Back-to-back games are a part of every NHL team's schedule. Back-to-back games can be an indication of when a back-up goalie is played which could help you grab valuable goalie points. Most teams have between 11 and 18 back to back games over the course of the whole season. Colorado gets away with only eight times back-to-back and the Blue Jackets have 20 such situations - that is almost half their games.

In the shorter term, looking ahead between November 21 and the Christmas break the Blues have six back-to-back games and the Coyotes and Kings have five. The Panthers have only one set of back-to-back nights in when they play Edmonton and Calgary on December 11th and 12th.

You may choose to file this one under 'interesting but not sure what is means.' Twenty times during the full season the Wild and Sharks catch a team on the second day of a back to back. It only happens ten times to the Capital, Flames and Oilers.

Injury Replacements

Looking at a team's schedule may help your chances of finding a good injury replacement. Here are some of the high and low ratings for teams over a two, three and four week period starting November 21. The rating is shown in brackets.

Two weeks

High ratings: Flyers (8.49), Coyotes (8.11)

Low ratings: Senators (4.41), Oilers (4.01)

Three weeks

High ratings: Blues (11.99), Coyotes (11.91), Flyers (11.85), Predators (11.42)

Low ratings: Oilers (6.96), Devils (6.95)

Four weeks

High ratings: Flyers (14.79), Coyotes (14.76), Blues (14.75)

Low ratings: Oilers (9.81)

Best Bets
Carolina 4.10 - four games PHX, NAS, FLA, PHI
Philadelphia 4.09 - four games BUF, PHX, DAL, CAR
Phoenix 3.80 - four road games CAR, PHI, NYR, CBJ
NY Islanders 3.80 - four games NJ, BUF, MTL, PIT
St. Louis 3.69 - four games ANA, MIN, NAS, COL
Steer Clear
Edmonton 1.26 - ONE game home to LA
Chicago 1.81 - two road games TOR, SJ
Pittsburgh 1.99 - two games VAN, NYI
Ottawa 2.10 - two games NYR, TOR
San Jose 2.10 - two games WAS, CHI

Best Bets
Minnesota 4.31 - four home games STL, WAS, DAL, TB
Philadelphia 4.20 - four games PHX, DAL, CAR, CAR
NY Rangers 4.19 - four games OTT, PHX, TB, FLA
Atlanta 4.10 - four games CBJ, TOR, WAS, NAS
Washington 4.02 - four games SJ, MIN, ATL, MTL
Steer Clear
Edmonton 1.26 - ONE game home to LA

New Jersey 2.09 - two road games TB, FLA
Ottawa 2.10 - two games NYR, TOR
Chicago 2.57 - thee road games TOR, SJ, ANA
Tampa Bay 2.84 - three games NJ, NYR, MIN

Best Bets
Nashville 4.29 - four games CAR, STL, ATL, MIN
Washington 4.21 - four games MIN, ATL, MTL, CBJ
Minnesota 4.21 - four games WAS, DAL, TB, NAS
Philadelphia 4.19 - four games DAL, CAR, CAR, TOR
Montreal 4.12 - four games NYI, DET, WAS, BUF
Steer Clear
Anaheim 2.10 - two games COL, CHI
Ottawa 2.20 - two games TOR, NYI
Edmonton 2.21 - two games LA, STL
Chicago 2.66 - three road games SJ, ANA, LA
Dallas 2.74 - three games PHI, MIN, SJ

Best Bets
Washington 4.21 - four games MIN, ATL, MTL, CBJ
Minnesota 4.21 - four games WAS, DAL, TB, NAS
St. Louis 4.20 - four games NAS, COL, EDM, ATL
NY Rangers 4.19 - four games PHX, TB, FLA, FLA
Philadelphia 4.19 - four games DAL, CAR, CAR, TOR
Steer Clear
New Jersey 1.81 - two road games FLA, PIT
Ottawa 2.20 - two games TOR, NYI
Chicago 2.66 - three road games SJ, ANA, LA
Tampa Bay 2.85 - three games NYR, MIN, COL
San Jose 2.86 - three games CHI, DAL, PHX

Best Bets
Toronto 4.50 - four games ATL, OTT, PHI, LA
Colorado 4.21 - four games STL, PHX, TB, MIN
Minnesota 4.21 - four games DAL, TB, NAS, COL
Nashville 4.29 - four games STL, ATL, MIN, BUF
Los Angeles 4.20 - four games CGY, EDM, CHI, TOR
Steer Clear
New Jersey 1.81 - two road games FLA, PIT
Ottawa 2.20 - two games TOR, NYI
Chicago 2.66 - three road games SJ, ANA, LA
Florida 2.75 - three games NJ, NYR, NYR
Phoenix 2.84 - three games CBJ, COL, SJ

Best Bets
Philadelphia 4.51 - four games CAR, CAR, TOR, TB

Washington 4.31 - four games ATL, MTL, CBJ, FLA
Montreal 4.22 - four games DET, WAS, BUF, ATL
Colorado 4.21 - four games STL, PHX, TB, MIN
Minnesota 4.21 - four games DAL, TB, NAS, COL

Steer Clear

New Jersey 1.81 - two road games FLA, PIT
Ottawa 2.20 - two games TOR, NYI
Chicago 2.66 - three road games SJ, ANA, LA
Calgary 2.75 - three games VAN, VAN, DAL
Carolina 2.84 - three games PHI, PHI, ANA

Best Bets

Minnesota 4.31 - four games TB, NAS, COL, STL
Atlanta 4.10 - four games NAS, STL, MTL, OTT
Toronto 4.00 - four games OTT, PHI, LA, SJ
Dallas 3.99 - four games SJ, EDM, CGY, EDM
Anaheim 3.90 - four games CHI, CAR, DET, CHI

Steer Clear

New Jersey 0.86 - ONE road game PIT
Carolina 1.79 - two games PHI, ANA
Boston 2.10 - two games NYI, DET
NY Islanders 2.11 - two games BOS, OTT
Chicago 2.74 - three games ANA, LA, ANA

Best Bets

Philadelphia 4.41 - four games CAR, TOR, TB, NJ
Minnesota 4.31 - four games TB, NAS, COL, STL
Montreal 4.31 - four games WAS, BUF, ATL, NYR
Phoenix 4.31 - four games COL, SJ, LA, TOR
Nashville 4.29 - four games ATL, MIN, BUF, COL

Steer Clear

New Jersey 1.81 - two games PIT, PHI
Calgary 1.89 - two games VAN, DAL
Ottawa 2.31 - two games NYI, ATL
Carolina 2.74 - two games PHI, ANA, PIT
Chicago 2.74 - two games ANA, LA, ANA

Best Bets

Los Angeles 4.31 - four games CHI, TOR, PHX, EDM
St. Louis 4.30 - four games EDM, ATL, MIN, CGY
Dallas 4.20 - four games EDM, CGY, EDM, COL
Colorado 4.02 - four games TB, MIN, NAS, DAL
Minnesota 4.00 - four games NAS, COL, STL, VAN

Steer Clear

Carolina 1.79 - two games ANA, PIT
New Jersey 1.81 - two games PIT, PHI

Chicago 1.98 - two games LA, ANA
Boston 2.09 - two games DET, TB
NY Islanders 2.11 - two games OTT, WAS

Best Bets
Los Angeles 4.31 - four games TOR, PHX, EDM, CBJ
Dallas 4.20 - four games EDM, CGY, EDM, COL
St. Louis 4.19 - four games ATL, MIN, CGY, PHX
Atlanta 4.09 - four games STL, MTL, OTT, NYI
Florida 4.01 - four games NYR, WAS, BUF, BOS
Steer Clear
Chicago 1.70 - two games ANA, DET
Calgary 1.90 - two games DAL, STL
New Jersey 1.90 - two games PHI, MTL
Boston 2.09 - two games TB, FLA
Ottawa 2.21 - two games ATL, PIT