I find the Toronto signing of Keith Aucoin interesting and I had initially written it off as “no fantasy value”. And I am right with that. But it is unfortunate that he chose Toronto. He needs a break like Matt Moulson or PA Parenteau got, and he won’t get it with the Leafs. He did well in Washington down the stretch, considering his ice time. A good depth move by the Leafs, as he can be the first guy called up from the Marlies if they need a top sixer in a pinch.

The Hurricanes signed Jay Harrison to a three-year deal. Harrison was a 16-minute defenseman in the second half after starting the campaign as a 21-minute guy. I have him as the No.6 D behind Corvo and ahead of Gragnani.

Philadelphia should have gone to Nashville with a trade offer. It’s not like them to ease up on the accelerator when they’re going after a guy they want. If they talked Couturier, then they would have Shea Weber . They’ll never get a crack at another Weber-caliber player. Not this decade. Close the deal. Usually Philly spearheads that statement.

TSN reports that the Jets are very close to extending Evander Kane on what will be a long-term deal. His production will take another big step forward this year, with the emergence of Blake Wheeler from start to finish, as well as the addition of Olli Jokinen .

Rick Nash owes Scott Howson a favor. Howson took his time on a trade because he wanted the right package, which is what made the “package” so disappointing when it finally arrived. If he’s going to take that long, it better knock our socks off, right? So why not let him sit? If I was Howson, I would keep waiting for that perfect deal. Nash would start to feel restless sitting at home, or perhaps he’d actually play for the Jackets while awaiting a trade. Either way, Nash would cave and add to his list of “six teams” that he would go to. Once you increase the number of trade options… then you increase the quality of the trade.

Oh man I’m tired. I’ve caught two dumb mistakes already in spelling/grammar. If you see any, let me know – and have mercy. Crunch time (Fantasy Guide) always takes a bite out of the energy level.

Interesting that Colin Wilson gets $2 million per year while Sergei Kostitsyn gets $3 million per year when the Wilson owners in two of my keeper leagues would never give him up for SK. Myself, I would prefer SK, but it’s close because it’s so maddening to own him. Wilson turns 23 soon, SK is 25.

Hey, good news for Nathan Horton owners. He is cleared for contact now.

A nice Horton montage…

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