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Brendan Ross's DobberProspects ramblings are a must-read. [Check today's out here.](#)

Colorado has locked up winger David Jones to a four-year, \$16 million contract. The Avs obviously recognized their lack of goal scoring on the wing as well as the weak free agent crop.

When healthy, Jones has proven he can be a 25-goal guy. When healthy, that is. He has battled injuries for most of his NHL career.

If, for some strange reason you haven't already picked up the 2011-12 DobberHockey Prospects Report, [do so now!](#) We worked tirelessly to put this thing together, and it will be updated as the draft approaches. What it contains:

Extensive analysis on 8-12 prospects per team (upside, estimated time of arrival, 3YP, and more.

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An in-depth mock draft for the 2012 draft.

Fantasy profiles and upsides for 2012 draftees.

According to Flyers GM Paul Holmgren, [Matt Carle](#) wants to remain in Philadelphia.

The puck-moving defenseman is slated to hit the open market on July 1, and is one of the better defensemen available.

He isn't a top pairing star, but is a very good #3/4 defenseman on a contender. Carle is mobile, he moves the puck well, and he is great at transitioning the puck up the ice quickly and effectively.

The Flyers have Timonen for one more season at \$6.3 million. Who knows what happens with

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Pronger.

[Braydon Coburn](#) , [Andrej Meszaros](#) , and [Nicklas Grossman](#) are all locked up for a few years. If the Flyers do bring Carle back, that would be a lot of money to invest in six defensemen.

And if Pronger doesn't come back, the Carle move makes more sense (more from a roster and salary cap standpoint – he is not a Pronger replacement per se).

Sticking with the Flyers – [sounds like Jaromir Jagr](#) could have a new contract with the team before the draft in a few weeks.

[Adam Henrique](#) 's goal last night was incredible. The skill to bring the puck to his stick from his skate, the perfect shot short side off the post and in, and of course the timing of it all.

Henrique was a standout player in junior, but even the most optimistic of Devils fans couldn't have expected him to have such a large impact as a rookie.

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Henrique won 12 of 18 faceoffs, too.

[Ilya Kovalchuk](#) is quite clearly not 100%. He battled the puck for much of the night, again. Led the team with four shots on goal, but he isn't himself.

Bryce 'Denis Potvin' Salvador (I have already used the Bobby Orr joke) had two more assists last night.

Parise didn't look great, either. The Kings are giving the Devils top players almost no space.

Pick a Devil to get in Quick's head – Clarkson? Carter? Try [Patrik Elias](#) . Elias and Quick have had a little rivalry brewing all series long, and Quick felt that Elias bumped him a bit last night before scoring the opening goal.

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The LA top line was great – the second line was invisible. [Jeff Carter](#) has been a passenger for many nights this playoff run (he picked a good team to be a passenger on, that much is for sure).

Carter finished the game with a minus-3 rating.

Good news, Rangers fans. [Marian Gaborik](#) and [Brandon Prust](#) both underwent successful surgeries.

According to Pierre Lebrun, the Florida Panthers are interested in [Roberto Luongo](#) . Probably not the news [Jacob Markstrom](#) (or his fantasy owners) were hoping to hear...

The Oilers have extended Steve Tambellini's contract.

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Sayonara Radulov – as quick has returned, the Preds are looking to cut ties. If Radulov returns to the KHL, they again lose him nothing. If he remains in the NHL, they can move his rights for something.

Apparently the Rangers are interested. I wonder what other teams would target Radulov? The Capitals? One mercurial Russian (Semin) for another? How about the Penguins?

Radulov has a ton of skill – his impact upon returning to the NHL was immediate. However, he burned whatever bridge he had left in the Preds with the late-night debacle during the second round series in Phoenix.

He may choose to return to Russia, but I think he sticks around in the NHL. He is an RFA now after burning the final year off of his contract with the Preds. What kind of trade value do his rights hold?

The Dallas Stars now have [six goaltenders signed](#) to professional contracts. Will be an interesting training camp for the back up gig behind [Kari Lehtonen](#)

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Defending Big D [takes a look](#) at the Benn debate – C or W? Out of necessity the team played him at C, but he is likely going to be much more effective on the wing, both on the ice and in fantasy hockey pools.

Another column I wrote yesterday – [Alain Vigneault and Cognitive Biases](#). Trying to explain why certain fans/media feel the way they do regarding the most successful coach in Canucks history.

I have fond memories of watching [Olaf Kolzig](#) play goal for the Capitals when I was growing up. [This column ranks the top five Washington goaltenders of all time.](#)

[A Washington blog](#) reviews [Braden Holtby](#) 's season.

*'Postseason Performance: When Vokoun and Neuvirth both went down with injury just before the playoffs began, [Braden Holtby](#) became abruptly both the first and only string goalie. All the*

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*fanbase could do was hope that the rookie netminder could hold up under the pressure. He exceeded expectations in every way, matching the reigning Stanley Cup goaltender and then a Vezina nominee goal for goal and looking good doing it. '*

Who would you compare Vladimir Tarasenko to? Tarasenko and his story are quite unique. I am excited for his NHL debut – the kid is more than ready to play big minutes with St. Louis. Being able to handle the puck on a string doesn't hurt, either.

An off day for a few Norfolk players – what better time to get some extra training in?