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Montreal has hired former player Marc Bergevin to be their new GM. His six years as a scout and two years as an assistant GM more than qualifies him... Hey, this was on a silver platter for him, after all - the competition was Pierre McGuire!

I hate re-hashing themes that have been done to death already, and with the Internet age that usually means talking about it an hour too late. But obviously the big theme of the last 24 hours is Russian and Russian-area hockey players. The KHL struck blow after blow on the NHL yesterday. Sure, they were glancing blows off a suit of plate armor with a wooden stick but still – the biggest 24 hour damage since Alexander Radulov ignored his NHL contract to sign in the KHL a few years back.

Evgeni Kuznetsov signed a two-year deal with Traktor of the KHL. The damage? The KHL keeps one of the three best hockey players in the world not in the NHL. And if he's there for two years, and his wife is happy, then he'll stay. Dmitry Chesnokov also opines that the Olympics is another reason for the decision.

Within the 24 hour window I speak of, <u>Alex Ovechkin</u> gets 13 minutes of ice time. He got the goal, his team won, he's buying in. That being said, he's buddies with Kuznetsov. So what would he say to Kuznetsov if he called him up and asked what it's like to play in Washington? I'd like to make a guess here. I'm guessing he said "stay there until Hunter's gone!"

<u>Alexander Radulov</u> and <u>Andrei Kostitsyn</u> are suspended by the team (Nashville) for violating team rules. Rumor is that they were out Saturday night past curfew. Probably drinking something stronger than milk. And Radulov played like crap Sunday. Kudos to the team for holding the line on this issue. That being said, both A.K. and Rads are without a contract in the summer – and I'm think the KHL will let them party and stay out all they want, while paying them millions to do so.

There is a <u>rumor</u> out there that <u>Alexander Burmistrov</u> has been offered a contract by a KHL team. His agent denies it, but something to keep an eye on.

<u>Ilya Kovalchuk</u> missed Tuesday's contest with a back injury. This doesn't help the KHL at all, it's just another big piece of news about a Russian player.

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Written by Dobber Tuesday, 01 May 2012 23:35 - Last Updated Wednesday, 02 May 2012 11:13 So Kovy's lower body injury was his back. So now I've narrowed down NHL injuries and what they mean, and I'd like to share it with you – "Lower Body Injury" means from the neck down. "Upper Body Injury" means it's his head. The legend continues to write itself. Martin Brodeur gets another 20-shot win. Six out of his nine playoff games he has faced 26 or fewer shots. Adam Larsson got into his first NHL game and scored a goal. He was also a plus-2. James van Riemsdyk and Daniel Briere were each minus-3. The Flyers have played eight games now and the team who scored first in seven of those games, wound up losing. PK Subban's knee injury will cause him to miss the World Championship and he is heading

home. He's out just two weeks, so won't impact next season.

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| I'm calling it now – Nashville wins without Radulov, and Craig Smith gets into the lineup with some PP time and tallies three points. If not Smith, than some other unsung hero. Mark it! |
| The nice tic-tac-toe that led to the Knuble goal: |
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| {youtube}PAiPtg-73Ss{/youtube} |
| No Words. I just love this one, wanted to play it again |
| {youtube}gLkN4CM6fw0{/youtube} |