Spector's Hockey takes an interesting look at the KHL being a possible landing spot for NHL restricted free agents. We had that scare already with Ryan O'Reilly.

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Just a reminder everyone - the Goalie Post , Fantasy Hockey Geek and Frozen Pool packages are for one year, i.e. 365 days. So don't think that buying one of these great tools 'only' gets you three months. Nope - 12 months. (the FHG draft tool is a one-shot deal though)

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Also, yesterday and today I am taking requests for user name change - post in this thread what name you want. This is mostly for newcomers who may have put in a user name when they registered, but didn't realize it was a user name that appears in the forum.

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The biggest news yesterday is out of Montreal - PK Subban signs for two years, with the second year paying him $3.75 million. Essentially, he's had to wait on two contracts in the last six months and neither one is what he hoped to get.

At this point, Andrei Markov , Raphael Diaz and Tomas Kaberle lead the Habs in PP ice time per game, each of them with over 4:23 average. For some reason
Francis Bouillon
is getting 2:47 per game. Well, the Bouillon thing is over with now. And you'll probably see Kaberle shift down to the 2:47 that Bouillon had.

That being said, Diaz has been partnering with Markov and that will probably stop. Diaz's PP ice

time will still be high, but it will be like Tomas Kaberle high - as in the second (unproductive) unit. Diaz takes a hit here.

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The other big news yesterday includes Montreal - they are keeping Alex Galchenyuk for the year. No shocker.
Dougie Hamilton
is also staying in Boston,
Jonathan Huberdeau
is staying in Florida and
Nail Yakupov
is staying in Edmonton.

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Dallas Stars prospects news - Radek Faksa is out 4-6 weeks with an MCL strain. And Brett Ritchie was suspended last week for two games for instigating a fight after a big hit. Ritchie has since returned. Both players will get long looks in the fall, but I don't feel either of them will make the Stars. More like 2014.

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Jiri Tlusty was pointless last night, but he was back on the Eric Staal line. Semin was on the other wing. You can check line combos in real time in
Frozen Pool
, I don't know if you knew that. But it's through the paid part. The free line combos is for 'latest game', which is ready at around 1am ET. But those who bought the extra tools can check real time line combos even one shift into the hockey game. Anyway, Tlusty is worth keeping an eye on, as he has been successful playing with Staal.

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I don't know what to say about John Carlson . I think he's a fantastic hockey player, but have no idea why he has one point in five games and is minus-1 despite huge ice time. I can't believe he's declining, or that I'm wrong about him becoming a star. And so I consider him a 'buy low' and stash on your bench.

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With Derek Roy now on IR, here are the Dallas line combos with Jamie Benn on the team:

Eriksson-Benn-Jagr

Ryder-Eakin-Whitney

Nystrom-Fiddler-Vincour

Morrow-Wandell-Garbutt (Morrow owners take note)

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Mike Smith is on IR and is looking at a Friday return at best. Meanwhile, Chad Johnston got into his seventh NHL game last night and posted his first NHL shutout. As if it wasn't clear to everyone already - but the Phoenix team system is a gold mine for goalies. So if the Coyotes sign a new goalie next summer, yeah, draft him.

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With Hornqvist out (sprained knee - 3-4 weeks), it was indeed Smith who got some added ice time, though it was still just 13:19 and he didn't do anything with it.

I agree that Colin Wilson should be a good player, but he's not doing much right now. He saw 18 minutes of ice time last night, which is not too far above his average on the year. Yet he has just one point in six games, minus-4 with just 10 shots.

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Justin Faulk missed the game against the Bruins and Bobby Sanguinetti drew in. Interesting - Bobby S led the Hurricanes in Hits with five.

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Healthy scratch for the Kings - Dustin Penner . What a tease, eh? After those playoffs, you'd think he'd have turned the corner. But I've never trusted him or owned him in any league, ever. So I'm not worried.

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Zack Kassian has four goals in his last five games for the Canucks (Monday's game ongoing as I write this).

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The Devils sent down Mattias Tedenby . He needed to stay in the AHL this year, ridiculous

decision to keep him up over Bobby Butler . No word on if Butler will be recalled, but the Devils will not yet activate Adam Henrique . With Stefan Matteau likely going back to the juniors this week, I'm still hoping Butler gets a look. Butler has three points in four AHL games since heading back there a week ago.

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Ottawa has recalled Mika Zibanejad .

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Anton Khudobin won his first start of the season, stopping 29 of 32 shots. But Rask will shoulder 40+ games easily this year, as long as he stays healthy. But the idea is for the team to really lean on Rask. That being said, he gets a lot of groin injuries, so I stand by my liking Khudobin as a No.4 goalie if you have the room on the bench.

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Anatoliy Metter offers this Fantasy Hockey Head-to-Head Strategy Guide over at The Hockey Writers . Very thorough stuff.

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Lindy Ruff is 'optimistic' that Thomas Vanek will be back in the lineup tonight. Still no official word on Grigorenko and whether he stays in the NHL this year beyond five games.

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Still no admission from Colorado that Landeskog has a concussion. He is out "indefinitely" with head and leg ailments (per Adrian Dater)

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Jared Spurgeon has a bone bruise in his foot that prevented him from practicing Monday. It doesn't look good for tonight's game.

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Despite scoring a goal and winning 10 of 12 faceoffs, Drew Shore has been sent back down to the minors by the Panthers. Pencil him in as a Calder candidate for next season. His stock is on the rise.

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Robbery! Kari Lehtonen :

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Rich Clune vs. Kyle Chipchura:

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