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The new shop - still tweaking it. Almost done. It will be up today (or die trying), but I missed my goal of 1pm. But when it's up, the Keeper League Fantasy Pack, the 2012 Fantasy Prospects Report and the 2012-13 Fantasy Guide will be up for sale. Stand by, and thanks for being patient.

Ilya Kovalchuk's lower body injury will keep him out of the lineup tonight.

**Breaking:** This is absolutely unbelievable. Never seen anything like it. The Nashville Predators have suspended Alexander Radulov and Andrei Kostitsyn one game for violating team curfew. They will miss Game 3. Seriously. And kudos to them for enforcing the rules. Very gutsy, down two games to zip.

Several sources are reporting that Evgeny Kunzvetsov has signed a two-year deal to play in the KHL. The wife has spoken! Seriously though, family comes first and I suspect that she had influence here, so he's just doing what he thinks will make him happy. But my guess is that he'll remain in Russia for good, barring a divorce or something along those lines. Again, that's just my initial response.

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PK Subban has a lower-body injury and missed the pre-tournament game Monday. He's "day-to-day". They're even vague with injuries outside of the NHL. We can't win...

Canada nearly lost to Switzerland in that game – down 1-0 with a second to go. [Jordan Eberle](#) tied it up, and then scored the shootout winner.

Poolies aren't happy with [Scott Glennie](#)'s slow development, but [Les Jackson says](#) he's been "one of the best players in the game" in each game he's seen.

[Tuukka Rask](#) is up for another season as a backup, according to [telegram.com](#). Also, GM Chiarelli expects [Nathan Horton](#) to be back to full health come training camp.

What's a nice way to tell [Steve Mason](#) that you don't want you anywhere near your net anymore? Well, you [tell him](#) "we're going to have a different look at that position next year". Well said Mr. Howson. Well said.

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Brian Burke – now you try it. “Mr. Gustavsson. Mr. Reimer. We’re going to have a different look in that position next year.”

Mike Gillis – your turn. “Mr. Luongo. We’re going to have a different look in that position next year.”

If [Jordan Staal](#) is traded, my expectation of points jumps from 60 to 70. But if I’m Ray Shero, I’m not moving Staal. Staal would get me a good player, a great prospect and a draft pick. But Crosby would get so much more. Screw public relations, trading Sid would set this team up for years – and allow them to keep Malkin and Staal. It would never happen, and it would take cojones the size of watermelons.

If not shaving brings good luck in the playoffs, how come it doesn’t work for the 200-odd players who don’t shave yet get eliminated?

[Kris Versteeg](#) played the last three months with a [cyst in his hip](#) that affected his mobility. Looking at how well he played up until February, I’d be looking at a buy-low opportunity this summer.

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[Tomas Fleischmann](#) broke his hand in Game 2 of the playoffs, but continued playing with it.

[Cool fact](#) – Danny Briere has 36 playoff goals for the Flyers since fleeing Buffalo to sign with them. The Sabres have 33 playoff goals since he left.

I agree, I like [Linus Omark](#) 's [honesty here](#) . But he's very bitter, clearly getting sick of all the whiners who lash out at him – on its own, a 'lash' or an angry jab is innocent and harmless. Add it to 50 others and it can be tough.

[Ilya Kovalchuk](#) has an injury. He's getting treatment, but nobody will say what it is. Stay tuned...

The Blues lost the game, but the decision to bench [Chris Stewart](#) and dress Matt D'Agostini paid off, as the latter scored. But moving

[Patrik Berglund](#)

off the

[Andy McDonald](#)

line hurt, as I opined yesterday – Berglund was a minus-2. At this points in his career, he needs to click with somebody, and he seems to be pretty picky about the type of player he meshes with.

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[Brian Elliott](#) only faced 21 shots, yet let in five goals. The last time Elliott allowed five goals in a game was March 28... 2011.

Ken Hitchcock says that [Jaroslav Halak](#) is [out for the series](#) , so there goes Plan B.

Barrett Jackman is minus-6 in the playoffs, and was minus-3 last night. His ice time was cut to 13 minutes. This puts even more pressure on the St. Louis back end because [Alex Pietrangelo](#) is out (he did not play last night). When [Kris Russell](#) is up over 22 minutes, you know you're in trouble.

[Dustin Brown](#) continues to roll, with three assists and plus-3 last night. He has nine points and is plus-8 for the playoffs. He also managed 14 PIM in the game.

[Alexander Ovechkin](#) saw just 13:36 of ice time, but he scored the game winner and managed seven shots. I gotta give Dale Hunter credit – he's forcing the superstar to play his way. How

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often do you see that?

[Alexander Semin](#) saw just 12:27. The stars are warming the bench, and the Caps are winning. Because of it? Meanwhile, [Jay Beagle](#) gets 19:58 of ice time. In fact, 13 Capitals saw more ice time than those two.

[Brian Boyle](#) got into the game, and [Brandon Dubinsky](#) is out with an LBI. Chris Kreider got 18 minutes of ice time again. Getting pretty impressed...

[Artem Anisimov](#) played 4:56. Not so impressed...

My column yesterday on Chris Kreider for [The Hockey News](#) .

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