

Ken Holland [hinted](#) that the Red Wings would trade for the negotiating rights to Ryan Suter if the opportunity arose. The free agent market will be lean this year, so I have a feeling you will see several trades of that nature.

Because the Devils are in the Final, they will be drafting 29th or 30th - so 29th, barring a miracle. They need to forfeit a first-round pick in one of four summers, thanks to their crazy initial contract that they gave Ilya Kovalchuk. It's part of the NHL's punishment handed down to the team. [They may/should choose](#) this summer to forfeit the pick, since it's valued lower.

The Dallas Stars have signed heavily recruited Swedish Goaltender Cristopher Nihlstrom to a two-way deal. [Defending Big D](#) opines that he will compete for the backup job with Richard Bachman – and that's exactly what the optics of this deal says. But I'm high on Bachman – to the point where Band-Aid Boy Kari Lehtonen better watch his back. Not worried about Bachman at all. In fact, as a No.3 or No.4 goalie, I often search for underrated backups who are behind injury-prone starters and Bachman is one of the better candidates (just behind Devan Dubnyk and Jacob Markstrom).

Tough [news from out of San Jose](#) . It's now pretty understandable why Dominic Moore made such a small impact upon being traded there. Since when does he go to a new team and not surprise with hustle, determination and pretty good offense despite low minutes? His wife, Katie, was diagnosed with liver cancer towards the end of the season.

Nashville has [signed](#) forward Patrick Cehlin to an ELC. He's coming to North America to play next year. I have Cehlin ranked 416 in the Fantasy Prospects List, but he moves up a little with this news.

Don't forget – we have a [fantasy newsfeed](#) that not only offers a quick glance at the day's news that even the Ramblings will miss, but if you want to research a player you can call up all of his news of the past few months – with linked sources – and do your homework. Thanks to all the volunteers who keep this rolling, the fantasy hockey community really appreciates it. You can access this via the “Free Features” link up top. (And if you've never hovered over that link and tried some of our free features, such as the archived ramblings, line combinations, etc. – then you've missed out)

I wouldn't sign Jason Garrison in a million years. He doesn't impress me. Strikes me as a depth player who got lucky with five or six goals early on... which led to some premium ice time, which led to five or six more goals... and then he stopped. No matter how much ice time he got, the offense stopped. Thirteen goals in 46 games... and then three in 31. I say “wouldn't sign” but I of course mean “at his asking price”. If he scores 16 goals as a defenseman, he's probably looking for \$4 million Ron Hainsey money. Hainsey was a depth guy who saw too much ice time and managed 35 point seasons. He cashed that in for \$5 million per... and is worth \$2 million. So I'm saying I wouldn't give Garrison \$2 million – so that means I wouldn't sign him.

Erik Christensen has [signed](#) a contract to play in the KHL next year. Now he can be

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inconsistent over there.

The Devils will sit Jacob Josefson for Game 4, and put Petr Sykora back in the lineup.

The Preds are [looking](#) to trade Alexander Radulov, who is a restricted free agent. The choice was meet his price, or get a crapload of assets for him. They are going for the 'crapload' thing.

Volchenkov hammers Lewis:

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I found this Tortorella interview very interesting. Puck Daddy brought it to my attention:

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