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If you are interested in finding the World Championship roster for Team Canada (so far), you can [get it here](#) . I get the impression that the team is waiting to add Tyler Seguin if the Bruins lose tonight, or Mike Green/ Brooks Laich if the Caps lose.

Dobber Nation will be delayed for about a week. With all the changes going down, it's been tough to find a mutually workable time for an interview and we would like to have Brendan Ross on to discuss the new site - Dobber Prospects.

How does he do it? How does [Martin Brodeur](#) get away with facing so few shots, seemingly every game? If the Devils win the series, next year we won't be talking about how Brodeur faced 135 shots in 5.5 games, or just 16 shots in a Game 6 that went into overtime. No, we'll be talking about how Brodeur got the Devils into the second round. Amazing. When you're a legend, your exploits start writing themselves.

Give [Travis Zajac](#) six points in six games after posting just six points in 15 games. That added rest to heal up the Achilles the second time has really worked wonders. Getting back on the first line has helped, too.

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With one point in six playoff games, [Adam Henrique](#) has 11 in his last 29 overall. Zajac's great play does have a side effect...

[Steve Bernier](#) has really stepped up, too. Despite seeing nine or 10 minutes of ice time per game, he has three points in six contests (he had six in 32 in the season).

[Marek Zidlicky](#) – six games, two assists, 24 minutes of average ice time. [Peter Harrold](#) – six games, two assists, 14:32 of average ice time.

[Kris Versteeg](#) and [Sean Bergenheim](#) continue to step it up in the playoffs. Versteeg was only average for the Flyers in the playoffs, but his Blackhawks performance was great, and now he has five points in six games for Florida. While Bergenheim has 12 goals in his 22 playoff games.

[Jose Theodore](#) is out with an undisclosed injury and [Scott Clemmensen](#) had a chance to eliminate his old team. Clemmensen and the Panthers were outshot 42-16 and still nearly pulled it off.

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I saw some spirited arguments over Pacioretty vs. Lupul for the Masterton Trophy on Twitter yesterday. Pretty emotional for a trophy win that will be forgotten in three or four months. It's great to honor perseverance, but seriously I barely remember Hart winners. For what it's worth, Lupul's back injury dragged on for so long and the odds were so against him, I'd lean that way as opposed to Pacioretty's devastating injury that, while gruesome, only knocked him out for three months or so (remember, he was ready to return in the second round if the Habs got there).

I love the spirit of the GM of the Year award, but I don't think it can be properly done. You can't really reward a GM for his work of the past year, but often the true results from it come two years from now. Some of the GM's you think are terrible now, will be terrible in two years. But some of them will be considered in the Top 10 in two years. Which ones? We don't know. My point.

Both Nick Grossmann and [Andrej Meszaros](#) were [back in practice](#) for the Flyers, but neither were taking contact.

The big news – [Roberto Luongo](#) said he'd waive his NTC if asked. Why is that big news? Beats me. I think most players would waive their NTC if asked. They just get to pick where they go.

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As Bob McKenzie said on TSN last night, although Luongo has 10 years left on his contract, teams won't be scared off because three of those years are joke years. Really it's a seven-year contract.

Everyone speculates Tampa Bay. I'm with them. Would Toronto bother? Sharks? Hawks? Whoever it is, they would either move salary, or they will be paying just draft picks or prospects. Nothing major to take on a contract like that.

You can hardly see it from this angle, but 13 seconds in you see Michalek, who is on the ice, swinging his leg back and his skate kicks Dan Girardi in the thigh. Shanahan looked at this, but only gave a "warning":

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[Mike Smith](#) a nice sliding save:

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