

[Fantasy Guide](#) is updated through August 15, Draft List (included) was updated the following day. At the end of the Anaheim Ducks section, there is a 60% off coupon code to pick up the [DobberFootball](#) fantasy guide and/or playbook. So if you have the hockey guide and you enjoy football, grab the coupon code, reach into your pocket for the pennies this football guide will cost you, and set up a great week!

[Eric Tangradi](#) seems to be well aware of this year being make or break for him. Now 23, and with a roster spot waiting for him, he understands that to miss out this year would pretty much kill his chances down the road. His body fat is [as low as](#) "I've ever had it in my career". Big year. Boom-or-bust prospect who many fantasy owners have given up on. But 23 is the right age, to expect a lot from him sooner was probably unreasonable, and I'm as guilty as the next guy for that.

"Anyone taking beer league applications? Need a place to play during the lockout. Looking for 3rd line minutes + 2nd unit power play time." - Paul BizNasty Bissonnette

Regarding the possibility of Alexei Kovalev returning - stay away. Even healthy, which right off the bat is a long shot, he doesn't have 50 points in him. He'll help as many leagues as [Petr Sykora](#) did last year.

Hey, I know the players' offer makes sense in many ways - certainly a starting point. But keep in mind, if the owners accepted that offer as is, then a handful of teams such as Toronto and New York would have their pockets lightened by \$20 or \$30 million or more. Sure, the poor teams would be saved, but do you think the Leafs and the Rangers (and others) will allow such a hit to the wallet? Not on your life. Not when their CEO needs a fifth house and 37th car. Anyway, don't blame Bettman for the lockout. Blame the six or seven richest teams' ownership.

The KHL season starts on September 4. Networks who cover hockey would be wise to secure

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some of those games to televise. They would be surprised, I'm sure.

Interesting piece over at [cbc.ca comparing](http://cbc.ca/comparing) Gary Bettman quotes from 2004 to his quotes in 2012. The wording seems a lot more positive in 2012.

I think my next project to tackle will be the goalie analysis for the Fantasy Guide. That's where I analyze the NHL schedule and give you a chart that tells you which teams play on the same nights as other teams the most (or the least). This will be a great way to influence who you choose for a second and/or third goalie, those of you in daily leagues. Another thing that sets my guide apart from the wannabes. You'll love this new feature. *Update: I've finished off the grid and have the formulas established... when I suddenly realized that this schedule will be thrown in the garbage soon. Okay, so the grid is ready for when the schedule - the final schedule - is released. I will add this analysis at that point.*

[Eric Tangradi](#) highlights from last season:

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