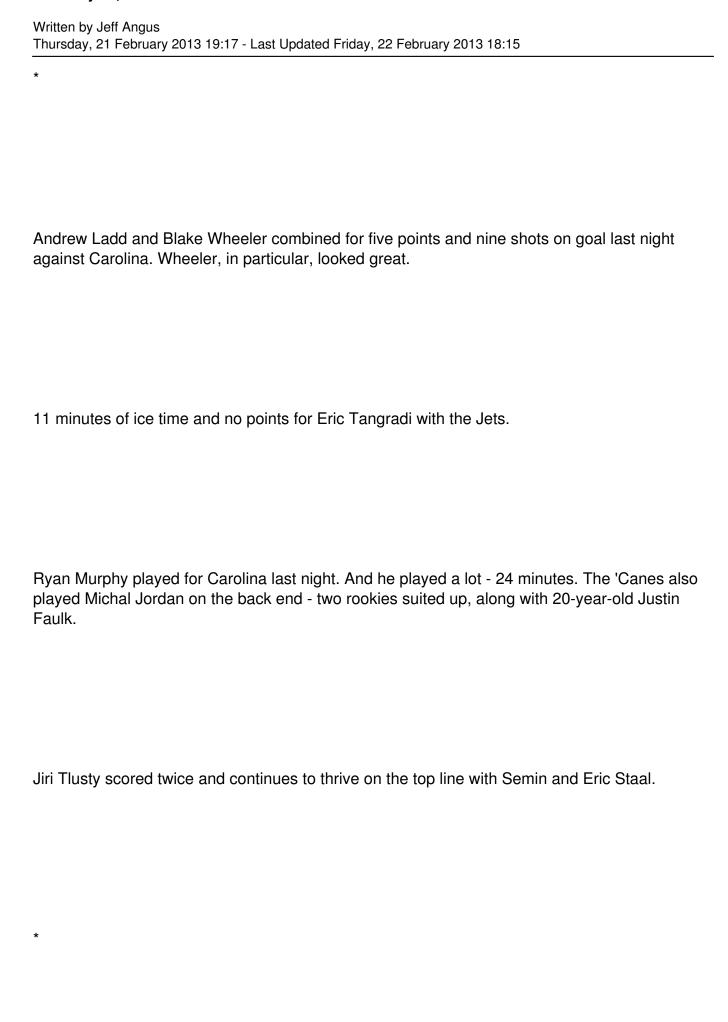


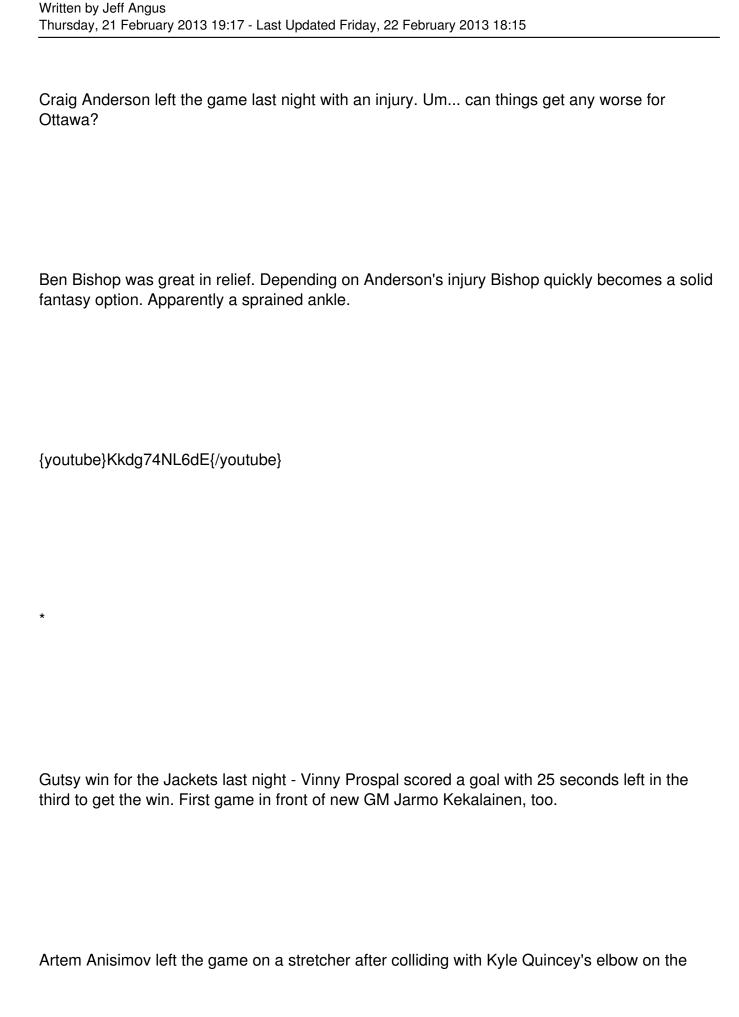
Written by Jeff Angus

Taylor Hall is likely facing a suspension after a very reckless hit on Cal Clutterbuck. Hall hung his leg/hip and drove it into Clutterbuck's leg. Looked a lot worse in slow-mo (as hits like this usually do). Another 23 minutes of largely mistake-free hockey for Jonas Brodin. He won't put up the points to contend for the Calder, but what he is doing as a rookie is really impressive. Matt Cullen, a player I could see moved at the deadline, had two goals and a helper. He's solid at both ends of the ice, a great skater, and great on the draw. I imagine a number of contending teams would have interest. Benn/Jagr were phenomenal against the Canucks last night, and Brenden Morrow was good too.

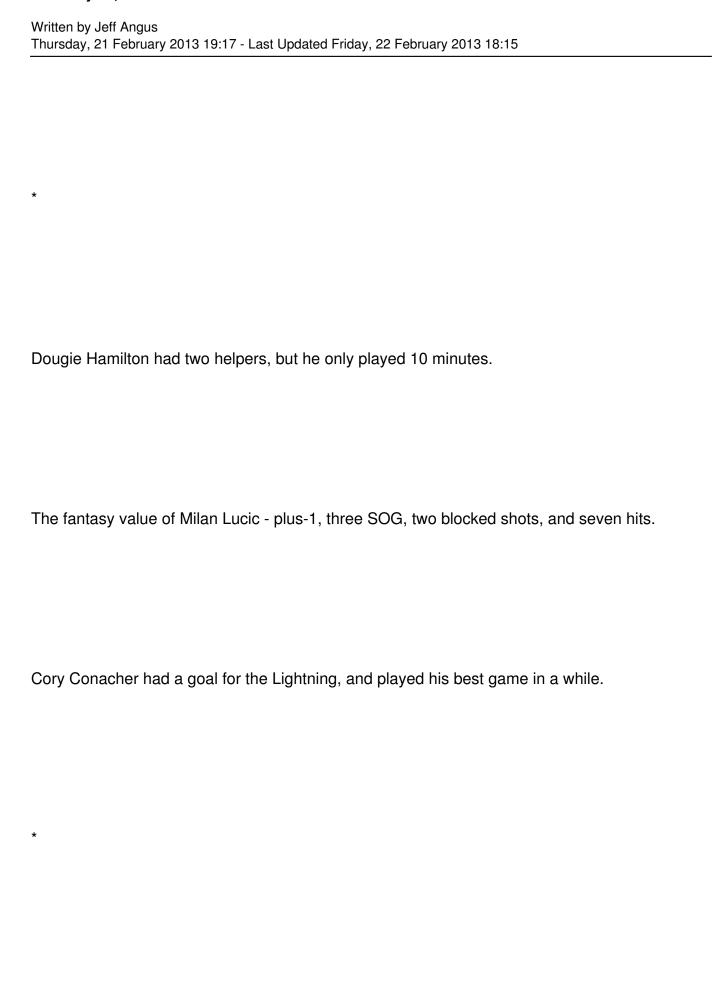
Thursday, 21 February 2013 19:17 - Last Updated Friday, 22 February 2013 18:15

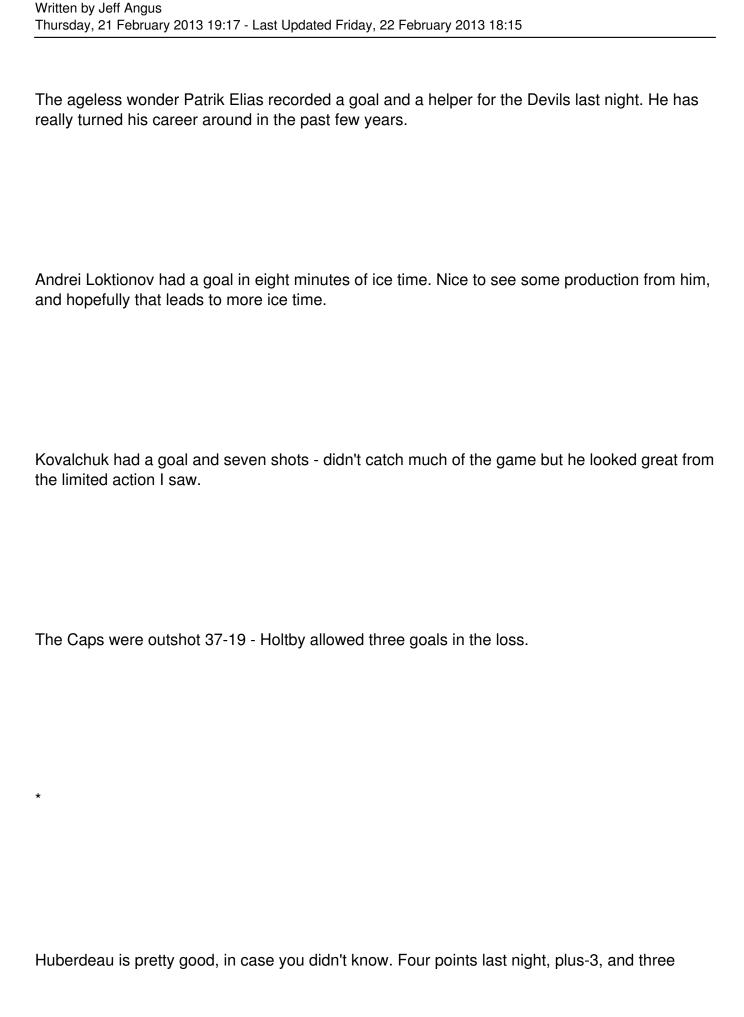


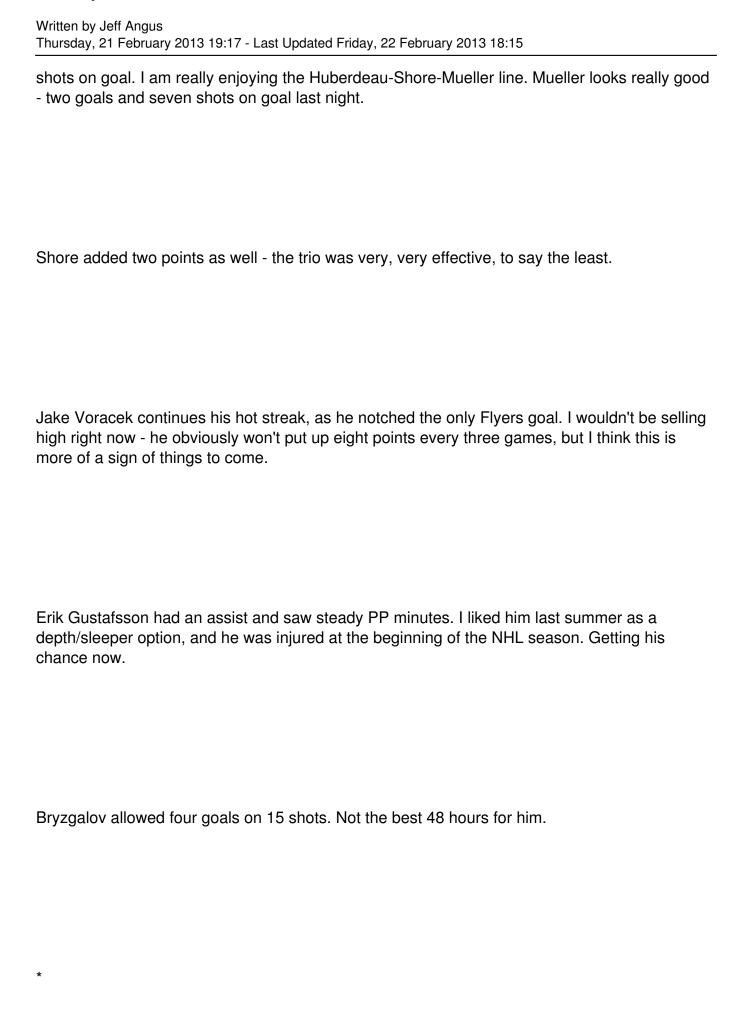


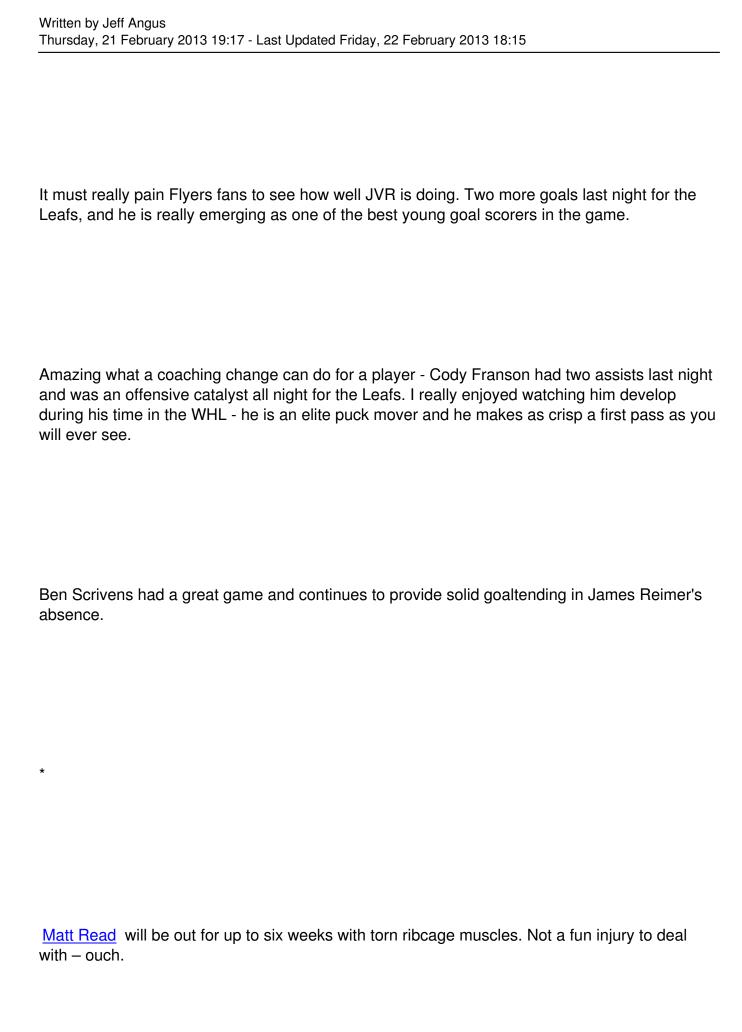


Written by Jeff Angus Thursday, 21 February 2013 19:17 - Last Updated Friday, 22 February 2013 18:15
way to the ice - Quincey also left with an injury on the same play and didn't return. Anisimov was responsive on the way to the hospital, which is a good sign of course.
Cam Atkinson had one helper in about 18 minutes of ice time - his first game in a while, as he has been on the shelf with an ankle injury.
*
Silfverberg had a goal and eight shots - and he played close to 22 minutes. He didn't look like a rookie last night, that is for sure.
He has also now beaten Brodeur and Lundqvist in the shootout in the same week. Not too shabby!
I was surprised to see that Gonchar wasn't above 40 minutes of ice time last night. Kidding aside, he played 22 minutes. The Sens are going to lean on him heavily this season.

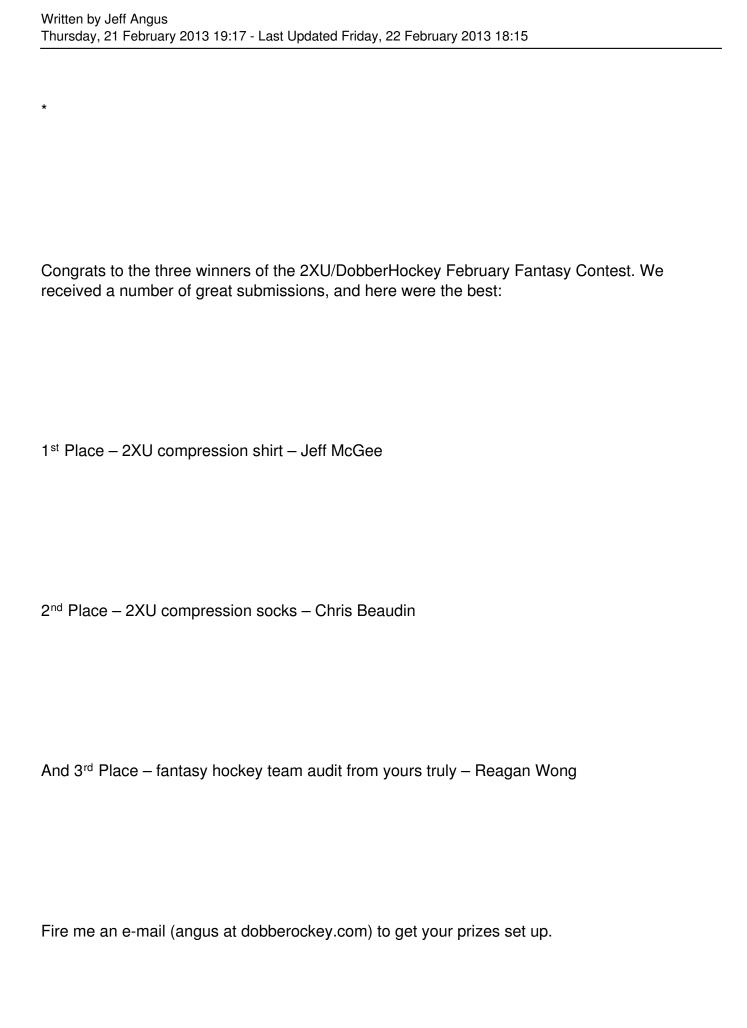


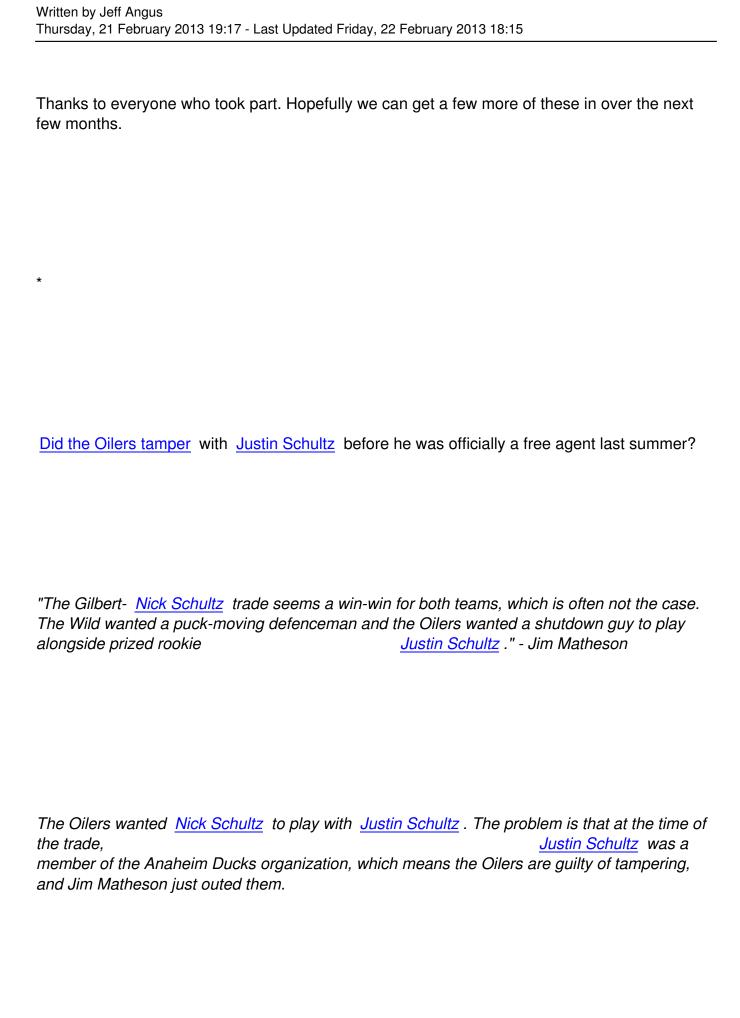


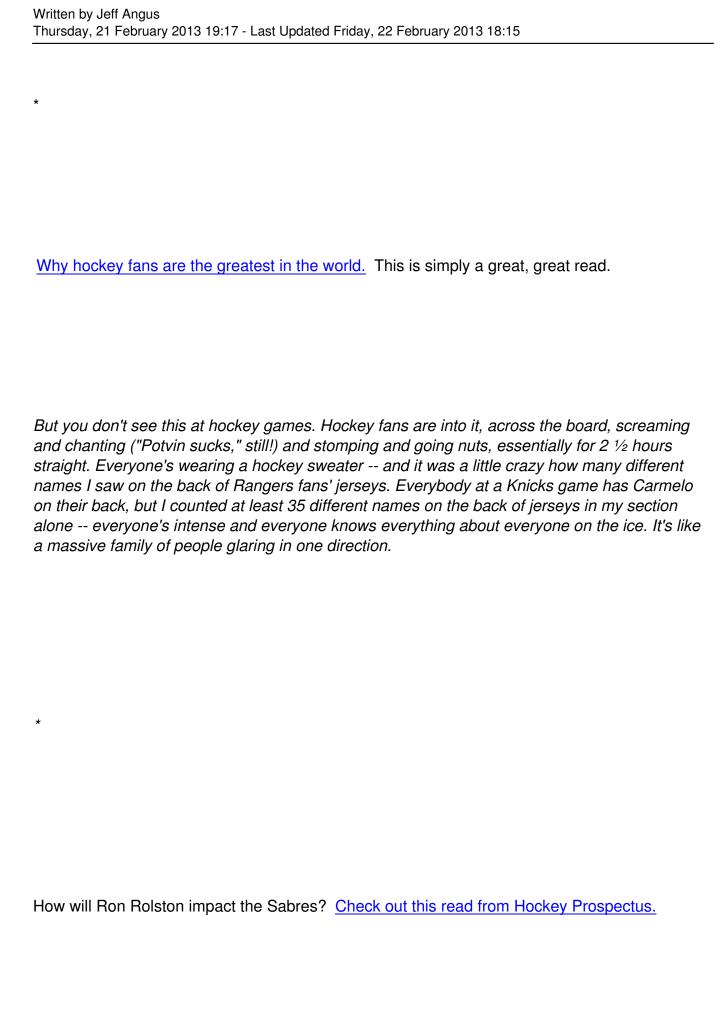












Written by Jeff Angus Thursday, 21 February 2013 19:17 - Last Updated Friday, 22 February 2013 18:15

On <u>Tyler Myers</u> :
The 23-year-old former Calder Trophy winner has been more up and down than a mechanical bull over the past two seasons. Ruff isn't entirely to blame, of course. Myers is still immature and struggles with conditioning and the mental aspects of the game. Rolston will certainly have a challenge with his 6-foot-8 defenseman. But Lindy didn't help the cause by asking his young D-man to be a decision maker. Ruff's system asks defensemen to jump into the play often—something that Myers never quite grasped. Rolston is a little more conservative with his defensemen. His approach is less yell-in-your-face and more analytical as well.
*
Puck Daddy chatted with Bruce Boudreau (or Booce Brodreau, depending on who is calling his name) on Wednesday. Here is that interview.
On the goalies:

Thursday, 21 February 2013 19:17 - Last Updated Friday, 22 February 2013 18:	5

I think "happy" is a good word. No matter who you choose, you're getting somebody good in there. It makes it complicated. You start really thinking about how you're going to do this, and then you overthink it – did he practice good on Friday to play Saturday? Rather than just saying 'you're going to start here, and you're going to start here.'

Jonas earned the No. 1 goalie position [last season]. At the start of the season, we were thinking Jonas would play 40 games.

*

Brandon Worley attempts to quantify the energy players in Dallas. Solid read here.

So what have we learned from this process, of attempting to quantify the actual value to the Stars of players known mostly for their energetic ways? The most stats-heavy of those among us will say they have little to no value, especially as the offensive production regresses. The rest, however, will see two players who have had a positive impact on the ice and for the overall attitude and emotional well-being of a team in transition -- a quality that certainly cannot be



Written by Jeff Angus Thursday, 21 February 2013 19:17 - Last Updated Friday, 22 February 2013 18:15

I caught a few really intriguing future NHLers last night in the Sarnia Sting versus Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds game. Flyers' 2011 3rd round draftee, **Nick Cousins**, put on a show in Sarnia (as he usually does) recording a hat trick and four points. In typical irritating Cousins' fashion, the OHL's leading scorer celebrated every goal he tallied and capped it off by taking his glove off and holding up three fingers, one for each goal, to the Sarnia crowd (many thought he flipped them the bird). Cousins was born to be a Philadelphia Flyer and he plays his role perfectly. He's shaping up to be one of the NHL's future pests, much in the same mold as Sean Avery. Cousins leads all OHL skaters with 97 points through 57 games including 14 points in his last three games.