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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.

By the time February begins, the league will be back in the swing and gearing up for a busy month that includes the Trade Deadline. This month, I've also included a number in brackets which indicates how many games that team will have played at the end of February. It gives an

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early signal of which teams will have a heavier schedule down the stretch, and also kind of surprised me that there just isn't that much time left in the 2011-12 season. Watching New York and Boston (60 GP at end of moth) duke it out for first in the East should be fantastic, as well as the ever fascinating race in the Central.

16 Games: Dallas (64)

15 Games: Anaheim (63), St. Louis (64)

14 Games: Chicago (64), Florida (62), Los Angeles (64), Montreal (63), Long Island (62), San Jose (61), Tampa Bay (62), Toronto (63), Vancouver (63), Washington (62), Winnipeg (64)

13 Games: Boston (60), Buffalo (62), Columbus (62), Detroit (63), Edmonton (63), Minnesota (62), Nashville (63), New Jersey (61), New York (60), Philly (61), Pittsburgh (62)

12 Games: Calgary (62), Colorado (63), Ottawa (64), Phoenix (62)

11 Games: Carolina (62)

February Trade Suggestion

If last month's suggestion had you moving any of the once prominent Florida trio for either Pavelski or Marleau then you absolutely came out ahead. While the two Sharks didn't have exceptional months by any means, Flash, Weiss and Versteeg combined for only ten points and a minus-19 in the month of January.

I think it's pretty obvious who you should be dealing and targeting if you want to take advantage of the games played difference in February. A few months back Eric Staal was the guy I suggested you go after; now with only 11 games in the month he is a definite sell. If Eric Staal can't get you one of Getzlaf or Perry (15 games) or Jamie Benn (16 games), then I would just hold off on the deal as the Canes play 16 games in March.



Best Bets

Winnipeg 2.26 - @Phi, @TB

Washington 2.26 - @TB, @Fla

NY Rangers 2.15 - @NJ, @Buf

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Nashville 2.12 - @Min, @Phi

Pittsburgh 2.10 - Tor, @Tor

Steer Clear

St. Louis 0.00 -

Florida 0.86 - Was

Ottawa 0.89 - @Bos

Calgary 0.90 - Det

Phoenix 1.00 - Ana

Friday Feb 3, 2010

Best Bets

Winnipeg 3.31 - @Phi, @TB, @Fla

Chicago 3.13 - @Van, @Edm, @Cgy

Anaheim 3.13 - @Phx, Dal, CBJ

Columbus 2.99 - @SJ, @LA, @Ana

NY Islanders 2.28 - @Car, @LA

Steer Clear

St. Louis 0.82 - LA

Phoenix 1.00 - Ana

New Jersey 1.72 - NYR, Mon

Toronto 1.80 - @Pit, Pit

Buffalo 1.82 - @Mon, NYR

Saturday Feb 4, 2010

Best Bets

Winnipeg 3.31 - @Phi, @TB, @Fla

Washington 3.26 - @TB, @Fla, @Mon

NY Islanders 3.23 - @Car, @LA, Buf

Minnesota 3.16 - Nas, @Col, @Dal

Detroit 3.13 - @Cgy, @Van, @Edm

Steer Clear

St. Louis 1.82 - LA, @Nas

Calgary 1.94 - Det, Chi

Phoenix 1.88 - Ana, SJ

NY Rangers 2.15 - @NJ, @Buf

New Jersey 2.77 - NYR, Mon, @Phi

Sunday Feb 5, 2010

Best Bets

Winnipeg 4.31 - @Phi, @TB, @Fla, @Mon

Pittsburgh 4.10 - Tor, @Tor, @Bos, @NJ

Washington 4.06 - @TB, @Fla, @Mon, Bos

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Montreal 3.95 - Buf, @NJ, Wash, Win

Boston 3.86 - Ott, Car, Bos, @Pit

Steer Clear

St. Louis 1.82 - LA, @Nas

Calgary 1.94 - Det, Chi

Phoenix 1.88 - Ana, SJ

Carolina 2.81 - NYI, @Bos, LA

Tampa Bay 2.85 - Wash, Win, Fla

Sunday Feb 6, 2010

Best Bets

Winnipeg 4.31 - @Phi, @TB, @Fla, @Mon

Detroit 4.17 - @Cgy, @Van, @Edm, @Phx

Anaheim 4.11 - @Phx, Dal, CBJ, Cgy

Pittsburgh 4.10 - Tor, @Tor, @Bos, @NJ

Washington 4.06 - @TB, @Fla, @Mon, Bos

Steer Clear

St. Louis 1.82 - LA, @Nas

Phoenix 2.78 - Ana, SJ, Det

Carolina 2.81 - NYI, @Bos, LA

Tampa Bay 2.85 - Wash, Win, Fla

Colorado 2.92 - @Edm, Min, Van

Tuesday Feb 7, 2010

Best Bets

Los Angeles 4.34 - CBJ, @StL, @Car, @TB

Winnipeg 4.25 - @TB, @Fla, @Mon, Tor

Toronto 4.19 - Pit, @Ott, Edm, @Win

Pittsburgh 4.10 - Tor, @Tor, @Bos, @NJ

Florida 4.05 - Was, Win, @TB, @Was

Steer Clear

Carolina 1.71 - @Bos, LA

Buffalo 2.03 - NYR, @NYI

San Jose 2.03 - @Dal, Phx

Calgary 2.04 - @Chi, Ana

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Colorado 2.76 - Min, Van, Chi

Wednesday Feb 8, 2010

Best Bets

Winnipeg 4.25 - @TB, @Fla, @Mon, Tor

Detroit 4.08 - @Van, @Edm, @Phx, Edm

Edmonton 3.94 - Chi, Det, @Tor, @Det

Philadelphia 3.90 - Nash, NJ, @NYR, NYI

Montreal 3.86 - @NJ, Was, Win, Pit

Steer Clear

NY Rangers 1.95 - Phi, NJ

Buffalo 2.02 - @NYI, Bos

Columbus 2.07 - @Ana, Min

Colorado 2.76 - Min, Van, Chi

Washington 2.76 - @Mon, Bos, Fla

Thursday Feb 9, 2010

Best Bets

Toronto 4.39 - @Ott, Edm, @Win, @Phi

Los Angeles 4.30 - @StL, @Car, @TB, @Fla

St. Louis 4.11 - LA, @Nas, @Ott, @NJ

NY Islanders 4.09 - @Ott, Phi, @Buff, Mon

Calgary 4.05 - Chi, @Ana, @SJ, @Phx

Steer Clear

Colorado 1.79 - Van, Chi

Carolina 1.92 - LA, @Ana

Buffalo 2.02 - @NYI, Bos

San Jose 2.02 - @Phx, Cgy

Chicago 2.24 - @Cgy, @Col

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Friday Feb 10, 2010

Best Bets

Toronto 4.39 - @Ott, Edm, @Win, @Phi
Dallas 4.16 - Phx, Min, @CBJ, @Buf
Detroit 4.13 - @Edm, @Phx, Edm, Ana
Pittsburgh 4.04 - @Bos, @NJ, @Mon, Win
Philadelphia 4.00 - NJ, @NYR, NYI, Tor

Steer Clear

Columbus 1.96 - Min, Dal
Chicago 2.13 - @Col, @SJ
Tampa Bay 2.68 - Fla, LA, @NYR
Ottawa 2.76 - Tor, StL, Nash
Colorado 2.78 - Van, Chi, Car

Friday Feb 11, 2010

Best Bets

Montreal 4.21 - Win, Pit, @NYI, @Tor
Toronto 4.11 - Edm, @Win, @Phi, Mon
NY Rangers 4.09 - Phi, NJ, TB, @Phi
Calgary 3.97 - @Ana, @SJ, @Phx, Van
Phoenix 3.92 - Det, @Dal, Cgy, Chi

Steer Clear

San Jose 1.92 - Cgy, Chi
Carolina 2.26 - @Ana, @Col
Ottawa 2.76 - StL, Nash, Edm
NY Islanders 2.77 - @Phi, Mon, LA
Tampa Bay 2.78 - LA, @NYR, @Buf