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Lockout Update: Day 67: There is still a lockout.

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The NHL and the NHLPA will meet this morning at 10am ET. The NHLPA is reportedly going to present another proposal for the league to shoot down and storm out in frustration consider. I'll bet anyone \$100 that the league will accept the offer and announce this afternoon that a deal has been reached. Or whatever the opposite of that is.

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Reports out of Columbus state that there is a strong likelihood that Ryan Murray will be out for the season. He tore something in his shoulder. They're taking a closer look at it in Columbus, but that's how it's looking. So [Ryan Murphy](#) one year, Ryan Murray the next year - highly-skilled defensemen drafted in back-to-back years sustaining a major injury that could linger or repeat further down the road.

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As I updated yesterday, [Claude Giroux](#) has returned to North America for some concussion testing. EA Sports cover curse? No way - says EA sports!

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Thanks to Puck Daddy for the video link

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Giroux is visiting [Sidney Crosby](#)'s concussion doctor. On one hand, that's probably best for the player's health. On the other hand, erring on the side of caution would mean missing a lot of time and a lot of games. Uh, imaginary games, I guess...

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John Buccigross gives us a [passionate article](#), basically telling the players to get back to work and that everyone in life is screwed by their boss. That's very true. In fact, if you step back and ignore the owners being ridiculously unfair and greedy - they are the boss. If you don't like it, then change companies or change careers. We all face such a decision. If you decide to stay, these are the rules...

I can't believe it took me this long to realize this, but you often hear someone argue that the players gave so much last CBA yet the owners want them to give even more this time around. But what I realize now is that the owners wanted X and seven years ago they were talked into Y by the players in order to get the deal done. They knew that the deal they settled for with the players still wasn't good enough, but were willing to try it so as not to miss a second consecutive season and since they got their salary cap it was worth a shot. Well, they tried it their way and it didn't work. They knew in 2004 that the business was broken badly. Was agreeing to give the players 57% going to fix it? Nope. But a second season couldn't be cancelled and with the cap in place it was good enough. Today, the owners want the rest. Will 50-50 fix it? No. Revenue sharing is a must. So I'm hoping the players really push them hard on that issue.

Ask yourself this. When the owners made their...say, third offer in 2004 - say it was sometime in early October. If the players accepted that offer, what would have happened?

Well, the offer was probably somewhere closer to 50-50 with a salary cap. The players would have played that season and had an average of \$1.5 million more in their bank account. And there wouldn't be a lockout today, because that would have fixed the business model (or at least come close enough). Players would be richer, the league would be pushing \$5 billion per year - forget the \$3.1 billion stuff it would be over \$5 billion by now were it not for either stoppage.

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Just musing aloud. Rambling, if you will. Gooo unions! Hey look! Past those trees! It's a forest!

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[Jacob Markstrom](#) is a hurting prospect. What a rough start - an .881 SV% in seven AHL games so far. His veteran backup Dov Grumet-Morris has played eight games now and has a .927 SV%. Golden Boy status will see Markstrom continue to get the starts, but he needs to do something with them.

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Drew Shore leads San Antonio (Florida's farm team) in scoring with 11 points in 14 contests.

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The Marlies have loaned Leo Komarov to Dynamo Moscow of the KHL. This will help them stop scratching good prospects. So far, [Carter Ashton](#) , [Matt Frattin](#) (though admittedly this was to rest him), [Joe Colborne](#) and [Nazem Kadri](#) have been among the healthy scratches.

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Brendan Ross looks at the 2013 Draftees over at [The Hockey Writers](#) .

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Oh wow, look what the Preds did for some kids. Fantastic. The expression on their faces early on, and what they said towards the end...

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