Lockout Update: Day 74: There is still a lockout.

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Breaking - Glendale has agreed to the revised deal and now Greg Jamison has about two months to close the sale of the Coyotes. Finally, the NHL may not be team owners for much longer.

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Magnus Paajarvi , third-line checker? That's the conclusion of David Staples in his interesting piece here. I'm leaning towards his opinion being absolutely bang on - but I will never pigeonhole a promising prospect before his fourth pro season. You just never know. Linemates and chemistry will probably determine this in the end.

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Great "Insider Trading" video from the TSN panel here .

Among the details - Sidney Crosby should have an announcement as to what he will do with regards to going to Europe in about a week.

The panel also discuss mediation and what to expect. It will probably last two days, with much of the first day having each side speak to the mediator alone to explain their side. The last lockout had mediation that failed because the NHLPA refused a salary cap. No such hard line issue this time.

Remember in 1994-95 that the 48-game season began on January 20.

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Matthew Speck of the Hockey Writers thinks that mediation is a bad idea , and backs it up with a lot of legwork.

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Columbus stud prospect Ryan Murray is indeed out for the season with that shoulder injury. Injuries will keep blue-chippers from Sweden, Oscar Klefbom (Edmonton) and Jonas Brodin (Minnesota) out of the World Junior Championship as well.

Team Canada will still have Dougie Hamilton , Morgan Rielly, Scott Harrington , and probably Griffin Reinhart and Matt Dumba. That leaves Derrick Pouliot, Cody Ceci, Duncan Siemens , Slater Koekkoek and Xavier Ouellet among the favorites for two or three spots.

All this assumes that the NHL season doesn't start by then.

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Klefbom will undergo season-ending shoulder surgery. Details of that here . These d-men are dropping like flies! Brodin, if you recall, broke his clavicle and I would expect he'll be back by the end of January.

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I raised an eyebrow when Rich Dillon stuck Drew Shore into his list of Calder candidates in the Fantasy Guide. But so far the kid is looking good. Great attitude and work ethic, and leads his AHL squad in scoring. Nice piece on him here .

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And speaking of the fantasy guide, the next update will be in a week. I'll keep going with these updates until the lockout ends - and then I'll have 48-game projections for you (I'm now guessing that is what our season will be). Thanks everyone for your support.

The first ever Fantasy Goalie Guide is shaping up nicely. Already, profiles for 100 goaltenders are in. You can pre-order it here .

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WOW! Forum member bondon topped the 10,000 post mark in our forum . He became the 10th member of the Dobber forums to reach that plateau - and he did it in just two years. Amazing.

Myself, I sit 15th all time with around 8600 posts.

Other interesting stats:

38 people have 5000 posts or more.

197 people have 1000 posts or more, with another 12 people within 50 posts of that mark.

What a great community!

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Jack Campbell stole one last night for Texas (AHL). His team was outshot 37-19 but the won 5-4 over Rockford. The Ice Hogs had Alec Richards in net instead of Carter Hutton, which cost them. Not that Hutton has been fabulous this year, but Richards has been worse, despite the win/loss record.

With two more points last night, Adam Clendening has eight points in his last five games for Rockford. Fantastic Chicago prospect. Very high on him. See DobberProspects ' profile on him here
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Jeff Angus takes a look at Jamie Benn 's potential next contract over at Defending Big D .

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Finally updated for the first time in two weeks - the Lockout Tracker . Man, what a long list..

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Today's KHL highlights (oy). Komurov scores his first since returning from Toronto…

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