

## Dobber Audits a Team - "Chilled, but not Franzen"

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### *Dobber Audits a Team*

The winner of the contest from two weeks ago, Chris Bieniek, is in the third year of a 12 team H2H Dynasty League. If you look at this team, it's pretty kick-ass. What does he need an audit for? But if you think about it, he's obviously a regular visitor to my site (since he won a contest). As far as I'm concerned, that's all the explanation I need - clearly that's why his team is so good. But a deal is a deal, so I'm going to personally comb through this powerhouse and offer what tips I can. I apologize to the other 11 guys in his league.

**Stats:** G, A, PPP, SHP, +/-, SOG, FOW, PIM, Hits, Blocks, W, GAA, SV%, Saves, SO

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**Start:** 4C, 4LW, 4RW, 6D, 1 Util, 2G, 5BN, 3 IR

**Farm:** Skaters who have played fewer than 60 NHL games (Goalies 30). We started out with 5 farm players and expand by 2 each year via prospect draft based off of final standings/lottery. The prospect draft is of the current NHL draft class of that year. Farm players maybe brought up anytime during the season but cannot return to farm team after reaching the above stated plateaus.

C - [Brad Richards](#) , [Jason Spezza](#) , [Eric Staal](#) , [Tyler Ennis](#) (C),

LW - [Zach Parise](#) , [Patrick Marleau](#) (C), [Jussi Jokinen](#) (C), [Andrew Ladd](#) , [Antoine Vermette](#) (C)

RW - [James Neal](#) (LW), PA Parenteau, [Jason Pominville](#) , [Teddy Purcell](#) , [Jakub Voracek](#) , [Troy Brouwer](#)

D - [Dustin Byfuglien](#) , [Joe Corvo](#) , [Mark Giordano](#) , [Marc-Andre Gagnani](#) , [Travis Hamonic](#) , [Toni Lydman](#)  
,  
[Stephane Robidas](#)

G - [Pekka Rinne](#) , [Craig Anderson](#) , [Roberto Luongo](#)

Farm - [Carter Ashton](#) , Charlie Coyle, [Cody Eakin](#) , [Blake Geoffrion](#) , [Doug Hamilton](#) , [Jeremy Morin](#)  
,  
[Gustav Nyquist](#)  
,  
[Ryan Spooner](#)  
,  
[Austin Watson](#)

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### Alrighty Then...Strengths

Right off the bat I see that your team is the best in the league in net. The only team close is the guy with [Marc-Andre Fleury](#) , [Jonas Hiller](#) and [Henrik Lundqvist](#) . A case could be made for the guy with [Jonathan Quick](#)

,  
[James Reimer](#)

and

[Cam Ward](#)

You mentioned that your C and LW were strong. But I went through your players and moved them around, setting them in a better order and I see that your RW is just as strong. It's also safe to say that Nyquist will graduate and become an asset immediately, and by next season Hamilton and Coyle will be contributing in a big way.

### Upgrade your Dropsies

[Joe Corvo](#) is fantasy-useless at this point. A definite drop, and a quick scan of the free agent list has [Luca Sbisa](#) jump out at me. I stop the analysis immediately and flip Chris an email:

"Drop Corvo and claim Sbisa ASAP"

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So that's done. Sbisa had 186 Hits and 99 BS last season. He's also a candidate for 30 points in the year ahead. Just a much better guy to own than Corvo by a wide margin.

Next up is [Toni Lydman](#) . He still rocks the Blocked Shots (153 last year), but his points are terrible. I look for a solution. A player who is equivalent in Hits and BS, but an upgrade in youth and points (Lydman is 35). Bingo - [Jeff Petry](#) should be good for close to 35 points in a prorated full season, plus nearly 150 Hits and 150 BS.

Next up is [Marc-Andre Gragnani](#) . He's gotta go. I don't see a place for him in Carolina. It's unfortunate, given the potential, but it's true. He's too one-dimensional. I see

[Jared Spurgeon](#)

is available and he may get 100 BS and 30 points, but his Hits are low and I think we can do better. Ah, there we are -

[Kyle Quincey](#)

. With Quincey, you're looking at 25 points, 100 Hits and 100 BS. That almost matches Spurgeon but upgrades the Hits. So drop Gragnani and grab Quincey.

Next is [Carter Ashton](#) , a prospect for the Maple Leafs who is some years away from contributing to a fantasy squad and is looking as though his upside is limited anyway.

[TJ Brodie](#)

is a solid rearguard for the Flames and he's played 57 games. That makes him eligible to replace a prospect spot, so that's what I recommend. You have just one defenseman on your farm, Hamilton, and he might be off your farm by the second month of the season. So adding Brodie shores up some depth. And depth is a great thing to have when talking trade. In a full season, Brodie could get you 25 points, 100 Hits and 80 Blocked Shots. Offensively, he has appealing upside though and you can use that in a deal.

And finally, [Blake Geoffrion](#) . I don't see a spot on a scoring line for him in the NHL. Ever. Since you don't have any goaltenders on your farm, I focus on undrafted goalies. So I look to see if my five favorites have been taken -

[t Hackett](#)

[Ben Bishop](#)

and Scott Wedgewood. One of them is available - Wedgewood. Under your farm system, he is worth sitting on for a year and seeing if he remains a top option for New Jersey as

[Martin Brodeur](#)

winds down his career. Definitely an upgrade to Geoffrion.

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### Needs

Improved D - You really helped this by adding Sbisa, Petry, Quincey and Brodie in place of Corvo, Lydman and Gragnani. You can upgrade further via trade (see below).

Improved Depth for prospect G - Adding Wedgewood was great. You should also drop [Jeremy Morin](#) and add someone like fellow Blackhawk Carter Hutton. Let's face it, [Ray Emery](#) and [Corey Crawford](#) aren't exactly stable, while Hutton is doing very well and he's third in line. After simply playing the wire, your Farm Team looks like this:

G - Hutton, Wedgewood

D - Hamilton, Brodie

F - Coyle, Eakin, Nyquist, Spooner, Watson

Love it.

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### Overvalued Assets (i.e. Trade Bait)

[Brad Richards](#) is a name that wields a lot of power in trade talks. Use that.

[Jason Pominville](#) is coming off a big year. His second one. The rest of his years have been ho-hum. I don't trust him. Sure, he can do it again. But I would sooner let someone else worry about that.

[Kyle Quincey](#) you just grabbed off waivers. He's not going to get 30 points this year, but there are those out there who think that he might. Use that.

[TJ Brodie](#) is an appealing prospect with upside across the board of statistics. He makes a nice throw-in.

Try and move at least two of these four players in a package and upgrade them.

Sample offers (since I don't know the personalities in your pool, I can only suggest):

Richards, Pominville, Quincey

For

Stepan, Tedenby, Del Zotto

The idea: Del Zotto gives you across-the-board stats. He is an elite player under these rules, but only has the reputation of a "very good" player. Stepan is essentially "Richards-light". He

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can become a Richards very easily within two years. Tedenby is a terrible add-on. When trading in fantasy hockey, taking on the other person's garbage can make the deal more appealing for them. This trade gives you the best player in the deal in Del Zotto, plus a solid replacement for Richards in Stepan. And with Tedenby, you can simply drop him and place a claim on [Jannik Hansen](#).

Richards, Pominville, Quincey

For

Prospal, Perry, [Dan Boyle](#)

Here you upgrade Quincey to Boyle and you get the best player in the deal in Perry. The price? Taking on baggage by way of Prospal. You'd have to get rid of Prospal later on, and hope for a good start to his season. The reason this GM might do the deal - he owns three Red Wings on his pro team plus another four on his farm team. Obviously he's a fan who may rate Quincey higher than most people.

These are the kinds of deals you look for, using these three guys. Go after the best player in the deal - with your depth, you can afford to. And with the depth of the free agent market, you can drop any weak players you get coming your way in a trade and replace him with a better one.