Quick note on the DobberFootball guide – the release was supposed to be Monday night. Dave Cushard needed another half day or so due to a screw-up with the formatting. He couldn't release it as it was, it had to be fixed. Sorry for the late notice on this, he was really pushing for that 11:30pm ET target and didn't throw in the towel until closer to 11pm. Dave's first fantasy guide - now he knows how hard putting a guide together can be (laughs inwardly).
Football Guide target time is 11:30pm ET Tuesday

Ryan Murray has been signed to an ELC, as I mused would happen this morning (gee, could I be a hockeyyy insiderrr?). I give him 'even' odds that he makes the team. The way I see it - two spots for him, Moore, Savard and Erixon.

Breaking: Nashville has elected to match the Shea Weber offer sheet. I believe this means he can't be traded for a year? I'll need to double check...

The Hurricanes have signed Zach Boychuk to a one-year, two-way contract. The kiss of death? Not quite. But isn't promising. One more year yet.

The Preds have signed Colin Wilson to a three-year contract.

Habs and the Wild - my offseason report over at The Hockey News .

The latest from Darren Dreger is that Philadelphia offered Matt Read , Andrej Meszaros and a first, second and third round pick for
Shea Weber
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Chesnokov is reporting that SKA acquired the KHL rights to Sergei Bobrovsky . His ELC expires next year and Chesnokov speculates that SKA may make a push to get him back.

Aaron Portzline reports that Brandon Dubinsky was paid $1 million by the Rangers last week – a bonus. For those of you wondering why Columbus waited to make a deal that was a rumor a couple of months ago.

See what a big trade and a couple of signings do? Remember my belly-aching yesterday about my newsfeed having 11 news articles? Today I have 110. Sure, half that is about Rick Nash , but still – very nice.

Carolina has signed Drayson Bowman to a two-year deal. The second year is one-way, which is a great way of guaranteeing a real chance. Although, he did leave the door open to be sent down this season. But I have him making the jump full time this year.

Lubomir Visnovsky will regret it if he does not play for the Islanders. This team is on the cusp of turning the corner. Reliable goaltending and good health could see it happen this season.

Dustin Byfuglien settled with Minnesota prosecutors, pleading guilty to “careless boating”. He was given two days of community service and a $1000 fine – he’ll make that before the first period of Game 1 is done.

Kevin Allen gives five reasons why the Predators must match the offer sheet. Good reasons. Sways me a little, but I still think the Preds need to come to a trade agreement. You don’t want sour grapes on your team.

Ottawa signed Kaspars Daugavins to a one-year, one-way contract at $635,000. He has second line upside, but given the talent in Ottawa he'll probably not get a shot there ever – barring a whole crapload of injuries.

Sergei Kostitsyn has avoided arbitration and signed with the Preds for two years at $6 million. The cap hit is enough to see to it that he continues to get top ice time, even if his play doesn't reflect it. Last year he played much of it injured, so I expect a bounce back in 2012-13. The Preds also re-signed undrafted college star Jack MacLellan to a two-way deal.

The Bruins have signed Claude Julien to a multi-year contract extension, as if there was any doubt that would happen.

The Habs have signed Alex Galchenyuk to a three-year contract (ELC). Like the Yakupov signing, this was not unexpected. Ryan Murray will sign as well, probably soon.

I invite you to give DobberBaseball another look if you haven't already. I've brought two new writers on board, and a new editor – Tyler Hunt – bringing the site just about as much content as DobberHockey. Content had been sporadic there over the years (this is the fourth year) and it's time to step things up.

Top 10 Rick Nash plays…Remember No.1? Wow…just ridiculous

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