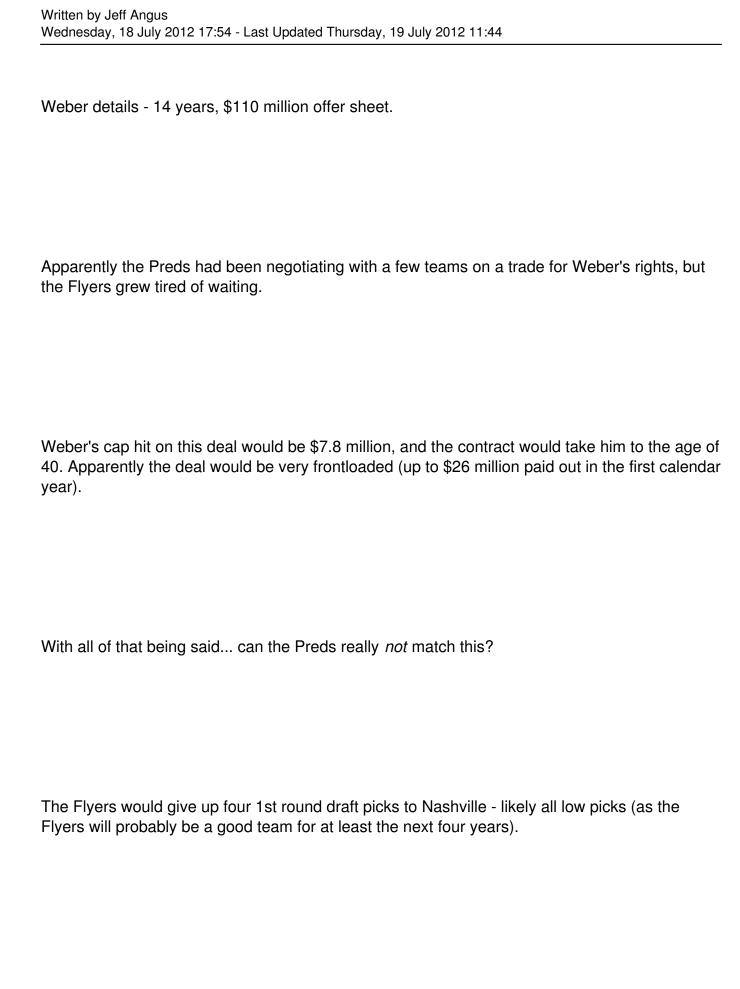
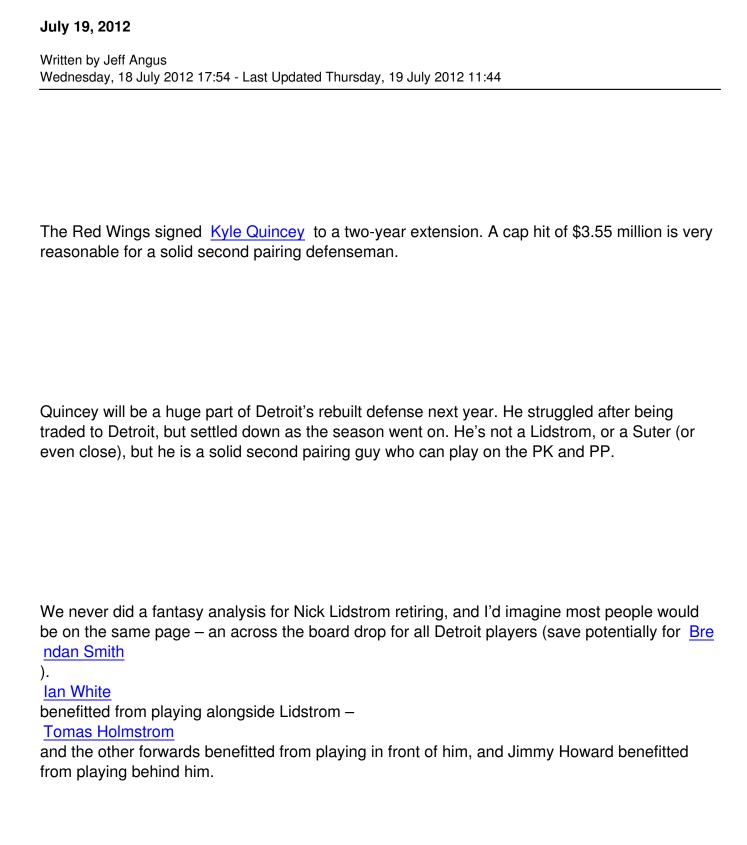
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Started my work on the DobberHockey Fantasy Guide - lots of new stuff this year (not to sound like EA Sports regarding NHL, but I think this year has the most radical and innovative additions yet).
Three posts to read from me today:
The Underutilization of Mike Green - I will re-post this at DobberHockey over the weekend.
The future Legion of Doom in Vancouver? I take a look at a potentially large and skilled line the Canucks could ice in a few years.
I am starting a weekly CBA column with Mike Colligan - our first post - debating revenue sharing.



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Elliotte Friedman's final 30 thoughts of the year is right here. My thoughts:

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"He explained that he liked Jordan Eberle with Ryan Nugent-Hopkins and Sam Gagner with Ales Hemsky

. That not only allows him to move Hall around the lineup, but also rotate others depending on

Ryan Smyth

Ryan Jones

Ben Eager and potentially even Shawn Horcoff

on the wing. I'm really curious to see this. This stuff fascinates me."

Lots of teams like the "pairs" scenario with a rotating winger. Interesting idea.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Let's look at some player situations. First, Roberto Luongo. It's not exactly a state secret that he wants to go to Florida and in a perfect world, the Canucks would send him there. There's a bit of a stalemate now, as the Panthers feel Vancouver is asking too much and the Canucks feel Florida is squeezing too hard. One of the issues is prospects. Florida, which has done a great job stocking the system, is understandably unwilling to move Jacob Markstrom

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or

### Jonathan Huberdeau

. An educated guess is that Vancouver has inquired about the "next level" of talented youth, like a Nick Bjugstad or

## Quinton Howden

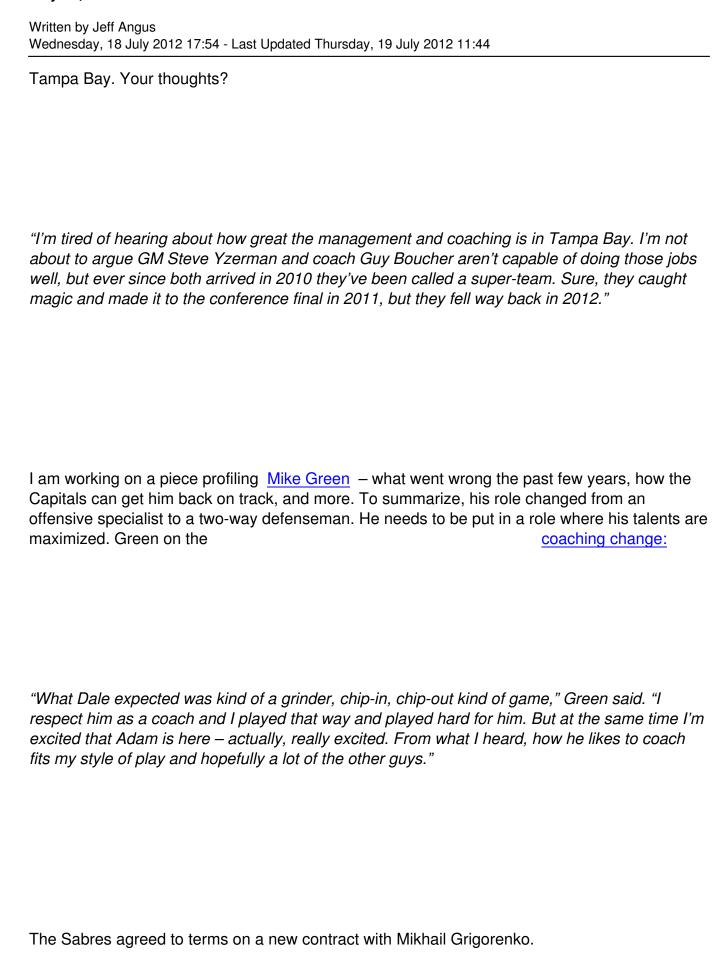
. Don't think Florida likes that, either. So, between that and the fact the Canucks don't want to take bad salary in return, things aren't really moving at this time."

I believe Florida has an offer on the table that the Canucks have rejected, and things are sitting there. Vancouver really likes Bjugstad, but I don't think they'd be able to land him. They also really like Kris Versteeg, who is an RFA without a contract. It will be interesting to see how this progresses – neither side appears to be in much of a rush to make a trade.

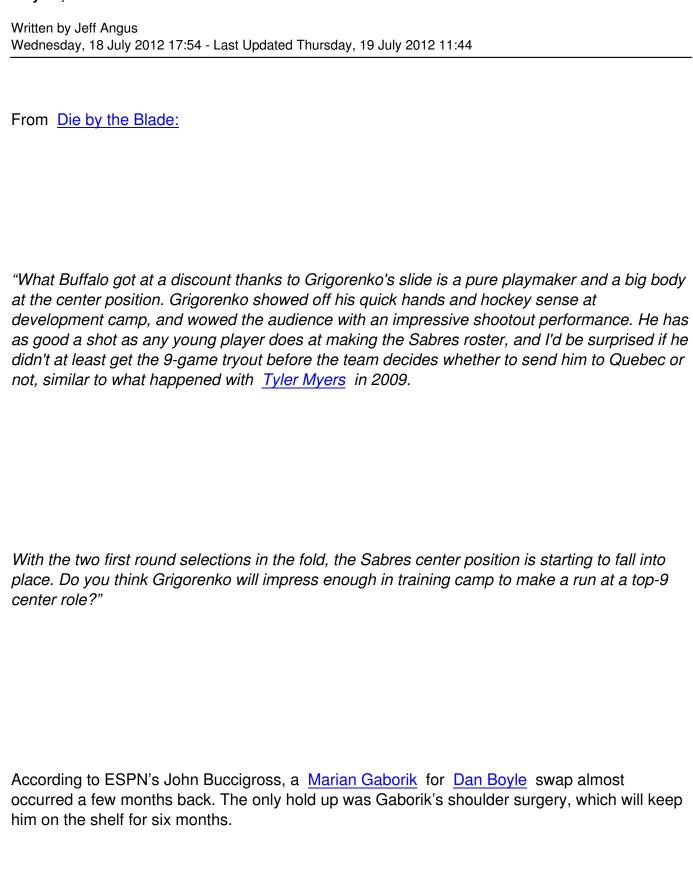
"Rick Nash: MLive's Ansar Khan reported Tuesday night that Detroit made a run at the Columbus captain, speculating that Johan Franzen and/or Valtteri Filppula would be the centrepiece. For what it's worth, I'd heard the latter but not the former (although Khan is much closer to it than I am). Scott Howson's getting critiqued for his stubbornness, but what if the trade proves that to be the right play?"

Not really sure why the Jackets would have interest in Franzen. He's got a few years left, at most. Filppula as a centerpiece makes more sense. I wonder what prospects the Wings were dangling Columbus's way?

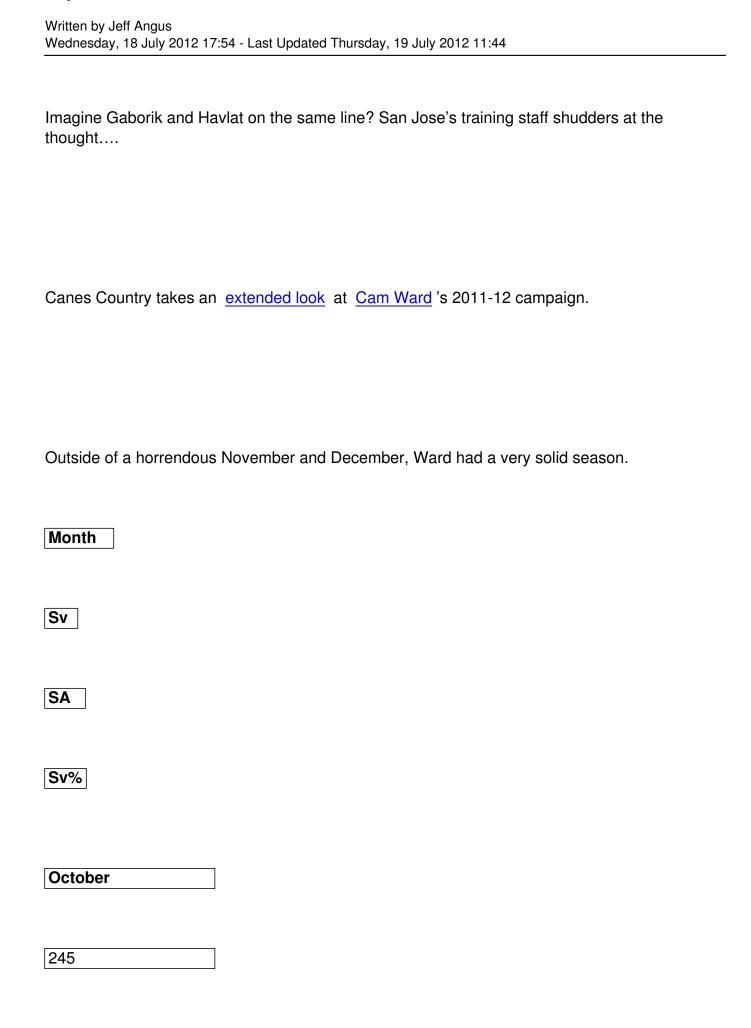
THN's Rory Boylen doesn't think Steve Yzerman deserves a lot of the credit he is getting in



million cap hit.



Boyle has two years left with a \$6.6 million cap hit, while Gaborik has two years left with a \$7.5



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"This season was quite a roller coaster for <u>Cam Ward</u>, although it wasn't too different from the ups and downs he has gone through over his career. There is no doubt that Kirk Muller was one of the reasons for the Canes' turnaround in the second half but Ward regaining his footing once the calendar turned 2012 was another huge reason. Ward is likely going to be in Carolina for the next few years, so he will continue to have a major impact in the team's performance during that time. Let's hope that his peaks and valleys aren't nearly as extreme as they were this season."