Updated for the 48-game season with analysis of how the players did in the other leagues, injuries, etc. Both the Fantasy Guide and Draft List are updated through today, including revised Brett Connolly projections (he's staying in the AHL for now) and upgraded PIM numbers for Kevin Westgarth, thanks to his new team in Carolina.
Yes, I literally update that quickly.

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10 Potential Steals in your fantasy draft - my latest over at The Hockey News.

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Michael Del Zotto has signed a contract. Ryan O'Reilly is getting closer. But we may be in trouble with PK Subban and Jamie Benn, who are reportedly far apart.

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Jarome Iginla is nursing a groin injury (groin injury news will start to pile up soon).

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The Lightning recalled five players Saturday for the start of camp - Keith Aulie , Matt Taormina Cory Conacher
, P-C Labrie and
Mike Angelidis

. Those five missed Syracuse's game Saturday. More players were recalled after that game and arrived at training camp late. I'm sure TB didn't want to pull Conacher, Tyler Johnson and Alex Killorn from Syracuse for the game Saturday because it would hurt the Crunch. So they only took one player. Interesting to see that the player was Conacher out of the three. Just hints at who they are leaning towards.

Tampa later recalled Johnson, but did not recall Killorn or, surprisingly, Brett Connolly . The thinking with Connolly is to give him tons of ice time. So despite regaining confidence and playing very well, he'll get more time to develop. It's the right move, but we'll have to adjust our projections (already done in the latest Guide update).

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Nino Niederreiter has also rebounded in the AHL. And he's also been left there. He and Matt Donovan were not (yet) invited to the Islanders' camp. Six players were, but those two did not make the cut. However, unlike with TB, the Isles may invite them later in the week and I think they'll do that. Especially with the Josh Bailey injury.

Yeah, Bailey is hurt. He was hurt (knee) over in Germany and is out a month. Apparently, Jesse Joensuu is battling groin issues too. But Travis Hamonic is fine now.

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Brooks Laich is out for about two weeks with an undisclosed injury. That's about the window of time that Wojtek Wolski has to make his mark. Eric Fehr being in camp really hurts Wolski.

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Despite Brian Boucher going to Philly, I feel strongly that Michael Leighton will be the backup there.

That Boucher trade paved the way for the Hurricanes to sign Dan Ellis , who will be their backup this year.

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Scott Gomez will get the Wade Redden treatment. Chips and pop and sitting on the couch for the next four months while he earns his millions. Then he'll be bought out.

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Tim Thomas has stated his desire to play....uh, next year. Media is making a big deal of something we already knew. It almost had me drafting him late last night. But then I double-checked the article and it said 2013-14. Gee, thanks.

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The Canucks signed Cam Barker to a one-year deal worth $700K. I don't see it. Good depth signing though. I don't see potential anymore in fantasy hockey. Too many chances. Far too many.

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When I'm putting together my draft list, as I did yesterday for my keeper league with the guys from Forecaster, I don't put them in exact order. This is what I do, and I'll share in case some of you are interested.

1. For this one, with positions, limited keepers and added stats tracked, I turned to our good friends over at Fantasy Hockey Geek . My league is already plugged in there and I'm the defending champion - I used FHG last year. I'm not one to argue with success so I used them again.

2. FHG gave me a pretty solid list based on my projections. I removed the taken players and then I went through the 500 or so remaining players and removed about 150. What's left was 350.

3. Since three of my 12 keepers were goalies, I shoved all the goalies deeper in my list. I won't refuse a goalie if he falls too far - a steal's a steal and I'm not an idiot - but for the most part I'll be focusing on C, W and D.

4. I then scanned down the 350 players and bumped up some hunches. That didn't mean taking Joe Smith from 340 and moving him to exactly 47. I don't work that way. I'll move the guy up to a general spot, be it 50, 100, 150…wherever.

I never have an exact list, is my point. I have players "in general" where I think I'd like them. But I don't care if Player X is 27 and Player Y is 28 and I prefer Player Y. I don't care. When the time comes, and both are the next best available, I'll take Player Y. Doesn't matter about the list. But lists are important because they draw your attention to the players you should be looking at that point in the draft. When you're down to the 110th pick, you want to eyeball the guys ranked 100-120 anyway. Just get them in the right vicinity, and don't hold yourself hostage to your list.

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At this point, Jiri Tlusty is practicing in the Top 6 with Jordan and Skinner. A great sleeper for late in the draft. He should not go undrafted in most leagues, but I suspect he will.

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Here's another dark horse - Eric Tangradi is practicing on the Malkin/Neal line. Odds of success? Slim. These things are always slim. But not impossible. I drafted Tangradi with my last pick in one of my keeper leagues and I did it because I knew the season would be short (draft was October) and because I knew I had a midseason draft to replace him in if my "Hail Mary" missed the mark. Well, so far so good on this "Hail Mary", but my optimism is cautious. Watch the situation and hope that an injury doesn't ruin things (nine times out of 10, that's how these things get screwed up). It's make or break time for him. He won't get another chance like this one.

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I enjoyed this year's sleeper article from Jeff Angus, but I'll play Devil's Advocate and say that Brendan Smith
doesn't make my Top 10 sleepers. I'll have that article up at The Hockey News later today. I think Smith will have modest point totals, but heavy PIM - making him an excellent sleeper in leagues that track PIM. But I think the points may take three years or so. If I expanded my list to Top 20, then Smith would definitely be on that one. No. 1 on my list?
Cam Atkinson
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Gustav Nyquist has not been invited to Detroit's camp. Shocker. But it seems like they'll be patient with him a little longer and next year will be his year. Unless Damien Brunner stumbles, which is looking pretty doubtful given the silver platter they're putting Brunner's opportunity on. It's still early in camp though, you never know. Disappointed, but most teams would have rushed Nyquist and stuck him on the third line. Detroit could be smart to wait for a top six opportunity.

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Also gang, Goalie Post is back in full swing. The website is free, and features such as getting email notifications of starting goalie changes (could save your bacon a few times this year) being sold for $4.99 for a full year. With the NHL schedule's release, we now have the grids up, including back-to-back games and weekly charts.

To launch Goalie Post for the season - Justin Goldman will host a LIVE CHAT. He'll feed your fantasy hockey questions about your goaltending on Tuesday morning right here on DobberHockey from 11am to 3pm ET.

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Thanks to Goldman for letting me know that Detroit and Chicago are the only teams playing back-to-back games 12 times. Columbus does 11 times - all other teams are 10 times or fewer.

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Also, our newsfeed is back in business (honestly, it never left). You can take a look here for quick hits . Yes, I know this idea is everywhere on the web, but I want this site to be a one-stop shop! Actually, take a look at the "free features" drop menu up top. Lots of stuff on there that many readers say "wow, I didn't know you had that!"

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Hockey is back? It never left. NHL hockey is back though:

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