

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.

Written by Dave Poleck

Friday, 14 January 2011 11:26 - Last Updated Friday, 14 January 2011 17:31 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			
Dh:	04	EC.	0.67	
Phi	21	56	2.67	
22	57	2.59		
0.08	Home			
Pit	24	62	2.58	
21	43	2.05		
0.53	Home	00	0.00	
NJ	22	66	3.00	
20	66	3.30		
0.3	Road			
NYR	22	52	2.36	
23	56	2.43		
0.07	Road			
NYI	19	58	3.05	
23	78	3.39		
0.34	Road	0.00		
	11000			

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

Atl	22	58	2.64
23	70	2.20	
0.75	78 Road	3.39	
Car	19	53	2.79
Gai	19	55	2.19
24	74	3.08	
0.29	Road		
Fla	20	53	2.65
22	57	2.59	
<ul><li>22</li><li>0.06</li></ul>	57 Home	2.59	
		2.59	2.33
0.06	Home		2.33
0.06	Home		2.33
0.06 TB	Home 18	42	2.33
0.06 TB	Home 18	42	2.33
0.06 TB 26 1.54	Home 18 93 Road	3.58	
0.06 TB 26 1.54	Home 18 93 Road	3.58	

Written by Dave Poleck
Friday, 14 January 2011 11:26 - Last Updated Friday, 14 January 2011 17:31

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

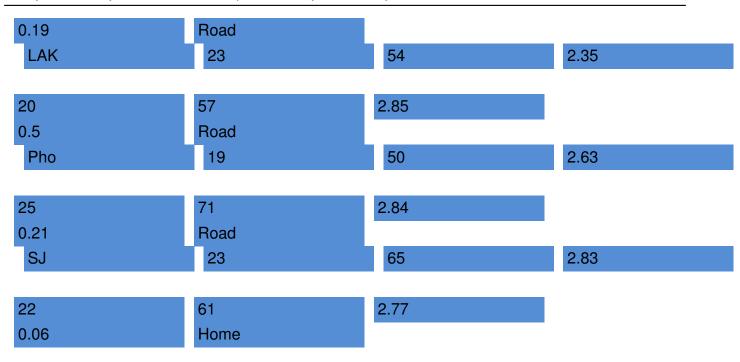
Cal	20	60	3.00
23	65	2.83	

Written by Dave Poleck
Friday, 14 January 2011 11:26 - Last Updated Friday, 14 January 2011 17:31

0.17	Home		
Col	23	74	3.22
21	68	3.24	
0.02	Road		
Edm	21	63	3.00
21	74	3.52	
0.52	Road		
Min	22	62	2.82
21	57	2.71	
0.11	Home		
Van	21	46	2.19
22	54	2.45	
0.36	Road		

Ana	24	58	2.42
22	67	3.05	
0.63	Road		
Dal	23	58	2.52
21	57	2.71	

Friday, 14 January 2011 11:26 - Last Updated Friday, 14 January 2011 17:31



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

Written by Dave Poleck Friday, 14 January 2011 11:26 - Last Updated Friday, 14 January 2011 17:31

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

## b 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**

Written by Dave Poleck

Friday, 14 January 2011 11:26 - Last Updated Friday, 14 January 2011 17:31

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

## hursday 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

Written by Dave Poleck Friday, 14 January 2011 11:26 - Last Updated Friday, 14 January 2011 17:31

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