

[Fantasy Guide](#) is updated through August 24. At the end of the Anaheim Ducks section, there is a 60% off coupon code to pick up the [DobberFootball](#) fantasy guide and/or playbook. Pretty much makes the football stuff cost less than "chump change".

Here is my [Puck Daddy piece](#) , taking a look at pivots.

I wish I had some updates for this Guide... I just don't think yesterday's [Eddie Lack](#) signing is groundbreaking enough for its own update. Sure, it's worth noting in the Guide - and it will be noted. But I won't convert and post the entire Guide just for that, I'll wait for some more juicy tidbits.

The Lack signing is interesting in that it's a two-way deal in the first year, and a one-way deal in the second year. You know the last goalie who had a deal like that, as far as I can remember, was a fella by the name of [Pekka Rinne](#) . That worked out well for him. Anyway, the deal is a safety measure. It takes the pressure off of GM Mike Gillis to move [Roberto Luongo](#) early in the season, as the Canucks don't have to carry three goalies. Lack can stay in the AHL until Luongo is dealt. At the same time, it guarantees that Lack will be an NHLer a year from now... barring brutal play.

Yahoo rankings were [posted](#) yesterday. [Pavel Datsyuk](#) wasn't in the Top 100. At the sound of that, we're taken aback. Datsyuk? Not in the Top 100? The guy is a Top 10 player in the league, and considered by many to be Top 3! But think for a second. We know the guy gets assists and he is a defensive force. Does that make him a Top 100 player in a 10-category rotisserie league? I'd think it does, and most would agree...but let's take a look. Since this is Yahoo!, then I assume the rankings are based on 10-category roto leagues. So let's look at Datsyuk's projection from my Fantasy Guide:

71-20-48-68, 18 PIM, plus-20

Looking at last year's stats and comparing to his projection for this year: with assists he's 14th, goals he's 90th, shots he's 140th, penalty minutes he's like 400th. In the [Frozen Pool](#)

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roto-ranker for last season, he ranked 60th. So either Yahoo! made an oversight, or they projected Datsyuk to dip a little - enough to just miss the Top 100. It wouldn't be hard. Instead of projecting 20 goals as I did, project 18. Instead of projecting plus-20 as I did, assume that the loss of [N](#)

[Nicklas Lidstrom](#)

kills the plus/minus of most Detroit guys, so Datsyuk is plus-5 instead. Bam, just like that he's out of the Top 100.

I explained it. Doesn't mean I agree with it (obviously, since I put the numbers that I did in the Guide). But I *did* explain it. So if Yahoo! says for Datsyuk: 71-18-48-66, 16 PIM, plus-5 is that far-fetched?

My Hockey News column from yesterday is the [offseason report](#) for Colorado and Columbus.

The Hockey News did it again. They picked Edmonton to finish 13th in the conference, just like they did in (I think it was) 2006 when they predicted Pittsburgh to finish 14th (in the conference). They finished fourth. In case you didn't notice guys, the Oilers have the last three "best undrafted" players in the world in their lineup. They have future superstars who are only getting better. I haven't done my predictions yet, but I think I'll have them ninth. And I think I'm being too chickenshit with even that. But it's hard to put your finger on which exact year the big surge will happen.

Columbus prospect goaltender Oscar Dansk has [decided](#) to leave Sweden and play of Erie of the OHL.

Tampa Bay lists some players to watch in training camp [here](#) . They discuss [Cory Conacher](#) , Alex Killorn and P-C Labrie.

[Alex Pietrangelo](#) [will have minor surgery](#) on what his thought to be his knee. He is expected out no longer than three weeks.

Datsyuk's awesomeness:

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