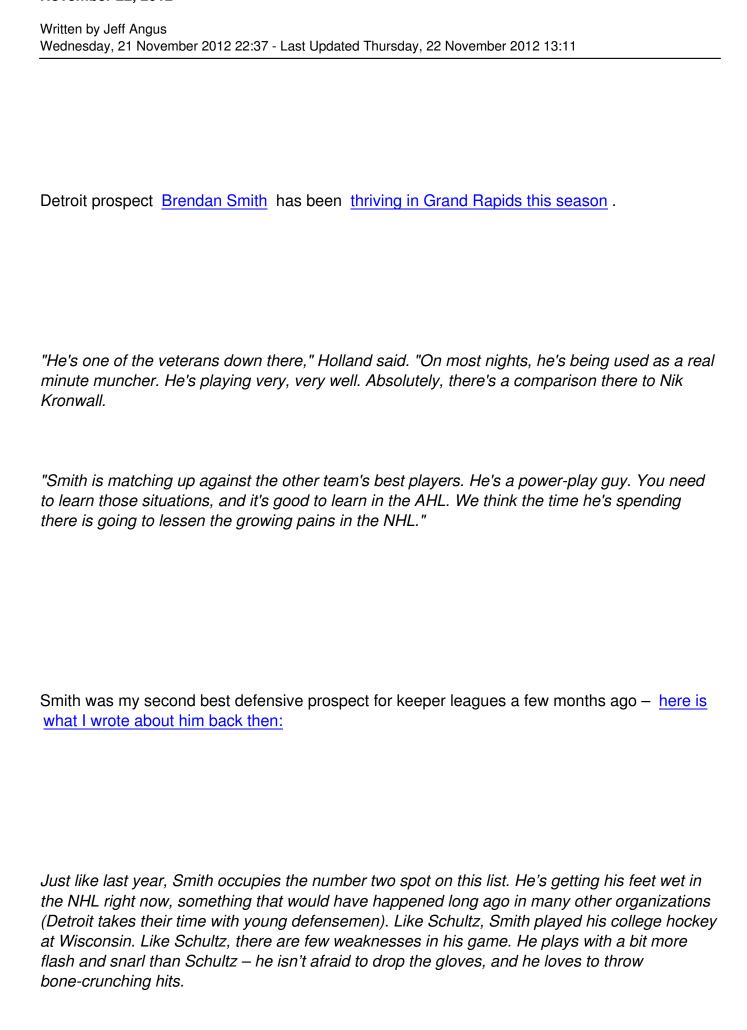
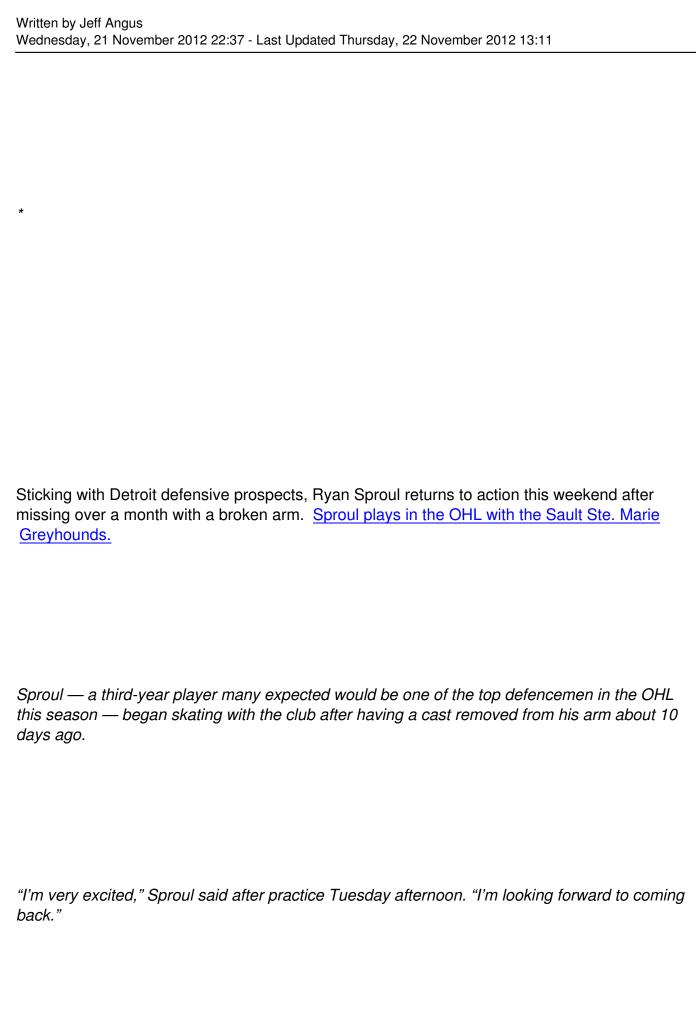
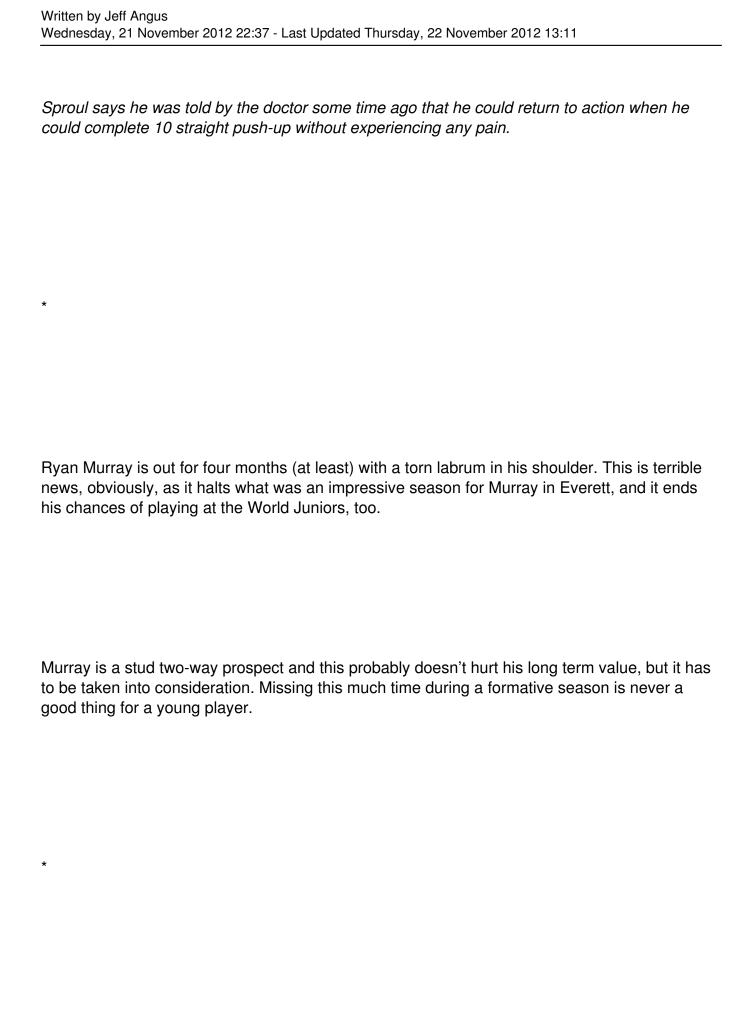


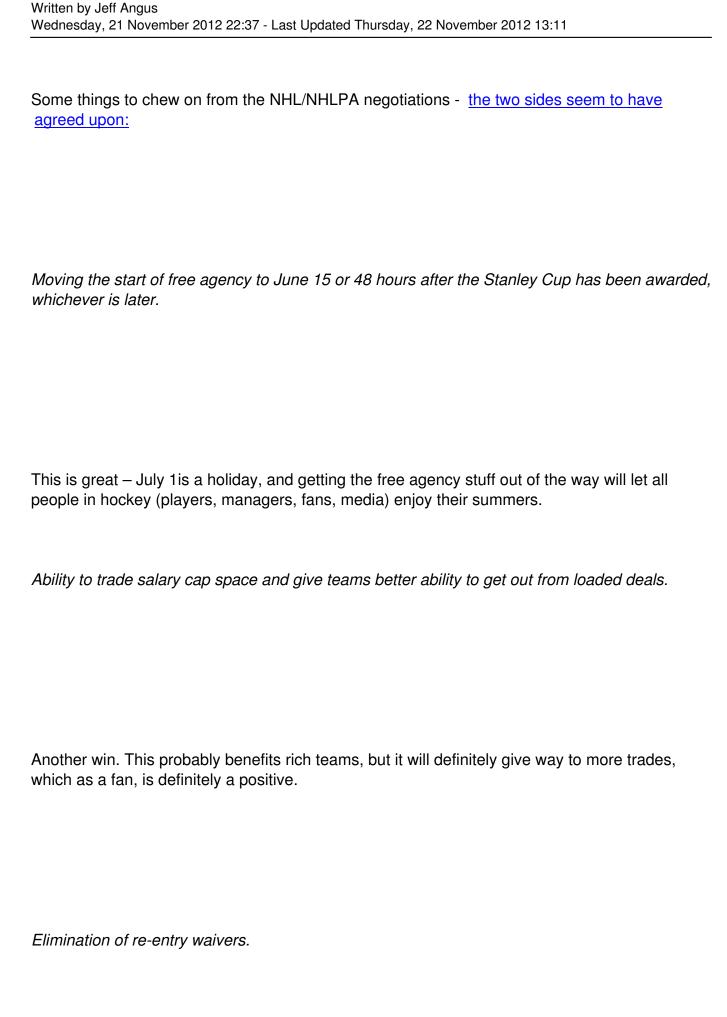
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| previous season in the next CBA. Yeah, that's going to be left on the cutting room floor as well when all is said and done. |
| But you see, this is the point of actual negotiation. You give and you take, you go back and forth.                         |
| There's a deal here, it's more clear than ever after the players moved to a percentage-based framework.                     |
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| Tell us who the best goalie of all time is an autographed Loui Eriksson 8x10 photograph.                                    |
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| Cutting through all of the noise (believe me, it is very difficult), I think some serious progress has been made between the PA and NHL.                                                                                                      |
| It sounds like the games from December 1 to December 15, as well as the All-Star Game in Columbus, will get the axe this Friday. Disappointing, but not totally surprising.                                                                   |
| You get the sense that both sides are operating with some "drop dead" date in mind. Is it December 1? December 15? January 1? Either way, I don't think we have seen either sides "best offer" yet, regardless of what they may say.          |
| Anyway, as a fan and someone employed to write about the sport, the frustration continues. I am growing more apathetic by the day in terms of my fan support, but I still follow the news as I have to stay up to date with what is going on. |
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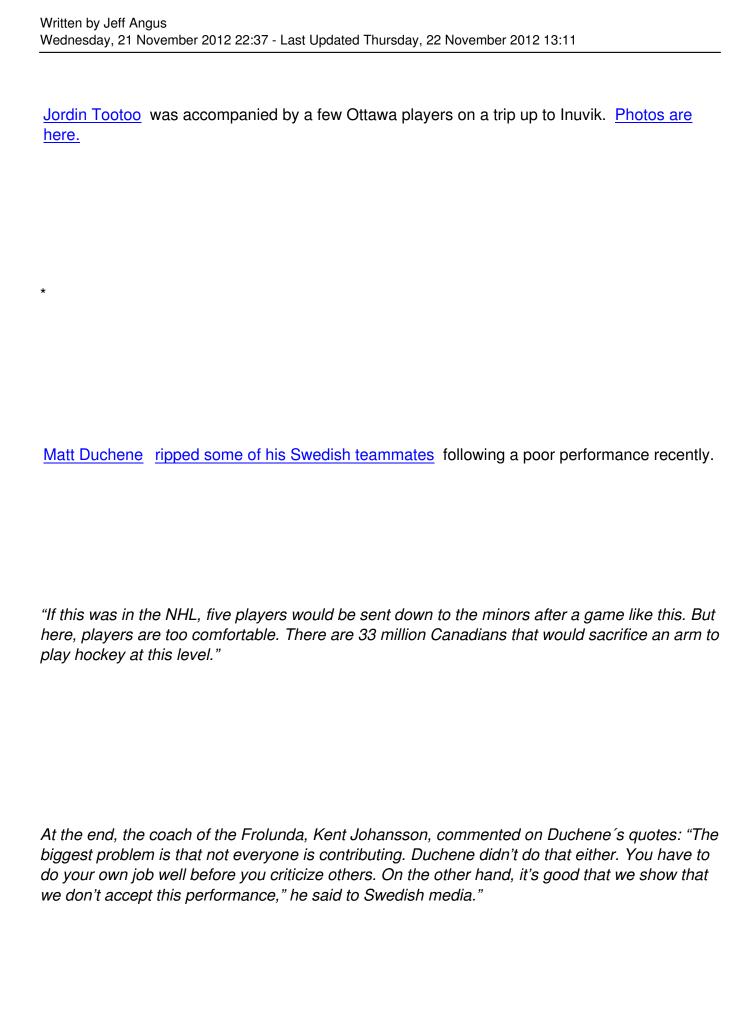


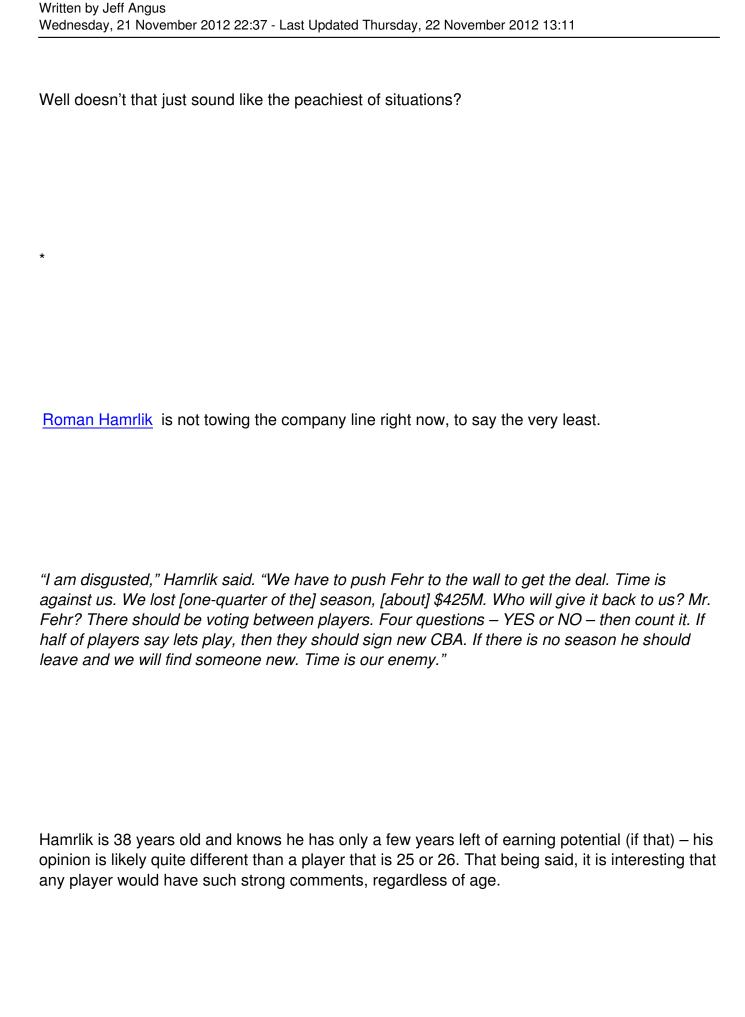


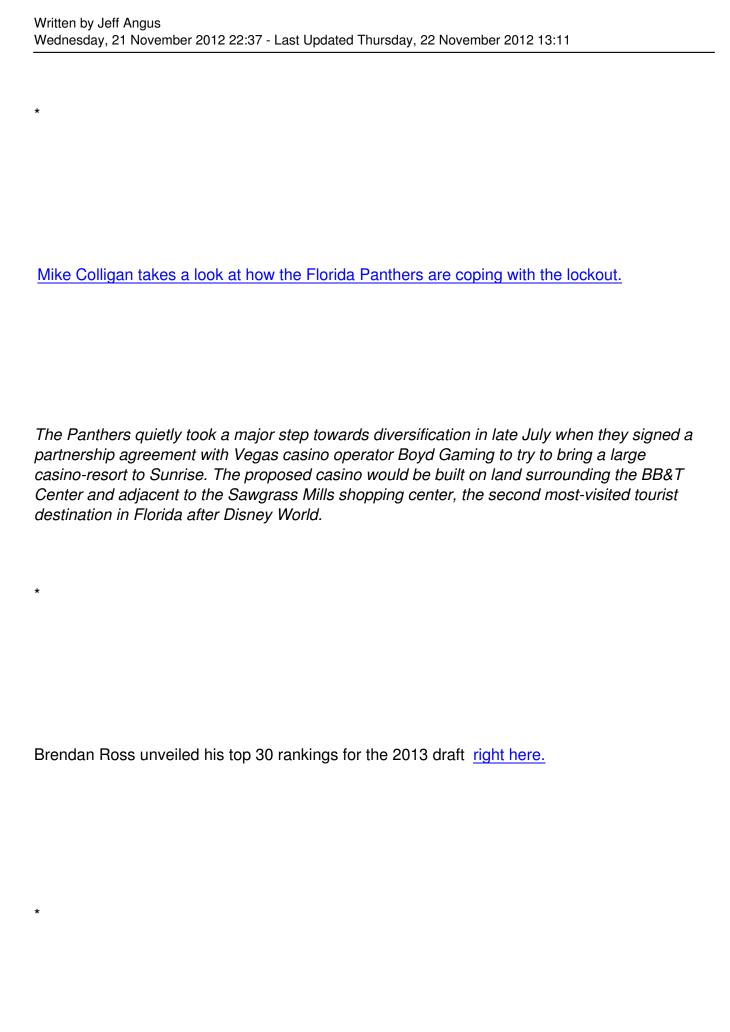
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| Good.                                                                                                      |
| Neutral third-party arbitrators to weigh in on on-and-off-ice punishment.                                  |
| Very good.                                                                                                 |
| A joint health committee.                                                                                  |
| See above.                                                                                                 |

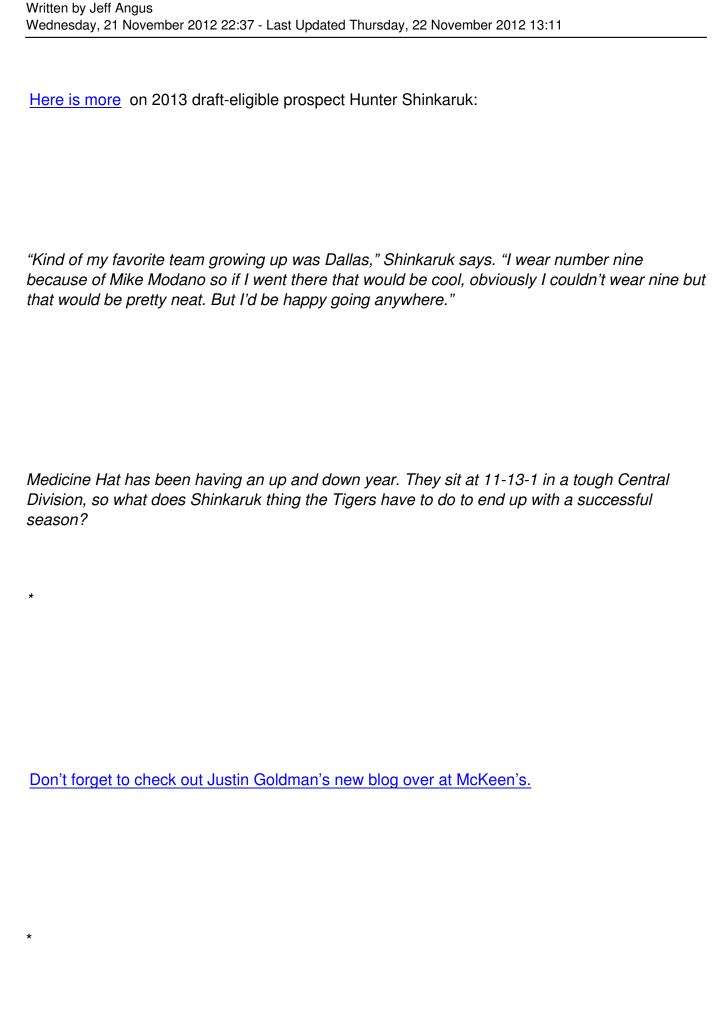
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| Minimum roster requirements so teams couldn't dress fewer players to dodge salary cap problems.                                                                                              |
| Very good, as well. It is embarrassing if a team can't even afford to field a legitimate roster (the Flames had to contend with this issue a few years ago).                                 |
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| Nick Backstrom has been dominant in the KHL. I'd be very happy if I owned him in a keeper league – he seems to be a forgotten man a bit – only a few years removed from a 100+ point season: |
| {youtube}ManOGoTIGt4{/youtube}                                                                                                                                                               |
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