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From January 22 to January 26 the All-Star breaks gets in the way of fantasy hockey. It interrupts all NHL team's weekly schedules. Nashville gets eight days off. St. Louis, Montreal and NY Islanders, Los Angeles and Pittsburgh get seven days off. The rest of the teams only get five or six days rest. The charts below have a bit of a different look this week to give you an easier view of the number of games teams play around the All-Star break.

A few weeks ago I took an early look at the end of season schedule for those people with their fantasy pool playoffs over that time period. Over the next few weeks I would like to address the 'playoff' schedule a few more times. I want the analysis to be tailored to your rules, your formats, yours teams and your concerns so feel free to post your playoff schedule questions in the 'Article Feedback' forum.

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#### A Roto-Look Ahead - Week 16

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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 January 16, 2009. The rating is shown in brackets.

#### Two weeks

High ratings: Panthers (6.61), Thrashers (6.60), Blackhawks (5.99)

Low ratings: Flyers (3.16), Predators (3.06) Canucks (2.86)

#### Three weeks

High ratings: Panthers (10.15), Ducks (9.41), Bruins (9.14)

Low ratings: Sharks (5.99), Canucks (4.75)

#### Four weeks

High ratings: Panthers (13.31), Thrashers (12.50) Lightning (12.38)

Low ratings: Sharks (8.75), Canucks (7.79)

#### **Best Bets**

Florida 4.51 - four games PHI, TB, BUF, DAL Atlanta 4.20 - four games TOR, NAS, MTL, PHI Chicago 4.19 - four games NYR, STL, MIN, STL New Jersey 3.99 - four games CBJ, NYI, NAS, MTL Anaheim 3.80 - four road games PIT, MIN, NYR, NYI Steer Clear

Detroit 1.71 - two road games SJ, PHX Vancouver 1.81 - two games CBJ, SJ Ottawa 2.00 - two games MTL, WAS San Jose 2.00 - two games DET, VAN

Nashville 2.21 - two games ATL, NJ

## **Best Bets**

Tampa Bay 3.36 - three home games FLA, DAL, BUF

Florida 3.36 - three games TB, BUF, DAL

Boston 3.35 - three games WAS, STL, TOR

Chicago 3.24 - three games STL, MIN, STL

Carolina 3.14 - three road games BUF, TOR, PIT

## **Steer Clear**

Philadelphia 1.26 - ONE games ATL Detroit 1.71 - two road games SJ, PHX Vancouver 1.81 - two games CBJ, SJ Toronto 1.89 - two games CAR, BOS Colorado 2.00 - two games CGY, LA

### **Best Bets**

Columbus 2.76 - three games VAN, EDM, CGY

Boston 2.40 - two games STL, TOR

Florida 2.31 - two games BUF, DAL

Tampa Bay 2.31 - two games DAL, BUF

Carolina 2.19 - two games TOR, PIT

### Steer Clear

Nashville 0.95 - ONE games NJ San Jose 0.95 - ONE games VAN Detroit 0.95 - ONE games PHX Ottawa 1.05 - ONE games WAS Philadelphia 1.26 - ONE games ATL

### **Best Bets**

Panthers - play two home games
Maple Leafs - play two home games
Lightning - play two home games
Islanders - play two home games
Blackhawks - play two home games

### Steer Clear

Flyers, Senators – play only one game Rangers, Penguins – play only one game Oilers, Flames, – play only one game Coyotes, Red Wings, Avalanche – play only one game Sharks, Predators, Canucks – play only one game

#### **Best Bets**

Ducks – play two games
Thrashers – play two games
Blue Jackets – play two games
Canadiens – play two games
Kings – play two games

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## **Steer Clear**

Nashville doesn't play any games

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# **Best Bets**

Panthers, Stars, Flyers — play two games
Bruins, Thrashers, Ducks — play two games
Blue Jackets, Sabres, Lightning — play two games

Canadiens, Devils – play two games

Avalanche, Maple Leafs – play two games

# **Steer Clear**

Predators - don't play any games Penguins - don't play any games

Canucks - don't play any games

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# **Best Bets**

Rangers – play two games Sabres – play two games Ducks – play two games 0

# Steer Clear

Kings - don't play any games slanders - don't play any games Blues - don't play any games

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# **Best Bets**

Thrashers, Stars, Red Wings, Panthers – play two games Avalanche, Rangers, Senators, Hurricanes – play two games Sharks, Canadiens, Bruins, Sabres – play two games Lightning, Ducks, Coyotes – play two games Blackhawks, Maple Leafs, Devils – play two games

# **Steer Clear**

Wild, Islanders, Oilers – play one game Flames, Canucks, Blues – play one game Blue Jackets, Flyers – play one game Penguins, Kings – play one game Predators, Capitals – play one game Written by Tom Reeve Friday, 16 January 2009 02:43 - Last Updated Friday, 16 January 2009 12:18

### **Best Bets**

Lightning – play three games Senators – play three games Devils – play three games 0

# **Steer Clear**

Islanders – play one game Canucks – play one game Blues – play one game Kings – play one game Capitals – play one game

## **Best Bets**

Columbus 3.36 - three home games DET, OTT, DAL
Atlanta 3.35 - three games DAL, NYI, CAR
Carolina 3.27 - three games NYR, TB, ATL
Florida 3.24 - three games PHI, MTL, NYI
Dallas 3.16 - three games ATL, DET, CBJ

# **Steer Clear**

Los Angeles 1.80 - two games CHI, MTL Nashville 1.81 - two games VAN, CGY Washington 1.81 - two games BOS, DET Vancouver 1.89 - two games NAS, EDM Edmonton 1.89 - two games BUF, MIN