

It is over the next week or two that we will start to see everyone's schedule even out a bit and find out whether some of these supposed pretenders are actually contenders.

The New Jersey Devils are one of the supposed contenders that are off to a slow start, 2-4-1 through Thursday's game vs. Montreal. Although they are a "Best Bet" for five of the next eight days, they have a <u>mean six game road trip</u> after this Saturday's home game against the Sabres. They play the Rangers, San Jose, Anaheim, LA, Vancouver and Chicago.

The weak link of that group appears to be the Ducks; but remember, they are 2-0-1 at home while scoring 12 goals. However, the Ducks have scored only six goals in five games on the road (three came vs. Philly on Thursday). This is definitely not a new occurrence for the Ducks.

Looking Ahead - Week 3

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In 2009-10, they were 25-11-5 at the Honda Centre while scoring 141 goals in those games, good for third in the League. On the road was a much different story; 14-21-6 and only 92 goals for, which put them 27th.

Easily the most popular team on the waiver wire so far in my leagues has been Long Island. But the league's third highest scoring team through Thursday (that is not a typo) is in for a test over the next while; they play eight of their next ten away from home. They only had 11 wins on the road last season, second least in the NHL.

As I noted last week, the Kings are the top ranked team on the Friday-Thursday and Saturday-Friday schedules, but also play all four of their games on the road over that stretch.

Last week I warned you about a slow stretch for the Red Wings, this week it is the Canucks who, after a rematch against the Wild on Friday only play one game between Saturday, October 23 and Sunday, October 31. Don't fret though; they come back strong in November with eight games before the 16th of the month.

Speaking of those Red Wings, stay strong owners. After yet another four day break $\frac{\text{this week}}{\text{they play five games in ten days including a Western swing against}}$

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. Think of the positives though; they are in the midst of a four game home-stand as we speak and actually make it to the "Best Bet" section by Halloween.

Although Philly has played their last three at home, they still have <u>five of their next seven</u> on Broad Street, so keep that in mind if you find yourself getting frustrated with some of their slow starters.

Best Bets

LA 4.25 - four games @COL, @MIN, @CHI, @DAL

Calgary 4.15 - four games @CBJ, SJ, EDM, COL

Phoenix 4.10 - four games CAR, @MON, @OTT, @DET

Columbus 3.88 - four games CAL, @CHI, PHI, EDM

Ottawa 3.66 - four games @BUF, MON, PHO, FLA

Steer Clear

Detroit 1.85 - two games ANA, PHO

Carolina 1.86 - two games @PHO, WAS

Vancouver 1.95 - two games MIN, COL

Boston 1.98 - two games NYR, TOR

NYI 2.11 - two games @FLA, @MON

o Friday October 29, 2010

Best Bets

LA 4.25 - four games @COL, @MIN, @CHI, @DAL

Philadelphia 4.17 - four games TOR, @CBJ, BUF, @PIT

Montreal 4.16 - four games @OTT, PHO, NYI, @NYI

Phoenix 4.10 - four games CAR, @MON, @OTT, @DET

Edmonton 3.93 - four games SJ, @CAL, @CBJ, @CHI

Steer Clear

Vancouver 0.95 - one game COL

Tampa Bay 1.82 - two games NAS, PIT

Minnesota 1.84 - two games LA, WAS

Detroit 1.85 - two games ANA, PHO

St. Louis 1.91 - two games PIT, @NAS

Saturday October 30, 2010

Best Bets

Philadelphia 4.16 - four games @CBJ, BUF, @PIT, NYI

Phoenix 4.11 - four games @MON, @OTT, @DET, TB

Montreal 4.16 - four games PHO, NYI, @NYI, FLA

NYR 4.07 - four games NJ, ATL, CAR, @TOR

New Jersey - four games @NYR, @SJ, @ANA, @LA

Steer Clear

Vancouver 0.95 - one game COL

Detroit 1.68 - two games PHO, NAS

St. Louis 1.99 - two games @NAS, ATL

Boston 2.16 - two games TOR, @OTT

Ottawa 2.64 - three games PHO, FLA, BOS

Sunday October 31, 2010

Best Bets

Philadelphia 4.16 - four games @CBJ, BUF, @PIT, NYI

Phoenix 4.11 - four games @MON, @OTT, @DET, TB

Montreal 4.09 - four games PHO, NYI, @NYI, FLA

LA 3.98 - four games @MIN, @CHI, @DAL, NJ

Buffalo 3.31 - three games @PHI, @ATL, @DAL

Steer Clear

Vancouver 0.95 - one game COL

Detroit 1.68 - two games PHO, NAS

San Jose 1.80 - two games NJ, ANA

Tampa Bay 1.88 - two games PIT, @PHO

Nashville 1.88 - two games STL, @DET

b Monday November 1, 2010

Best Bets

NYR 4.14 - four games ATL, CAR, @TOR, CHI

Chicago 4.14 - four games LA, EDM, @MIN, @NYR

NJ 4.09 - four games @SJ, @ANA, @LA, VAN

Philadelphia 4.03 - four games BUF, @PIT, NYI, CAR

Carolina 3.91 - four games WAS, @NYR, PIT, @PHI

Steer Clear

Vancouver 1.73 - two games COL, NJ

Detroit 1.68 - two games PHO, NAS

Minnesota 1.80 - two games WAS, CHI

San Jose 1.80 - two games NJ, ANA

Tampa Bay 1.88 - two games PIT, @PHO

7 to Tuesday November 2, 2010

Best Bets

Montreal 4.43 - four games NYI, @NYI, FLA, @CBJ

NYR 4.14 - four games ATL, CAR, @TOR, CHI

Chicago 4.14 - four games LA, EDM, @MIN, @NYR

NJ 4.09 - four games @SJ, @ANA, @LA, @VAN

Carolina 3.91 - four games WAS, @NYR, PIT, @PHI

Steer Clear

Dallas 1.74 - two games LA, BUF

Detroit 1.68 - two games PHO, NAS

Anaheim 1.75 - two games NJ, @SJ

Tampa Bay 1.88 - two games PIT, @PHO

Nashville 1.88 - two games STL, @DET

to Wednesday November 3, 2010

Best Bets

NJ 4.06 - four games @ANA, @LA, @VAN, @CHI

Carolina 4.04 - four games @NYR, PIT, @PHI, NYI

Chicago 4.03 - four games EDM, @MIN, @NYR, NJ

Toronto 3.81 - four games @BOS, NYR, OTT, @WAS

Montreal 3.35 - three games @NYI, FLA, @CBJ

Steer Clear

LA 1.92 - two games @DAL, NJ

Colorado 2.00 - two games @CAL, CBJ

Tampa Bay 2.04 - two games @PHO, @ANA

St. Louis 2.06 - two games @NAS, ATL

Vancouver 2.06 - two games NJ, @EDM

hursday November 4, 2010

Best Bets

NYI 4.15 - four games MON, @PHI, @CAR, @OTT

NYR 4.11 - four games CAR, @TOR, CHI, @PHI

Philadelphia 4.08 - four games @PIT, NYI, CAR, NYR

NJ 4.06 - four games @ANA, @LA, @VAN, @CHI

Carolina 4.04 - four games @NYR, PIT, @PHI, NYI

Steer Clear

Minnesota 1.73 - two games CHI, SJ

Dallas 1.81 - two games BUF, PIT

Calgary 1.83 - two games WAS, DET

LA 1.84 - two games NJ, TB

Edmonton 1.85 - @CHI, VAN

o Friday November 5, 2010

Best Bets

Carolina 4.16 - four games PIT, @PHI, NYI, @FLA

NYR 3.93 - four games @TOR, CHI, @PHI, @NJ

NJ 3.82 - four games @LA, @VAN, @CHI, NYR

Pittsburgh 3.43 - three games @CAR, @DAL, @ANA

NYI 3.24 - three games @PHI, @CAR, @OTT

Steer Clear

Edmonton 1.79 - VAN, DET

LA 1.84 - two games NJ, TB

Nashville 1.88 - two games @DET, @PHO

St. Louis 1.92 - two games ATL, SJ

Colorado 1.96 - two games CBJ, VAN

Saturday November 6, 2010

Best Bets

Carolina 4.19 - four games @PHI, NYI, @FLA, FLA

Vancouver 3.99 - four games NJ, @EDM, @COL, DET

Ottawa 3.29 - three games @TOR, NYI, @MON

Florida 3.24 - three games ATL, CAR, @CAR

Detroit 3.23 - three games @CAL, @VAN, @EDM

Steer Clear

St. Louis 1.78 - two games SJ, @BOS

Edmonton 1.79 - VAN, DET

Nashville 1.90 - two games @PHO, @LA

Washinton 1.90 - two games TOR, BOS

Colorado 1.96 - two games VAN, DAL