri – Connolly – Frattin/MacArthur

Players this trade helps:

1. JVR

2. Schenn

3. Eric Wellwood

4. Jakub Voracek

5. Scott Hartnell

6. James Reimer / Ben Scrivens

7. Grabovski

Players this trade hurts:

1. MacArthur

2. Kadri

3. Lupul

4. Kulemin