Angus here - sat down with Brenden Dillon (Dallas prospect) to discuss his hockey career, who he compares himself to, and more. Read the full interview here.

A lot of KHL impact these days, and we're just getting warmed up. With the CBA up this summer, a lot of players will be covering themselves off – either with an iron-clad contract in the KHL, or a verbal agreement that will turn iron-clad as soon as the players get the jitters about a delay to their season. Unfortunately this time around the onus is on the owners I think. The players have too many options, and the league has a lot of momentum. The owners need to get that 57-43 revenue share closer to a 50-50 split (among other issues), but they may have to concede a little higher than that.

Paul Maurice has signed to coach in the KHL, old news but I wanted to give my take. With the screw ups that have happened over there leading to tragedy, starting with a lack of a defibrillator on site … all the way up to the ancient jets they were flying until last summer – I wouldn't go. Not if I had a couple of million in the bank account. Why go? I'm sure the aircraft there are top-notch now, and I'm sure every arena now has a defib… but what's next? To me, it's not worth it. Now, if I was really hurting for cash and couldn't get any kind of job in the AHL then sure, okay. Would you go, if you had seven zeros in your bank account and a job in North America for, say, 75% of what the KHL is offering?

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update you will find the 2012 Mock Draft by Brendan Ross, four new prospect profiles, an update on several profiles that we did of players who were not signed and thus went back into the draft/ became free agents. Oh, and of course a few typos that were caught by readers and fixed.

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I've been hard on Martin Brodeur over the past two years and I do believe his skills have eroded. But he has been dynamite in the last two rounds. Experience has made a big difference – he's never rattled. He's aggressively checking players and playing the puck, even if getting the puck out is going to be a close call – he doesn't second guess himself. He may not be as quick as he used to be, but he's positionally sound. It's made all the difference. So can he do this for another regular season? I don't think so. Besides the fact that he is getting hurt each year nowadays, in the regular season all the goalies are on equal footing in terms of "jitters". So while I think the Devils will re-sign him, I'm guessing for two years, I would predict 65 wins between the two. That's better than this past season, but not like it was during the 40-win days.

The Red Wings moving Brad Stuart has sealed the deal, as if the Lidstrom retirement didn't already. It - opened up a spot for Brendan Smith. Assuming the Wings replace Lidstrom with Ryan Suter, which everyone and their mother is guessing will happen, a spot still needed to open up.

Can you imagine if they don't sign Suter? Who's the consolation prize? Jackman? Boy, don't you just get the feeling that Jimmy Howard is in for a tough year?

I'm with Ryan Ma (yesterday's ramblings). David Jones is way overpaid. On the market, he would have signed for $3.5-3.8 is my guess. The Avs actually gave him more. And there was no reason to. Why on earth do struggling non-playoff teams do their best to re-sign all their players? ***Logic 101:*** *if your team sucks, and you bring back every player on your team, then your team will continue to suck.*

So in my playoff pool, I've updated you on it a couple of times so may as well see it through – I'm still in line for my first "Dobber Cup" playoff win after 11 years. The one trophy I haven't won, and it's the trophy I named after myself. Sad. But I'm 9.9 points ahead of third and 9.99 points (yeah, seriously) ahead of fourth. Second is out of players so not a concern. Third has Quick, Doughty and Kovalchuk. Fourth has Brown and Williams. Hanging on by the skin of my teeth…

I still have Stoll, it would be nice if he stopped hitting posts. How did this guy ever get 68 points?

Bryce Salvador has 14 playoff points. His career best was in 76 regular season games – 16 points. Heading into the postseason, he had four points in 50 career playoff games.

Anaheim GM Bob Murray on Justin Schultz: "Justin Schultz will not be an Anaheim Duck, He's informed us that he wishes to explore talks with the 29 other clubs, and that's his right under the current CBA. I cannot comment on the tampering charges at this time but if situations change I will let all of you know."

In that article you'll also find a tidbit on Ryan Getzlaf and how his newborn son kept him up many nights, which impacted his play last year. But physically, Getzlaf was healthy.

Nashville GM David Poile didn't hold back , regarding Andrei Kostitsyn: *"I wonder how much of a market there will be for Kostitsyn this summer. The words 'underachieving' and 'disappointment' seem to come up a bit around him and then there is the stigma of this situation, which could linger further. At the least, there likely won't be teams backing up the trucks of money to his doorstep in the NHL."*

Georges Laraque would like to return to the NHL as a player, and would sign for the minimum – he just wants a tryout.

Brodeur, being aggressive (and stopping Stoll):

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In honor of him winning the Foster Hewitt award, Rick Jeanneret's Top 10 calls – I love his calls (which explains why this is probably the third time I've posted this here):

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