Taylor Pyatt has signed a two-year deal with the New York Rangers.

Hugh Jessiman has signed a two-way contract with the Senators.

The Avalanche have signed Erik Johnson to a four-year deal worth $15 million.

Washington has signed Jack Hillen to a one-year deal worth $650,000. Sounds like a one year. If Mike Green has another one of those injury filled seasons, Hillen may be one to watch. He's been a tremendous disappointment so far.

Bryce Salvador has signed for three years at $3.6 million per.

Per Puck Daddy's Chesnokov, Vladimir Zharkov has signed a two-year contract to play in the KHL.

I love how fans of (insert team here) want (insert GM name here) to make a splash via free agency and if he doesn't then he should be fired. Find a need and fill it. But fill it properly, don't settle. Let's say you need a No.1 center. Badly. Do you run out and sign Olli Jokinen ? No. He signed where he should sign – with a team who has a probable 1A center and he'll slot in as 1B perfectly.
Shane Doan
? No, he's a winger. So who? There's only one – and that's
Zach Parise
, who usually plays on the wing. But he's only one man, and he can't sign with 30 teams. So there are going to be 29 losers out there. Do you fire 29 GMs if they don't get him? Why? It wouldn't be (insert GM name here)'s fault. After all, Parise signed with (New Jersey because he loves it there) (Minnesota because of family there) (Team X because his buddy is there and he likes the schools in that city).

We're all in fantasy hockey here. We know how hard it is to fill a need. And the more desperate you are to fill that need, the harder it is to fill it. Have you ever been in a roto league where you draft three goalies and your No.1 gets hurt for most of the season, your No.2 has a massive off year and your No.3 gets usurped by an up-and-comer? How easy was it to get a goalie from a fellow GM? And that's fantasy hockey – imagine how much more difficult it is in reality. Cut your local GM a little slack – if he has a vision that you like, be patient with it.

So Alexander Radulov 's KHL deal is worth just over $9 million per season, four years. That takes him to the age of 30. Unless your league has 20-man farm teams, he's not worth keeping this time.

Jan Hejda underwent wrist surgery in April that will sideline him until training camp, and perhaps a little beyond that.

Raffi Torres ' case was reviewed by Gary Bettman and he decided to suspend him for 21 games, instead of the 25 that Brendan Shanahan gave him. Bettman's suspension includes all preseason games – I'm not sure if Shanahan's included that. Anyway, Torres misses eight games to start the season now.

Andrew Ebbett has been re-signed by the Canucks. A two-way deal.

Carey Price has signed with the Habs for six more years at $6.5 million per season.

St. Louis signed defenseman Jeff Woywitka to a two-way contract.

The Sharks signed talented netminder Alex Stalock to a contract.

Jaromir Jagr is reportedly looking for $4 million this season. The Habs apparently offered him $3 million, and have since told him that they are not interested anymore. I don't see another team forking over $4 million. But frankly, if it's just for one year, he can still get 55 points in 65 games. What's the value of that? Maybe $3.5?

Anaheim has signed Matt Smaby to a one-year deal. They also signed prospect Rickard Rakell to an ELC. Read about Rakell at DobberProspects.com here .

Florida top prospect Nick Bjugstad is considering turning pro. He'll make his decision in a few days, but if he does turn pro he is definitely in the Calder conversation. You can read more about Bjugstad right here .

I don’t know how EA sports suckers us into giving them free exposure. Wait a minute, yes I do – the goalies in this ad look pretty damn incredible:

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Jiri Hudler – sweet goal:

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