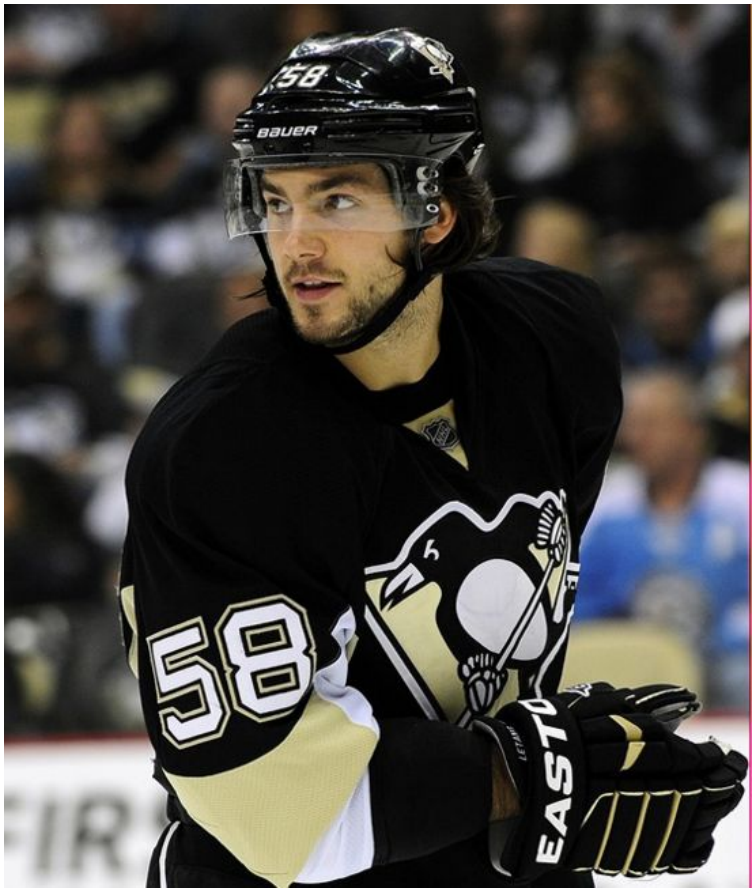

The IR - Letang, Hall, Skinner, Koivu, JVR, Henrique, Eberle and more...

New Additions

Taylor Hall, Edmonton Oilers – Facial Laceration – Day-to-Day

Corey Potter accidentally stepped on Halls face in warm up Tuesday night after Hall slipped on a puck and slid into the corner. Hall received a significant cut from the top of his head, to the tip of his eyebrow that required 30 stitches. Hall wanted to return for the second period but was held out. Fear not, there is no chance he suffered a concussion and should be back in the next game. Chances are he wears a helmet in warm up!

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Jamie Benn, Dallas Stars – Appendectomy – Late January

Benn had appendectomy surgery on Sunday and will miss a few days. He is not ruled out to play in the All-Star game in Ottawa.

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

Wild placed Koivu on the IR list Monday with a shoulder injury. The injury occurred after a hit from Blues forward Vladimir Sobotka reports ESPN "I was ready for the hit. I was steady, kind of hitting back a little bit, and I took the hit like I always do," Koivu said. "So there's nothing I could've done differently. He just got me in the right spot."

Mike Ribeiro, Dallas Stars, Knee – Week-to-Week

On Monday the Stars placed Ribeiro on the Injured Reserve retroactive to January 7th when he suffered a slight MCL tear. Ribeiro is not expected back until after the All-Star break.

Adam Henrique, New Jersey Devils, Groin –Day-to-Day

Henrique has missed the last two games with a groin strain. He is skating on his own and will participate in team practice on Wednesday.

Ed Jovanovski, Florida Panthers, Hand – Day-to-Day

Jovo cop injured his hand on Monday night in a fight with Bruins Dan Paille. The Miami Herald

reports he will not join the team on their road trip as he will see a specialist on Wednesday. Panthers coach Kevin Dineen said. “He’ll be getting an evaluation and a diagnosis and a length of treatment, so we’ll wait until Wednesday to make any statement on that.” If there is a broken bone, it may take several weeks to heal.

Newly Concussed

Add three more names to the ongoing list of concussion injuries in the NHL

Ryan Clowe, San Jose Sharks – Concussion – Day-to-Day

The San Francisco Chronicle is reporting that Clowe missed Tuesday’s game as a result of a hit January 10th by Minnesota’s Justin Falk. Since the hit, Clowe has played in the last two games. That either means the symptoms are slight and the concussion is very mild, or Clowe ignored the symptoms and now may have compounded the problem forcing him out long term.

James Van Riemsdyk, Philadelphia Flyers – Concussion – Indefinitely

The Globe and Mail reported Saturday that after taking two hits to the head in the last two games, JVR is out indefinitely with a concussion. The concussion all but killed rumors of a speculated trade involving JVR going to Toronto for Luke Schenn.

R.J. Umberger, Columbus Blue Jackets – Concussion – Indefinitely

Columbus placed Umberger on the IR after he sustained a concussion after taking a hit from Anaheim's Jean-Francois Jacques on Sunday and is listed as week-to-week. Umberger's franchise iron man streak of 288 consecutive games played is over.

Injury Updates

Jeff Skinner, Carolina Hurricanes – Concussion – Returned

Skinner returned to action January 15th but took a devastating hit Tuesday night from Pittsburgh's Brooks Orpik. Skinner left the game as per protocol, but was cleared to return. Hopefully he does not develop concussion symptoms over the next few days.

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Jordan Eberle, Edmonton Oilers –Knee – Day-to-Day

Eberle returned to practice on Tuesday and is with the team on their current road trip. He is expected to be ready to return on Saturday as the Oil host the Calgary Flames for another installment of the battle of Alberta.

Nicklas Backstrom, Washington Capitals – Concussion – Day-to-Day

Backstrom is still not even skating but Cap's GM George McPhee is happy with the progress in his recovery. McPhee spoke to the Washington Post and said "Nick's doing really well. I'm I guess happy to report he's progressing," McPhee also would not rule out the possibility of a return by the All-Star break, but also cautioned "Whenever he's ready to get going we'll get him going. Obviously we're going to be real careful because we want this to be a one-time thing and something we never have to worry about again."

Kris Letang, Pittsburgh Penguins – Concussion –Day-to-Day

Letang is now symptom free and was given medical clearance to return to practice on Tuesday. Letang is still day-to-day but hopes to return before the All-Star break. Activate Letang on your fantasy roster next chance you get!

Brandon Dubinsky, New York Rangers - Shoulder - Returned

Dubinsky returned on Tuesday after missing three games with a shoulder injury

Tyler Bozak, Toronto Maple Leafs – Shoulder - Returned

Bozak returned to his play between Phil Kessel and Joffrey Lupul on Toronto's top line on Tuesday night.

David Booth, Vancouver Canucks – Knee – Returned

Booth returned January 15th from a knee injury that cost him 18 games.

Quick Team Updates

Florida Panthers

Good news for the Panthers as a number of players will soon be coming of the IR. **Marco Sturm**
(Concussion),
Jack Skille
(Shoulder),
Scottie Upshall
(Hip), and
Sean Bergenheim
(Groin) have all returned to practice and may be inserted into the roster any day

Buffalo Sabres

This has been an injury plagued season for the Sabres, here is the latest news. **Robyn Regehr** is day-to-day with an upper body injury.
Brayden McNabb
is day-to-day with a concussion.
Christian Ehrhoff
has returned to practice wearing a no contact jersey; he is listed as due back in about one week.
Tyler Ennis
had a set back in his ankle injury and has still not resumed skating.

New Jersey Devils

In addition to **Adam Henrique** out with a groin injury, centre **Travis Zajac** is back in the IR with an Achilles tendon injury.
Jacob Josefson
who was conditioning in Albany after returning from a serious clavicle injury was recalled and played on Tuesday.

Winnipeg Jets

Blake Wheeler suffered a scary injury on Saturday as he was struck in the throat by a point shot. He was released from hospital Monday and has resumed skating, he is day-to-day. Also out still day-to-day are defense **Zach Bogosian** and **Dustin Byfuglien** with lower body injuries.