Welcome back NHL, I have missed you dearly but I also enjoyed the extended break in cheering on my 49ers into the Super Bowl and spending some quality time with my family. The world juniors were a tease and found me crying out "More!!" just like my 15 month old son does when his food tray is empty, and at last we can both satisfy our hunger. In a shortened season it's important for teams to get off to a quick start, and with our picks it's no different. Enough babble, let’s grab a cold one out of the fridge, and let's get to Saturday night’s action.

***Note: Write-up completed before Thursday nights action was completed.**

Avalanche @ Sharks

LAST 3 REGULAR SEASON GAMES VS NHL

Avalanche Jan 19-Jan 24

Name	Pos	GP	G	A	Pts	PPG	PPP	PPTOI	TOI	SOG	+/-	PIM
DUCHENE,M.	C	3	2	2	4	1.33	0	02:31	20:26	7	5	0
HEJDUK,M.	R	3	0	3	3	1.00	0	02:07	12:41	1	3	0
PARENTEAU,P.	R	3	2	1	3	1.00	0	02:51	16:56	5	4	2
MITCHELL,J.	C	3	2	0	2	0.67	0	00:55	14:53	5	2	2
HEJDA,J.	D	3	0	2	2	0.67	0	00:09	18:09	1	2	8
WILSON,R.	D	3	0	2	2	0.67	0	00:30	20:51	11	4	4
KOBASEW,C.	R	1	0	1	1	1.00	0	00:00	13:13	4	2	0
OLVER,M.	C	3	0	1	1	0.33	0	00:11	07:39	3	1	2
JOHNSON,E.	D	3	0	1	1	0.33	0	02:34	22:20	5	2	0
JONES,D.	R	3	1	0	1	0.33	1	02:34	19:43	7	-3	0

Name	GP	Min	W	L	OTL	SO	GA	SA	SV	GAA	SV%
VARLAMOV,S.	3	179	2	1	0	1	5	97	92	1.68	0.9485

Sharks Jan 20-Jan 24

Name	Pos	GP	G	A	Pts	PPG	PPP	PPTOI	TOI	SO
THORNTON,J.	C	3	1	8	9	3.00	6	04:11	18:39	2
MARLEAU,P.	C	3	6	2	8	2.67	4	04:05	17:25	1
PAVELSKI,J.	C	3	0	7	7	2.33	5	03:56	18:38	1
COUTURE,L.	C	3	3	3	6	2.00	4	03:17	17:09	1
BOYLE,D.	D	3	2	1	3	1.00	2	04:13	23:36	9
HAVLAT,M.	R	3	2	1	3	1.00	0	02:25	16:41	1
CLOWE,R.	L	3	0	2	2	0.67	0	02:12	17:18	8
GALIARDI,T.	L	3	0	2	2	0.67	0	00:11	14:33	4
VLASIC,M.	D	3	1	1	2	0.67	0	02:45	21:32	4
STUART,B.	D	3	0	1	1	0.33	0	00:16	18:52	2

Name	GP	Min	W	L	OTL	SO	GA	SA	SV	GAA	SV
NIEMI,A.	3	180	3	0	0	0	7	96	89	2.34	0.92

LAST 3 REGULAR SEASON YEARS - S.J VS COL

Avalanche VS Sharks

Name	Pos	GP	G	P	Pnt/G	+/-	PPP	PPTOI	TOI	SOG	PIM
HEJDUK,M.	R	20	6	16	0.80	-1	6	03:04	19:13	53	4
STASTNY,P.	C	16	5	15	0.94	-7	5	02:48	20:07	47	8
DUCHENE,M.	C	11	3	7	0.64	-5	3	02:28	18:32	30	8
JOHNSON,E.	D	17	2	5	0.29	-8	3	03:09	23:03	36	8
O'REILLY,R.	C	12	1	5	0.42	2	2	01:01	16:36	19	0
HEJDA,J.	D	20	0	5	0.25	0	0	00:07	20:49	21	14
ZANON,G.	D	20	1	4	0.20	-3	0	00:10	19:24	12	8
DOWNIE,S.	R	6	1	3	0.50	-1	0	01:25	12:32	8	8
O'BRIEN,S.	D	15	1	3	0.20	-3	0	00:06	16:39	18	34
LINDSTROM,J.	C	3	0	2	0.67	0	1	03:05	15:16	9	2

Name	GP	Min	W	L	OTL	SO	GA	SA	SV	GAA	SV%
GIGUERE,J.	12	733	6	5	1	1	28	352	324	2.29	0.9205
VARLAMOV,S.	4	223	2	2	0	0	12	114	102	3.23	0.8947

Sharks VS Avalanche

Name	Pos	GP	G	P	Pnt/G	+/-	PPP	PPTOI	TOI
THORNTON,J.	C	19	3	19	1.00	9	5	04:08	20:09
MARLEAU,P.	L	19	9	16	0.84	8	5	03:46	20:23
PAVELSKI,J.	C	19	7	16	0.84	11	4	03:03	18:19
HAVLAT,M.	R	21	5	15	0.71	4	0	03:03	16:53
CLOWE,R.	L	15	7	14	0.93	7	3	02:29	16:58
BURNS,B.	D	23	5	13	0.57	6	7	03:15	23:25
BOYLE,D.	D	14	3	10	0.71	6	3	04:38	25:24
COUTURE,L.	C	11	3	10	0.91	5	3	02:14	15:57
HANDZUS,M.	C	19	3	9	0.47	-7	3	01:57	16:34
VLASIC,M.	D	19	0	7	0.37	7	2	01:39	22:19

Name	GP	Min	W	L	OTL	SO	GA	SA	SV	GAA
NIEMI,A.	8	493	5	1	2	1	19	219	200	2.31
NIITTYMAKI,A.	5	305	2	1	2	0	11	146	135	2.16