

The IR – Lidstrom, Toews and more

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Get the fantasy injury info on Lidstrom, Versteeg, Toews, Koivu, Crosby and Backstrom

New Additions

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Nicklas Lidstrom, Detroit Red Wings – Ankle – Day-to-Day

Lidstrom was hit in the ankle with the puck on Saturday and his ankle was swollen so badly he is unable to put on his skate. [Detroit Free Press](#) reports two sets of X-rays showed no fracture. "Just have to hope the swelling goes down so I can put my skate on," he said. "That's been the problem -- putting my skate on and tying my skate."

Craig Anderson, Ottawa Senators – Finger – Day-to-Day

Sens work horse goalie accidentally cut a tendon in his pinky finger cooking dinner. The injury required surgery to repair. The [Star](#) reports GM Bryan Murray said, "We were told (Thursday) it was going to be some period of time. (Friday) we got a little better news," said Murray. "As soon as he feels ... he can handle a stick, he'll be back on the ice, probably as early as next week."

Kris Versteeg, Florida Panthers – Lower Body Injury – Day-to-Day

TSN reported Versteeg who was "hurting" after Saturday's game is not traveling with the team and will miss three games. Wednesday's win in Toronto was the first of three.

Jonathan Ericsson, Detroit Red Wings – Wrist – Four Weeks

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Ericsson has a fractured wrist. But the good news is he will only miss a month.

Kyle Quincey, Detroit Red Wings – Groin – Day-to-Day

Quincey aggravated his groin on Saturday. The injury was further aggravated by playing on a broken skate blade. Quincey didn't skate on Monday or play on Tuesday as a precautionary measure.

Johnny Boychuk, Boston Bruins – Concussion – Week-to-Week

Boychuk has now been diagnosed with a “mild” concussion after a stiff hit from Chris Neil. [Bost on Herald Blog](#)

reports Boychuk is on ice Wednesday taking passes and taking part in skating and conditioning drills before team practice. No sign of

Nathan Horton

If you missed the hit, it was a beauty, check it out!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zTTYN8S0oVI>

Concussion Updates

Sidney Crosby, Pittsburgh Penguins – Concussion – Indefinite

Crosby has joined the team for a two game road trip starting Wednesday. Coach Dan Bylsma spoke to the [Post Gazette](#) saying, "There is no anticipation right now of when a day might be that Sid would come back to our team,"

Nicklas Backstrom, Washington Capitals – Concussion – Long Term Injure Reserve

The Caps placed Backstrom on LTIR just prior the deadline. It seemed to be to add cap space allowing GM George McPhee to do something significant. That didn't happen and now speculation is that Backstrom is nowhere close to healthy.

Joni Pitkanen, Carolina Hurricanes – Concussion – Indefinite

[Roto World](#) reports Pitkanen began skating on Monday. GM Jim Rutherford said "it will likely be two or three weeks before the defenseman is able to resume playing."

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Keith Ballard, Vancouver Canucks – Concussion - Out for Season

Ballard who is suffering from a concussion is shut down for the remainder of the season. No word on if he will be available for the playoffs.

Kris Russell, St. Louis Blues – Concussion – Day-to-Day

Russell is day-to-day with “concussion like symptoms”, possibly as a result from a concussion.

Other Updates

Mikko Koivu, Minnesota Wild, Shoulder – Week-to-Week

Koivu has suffer a set back from his shoulder injury. The team has shut down Koivu without contact for the next two weeks.

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Logan Couture, San Jose Sharks – Lower Body Injury – Day-to-Day

Couture suffered an unspecified "lower body injury" on Sunday. He tested the injury on ice Tuesday morning and was a game time decision Tuesday night but did not play.

Jonathan Toews, Chicago Blackhawks – Upper Body Injury – Day-to-Day

Toews will miss his fifth straight game Wednesday night. The team is not commenting on the nature of the injury but there is speculation it may be a concussion.

Victor Hedman, Tampa Bay Lightning – Upper Body Injury – Day-to-Day

The nature of Hedman's injury is still undiagnosed, and GM **Steve Yzerman** said Tuesday "we don't believe it is concussion related" and "I'm hoping" he will play this season." Take from that what you will; your guess is as good as mine!