Angus here - took a look at some of the favourites to land Justin Schultz today. Among them - Edmonton, New York, Vancouver, and Philadelphia. Read on!

Regarding the Dustin Brown hit (below), Mike Smith has a ballpark idea of how long Brown should be suspended for. I believe "forever" was his exact quote .

Next year's Calder Trophy winner - Mikael Granlund - has signed an entry level contract with the Wild. Yes, there are other great candidates, but at this point he is my pick. But hey, I'm the idiot who at this time last year thought that David Rundblad would be the Calder winner this year.

The Kings move on, as expected. It would have been nice if the Coyotes pushed it one more game, but in OT they couldn't get it done. Mike Smith faced 51 shots in nearly four periods of work – anyone surprised?

Actually, what surprises me is how Pancake Penner gets minimal ice time and is producing. Contract year, right? With two points last night –the OT winner – he has 10 in 14 games. The problem with Dustin Penner is that the expectations were set too high. He was going along just fine as a 45- or 50-point second liner with size. Then he signed that offer sheet that then placed huge expectations on his huge shoulders. He was used as a first liner, which he's not. He'll be signed to proper dollars this summer and will be used appropriately going forward. I think he'll be a 45-point guy.

Antoine Vermette led the Coyotes in playoff scoring with 10 points. He's a former 65-point player who is in his prime, but is coming off seasons of 37 and 47 points. I would think that 65 is out of reach for him with this team, but he'll do better than that 47.

With the win, the Conn Smythe race, to me, looks like this:

Quick

Brown

Girardi

Lundqvist

Kovalchuk

Kopitar

How do you see it?

Ryan Shannon has signed a three-year deal to play in Switzerland. He was injured too often to get things going in the NHL, and often those injuries would strike at the worst times (i.e. several games into a hot streak, a key player above him on the depth chart gets hurt, etc.).

Carolina goalie Mike Murphy is leaving for Russia. Justin Goldman breaks down this move over at The Goalie Guild, for those curious for more insight than that. Goldman was a fan of his upside.

St. Louis insiders discuss Vladimir Tarasenko and his readiness for the NHL. The consensus seems to be – impact player, immediately in the lineup. But first he has to come over.

Matt Frattin leads the AHL in playoff goals scored with eight. It looks like the Marlies are about to shut down the Barons and move on to the Final against the mighty Norfolk Admirals.

Nashville beatwriter Josh Cooper believes that there will be no sophomore slump for Craig Smith.

I don't think Brown meant this knee on knee (actually looks like knee on thigh) that took out Rozsival. Do you? To me the problem is more about the lateness.

{youtube}CnMzHN_QzBE{/youtube}

Milbury vs. Roenick, discussing the hit above:

{youtube}NQqzaNoj66A{/youtube}