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**Fantasy Guide is updated - Brodin, Granlund, Hodgson, Cowen, Geoffrion, Schultz, Elliott - and of course CBA - notes added. Draft List updated as well, as of today.**

Also - on my [Fantasy Hockey Box Pool](#) Facebook page, I have added three free box pool player templates for you to use at your leisure - if and when a season starts. This could be handy at the office...

Lockout Update: Day 59: There is still a lockout - keep in mind that the number of human beings on this earth stupid enough to shut down a major sport for a second full year number in the mid-to low- teens.

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First, congratulations to [Mats Sundin](#) , Pavel Bure, Adam Oates and [Joe Sakic](#) for their HHOF entry last night. A strong group this year, one of the stronger ones in recent memory. All are deserving - even by my criteria.

Long-time readers know my personal criteria, which ignore career stats and awards and just go with the "Earth vs. Aliens" mentality. If there was ever a single hockey game that you had to win, and you could only pick five forwards, two goalies and three defensemen to represent Earth in any given year, would this person have made the team? In any given year? This means that those with a two-year NHL career could make my Hall of Fame. Was he the best in the sport? "My criteria" would cut the amount of players in the HHOF in half. It doesn't reward consistency. It rewards greatness and all of these guys get in. Even Oates, who once or twice may have been the fifth best forward in the world. Or close enough to it to warrant debate.

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I hate how consistency and longevity are confused with greatness.

The No.1 player not in the Hall is [Alexander Mogilny](#) . The guy breaks the NHL/Russia barrier - stats aside, that alone should get him in. But then he has a 76 goal season and there were two or three years where he was easily one of the five best forwards in the game. But no Hall? Ridiculous.

Also congrats to my favorite goal-caller - Rick Jeanerette. In the Hall of Fame. Hell, put him there on the May Day call alone! This must be the fifth time I'm putting May Day clip in the ramblings, but it's chills every time. Here are two calls - May is the second one. Sound quality isn't as good, but it's the only one that isn't ruined by stupid music, or cut short after 18 seconds. This has the entire call:

{youtube}LscoRJPuWXs{/youtube}

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Ottawa rearguard Jared Cowan is out for the season as a result of the hip injury suffered a few weeks ago. He'll need surgery and will take 4-6 months to recover.

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Some player movements - [Ondrej Pavelec](#) 's Czech League contract is up. He was just 4-10-0, 3.50 and 0.896. [Tomas Kopecky](#) 's contract (Slovakia) is also up.

Roman Cervenka posted 13 points in nine Czech League games, but now he's off to the KHL.

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[Fedor Tyutin](#) (KHL), [Erik Condra](#) (Germany) and [Carl Gunnarsson](#) (Sweden) all signed lockout deals. The [Lockout Tracker](#) is fully updated (missing a few links to their stats, but we'll get there).

[Derek Stepan](#) is reportedly [going to Finland](#) .

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My THN [column from yesterday](#) looks at some players who are slumping in their non-NHL leagues.

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On Friday [DobberBaseball](#) released their Fantasy [Prospects Report](#) . This was my first baseball guide in which I was at the helm as editor. Four quality experts weighed in, including former national fantasy baseball money winner Dave Cushard, Chris Goudey, [DobberBaseball](#) editor Tyler Hunt and senior writer Mike Schmidt. The work is fantastic, you can pick it up [here](#) (as well as take a look at samples).

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I thought [Pascal Leclaire](#) already retired, but I guess now. Well, [he has now](#) .

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[Kyle Palmieri](#) scored twice last night, giving him four goals and seven points in his last six AHL games. The Admirals beat the Devils 5-4 in the only AHL contest. Sami Vatanen tallied two assists (but was an ugly minus-4). Vatanen has 11 points in 11 games on the year and my fantasy instincts keep screaming at me ' [Tobias Enstrom](#) '.

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Disappointed in [Bobby Butler](#) 's performance to date. Just two points in 10 games and minus-3. This from a guy who could sneak onto the New Jersey roster if he impressed. This is the opposite of that.

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In last night's OHL vs. Russia game - the so-called 'Super Series' - OHL won 2-1. [Ryan Strome](#) had a goal and an assist. Nail Yakupov scored a goal in his return to Sarnia.

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Kudos to Puck Daddy for finding this gem - what an entertaining goalie fight:

{youtube}WQIbl4vbQI0{/youtube}