With the madness of the NHL Trade Deadline just over a week away, most leagues are likely gearing up for their own deadline as well. Some leagues have it on the exact day as the NHL, while others push it back so it is closer to your playoffs. Whatever the case may base, it's going to be the last chance you have to make some moves with the opposing managers in your league.

The biggest thing for me with any fantasy deadline acquisition is not necessarily who the player is, but how often are they playing during my playoffs. If my team is looking at a 4th place finish and I want to acquire Daniel Sedin for the stretch run, it's pretty damn worthwhile knowing that Vancouver only plays twice during what will be my first round (Mar 12-18). This is the exact kind of thing you need to be planning for when making any kind of deadline deal or acquisition.

Luckily for you, I have put together a small chart listing how many games teams are playing during the fantasy playoffs and weeks leading up to them. Now I know some leagues start a week early so as to avoid counting stats during the last week of the season. With that in mind I've added the March 5 to 11 and 12 to 18 as well so you can also see how often they play during the last week of your season.

There are a few ***Looking Ahead*** quick hits down below.

**NOTE**: This is for the Monday to Sunday weekly schedule

| TEAM | Mar 5-11 | Mar 12-18 | Mar 19-25 | Mar 26-Apr 1 | Apr 2-8 | GR |
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| Anaheim | 3 | 4 | 3 | | | |

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|---|---|---|---|
| **Boston** | **4** | **3** | **4** |
| **Buffalo** | **4** | **3** | **4** |
| **Calgary** | **3** | **4** | **3** |
| **Carolina** | **4** | **4** | **3** |
| **Chicago** | **3** | **3** | **3** |
| **Colorado** | **3** | **4** | **3** |
| **Columbus** | **4** | **3** | **3** |
| **Dallas** | **3** | **3** | **3** |

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|---|---|---|---|
| **Detroit** | **3** | **3** | **3** |
| **Edmonton** | **4** | **4** | **4** |
| **Florida** | **3** | **3** | **4** |
| **Los Angeles** | **4** | **3** | **3** |
| **Minnesota** | **3** | **2** | **4** |
| **Montreal** | **3** | **4** | **3** |
| **Nashville** | **3** | **4** | **4** |

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|---|---|---|---|
| **New Jersey** | **4** | **3** | **4** |
| **NY Islanders** | **3** | **3** | **3** |
| **NY Rangers** | **4** | **3** | **4** |
| **Ottawa** | **3** | **3** | **3** |
| **Philadelphia** | **4** | **4** | **3** |
| **Phoenix** | **4** | **4** | **4** |
| **Pittsburgh** | **4** | **3** | **4** |

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|---|---|---|---|
| **San Jose** | **3** | **4** | **4** |
| **St. Louis** | **4** | **3** | **3** |
| **Tampa Bay** | **3** | **3** | **3** |
| **Toronto** | **4** | **3** | **4** |
| **Vancouver** | **3** | **2** | **4** |
| **Washington** | **4** | **3** | **4** |
| **Winnipeg** | **3** | **3** | **3** |

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.

**Best Bets**
Washington 4.54 - @Fla, @TB, @Car, @Ott
Anaheim 4.46 - @NJ, @Fla, @TB, @Car

San Jose 4.40 - @Car, @Det, @CBJ, @Tor

Vancouver 4.10 - Tor, @Edm, @Nas, @Det
Dallas 3.97 - @Phx, Nas, @Mon, @Chi
**Steer Clear**
NY Rangers 2.04 - CBJ, @PIT
Ottawa 2.07 - @NYI, Was
Columbus 2.72 - Chi, @NYR, SJ
Minnesota 2.80 - @StL, Bos, @Fla

Florida 2.82 - Was, Ana, Min

**day Feb 24, 2010**

**Best Bets**

Vancouver 5.20 - Tor, @Edm, @Nas, @Det, @NJ
Dallas 4.92 - @Phx, Nas, @Mon, @Chi, Min
Washington 4.39 - @TB, @Car, @Ott, Mon
Chicago 3.96 - @CBJ, StL, Det, Dal
NY Islanders 3.94 - Car, Ott, @Buf, NYR

**Steer Clear**

Florida 1.96 - Ana, Min
Ottawa 2.07 - @NYI, Was
Buffalo 2.76 - Pit, NYI, Bos
Detroit 2.77 - SJ, @Chi, Van
Nashville 2.81- @Dal, Van, StL

**urday Feb 25, 2010**

**Best Bets**

San Jose 4.31 - @Det, @CBJ, @Tor, @Nas
Washington 4.29 - @Car, @Ott, Mon, @Tor
Boston 4.25 - @Min, @StL, @Buf, @Ott
Vancouver 4.20 - @Edm, @Nas, @Det, @NJ
NY Rangers 4.20 - CBJ, @Pit, @NYI, Buf

**Steer Clear**

Toronto 2.74 - NJ, SJ, Was
Carolina 2.80 - Wash, Ana, Fla
Columbus 2.84 - @NYR, SJ, Col
Ottawa 2.87 - @NYI, Was, Bos
Calgary 2.89 - Edm, Phx, Phi

**day Feb 26, 2010**

**Best Bets**

San Jose 4.38 - @CBJ, @Tor, @Nas, @Min
Washington 4.29 - @Car, @Ott, Mon, @Tor
Vancouver 4.20 - @Edm, @Nas, @Det, @NJ
Tampa Bay 4.20 - Ana, @Win, @Pit, @NJ
NY Islanders 4.13 - Ott, @Buf, NYR, @Ott

**Steer Clear**

Nashville 2.59- Van, StL, SJ
Toronto 2.74 - NJ, SJ, Was
Carolina 2.80 - Wash, Ana, Fla
Buffalo 2.81 - NYI, Bos, @NYR
Columbus 2.87 - SJ, Col. @Pit

**nday Feb 27, 2010**

**Best Bets**

Anaheim 4.39 - @TB, @Car, Chi, @Col
San Jose 4.38 - @CBJ, @Tor, @Nas, @Min
Vancouver 4.20 - @Nas, @Det, @NJ, @Dal
Tampa Bay 4.20 - Ana, @Win, @Pit, @NJ
Edmonton 4.13 - @Cgy, Phi, Phx, @Win

**Steer Clear**

Carolina 1.95 - Ana, Fla
Toronto 2.74 - NJ, SJ, Was
Ottawa 2.76 - Wash, Bos, NYI
Buffalo 2.81 - NYI, Bos, @NYR
Columbus 2.87 - SJ, Col. @Pit

**Tuesday Feb 28, 2010**

**Best Bets**

Washington 4.29 - @Ott, Mon, @Tor, NYI

Boston 4.25 - @StL, @Buf, @Ott, Ott

Los Angeles 4.15 - @Col, Chi, @Nas, @Min
Vancouver 4.14 - @Det, @NJ, @Dal, Phx

San Jose 4.12 - @Tor, @Nas, @Min, Phi

**Steer Clear**

Buffalo 1.72 - Bos, @NYR
Pittsburgh 2.19 - TB, CBJ
Toronto 2.69 - SJ, Was, Fla
Calgary 2.74 - Phx, Phi, STL
Carolina 2.85 - Ana, Fla, Nas

**ednesday Feb 29, 2010**

**Best Bets**

St. Louis 4.34 - @Nas, @Wpg, @Cgy, @Edm

Vancouver 4.14 - @Det, @NJ, @Dal, Phx

Anaheim 4.13 - @Car, Chi, @Col, Buf
San Jose 4.12 - @Tor, @Nas, @Min, Phi

Tampa Bay 4.11 - @Win, @Pit, @NJ, Mon
**Steer Clear**
Florida 1.85 - Was, Ana
Toronto 1.94 - @Van, NJ
Ottawa 2.07 - @NYI, Was
Columbus 2.72 - Chi, @NYR, SJ
Phoenix 2.73 - @LA, Dal, LA
**sday Mar 1, 2010**
**Best Bets**
Boston 4.31 - @Buf, @Ott, Ott, NJ
Colorado 4.30 - @CBJ, @Det, Ana, CBJ

St. Louis 4.29 - @Wpg, @Cgy, @Edm, @Van

Florida 4.26 - @Car, Mon, @Tor, @Win
NY Rangers 4.25 - @NYI, Buf, NJ, @Car
**Steer Clear**
Detroit 2.25 - Col, @CBJ
Carolina 2.67 - Fla, Nas, NYR
Dallas 2.68 - Min, Van, Pit
Ottawa 2.80 - Bos, NYI, @Bos
Nashville 2.80 - SJ, LA, @Car
**day Mar 2, 2010**
**Best Bets**
St. Louis 4.29 - @Wpg, @Cgy, @Edm, @Van
Florida 4.26 - @Car, Mon, @Tor, @Win
NY Rangers 4.25 - Buf, NJ, @Car, @TB
Chicago 4.19 - @LA, @Ana, Tor, @Ott
Anaheim 4.02 - Chi, @Col, Buf, Cgy
**Steer Clear**

Carolina 2.67 - Fla, Nas, NYR
Nashville 2.80 - SJ, LA, @Car
Winnipeg 2.80 - StL, Edm, Fla
Dallas 2.71 - Van, Pit, @Edm
Toronto 2.84 - Was, Fla, @Chi

**urday Mar 3, 2010**

**Best Bets**

Anaheim 4.93 - Chi, @Col, Buf, Cgy, @LA
Montreal 4.22 - @Fla, @TB, Min, Tor
St. Louis 4.11 - @Cgy, @Edm, @Van, @SJ
NY Islanders 4.08 - @Ott, @Wash, @Phi, @Bos
Florida 4.06 - Mon, @Tor, @Win, Nash

**Steer Clear**

Winnipeg 1.95 - Edm, Fla
Philadelphia 2.07 - @SJ, NYI
Washington 2.09 - NYI, NJ
Detroit 2.17 - @CBJ, Min
Dallas 2.81 - Van, Pit, @Edm

- The Ducks are still in the race going 3-0-1 in their first four of a eight game road trip. NJ, Florida, Tampa and Carolina up next
- Boston plays their next five at Win, Min, StL, Buf, Ott
- Carolina only plays one in their next seven on the road, but follows it with 10 of 12 away from home
- Losers of nine straight, Chicago ends their eight game road trip with games at MSG and in Columbus on Saturday
- The Wings still play six of their next eight at the Joe, but face Nashville, San Jose, @Chicago and Vancouver in their next four in a row.
- Not helping their “Fail For Nail” campaign, Edmonton also play six of eight at home, where they’re 15-8-4
- San Jose play their next seven on the road where they’re averaging only 2.4 goals per game
- The Blues play seven of ten on the road (10-12-3) and have a gruelling seven game road trip coming up in March
- Winnipeg, after Thursday’s game, play eight straight at home (16-9-2)