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ATTENTION: Draft Lists have now been EMAILED. I will email these every two to four hours, other than the normal sleeping hours (Eastern Standard Time). If you ordered and did not get, email me asap. I already had an email bounce back.

J-S Giguere will not play either of Anaheim's games this weekend, due to unfortunate personal circumstances.

Rob Schremp debuted for the Oilers yesterday and played 13:50, most of which with Ales Hemsky. The Oilers are desperate for goals.

Tim Connolly is expected back in the Buffalo lineup on Saturday. A decision will be made that morning, but if he plays, Drew Stafford will be returned to Rochester.

Ken Holland, the THN ranked best GM, signed Datsyuk for seven years at \$6.7 per. He's nuts. As great as Datsyuk is - and he may even be worth that money for three years - I would never have gone seven at that high. He wouldn't get that as a UFA this summer, especially if he blows it in the playoffs again. Dobber for GM!

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Bill Thomas has 12 points in his last 16 games for the Coyotes.

LA has a reasonable shot at second-last in the NHL. As it stands, they have a top three pick this summer. Imagine that - one of Kane/Cherpanov/ Alzner/Turris/Vorcek to join the likes of Kopitar, Cammalleri, Johnson, Brown, O'Sullivan and Frolov.

With Alexei Semenov out of the Florida lineup tonight, Noah Welch will make his Panthers debut.

Zetterberg will not be playing on Saturday for Detroit and, while they hope he'll be back in time for the playoffs on Wednesday, that is not a guarantee. He is not worth a first-round pick in your playoff pool even if you like Detroit. However, he could very well wind up playing every playoff game, which makes him an excellent sleeper in the middle rounds - just make sure you advertise to everyone how hurt he is.

Nik Lidstrom missed last night's contest with his sore back. He has missed two of three games with the ailment, so keep that in the back of your mind in the playoff pool.

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The Red Wings aren't done there. Could they be resting their veterans for a long playoff run? The Dominator sat out last night's contest with a thigh injury and is questionable for Saturday. Todd Bertuzzi left the game in the first period with a strained neck and did not return. He is also questionable for Saturday.

Michael Cammalleri has 79 points with one game left. He is proving that he is capable of at least 85 one year, perhaps even 90 on a team that will grow together. The future is very bright in Los Angeles. If only their fans will pay attention to me.

Paul Stastny has 76 points, just nine behind Evgeni Malkin and 28 ahead of his more-hyped teammate who was selected to the Young Stars game over him - Wojtek Wolski. Since training camp I have been stressing to all my readers that Stastny is the better fantasy option.

Martin Havlat is looking for a second opinion on his shoulder. He is interested in rehabbing it instead of surgery. If he wants a third opinion, he should just come to me - "Hey Martin - you're a Band-Aid boy! You are an executive in the Band-Aid boy club! Surgery, rehab - does it really matter? You're just going to reinjure it next year. Even if you don't, you'll just strain a groin or twist a knee. My recommendation? A bubble. Live in a bubble."

Maxim Afinogenov returned to the Buffalo lineup last night and picked up an assist. He played just over 14 minutes. His return knocked Drew Stafford's ice time to under 12 minutes. The Sabres are healthy, rested, and ready to tear apart whichever team amongst Toronto, Montreal,

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or Long Island that squeaks into the playoffs.

Scottie Upshall returned to the Philly lineup and once again clicked on a line with Jeff Carter and Simon Gagne. Carter has 32 points in his last 47 contests.

Colorado won and Calgary lost. They have the same amount of wins and the two teams play against each other on Sunday. The gap is three points, the Avs would need Calgary to get no more than one point against the Oilers. Um...that seems pretty doubtful. If they can't beat Edmonton they don't deserve the playoffs.

Steve Sullivan will miss Nashville's last game of the season and he will also miss at least the first two games of the playoffs with his bad back. He is a huge risk for your playoff pool and should not be taken before the final round. He makes an excellent last-round pickup, because if he plays he'll get a point per game. Alexander Radulov, who scored last night, is benefitting the most from his absence.

Bill Guerin was not in the lineup last night because he has a groin injury. It is not too serious, it's just that at this time of year when teams are already in, they show extra caution with their veterans. And Rookies, for that matter. Joe Pavelski and Guerin are taking turns missing action.

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Pavel Demitra missed last night's contest with a strained leg muscle. Just another precaution here.

Jack Johnson played almost 24 minutes last night but was a minus-2. I should have started Brent Burns this week instead of Johnson, as he has two points and is a plus-2 this week. That's it for me and the ICE experts league. I gave it a good run, but there is no way I can win now. Hemsy was shut out yet again, and Halak got the yank after giving up three goals. Dobber is dead in the water, likely finishing fourth out of 12 behind TSN, Rotoworld and McKeen's, but ahead of Yahoo!, CBS Sportsline, the Talented Mr. Roto, Fanball, Rotowire, Rotopass, etc. Injuries maimed me in November and killed me in February.