

Our annual Fantasy Guide is the best yet. The PDF document is updated every few days up until the drop of the puck (whenever that may be). We worked our butts off to provide you new insights and content this year - I guarantee you will head in to your draft full of confidence after reading it.

My latest CBA debate with Mike Colligan - this time on contract length. Should there be a limit? We weigh in with our thoughts.

"ANGUS: That is an excellent point. The big money is still there for these young players, but they don't get it until later on if they start out with a club like Detroit or Pittsburgh.

Look at Jordan Eberle as an example. If he were on the Wings, the chances of him scoring 34 goals last season would be pretty low. Not to knock him as a player at all, but on Edmonton he received prime offensive minutes and little pressure to play well defensively (easy to do that on the worst club in the league). Eberle is going to command upwards of \$6 million on his next deal, as will Taylor Hall, Ryan Nugent-Hopkins, and Nail Yakupov a few years later. Edmonton's tanking strategy benefited them in the way of three or four elite young talents, but they won't be able to afford them all, as they are already counted on to play significant roles for the NHL club.

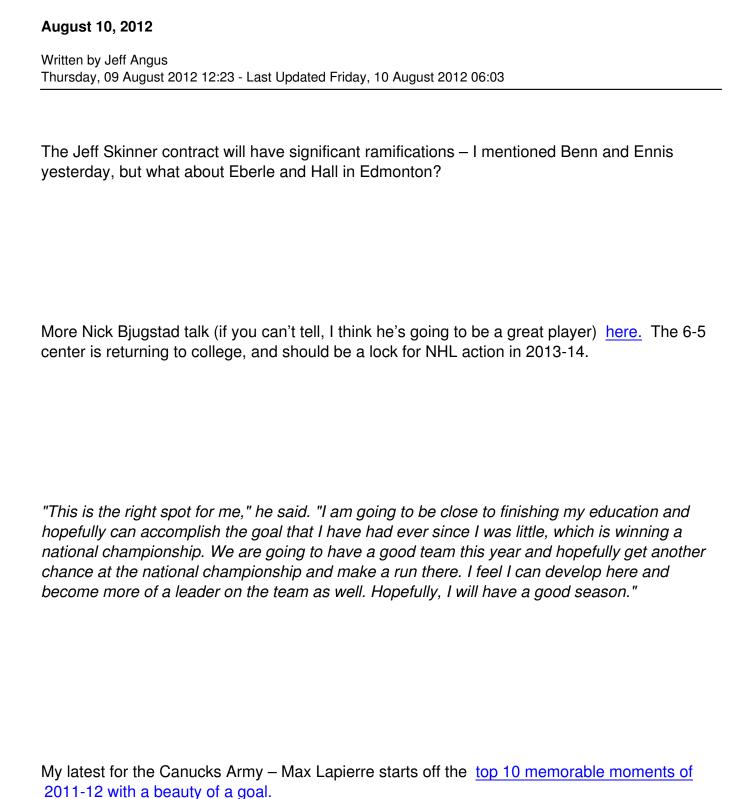
August 10, 2012 Written by Jeff Angus Thursday, 09 August 2012 12:23 - Last Updated Friday, 10 August 2012 06:03 The teams that draft well will get rewarded if they develop properly. Setting a limit on contract length won't "level the playing field" any more than it already is. Your proposed solution of a limit on the amount a salary amount can change during the lifetime of a contract makes a lot of sense." The Leafs have signed prospect Tyler Biggs to an ELC. Biggs left college after one year, and will play in the OHL or AHL next season. New Jersey has signed winger Bobby Butler to a one-year, two-way contract. A sold sleeper for dee(e)p leagues.

Dominik Hasek is still looking for an NHL contract – but in the meantime, he has began training with his hometown club in Pardubice. Hasek started his career as a 15-year-old back in 1980

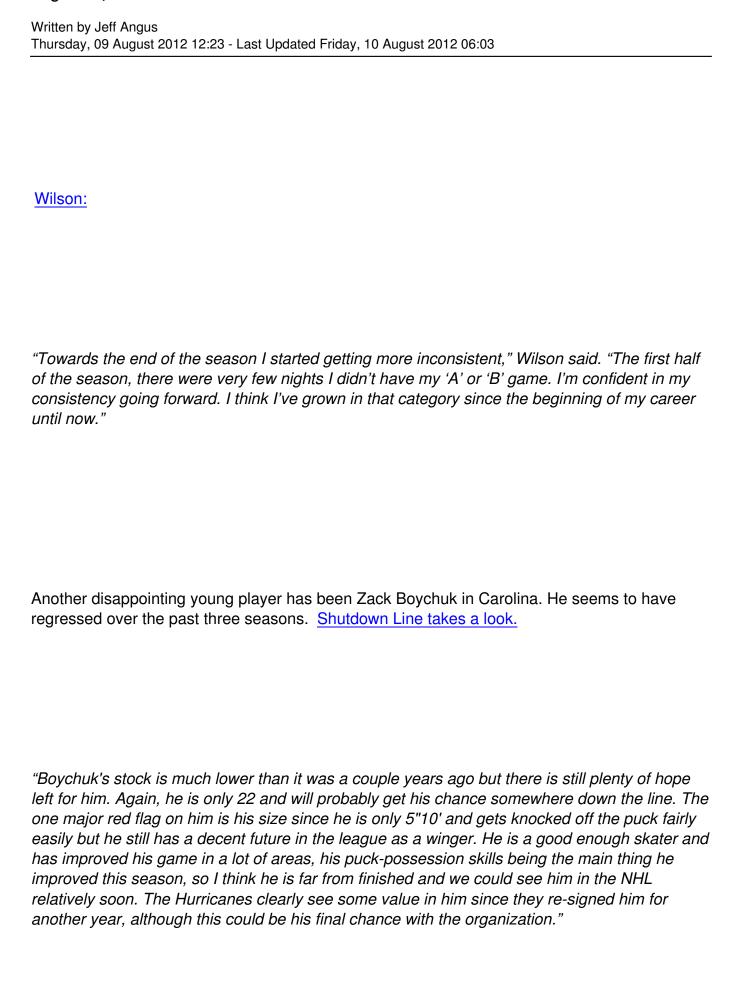
Hasek is my favorite goalie and my pick as the best goalie of all-time... but I don't see an NHL

(or 13 years before Ryan Nugent-Hopkins was born) with the very same club.

contract coming his way any time soon.

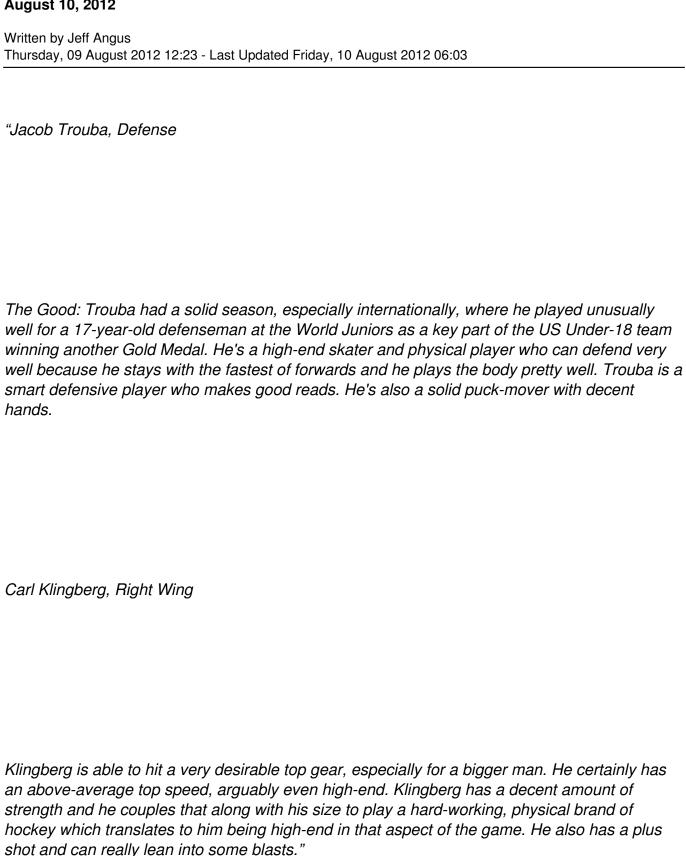


Next season will be a big one for Colin Wilson, the 7th overall pick from 2008. His NHL career has been more down than up so far. He was drafted as an NHL ready forward (much like Gabriel Landeskog) because of his size and strength. He uses it, but not consistently enough.

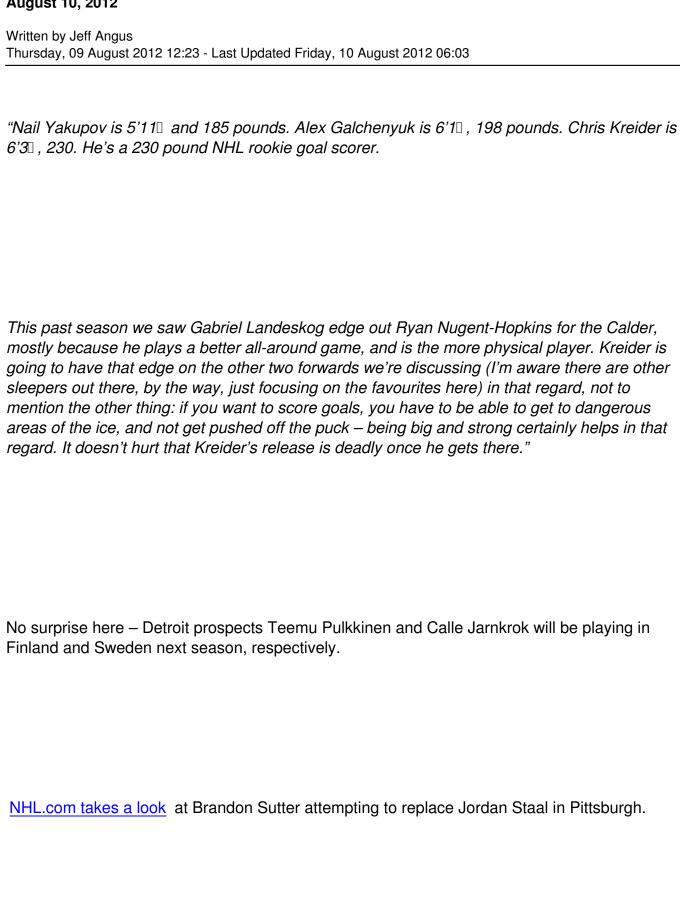


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"I think here I was before, I liked my role there and I feel it's going to be kind of similar here," Sutter told reporters shortly after the trade. "I think at the same time, there was times where I

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didn't get very much offensive opportunity at all. There was no power play, no nothing ever. Which is fine if you're winning, but when you're not winning that can be kind of frustrating, I guess."

Sutter won't get a ton of offensive opportunities in Pittsburgh, but he will get some power play time. He has a good shot and sees the ice well. He knows why Pittsburgh acquired him though, and it isn't for his goal scoring prowess.

How many teams boast the prospect depth on the back end that Pittsburgh does? Morrow, Despres, Dumoulin, Maatta, Pouliot, Harrington, and more. Pretty impressive. Despres is likely the closest to NHL action. Dumoulin isn't far behind. Morrow has tremendous offensive upside.

I don't understand Calgary's reasoning for trading Bouwmeester. Sure, they have a lot of defensemen signed, but why move the one guy who can handle 25+ minutes a night? Wideman isn't a replacement – they are completely different players. Wideman is offensive, while Bouwmeester is rock solid in his own zone. You find other ways to get under the cap than moving away a solid defenseman who helps a lot more than he hurts.

I am heading down to Portland, Oregon for the weekend. Things to do, drink, eat, and see? Any recommendations?

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Gates here - The 2012-13 DobberHockey banner polls are down the final two for each position. <u>Giroux vs. Stamkos</u>,

<u>Quick vs. Price</u>

and

<u>Pietrangelo vs. Karlsson</u>. The winners will be featured on the main page banner for this upcoming season.

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