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Many fantasy pools have their playoffs the last few weeks of the regular season. Over the next few weeks I would like to address the 'playoff' schedule a few times. I want the analysis to be tailored to your rules, your formats, yours teams and your concerns so please post your playoff schedule questions in the 'Article Feedback' forum.

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 30, 2009. The rating is shown in brackets.

Two weeks

High ratings: Predators (8.21), Flames (7.89)

Low ratings: Sharks (4.75), Blackhawks (4.66)

Three weeks

High ratings: Predators (12.31), Blue Jackets (12.17)

Low ratings: Sharks (8.55), Bruins (8.55), Ducks (7.92)

Four weeks

High ratings: Predators (15.45), Blue Jackets (15.12)

Low ratings: Thrashers (11.41), Canucks (10.91)

Best Bets
St. Louis 4.11 - four games PHI, DET, CBJ, EDM
Calgary 4.09 - four games NAS, COL, DAL, CHI
Pittsburgh 4.01 - four games NJ, TOR, MTL, TB
Nashville 4.00 - four games CGY, EDM, PHX, ANA
Edmonton 3.98 - four games MIN, NAS, CHI, STL
Steer Clear
Atlanta 1.81 - two games CAR, NYR
Vancouver 1.89 - two games MIN, CAR
San Jose 2.00 - two games PHX, CHI
NY Rangers 2.02 - two games BOS, ATL
New Jersey 2.21 - two games PIT, WAS

Best Bets
Pittsburgh 4.20 - four games TOR, MTL, TB, CBJ
Buffalo 4.11 - four games PHX, ANA, TOR, MTL
St. Louis 4.11 - four games PHI, DET, CBJ, EDM
Washington 3.90 - four games DET, OTT, NJ, LA
Dallas 3.90 - four games CBJ, CGY, COL, NYR
Steer Clear
Vancouver 1.89 - two games MIN, CAR

Philadelphia 1.98 - two games STL, BOS
San Jose 2.00 - two games PHX, CHI
Tampa Bay 2.19 - two games NYI, PIT
New Jersey 2.19 - two games WAS, ATL

Best Bets
Montreal 4.21 - four games BOS, PIT, BUF, TOR
Buffalo 4.11 - four games ANA, TOR, MTL, OTT
Edmonton 4.09 - four games NAS, CHI, STL, DET
Calgary 4.09 - four games COL, DAL, CHI, ANA
Boston 4.01 - four games MTL, PHI, OTT, PHI
Steer Clear
Philadelphia 1.60 - two games BOS, BOS
Atlanta 1.80 - two games NYR, NJ
Vancouver 2.00 - two games CAR, CHI
San Jose 2.00 - two games CAR, CBJ
Minnesota 2.10 - two games ANA, NAS

Best Bets
Detroit 4.41 - four games STL, PHX, EDM, PIT
Pittsburgh 4.11 - four games MTL, TB, CBJ, DET
Buffalo 4.11 - four games ANA, TOR, MTL, OTT
Calgary 4.09 - four games COL, DAL, CHI, ANA
Nashville 4.00 - four games PHX, ANA, MIN, DAL
Steer Clear
Vancouver 2.00 - two games CAR, CHI
San Jose 2.00 - two games CAR, CBJ
NY Rangers 2.40 - two games ATL, DAL
Carolina 2.57 - three road games VAN, SJ, PHX
Philadelphia 2.74 - three games BOS, BOS, ATL

Best Bets
Montreal 4.32 - four games PIT, BUF, TOR, CGY
Calgary 4.08 - four games DAL, CHI, ANA, MTL
New Jersey 4.08 - four games WAS, ATL, LA, NYR
Pittsburgh 4.11 - four games MTL, TB, CBJ, DET
Nashville 4.00 - four games PHX, ANA, MIN, DAL
Steer Clear
Vancouver 2.00 - two games CAR, CHI
San Jose 2.00 - two games CAR, CBJ
Colorado 2.40 - two games DAL, STL
Carolina 2.57 - three road games VAN, SJ, PHX
Anaheim 2.66 - three road games MIN, NAS, CGY

Best Bets
Detroit 4.10 - four games PHX, EDM, PIT, NAS

Nashville 4.00 - four games ANA, MIN, DAL, DET
Boston 3.99 - four games PHI, OTT, PHI, SJ
Tampa Bay 3.57 - three games PIT, NYI, ATL
Nashville 3.47 - three games NYI, WAS, TOR

Steer Clear

Carolina 1.71 - two games SJ, PHX
Chicago 1.81 - two games CGY, VAN
Ottawa 1.89 - two games BOS, BUF
Washington 2.00 - two games LA, FLA
NY Rangers 2.00 - two games DAL, NJ

Best Bets

New Jersey 4.29 - four games ATL, LA, NYR, NYR
Montreal 4.11 - four games BUF, TOR, CGY, EDM
Colorado 4.11 - four games DAL, STL, CBJ, MIN
Atlanta 4.09 - four games NJ, PHI, TB, CHI
Nashville 4.00 - four games ANA, MIN, DAL, DET

Steer Clear

Carolina 1.71 - two games SJ, PHX
Toronto 1.81 - two games MTL, FLA
Philadelphia 1.90 - two games BOS, ATL
Vancouver 2.09 - two games CHI, STL
Phoenix 2.19 - two games CAR, DAL

Best Bets

New Jersey 4.29 - four games ATL, LA, NYR, NYR
Nashville 4.21 - four games MIN, DAL, DET, STL
Montreal 4.11 - four games BUF, TOR, CGY, EDM
Minnesota 4.10 - four games NAS, EDM, COL, DET
Atlanta 4.09 - four games NJ, PHI, TB, CHI

Steer Clear

Washington 1.91 - two games FLA, NYR
Chicago 2.00 - two games VAN, ATL
Boston 2.00 - two games PHI, SJ
Anaheim 2.00 - two games CGY, CGY
Carolina 2.00 - two games PHX, FLA

Best Bets

Detroit 4.84 - FIVE games EDM, PIT, NAS, MIN, CBJ
Vancouver 4.18 - four games CHI, STL PHX, DAL
Montreal 4.11 - four games TOR, CGY, EDM, COL
Florida 4.11 - four games WAS, TOR, CAR, NYR
New Jersey 3.99 - four games LA, NYR, NYI, BOS

Steer Clear

Pittsburgh 1.89 - two games DET, SJ
Washington 1.91 - two games FLA, NYR

Anaheim 2.00 - two games CGY, CGY
Carolina 2.00 - two games PHX, FLA
Edmonton 2.66 - three games DET, MIN, MTL

Best Bets
Nashville 4.29 - four games DAL, DET, STL, BOS
Minnesota 4.10 - four games EDM, COL, DET, OTT
Dallas 3.90 - four games NAS, PHX, VAN, CHI
Detroit 3.79 - four games PIT, NAS, MIN, CBJ
Calgary 3.70 - four games MTL, ANA, LA, PHX
Steer Clear
Anaheim 1.05 - ONE game CGY
Buffalo 1.89 - two games OTT, SJ
Washington 1.90 - two games NYR, TB
Carolina 2.10 - two games FLA, CBJ
Edmonton 2.56 - three games MIN, MTL, LA