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Cristobal Huet has been medically cleared to play. Halak will remain the starter until he loses one game, in which case Huet will take over. Aebischer...well, he's out of the picture now.

John Madden is expected to return to the New Jersey lineup tonight.

Penguins prospect Kristopher Letang was named CHL player of the week after the rearguard had four goals and four assists in two games for Val d'Or during the QMJHL playoffs. He makes a great pickup for next season as I would expect him to debut with 35+ points as an NHL rookie, with more to come later. On a team like Pittsburgh, the sky is the limit for him.

Denis Gauthier (wrist), Scottie Upshall (shoulder and pectoral muscle), and Mike Richards (shoulder) won't play tonight. Each is in significant pain, and Gauthier said he was not sure whether he would play the remaining five games after tonight.

Philly's Riley Cote expects to fight someone in tomorrow's game against the New York Rangers. There will likely be continued fallout from last week's Todd Fedoruk-Colton Orr fight.

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As TSN reported, and I supported, Rick DiPietro does indeed have a concussion. Like I figured, the team is just buddy-buddy with Newsday and had them print a story debunking TSN's report. He did not make the flight to Buffalo last night and is, in my opinion only, done for the year.

Gary Roberts should be back in the lineup tomorrow night against Toronto. He had missed the last game with a bone bruise after taking a Crosby shot off the knee.

Dion Phaneuf missed last night's contest with flu.

Kyle Calder after having put up 10 points in his first 8 games as a Red Wing has been held off the score sheet in his last six games. Todd Bertuzzi on the other hand finally got on the board with his 2 assists in last night's game, his first points since October 11th of last year.

After going 20 straight games with points followed by five straight without, Paul Stastny picked up a pair of assists last night.

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Steve Sullivan has decided to stay off the ice for awhile. It is his hope that steering clear of any skating will help his back heal quicker. He has missed 16 games now and I would now say that he will miss the rest of the regular season.

Rob Blake missed last night's contest with a strained neck. Jack Johnson made his debut anyway, and was a minus-1. I still activated him in the ICE Expert League as I make the charge at TSN.ca and Rotoworld in the homestretch. That's right, I sit third, but my team is finally healthy heading for the final 10 days. I benched Doan and Recchi and activated Hensky and Radulov. I also activated Pronger and Johnson and benched Brent Burns and Jaroslav Spacek.

Dave Scatchard's season is over due to his concussion. No big fantasy loss, although the Scatchard family is probably troubled by the news...

Niklas Backstrom gave up two goals in two shots last night and got the hook.

Jeff Carter has six points in his last two games. He has been logging loads of ice time since Forsberg left and it would not surprise me if he had his breakout year next year. He will have one, though, mark my words - be it next year or the year after.

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JP Dumont has 63 points which is already 10 beyond his previous career high. He once had 46 points in 19 QMJHL playoff games and I had high hopes from him, but this is about what his upside is right now - mid to high 60s.