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TGIF, am I right? What better way to celebrate the weekend than with DobberHockey's latest and greatest - the 2012 Prospects Report?

[Pick it up here](#) - nine out of 10 dentists recommend it over Crest!

Norfolk beat Toronto 1-0 last night in OT on quite the controversial goal. I included a video clip below.

Ben Scrivens stopped 30 of 31 shots for the Marlies, while Dustin Tokarski stopped all 21 shots he faced for the Admirals.

The Fan Zoo has some pretty sweet merchandise on sale right now - [check their sale out here.](#)

Lots of Canucks stuff (Vancouver-based company), but some signed goods from San Jose, Colorado, and other teams, as we..

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No NHL hockey tonight. However, a lack of games has never slowed my ramblings down before, and I am not going to let it start now.

An interesting trade thought.... Do the Phoenix Coyotes entertain the idea of moving [Keith Yandle](#) am as big a Yandle fan as you will find.... How does a Yandle-for-[Jordan Staal](#) swap sound?

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The return would obviously have to be massive, but it would be trading from a position of strength (defense) for shore up a big weakness (center). Ekman-Larsson has emerged as premier defenseman, and [David Rundblad](#) and [Brandon Gormley](#) are both close to NHL action (Gormley will be a very good two-way guy for a long time).

Far and away the most interesting UFA this summer (if he gets there) is going to be [Dustin Penner](#)

Do teams take a chance that he has turned the corner in his career, or is this merely a blip in an otherwise inconsistent and frustrating career for one of the most talented big men we have seen in quite some time?

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I'm sure the Kings would love to keep him, but they'd love to keep all of their players. When he is playing at a high level, Penner is almost unstoppable with the puck on his stick. He sees the ice really well, and has complimented Carter and Richards quite nicely, just like he did with Perry and Getzlaf back during Anaheim's Cup run of 2007.

Penner may win a Cup with two different California teams. Does he get his name on the Hollywood Walk of Fame for that?

John Davidson, the current President of the Blues, interviewed for the same position with Columbus. He was one of my favorite media personalities growing up, and is quite respected throughout the hockey industry. He has done a fantastic job in St. Louis reconnecting the team to the market and fan base, and the Jackets are likely hoping/thinking that he can do the same for them.

[Trevor Linden](#) was on the TEAM 1040 in Vancouver on Wednesday, and he delivered some ominous comments regarding the upcoming CBA negotiations. Linden has a wealth of experience in CBA negotiations – he was quite high up in the NHLPA for a number of years.

Darren Pang (who I really enjoy as an analyst) [wrote this piece](#) on the Kings impressive PK. They are so aggressive, especially the forwards. Two reasons why they can play like that –

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mobile, positionally sound defensemen who often cover the half-wall and the behind-the-net play, and a goaltender who is playing out of his mind in

[Jonathan Quick](#)

I have had great success in a number of hockey pools by paying attention to AHL scoring leaders. Sometimes there are guys who fail to translate their skills to the NHL ( [Alexandre Giroux](#) , [Corey Locke](#) and so on), but if a player can perform at a high level at the AHL, it is usually an indicator of good things to come at the NHL level.

[Cory Conacher](#) and [Mark Barberio](#) , both of whom you are probably sick of me writing about so much, both place very high on this top 25 list [\(written by Brent Lemon, who you may remember\)](#).

Some other notables:

Ducks wingers Kyle Palmieri, [Patrick Maroon](#) and center Peter Holland.

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Red Wings wingers Gustav Nyqvist (really high on him, could be a top six guy in Detroit next season) and [Tomas Tatar](#) .

Chicago center [Brandon Pirri](#) , who projects as a top six center at the NHL level. He wasn't ready for the responsibility in 2011-12, but more AHL seasoning should get him there by 2013.

Colorado re-signed [David Jones](#) to a four-year contract worth \$16 million. Jones is a solid top six winger, but he will be in tough to repeat a shooting percentage north of 16. Still, it is a move that the Avalanche can afford to make – they have ample cap space, not a lot of talent on the wing, and there isn't much available on the open market, either.

Jones would definitely have received comparable offers if he waited until July 1.

Colorado also re-signed defenseman [Matt Hunwick](#) to a two-year deal with an annual cap hit of \$1.6 million.

[Sergei Bobrovsky](#) may be available for trade. Would a team like Tampa Bay take a look at him? How about Winnipeg, if they want to create some competition for [Ondrej Pavelec](#)

? Bobrovsky has proven he can be a good goaltender at the NHL level. A terrific buy low

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opportunity on one of the better young goalies in the league.

Another potential fit for Bobrovsky – Columbus. The Flyers and Jackets pulled off the blockbuster trade last year for [Jeff Carter](#), so they are obviously on good trading terms (although [Jeff Carter](#) wasn't exactly a huge success for Columbus)

My top 10 keeper league right wingers list will be published next week. Trying my best to get positional eligibilities correct. [David Backes](#) and [Claude Giroux](#) are both centers. I am including [Loui Eriksson](#), [Rick Nash](#), [Ilya Kovalchuk](#), and [James Neal](#) as right wingers. [Patrick Sharp](#) was already considered for my left winger list.

Tough break for Scrivens, to say the least:

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