

A Roto-Look Ahead - Week 18

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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 <a href="https://www.esasta.com/www.es

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