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More on Tyler Biggs - he left school not necessarily to turn pro. His OHL rights are owned by Oshawa, and he could likely head that route next season.

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Dobber - The slow loading has been fixed! A big thank you to Hockey Pool Geek's Jamie Nay for finding the needle in that haystack - a dozen people looked, but only one of them found it. Jamie has also been the man behind the new shop, and what has been a relatively smooth transition to the single login. For those who weren't aware of what was going on, I posted an update [here](#).

More on Roman Cervenka – [this time from Flames Nation:](#)

“Given his expected output, where can we expect to see Cervenka line up? Chances are Jokinen is gone, which means Cervenka will absolutely be a top six center. It's probably safe to

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assume (given nobody currently signed for next season is traded) he'll stand between [Jarome Iginla](#)

and

[Alex Tanguay](#)

, though there's a chance he'll line up with Glencross, Cammalleri or...Baertschi?"

Interesting summer ahead in Carolina. Starting to hear them mentioned a bit in [Zach Parise](#) rumors. The Hurricanes have a ton of money to spend, a solid young core, and a reputation for winning.

Another interesting subplot – a few weeks ago, Eliotte Friedman wrote that he wouldn't be surprised to see the Staal brothers together on the same team one day. Well, [Jordan Staal](#) has one year left on his current contract. I don't see the Pens trading him, but he may force their hand if he refuses to sign an extension. How about a

[Jordan Staal](#)

-for

[Brandon Sutter](#)

(and more) trade?

Sutter, like Staal, is an absolute beast defensively, which is impressive considering his age. Like Staal, he has some offensive upside, too.

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Parise would make a ton of sense there, but I'm not sure he would choose Carolina over Detroit, Minnesota (his home state), or even re-signing with the Devils.

Ottawa re-signed [Peter Regin](#) to a one-year deal for \$800,000. The deal is one-way, which means Regin will earn the same coin at the AHL level. He has battled a series of serious shoulder injuries, derailing any chance at becoming a solid top six NHL player. The size and skill is there, but he has been passed over by many on the depth chart in Ottawa.

Regin's two shoulder injuries (the same arm) were apparently unrelated. Right...

When healthy, Regin plays a game that would fit with Paul MacLean's style – strong in all three zones, great skater, solid along the boards and down low. He just needs to get healthy. This is his last chance.

[Olli Jokinen](#) had surgery earlier this week to repair a torn abdominal injury. Would signing him to a contract be a risk, this summer? You bet. However, several teams desperate for a top six center may have no other option.

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Calle Jarnkrok had a great game at the World Championships for Sweden. He skated on the third line, a role he may fill in Detroit as early as next year. He plays a Detroit game – patient with the puck, solid without it, and he sees the ice really, really well. The Wings may not need to rebuild, but they have a ton of young guys who will be wanting roster spots, soon. Gustav Nyqvist will be in the top six/nine. Jarnkrok is in the mix. [Tomas Tatar](#) , too.

After watching Nashville bumble the puck around on several awful looking PP opportunities... you would have to think Alex Radulov draws back in for game five.

I understand why the team suspended the players for a game, but why continue with it? The logical fallacy of keeping the same lineup (like it was the cause for the win, or something) shot the Preds in a foot. Nashville won game four because [Pekka Rinne](#) was brilliant. Hockey is won by scoring goals. And even an extremely tired/hungover Radulov does that better than any press box player the Preds could ever put in.

Again, I commend the Preds for having the cojones to make this move. Especially tough considering this is “their year” to go all-in. [Ryan Suter](#) is all-but-gone this summer. [Shea Weber](#) could be gone next summer. Radulov probably won't be back, leaving the forward group largely the same.

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[Brandon Yip](#) played almost 16 minutes. He's a hard worker and a solid depth guy, but the Preds won't win against a stingy goalie and defensive unit playing their checkers in top six roles.

Looks like the 82-game regular season was a tune up for [Mike Richards](#) . He has gone into 'beast mode' for the Kings after an indifferent October-through-early April.

The Kings are still waiting for [Jeff Carter](#) to show up. At this point, the [Jack Johnson](#) trade was addition by subtraction (considering how well [Slava Voynov](#) has played in replacing Johnson on LA's back end).

Toronto's 2011 1st round pick, Tyler Biggs, has decided to forego the rest of his college career to turn professional. He hasn't signed a contract yet, and had only nine goals in 37 games for Miami (Ohio) last season. Interesting move...

Alex Burrows suffered what looked to be a concussion after slamming his head on the ice against Slovakia. I doubt he returns to action at all for Canada during the tourney. Frustrating for him, travelling all the way over there only to get injured a period into the tournament.

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