I’m sure you’ve heard of the phrase “the numbers don’t lie”. If you’re a dedicated follower of my columns here at DobberHockey, then you’re probably well aware of how much I utilize stats to inform me during my decision-making process. For the past couple of seasons, I’ve been tracking baseline values into forecasting future stats. This week we’ll take a look at those values to help us better plan for the rest of this fantasy season.

First, let's clear up some general misconceptions about projections. Here are **10 of Ma’s Laws** f or the second half:

1) First of all we need to place a realistic value on overall point production.

Year	# of point-per-game players	# of players > than 80 points
2007-08		
	23	
	19	
2008-09		
	20	
	17	

2009-10

21

17

2010-11

15*

9

2011-12

15**

17**

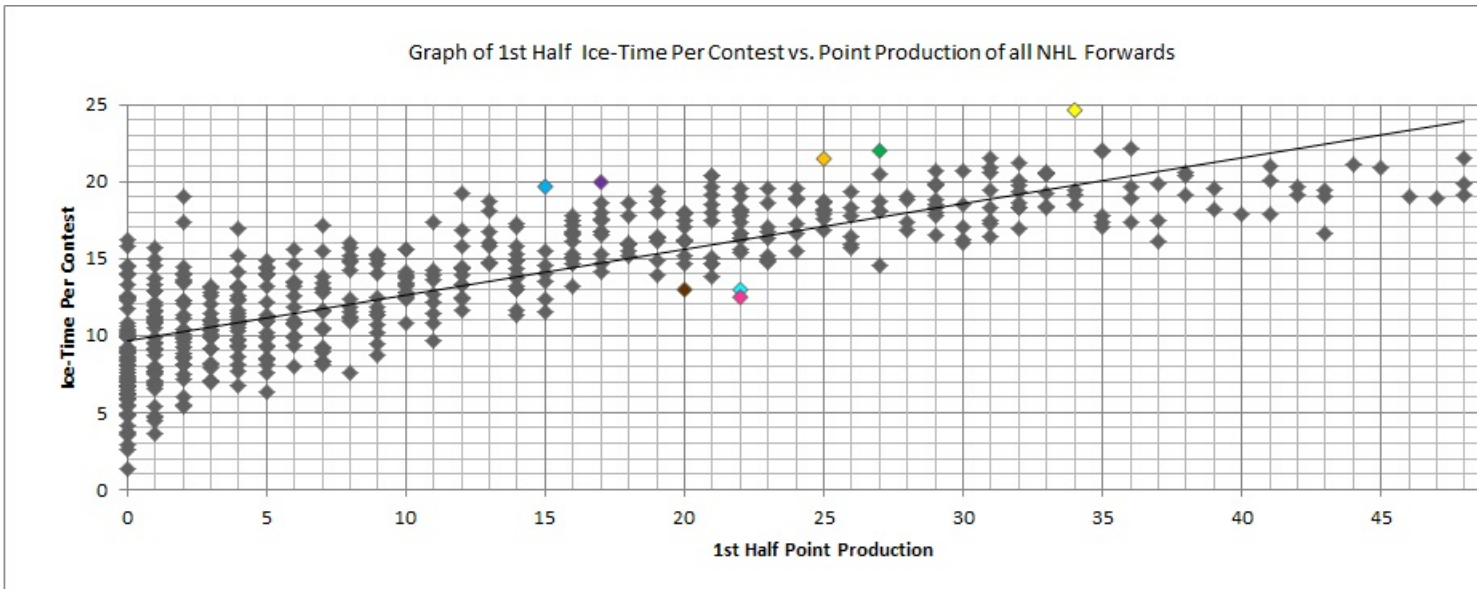
*includes Sidney Crosby and Derek Roy

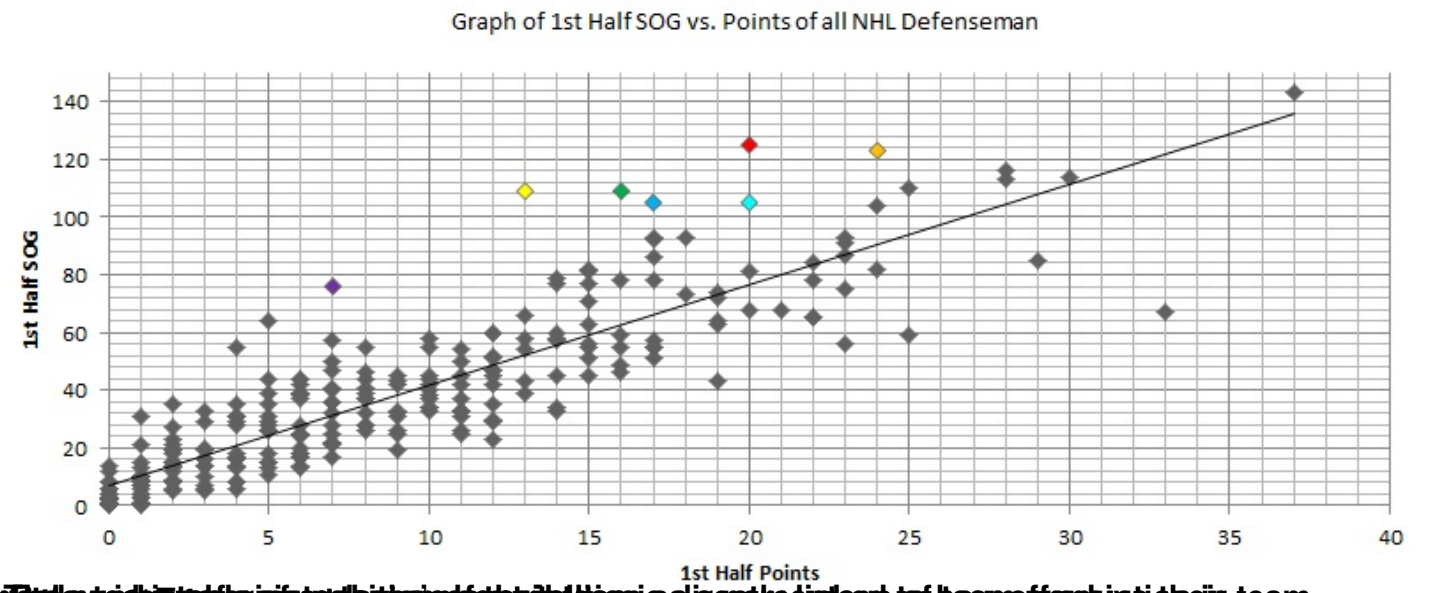
** does not include Crosby

So, just by looking at the table above, realistically there’s roughly 20 or so players that will finish at a point-per-game pace, and probably around 17-19 that will tally more than 80 points. If you break it down to a standard 12-team league, that’s roughly one, maybe two, per team. If you’re expecting three or four, you either have one hell of a team or you’re dreaming.

2) Ice-time plays a huge factor in point production.

Of the nine players that hit the 80-point plateau last season, all of them are essentially top-line and top-PP “household” names. As a group they averaged 20:07 overall and 3:52 with the man advantage per contest, so unless they’re remotely close to those numbers, don’t expect miracles.





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