Just like in weeks five and 10, I will be giving an analysis on team's defensive tendencies at home versus on the road.

Just as a refresher, the last two columns in the chart below represent the difference between home and away goals against; so the Penguins have allowed 0.53 more goals per game at home than they have allowed on the road. This has been updated after Thursday night's games.

Week five started with a half-and-half split between teams that were more efficient defensively at home versus on the road; Week 10 saw that number grow to only 10 teams that were more efficient on the road. The evidence this time around shows that only eight teams allow more goals at home than they do on the road.

Last month's champions, the Kings, have closed the gap between goals against on the road versus at home, but that is mainly because their home ice dominance has gone out the window this past month.

The two standouts this month are the Tampa Bay Lightning and St.Louis Blues, who are allowing 1.54 and 1.42 more goals against respectfully on the road than they are at home. While the Lightning have somehow played eight more games on the road so far, the Blues have only played three more yet have allowed 21 more goals. Either way, no other teams even come close to that difference (Atlanta's difference is only 0.75).

Here are two freakishly low numbers to take advantage of now before they even out. The Preds are only allowing 2.00 goals against in 19 home games, which is 0.54 than their average in 24 games on the road. Key point there is that they currently have to make up five home games. That number will shrink to four after Saturday when they host Chicago, but then will grow to a stunning 10 game difference after their six game road trip next week. Next week might be the time to trade for Pekka Rinne.

On the other side, Pittsburgh is allowing 2.05 goals against in 21 road games, but have allowed 62 goals in 24 games (2.58) at the brand new Consol Energy Center.

HOME

ROAD

Games	**GA**

Games	**GA**

Phi	21	56	2.67
22 0.08	57 Home	2.59	
Pit	24	62	2.58
21 0.53	43 Home	2.05	
NJ	22	66	3.00
20 0.3	66 Road	3.30	
NYR	22	52	2.36
23 0.07	56 Road	2.43	
NYI	19	58	3.05
23 0.34	78 Road	3.39	

Bos	21	42	2.00
22 0.32	51 Road	2.32	
Buf	22	65	2.95
21 0.05	61 Home	2.90	
Mon	23	54	2.35
21 0.08	51 Road	2.43	
Ott	23	63	2.74
21 0.64	71 Road	3.38	
Tor	22	62	2.82
21 0.32	66 Road	3.14	

Atl	22	58	2.64
23 0.75	78 Road	3.39	
Car	19	53	2.79
24 0.29	74 Road	3.08	
Fla	20	53	2.65
22 0.06	57 Home	2.59	
TB	18	42	2.33
26 1.54	93 Road	3.58	
Wash	24	56	2.33
20 0.52	57 Road	2.85	

Chi	26	67	2.58
19 0.37	56 Road	2.95	
CBJ	22	62	2.82
21 0.56	71 Road	3.38	
Det	22	66	3.00
21 0.33	56 Home	2.67	
Nas	19	38	2.00
24 0.54	61 Road	2.54	
StL	23	49	2.13
20 1.42	71 Road	3.55	
Cal	20	60	3.00

23 0.17	65 Home	2.83	
Col	23	74	3.22
21 0.02	68 Road	3.24	
Edm	21	63	3.00
21 0.52	74 Road	3.52	
Min	22	62	2.82
21 0.11	57 Home	2.71	
Van	21	46	2.19
22 0.36	54 Road	2.45	
Ana	24	58	2.42
22 0.63	67 Road	3.05	
Dal	23	58	2.52

21 0.19 LAK	57 Road 23	2.71 54	2.35
20 0.5 Pho	57 Road 19	2.85 50	2.63
25 0.21 SJ	71 Road 23	2.84 65	2.83
22 0.06	61 Home	2.77	

A tough decision can be made easier with these charts showing you the best five and worst five schedules for upcoming seven-day periods. Some of you used them last year but for the benefit of new readers here is a refresher. The number next to the team indicates the 'multiplier' to use on a player's point-per-game pace to give you an idea how many points to expect for that week.

This week’s Wednesday to Tuesday schedule features a pair of rare five game weeks for the Rangers and Leafs, which begins with the two teams facing off on Wednesday night. Both teams have a heavy dosage of Southeastern teams coming up in that week, so be sure to check out the chart above for how those teams differ at home versus on the road. The Rangers play in Washington during that week, where the Caps have been allowing 2.33 goals per game

in 24 games, while the Caps will play on the road in Toronto later in the week, where they have averaged 2.85 goals in only 20 games.

As I mentioned above, the Lightning have played eight more games on the road (13-10-3) than they have at home (13-3-2). This is as of January 14. After next Friday, January 21, that difference will be up to nine games. By February 26, they will have played two more HOME games than road games. You read that right. So between January 23 and February 25, the Tampa Bay Lightning will be on a 12 game home stand.

Best Bets
Anaheim 4.49 - @PHX, EDM, @OTT, @TOR
New Jersey 4.32 - @TB, @FLA, @NYI, PIT
Columbus 4.27 - DET, @DET, @TB, @FLA
Calgary 4.23 - @OTT, @TOR, @MON, MIN
Minnesota 4.23 - COL, VAN, @EDM, @CGY
Steer Clear
Chicago 1.80 - @NAS, NAS
Colorado 2.76 - @MIN, VAN, BAS
Toronto 2.88 - CGY, @NYR, ANA
Montreal 2.89 - NYR, CGY, @BUF
St. Louis - 2.89 - @SJ, LA, DET
o Friday January 21, 2010
Best Bets
Anaheim 4.49 - @PHX, EDM, @OTT, @TOR
Tampa Bay 4.25 - @CAR, CBJ, @ATL, @FLA
Los Angeles 4.21 - EDM, @DAL, @STL, PHX

Nashville 4.21 - NAS, @CHI, @PHX, @COL
Dallas 4.17 - ATL, LA, @EDM, @CAL

Steer Clear
Colorado 1.71 - VAN, NAS
Chicago 1.80 - @NAS, NAS
Toronto 2.88 - CGY, @NYR, ANA
St. Louis 2.89 - @SJ, LA, DET
Philadelphia 2.90 - @NYR, WAS, OTT
Saturday January 22, 2010
Best Bets
Anaheim 4.44 - EDM, @OTT, @TOR, @MON
Washington 4.31 - OTT, @PHI, @NYI, @TOR
Minnesota 4.24 - VAN, @EDM, @CGY, @SJ
Vancounver 4.11 - @MIN, @COL, SJ, CGY
Boston 4.11 - CAR, @CAR, BUF, @COL
Steer Clear
Chicago 1.91- NAS, @DET
Colorado 2.47 - VAN, NAS, BOS
Buffalo 2.82 - MON, @BOS, NYI
Toronto 2.88 - @NYR, ANA, WAS
St. Louis 2.89 - LA, DET, CBJ
Sunday January 23, 2010
Best Bets
Atlanta 4.22 - @FLA, TB, NYR, @TB

Florida 4.21 - ATL, CBJ, TB, @NJ
Tampa Bay 4.11 - CBJ, @ATL, @FLA, ATL
Boston 4.11 - CAR, @CAR, BUF, @COL
Los Angeles 4.10 - @DAL, @STL, PHX, @PHX
Steer Clear
Chicago 1.91- NAS, @DET
Colorado 2.47 - VAN, NAS, BOS
Edmonton 2.76 - MIN, DAL, NAS
Ottawa 2.80 - ANA, @PHI, MON

Toronto 2.88 - @NYR, ANA, WAS

o Monday January 24, 2010

Best Bets

Nashville 4.54 - @PHX, @COL, @EDM, @CGY

NY Rangers 4.24 - TOR, @CAR, @ATL, @WAS

Washington 4.23 - @PHI, @NYI, @TOR, NYR
Boston 4.14 - @CAR, BUF, @COL, @LA
Tampa Bay 4.11 - CBJ, @ATL, @FLA, ATL

Steer Clear

San Jose 1.90 - @VAN, MIN
Chicago 1.91 - @DET, PHI
Phoenix 2.74 - NAS, @LA, LA
Edmonton 2.76 - MIN, DAL, NAS
New Jersey 2.80 - PIT, @PHI, FLA

9 to Tuesday January 25, 2010

Best Bets

NY Rangers 5.23 - TOR, @CAR, @ATL, @WAS, FLA
Toronto 5.11 - @NYR, ANA, WAS, @CAR, @TB

Florida 4.21 - ATL, CBJ, TB, @NJ
Tampa Bay 4.19 - @ATL, @FLA, ATL, TOR
Buffalo 4.18 - @BOS, NYI, @NYI, @OTT

Steer Clear

San Jose 1.90 - @VAN, MIN
Detroit 2.00 - @STL, CHI
Colorado 2.57 - NAS, BOS, STL
Los Angeles 2.76 - PHX, @PHX, BOS
New Jersey 2.80 - PIT, @PHI, FLA

to Wednesday January 26, 2010

Best Bets

NY Islanders 4.83 - WAS, @BUF, BUF, @PIT, CAR
Dallas 4.43 - @EDM, @CGY, @VAN, EDM
Nashville 4.43 - @COL, @EDM, @CGY, @VAN
Washington 4.33 - @NYI, @TOR, NYR, @ATL

St. Louis 4.20 - DET, CBJ, @COL, @CGY

Steer Clear
Columbus 2.00 - @STL, ANA
Minnesota 2.10 - @SJ, @CHI
Ottawa 2.80 - @PHI, MON, BUF
Chicago 2.86 - @DET, PHI, MIN
San Jose 2.88 - @VAN, MIN, @LA

Thursday January 27, 2010

Best Bets
Florida 4.04 - TB, @NJ, @NYR, @BOS
NY Islanders 3.90 - @BUF, BUF, @PIT, CAR
Calgary 3.70 - DAL, @VAN, NAS, STL
Buffalo 3.34 - NYI, @NYI, @OTT
Nashville 3.28 - @EDM, @CGY, @VAN

Steer Clear
Ottawa 1.86 - MON, BUF
San Jose 1.94 - MIN, @LA
Detroit 2.00 - CHI, NJ
Columbus 2.00 - @STL, ANA
Pittsburgh 2.03 - CAR, NYI

o Friday January 28, 2010

Best Bets
Nashville 3.28 - @EDM, @CGY, @VAN
St. Louis 3.25 - CBJ, @COL, @CGY
Carolina 3.22 - @PIT, TOR, @NYI
Phoenix 3.21 - LA, EDM, @COL
Toronto 3.17 - WAS, @CAR, @TB

Steer Clear
Ottawa 0.95 - BUF
Montreal 1.90 - ANA, @PHI
San Jose 1.94 - MIN, @LA
Detroit 2.00 - CHI, NJ
Columbus 2.00 - @STL, ANA

Saturday January 29, 2010

Best Bets
Nashville 3.28 - @EDM, @CGY, @VAN
Florida 2.98 - @NJ, @NYR, @BOS
Edmonton 2.96 - NAS, @PHX, @DAL
NY Islanders 2.85 - @BUF, PIT, @CAR
Phoenix 2.31 - EDM, @COL

Steer Clear

Montreal 0.95 - @PHI
Columbus 0.95 - ANA
Ottawa 0.95 - BUF
San Jose 0.99 - @LA
Detroit 1.05 - NJ