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Taking a look at the hot line combinations from the past week...

The season keeps intensifying. Rotisserie and point leagues are nearing the halfway point as fantasy owners try to make heads and tails out of a season that is truly unrelenting. Will these players continue to produce? Let's go "Between The Lines" yet again.

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Forward March

[Eric Staal](#) - [Alexander Semin](#) - [Jiri Tlusty](#) (Carolina) -- They just keep getting the job done! It was a line that wreaked havoc to the tune of 15 points. The scary part is how well

[Alex Semin](#)

meshes so well with his two partners in crime. Semin had eight points,

[Eric Staal](#)

had four goals and

[Jiri Tlusty](#)

continued to amaze with three markers. Just when you think these guys appear to slow down, they keep finding ways to produce. Divisional contests keep their outlook bullish.

[Daniel Sedin](#) - [Henrik Sedin](#) - Alex Burrows (Vancouver) -- This could change at any time but the common fantasy denominator has been and always will be "The Sedin Twins". What happens next is a LW that rides the wave of fantasy goodness. In the end, this line found itself twelve points richer in the fantasy bucket. Will [Jannik Hansen](#) be the ones that benefit's the most this week? Stay tuned. Something tells me the rotating left wing position will keep being changeable.

[Sidney Crosby](#) - [Chris Kunitz](#) - [James Neal](#) (Pittsburgh) -- With the injury to [Evgeni Malkin](#) ,, Pittsburgh relies on this trio to once again get the job done. They combined for a dozen points this week as

[Sidney Crosby](#)

torched opponents for nine points. Kunitz and Neal are primed to ride shotgun. The key is

[Chris Kunitz](#)

, who has complimented Crosby unexpectedly well. Crosby had nine points while Kunitz tallied seven. Malin may return by late week or the weekend so the percentages will get tossed around a good bit.

[Dustin Brown](#) - [Anze Kopitar](#) - [Justin Williams](#) (Los Angeles) -- A little fanfare would have been a great idea but this trio did win a Stanley Cup. They had eleven points with the possibility of even more . It is a line that combines speed and delicateness. Kopitar was the anchor of the line as he always is with eight points. It just seems that even though Los Angeles had been streaking, there was an appearance that this line could go cold at any time. That may be this week as March heats up the schedule a bit.

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[Ryan Getzlaf](#) - [Corey Perry](#) - [Kyle Palmieri](#) (Anaheim) -- While this trio only was set up in certain situations, they did combine for eight points whene together. Oddly enough, Getzlaf and Perry had eight points each as their time was split by a third with

[Teemu Selanne](#)

and occasionally

[Bobby Ryan](#)

. The old Getzlaf-Perry-Ryan combination is something you see rarely with only a few percentage points. Its like a faded memory but at least Palmieri seems to be the glue right now that is helping them reestablish their fantasy reputations - let's hope that facial injury he suffered in Sunday's game doesn't force him to miss any games.

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Lead Us Defenders.....

[Brian Campbell](#) -Dmitri Kulikov (Florida) -- This is not too much of a surprise based on the fact that Campbell has been here before and Kulikov has breakout defensive talent written all over his face. The problem is this has just not been Kulikov's year as he was injured on what we will deem a "skate malfunction". It will be important to see how long he is out for. In the meantime,

[Brian Campbell](#)

had six points and two goals. Last year, Campbell could not score goals but now that is no problem. He has been one of the few bright spots for Florida and that should not change.

[Shea Weber](#) - [Roman Josi](#) (Nashville) -- They get a majority of the penalty kill time and have been a bit of a work in progress all year with some growing pains. Yet, Josi and Weber looked really good this week combining for five points together. It is ironic that

[Roman Josi](#)

carried the week in some leagues with four points because many thought

[Ryan Ellis](#)

would eventually wind up paired with Weber. That has not been the case with only a 2% frequency (which is table scraps). This is the PP1 pairing so let it ride!

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[Alexei Emelin](#) - [Andrei Markov](#) (Montreal) -- The longer [Andrei Markov](#) stays healthy, the more likely fantasy owners exceed any and all investment that they shelled out for him. Emelin and Markov combined for five points while paired up (Subban and Markov had four in a hair more time). If you do a breakdown, Markov had 3 points and Emelin had four. The big thing that helped was the Pittsburgh game. Overall, the oft injured Russian has been a big surprise because he has stayed together. Again, if he keeps doing it, Markov owners will benefit immensely for the low risk investment.

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