Whoops - looks like Lucarelli can throw his entire article in the trash! **The Rangers have acquired Rick Nash per Dreger.**
Kinda changes things. Full analysis forthcoming. My condolences Lucarelli!

Giving away 50% off coupons for the DobberFootball guides that are released Monday night. Watch for a Tweet asking you to "RT", or else go to the Dobber Sports Facebook page and "like" the status over there. These guides are already cheap, as an introduction to fantasy football players – but cut the price in half and the cost is down to just a couple of bucks. Hey – I need a Plan B for a lockout, no? Haha

Newsday is reporting that Lubomir Visnovsky has changed his mind - he doesn't want to play for the Islanders after all (ahem, idiot, cough cough). He is grieving the trade and insists his NTC is still valid. This one will go before the courts, but the trade could be voided and he's back to being a Duck.

The Oilers have signed Nail Yakupov to an ELC. You knew it was coming, only question was whether it would happen in July or August.

Kris Versteeg has signed a four-year contract with the Panthers. He needs to make his mark early as a top player on this team. Establish himself as a first liner. If not, if he gets hurt or has a 50-point off year - then he'll fall to the third line by 2013-14. There are too many top prospects joining the team who will pass him on the depth chart. It could be Chicago Part 2 if Versteeg doesn't make his mark.

Unbelievable. Eleven articles in my newsfeed for the Monday ramblings. Hockey news is so thin, I'll try to comment on each of the eleven.

Puck Daddy – Red Wings GM criticized for lack of offseason splash, but is it premature? First of all, any criticism is stupid. Secondly, it's not premature because even if nothing is done by the Red Wings this summer, they're fine. So they were runner up in the Ryan Suter sweepstakes. You can't win every free agent. So now what, they're supposed to settle for the next best guy? Dumb. They need another defenseman, but there is certainly no rush. If they don't get one until January or February, will that hurt? Not one bit. They don't need to make a big splash. I love the forward group:

Valtteri Filppula Henrik Zetterberg Johan Franzen

Gustav Nyquist	Pavel Datsyuk	Mikael Samuelsson
Dan Cleary	Darren Helm	Todd Bertuzzi
Drew Miller	Justin Abdelkader	Jordin Tootoo
Patrick Eaves	Cory Emmerton	Jan Mursak

With Damien Brunner, Joakim Andersson and Tomas Tatar as the first three call-ups. I like it because I'm high on Nyquist making a splash right away. And on defense, Kronwall is a fine No.1 guy and White and Quincey are fine as No.3 and No.4.
Brendan Smith
can certainly slide in as a No.5. So the only hole is a No.2 defenseman. And until January or February, just give more responsibility to the rest of them. The Wings are fine, no need to make a splash. Suter would have been nice, but if I'm a Wings fan I don't want them to settle or rush.

Damn, the next three articles were not newsworthy/ comment-worthy at all. And the fourth one is my own ramblings from Sunday. Here's an interesting one – the Penguins fired their lead team doctor and the rest of the medical staff.
Sidney Crosby
related? They misdiagnosed a concussion (it was a neck fracture). Big oops. So does this in any way improve the odds of Crosby staying healthy? It can't hurt.

Dallas has signed Mark Fistric to a one-year deal. He played 60 games and tallied two points last season for them. But in the Fantasy Guide, we have him projected to lead the team in both Blocked Shots and Hits this year (130 and 225). Yep, that's right – predicting Hits and Blocked Shots this year. Eat it competitors!

Here's an update on Marian Hossa . Raffi Torres apologized and although he came short of accepting the apology, Hossa was happy with the gesture.

That's my newsfeed. I am taking fantasy hockey Q&A right here in the forum, if you want to toss me any questions.

Also watch for my THN column this afternoon, offseason review for Montreal and Minnesota...

Torres on Hossa, if you want to see it again…

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