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Henrik Lundqvist signed a one-year deal with the Rangers.

Semen Varlamov has apparently changed his name to Simeon Varlamov. At DobberHockey, we'll refuse to change his name...just for a little while. It's too fun, not to mention childish, to say while snickering. In other Semen news, he signed an entry-level deal with the Caps.

The Kings have signed Lubomir Visnovsky to a five-year contract extension. Atta boy Luby!

The Pens have signed Alex Goligoski to an entry level deal. He'll battle Letang for that final rearguard spot this year, which Letang will win. Look for Goligoski next season.

Hilarious: Yashin is "not happy" with offers so far according to TSN.ca. If the offers don't improve, he will go to Russia. I already predicted as much and hopefully you listened. His agent, Mark Gandler, is a bonehead too. His players have always caused contract havoc. Hey Alexei and Mark, I have an offer for ya - I'll give you five bucks right now if you get the hell out of my league and go back to Russia. You already got your big payout, either play for the love of the game or go be greedy somewhere else.

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Florida rearguard Mike Van Ryn is recovering nicely from surgery on both wrists. He went from an expected breakout year to a horrible year last season. He is a dark horse for this season...but with Bouwmeester and now Cory Murphy and Noah Welch there he will be in tough.

Joakim Lindstrom signed a one-year, two-way contract with Columbus. I had him pegged for making the team this year, but a two-way contract makes him closer to 50-50.

Ramzi Abid has signed with SC Bern of the Swiss League. After a promising debut with the Coyotes was cut short by injury, he never really had a solid shot in the NHL and did not make the most of what shots he did have.

Sidney Crosby, No.87 who will be making \$8.7 million per season with his new contract (negotiations were in the ballpark so decided to make it the same as his number), was back skating on Monday and said that his formerly broken foot felt fine.

Josh Tjordman and recently drafted Joel Gistedt were the most impressive goaltenders in Phoenix's rookie camp. Tjordman's 155-pound frame may deter him from cracking the lineup this year, but I have him actually ahead of LeNeveu on the depth chart.

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Non fantasy news - the Sharks will be updating their logo, to be revealed soon.

Mike Rathje underwent abdominal surgery. If he recovers from that and plays, the Flyers would be over the cap.

Rumor de jour: philly.com is saying that two sources in Finland are speculating that Teemu Selanne would like to sign with Philadelphia and play with Kimmo Timonen and Sami Kapanen. There is nothing to this rumor because it would throw the Flyers out of salary whack, but thought it was interesting enough to note.