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Don Waddell flirts with Wild as Carolina Hurricanes face front-office dysfunction

By Luke DeCock

The general manager and team president doesn't have a contract and interviewed for another job. Two assistant general managers and several scouts left and were not replaced. The goalie coach was allowed to leave, and a new one hasn't been hired with a month to go until training camp.

Over the course of a summer where the Carolina Hurricanes have done solid business to upgrade their roster, their front office has already seen a considerable exodus. If Don Waddell departs the Hurricanes — the out-of-contract president and GM interviewed for the Minnesota Wild vacancy on Monday — it would not only be unprecedented, but also it would leave the Hurricanes rudderless at a moment when they desperately need to capitalize on the momentum of last spring's playoff run.

Some of this turnover is natural and organic after the departures of previous owner Peter Karmanos and former general manager Ron Francis, accounting in particular for the exits of the two assistant GMs, Calder Cup-winning AHL coach Mike Vellucci and two-decade employee Brian Tatum, but owner Tom Dundon's belief that everyone and everything is a replaceable part is being taken to an extreme this summer.

Especially with Waddell, who was nominated as a finalist for general manager of the year honors by his peers in part as an acknowledgment of his extraordinary workload doing both jobs.

"Even if he had a contract I would let him interview, so what's the difference?" Dundon said Tuesday. "It's not going to stop somebody from doing whatever's better for them. If they're going to pay somebody more money, I'm not going to stop them. I told him he's got to do what's best for him."

Waddell on Tuesday said it has been business as usual for the general manager with the Hurricanes since he returned from his in-person interview with the Wild, including dealing Tuesday with the aftermath of an arbitrator's bizarre decision that gave minor-league goalie Anton Forsberg an NHL contract for next season. That includes his relationship with the owner.

"Tom doesn't believe in a lot of contracts," he said. "Tom's told me I have a job for life. But he's also encouraged me to

explore other opportunities to see what the market will pay. We started something here, I love it here, but when the job opened up and Tom said you should explore it, that's what I'm doing."

For everything Dundon has done with the franchise, enabling everything from the "Bunch of Jerks" marketing to the turnaround on the ice that got as far as the conference finals, it's curious how the general manager position has become, and remains, an unusual source of controversy and consternation.

The demotion of Francis in March 2018 left a malcontent simmering in the front office until Francis was finally fired. Then a long and eventually fruitless leaguewide search led all the way back around to Waddell, the team president and interim GM, with the hockey world mocking Dundon for refusing to pay market value for a GM while Dundon insisted he never found any candidates who stood out to him as worth that much.

This summer, after Waddell's contract expired in June, Dundon has so far declined to give him a new one, and Waddell at the time seemed agreeable to continue on an at-will basis. Two months later, Waddell clearly has happy feet and the spectacle of a sitting general manager interviewing for another team's opening has little precedent in NHL history.

"I'm not going to pay what other guys pay GMs, so me having a contract with a GM doesn't really help me," Dundon said. "Don in essence has a contract. I already told Don, 'I'm not going to fire you. If I did, I'd tell you a year in advance.' My life's pretty good. I want people to do what's best for their life. If this is what's best for Don, the Hurricanes will be fine."

In any case, the whole debate has a surreal aspect to it, because whether it's Waddell or someone else, NHL bylaws require the team to have a general manager under contract by the end of the month.

Whether Waddell is genuinely interested in the Wild job or using it as leverage to get a contract out of Dundon is immaterial; it should never have gotten to the point where front-office dysfunction became a distraction from everything the Hurricanes have accomplished over the past four months.



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Hurricanes' goalie Anton Forsberg gets one-year contract

Hurricanes goalie Anton Forsberg has been awarded a \$775,000, one-way contract, the organization announced Tuesday.

In 45 games with the Chicago Blackhawks and the Columbus Blue Jackets, Forsberg, who's 6-3 and 192 pounds, has a .901

save percentage. Forsberg, who's 26 and from Harnosand, Sweden, is 11-24-4.

The Canes acquired Forsberg and defenseman Gustav Forsling in June in a trade that included sending defenseman Calvin de Haan and forward Aleksi Saarela to the Blackhawks.

Canes relegated to only one national TV game next season -- again

By Chip Alexander

The Carolina Hurricanes' Stanley Cup playoff run to the Eastern Conference finals earned it a lot of national TV time on NBC -- last season.

The Canes' playoff success didn't translate to more TV time in the coming 2019-20 regular season.

The Canes again will be shown on the NBC Sports Group just once, on March 5, in the road game against the Philadelphia Flyers. That's it -- one and done.

NBC released its national hockey schedule Tuesday, trumpeting the 109 games that will be shown this season, including 14 doubleheaders on its "Wednesday Night Hockey

showcase." The NBC release said "Established stars and young phenoms will take center stage on 'Wednesday Night Hockey'" but that won't include the Canes' Sebastian Aho or Andrei Svechnikov.

In May, NBC announced the rating for Game 1 of the Canes' Eastern Conference finals series against the Boston Bruins was the highest in NBCSN history for Game 1 of the conference finals.

The Canes have gotten short shrift from NBC in recent seasons. They were televised once in the 2018-19 season and once in 2017-18 -- on April 5, 2018, in their 81st game of the regular season.

Canes trade defenseman Trevor Carrick to San Jose for Kyle Wood

By Chip Alexander

The Carolina Hurricanes have traded defenseman Trevor Carrick, one of the leaders this past season during the Charlotte Checkers' run to the American Hockey League's Calder Cup.

The Canes said Tuesday that Carrick, 25, had been dealt to the San Jose Sharks for defenseman Kyle Wood, who spent last season with the San Jose Barracuda in the AHL.

"Kyle is a big, puck-moving defenseman," Canes general manager Don Waddell said in a statement. "He's a couple years younger than Trevor, and will have time to continue to develop on Charlotte's blueline. We thank Trevor for his

contributions to our organization and wish him the best in San Jose."

Wood, 23, was second among Barracuda defensemen in assists (29) and points (35) and was the team's alternate captain. The right-hand shooting D-man, listed at 6-5 and 210 pounds, was a third-round selection by the Colorado Avalanche in the 2014 NHL Draft.

Carrick, drafted in the fourth round by Carolina in 2012, played four career NHL games with the Hurricanes and 347 in the AHL. He was fourth among AHL defensemen in assists (38) last season and had three goals and nine assists in 16 playoff games as the Checkers, the Canes' AHL affiliate, won the championship.



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State of the Canes: What's going on with Don Waddell and the Hurricanes?

By Sara Civian

Don Waddell joked earlier this summer that he has a "lifetime contract" under Hurricanes owner Tom Dundon.

Maybe that's why few raised an eyebrow when the dead of the NHL offseason emerged late July and the GM of the Year finalist was still a free agent. Or maybe it was that he has still acted as Hurricanes GM and President, addressing the media after matching the Sebastian Aho offer sheet and being quoted in press releases for the Erik Haula and Ryan Dzingel signings.

Either way, five weeks out of training camp and none of the illusions above change the fact that Waddell became a free agent June 30 and the Hurricanes haven't signed him. It might still be something to shrug at, if only two popular folks (former Checkers head coach Mike Vellucci and former Hurricanes goalie coach Mike Bales) hadn't made lateral moves out of the organization earlier in the offseason.

Oh, and The Athletic's Michael Russo reported Tuesday that the Wild actually conducted an in-person interview with Waddell for the Paul Fenton-sized hole in Minnesota's front office.

A potential third lateral move in one summer, that would leave Carolina with no GM and no President in mid-August?

A source within the Hurricanes seems confident that's not going to happen.

But this situation — the Wild firing a GM so late in the game, then another team's "free agent" GM willing to field an in-person interview — is so abnormal that it's worth examining no matter the outcome.

How could negotiations between the Hurricanes and Waddell get to this point?

We will learn much more in the coming days. For now, let's play a little speculation roulette.

Scenario 1

The Hurricanes were so sure of the "lifetime contract" that they left it as an afterthought while they shopped around for pieces. They signed an offer sheet and are essentially spending to the cap for the first time in recent memory, after all. In this scenario, they didn't see Fenton's firing coming and figured there were no openings Waddell would explore, so no rush.

This scenario would still rightfully rub many the wrong way considering Waddell's reputation as a class act and how it would look to just put his contract on the back burner because the Canes thought they could, but it's at least reasonably understandable.

Scenario 2

Contract talks weren't going well and Waddell saw interviewing elsewhere as an opportunity for leverage.

This scenario reflects poorly on the Hurricanes if it's the real one. Waddell is well within his rights to secure the bag through creative means. At least two other Hurricanes employees recently outsourced "the bag" and actually left, though, so if the GM completes that hat trick you absolutely have to start questioning why so much leverage needs to be sought.

Scenario 3

Waddell really wants to leave.

This is the least likely scenario, but obviously the worst for the Hurricanes. So much drama before training camp and the scramble to find a new GM and President would likely dampen the vibe of a solid offseason.

I'm guessing the first scenario is at play here, but no matter how you slice it this doesn't look great for Carolina at the moment. We must remember that Waddell is the President and GM of the Canes — letting these folks walk this late in the offseason is unheard of for a reason.

The Hurricanes should hope Victor Rask is the best asset the Wild get out of Raleigh before next season.



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Down Goes Brown: Let's ruin your productivity for the day by playing the \$200 Lineup Game

By Sean McIndoe

It's August. Nothing much is happening in the NHL. Nothing much will be happening in the NHL. If anything did happen, we might not find out about it because Pierre is on vacation. Outside of whatever the Wild are doing, there's nothing to talk about.

It's a perfect time to play The \$200 Lineup Game.

This game is based on some Twitter fun we had a few years ago. The rules are simple. You're going to build the best starting lineup out of players who've played for your favorite NHL team. Here's how it works.

- You need three forwards, two defensemen and a goalie. Other than that, we don't care about position, so you can mix wingers and centers and don't need to worry about which side your defensemen play on.
- You have a salary cap of \$200 to work with to build your full lineup.
- Each player you pick will cost you a salary of \$1 per regular-season game that they ever played for your favorite team. If you want a guy who played one full 82-game season, that's \$82 of your cap gone.
- Here's the key, and the part that's going to screw up the people who skip the intro on these things: Once you fit a player onto your roster, you get credit for their entire NHL career. Not just the games they played for your team – everything they did in the NHL.

In other words, you're looking for star players who had the briefest possible stint with your team. Guy Lafleur isn't worth anything to the Canadiens, because he'd cost way too much. But his one season in New York means that a Rangers team could squeeze him in for \$67, and they'd get credit for the full Flower experience. Want Brett Hull and his 700+ career goals? You're out of luck if you're the Blues or even the Stars. But a Flames team could fit him in for just \$57. And the Coyotes could get him for just \$5.

A few more rules, just for your loophole-seekers out there.

- A player must have played at least one regular-season game to qualify for a team's roster. There are no freebies. That means, for example, that the Stars can't claim Jarome Iginla even though they drafted him and the Oilers and Predators can't claim Mike Richter even though both teams technically acquired him during his career. Coyotes fans don't get Pronger, Datsyuk and Hossa. Same goes for any cases where a team only ever dressed a player in the postseason. Basically, if you think you've found a way to get a guy for free, you're cheating.
- We're going by franchise here, so we'll combine the Nordiques with the Avs, the Whalers with the Hurricanes, the Thrashers and the new Jets, etc. That cuts both ways; it gives those teams more players to work with, but also prevents any shady picks like trying to claim Owen Nolan as a \$9

Avalanche despite his five full seasons as a Nordique.

- You can use active players, but you only get credit for what they've done in the NHL as of today, not what they might do in the future. So if Canucks fans want to spend \$71 on Elias Pettersson, they only get one season of him.
- If a player had multiple stints with a team, they all combine together to produce his price tag. The Leafs can't try to claim Doug Gilmour for \$1 based on his brief return to the team in 2003.

Speaking of the Leafs, let's use them as our first example ...

Toronto Maple Leafs

Forwards: Ron Francis (\$12), Eric Lindros (\$33), Dickie Moore (\$38)

Defense: Brian Leetch (\$15), Phil Housley (\$1)

Goaltender: Terry Sawchuk (\$91)

Total: \$190

That's not a bad lineup, featuring six Hall-of-Famers. The Pat Quinn years are fruitful here, as late-season acquisitions of Francis, Leetch and Housley give us a cheap backbone and help us have enough left over to spend a relatively hefty \$91 on Sawchuk (or, if you prefer, \$95 on Grant Fuhr). If you'd rather go with a post-expansion look, you could swap out old-timers Moore and Sawchuk and bring in Joe Nieuwendyk (\$64) and Bernie Parent (\$65) instead for the same combined price. Or you could use Gerry Cheevers in goal for just \$2 and spend more elsewhere. But whichever way you go, the Leafs are solid.

Makes sense? Do you see what we're going for? Cool. Then let's try some other teams around the league because as you're going to see, there are a few teams that can give the Leafs a run for their \$200 worth of money. We're going to serve up a dozen teams in all, which doesn't cover everyone but is more than enough to get your brain working and then turn it over to you to come up with your own.

Boston Bruins

Forwards: Jaromir Jagr (\$11), Cy Denny (\$23), Dave Andreychuk (\$63)

Defense: Paul Coffey (\$18), Brian Leetch (\$61)

Goaltender: Jacques Plante (\$8)

Total: \$184

You could say that this concept already has a playoff atmosphere because the Bruins immediately knock off the Maple Leafs. And to add insult to injury, they even do it with one of the same players off of the Leafs' roster, as Leetch makes like a free agent and jumps to a rival for more money. They pair him with Coffey, who (spoiler alert) will also show up on more than one of these lists.

Other possibilities on the backend include Sergei Gonchar for \$15 or Babe Pratt for \$31. But the real options are up front. To



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be honest, I went with Andreychuk mainly to eat up a big chunk of the cap space that was going to be leftover, but you could go with somebody like Joey Mullen at \$37 or even Rick Nash for \$11 and just pocket the rest. Not that Boston ownership would ever do that.

So yeah, the Bruins are now our team to beat. Let's see if anyone can do it.

Detroit Red Wings

Forwards: Darryl Sittler (\$61), Mike Modano (\$40), Charlie Conacher (\$40)

Defense: Doug Harvey (\$2), Borje Salming (\$49)

Goaltender: Bill Ranford (\$4)

Total: \$196

In theory, the Red Wings seem like a team that would be made for this sort of game, since modern history is filled with Hall of Famers finishing their careers with brief stopovers in Detroit. But many of them aren't brief enough, as guys like Daniel Alfredsson and Bernie Federko played enough games in their one season with the Wings to price them out of our budget. Marian Hossa did too.

We can squeeze in Modano and Sittler, though, largely because Harvey gives us a monster value on the blue line. We get more solid value in goal with a Conn Smythe winner in Ranford at just \$4, but he makes Detroit our first entry that isn't made up entirely of current or future Hall of Famers. The Wings' entry is a solid one, but I don't think they top the Bruins.

Let's take a break from the Original Six teams and try a few who have a little less history to work with.

Pittsburgh Penguins

Forwards: Jarome Iginla (\$13), Luc Robitaille (\$46), Marian Hossa (\$12)

Defense: Tim Horton (\$44), Sergei Zubov (\$64)

Goaltender: Tomas Vokoun (\$20)

Total: \$199

The Penguins benefit from our rule about just using three forwards without worrying about position, as they'll roll with over 1,800 goals worth of wingers and apparently just hope that nobody ever has to take a faceoff.

Those three bargains up front allow us to spend some extra money on the blue line, which we kind of need to do – there aren't any obvious sub-\$40 bargains to be found here. We get a pair of Hall of Famers, though, so we'll take it. We don't have as much luck in goal, where the good-but-not-great Vokoun is really the only option. That takes this team down a notch after a promising start.

We've been heavy on the Eastern Conference so far, so let's head to the West for the next few.

Colorado Avalanche (and Quebec Nordiques)

Forwards: Paul Kariya (\$51), Dave Andreychuk (\$14), Theo Fleury (\$15)

Defense: Ray Bourque (\$94), Johnny Boychuk (\$4)

Goaltender: Brian Elliott (\$12)

Total: \$190

This was a tough one. We start off with a solid forward group that seems to leave us with plenty of space to work with for the back end. But then we run into the Ray Bourque conundrum. Despite how everyone remembers it, he actually spent parts of two seasons in Colorado, so he costs a ton. If we use him, we have to go cheap on the goaltending, and we're picking between guys like Elliott, Greg Millen and Garth Snow. But if we aim a little higher – say, Ron Hextall at \$54 – then we have to say goodbye to Bourque and go cheap on the blue line, and there aren't any standout options there, either. When in doubt, go with the first-ballot Hall of Famer, so we'll roll with a plan I'm going to call Pay for Ray and Pray for Saves.

Los Angeles Kings

Forwards: Jarome Iginla (\$19), Steve Shutt (\$59), Rick Martin (\$4)

Defense: Paul Coffey (\$60), Ian Turnbull (\$42)

Goaltender: Billy Smith (\$5)

Total: \$189

The Kings are a fun one. They've never been afraid to bring in a big name for a few games, which gives us partial seasons of Hall of Famers like Coffey, Shutt and another appearance by Iginla to work with. Mix in the first five games of Battling Billy's career and we're on our way.

From there, the last forward spot gets interesting. We could try to make room for somebody like Vincent Lecavalier (\$42) or Jeremy Roenick (\$58), or even a current King in Ilya Kovalchuk at \$64. Or we could go the bargain route with somebody like Rob Brown at \$2 or Neal Broten at \$19, or a sneaky pick like Brayden Schenn for \$9. But I think four-time all-star Rick Martin works best at \$4, leaving us with enough room to fill out the blue line with Turnbull. (Although you could also go with someone like Oleg Tverdovsky at \$26 or Barry Beck at \$52.)

Dallas Stars (and Minnesota North Stars)

Forwards: Jaromir Jagr (\$34), Eric Lindros (\$49), Mike Gartner (\$80)

Defense: Jyrki Lumme (\$15), Gerald Diduck (\$14)

Goaltender: Tim Thomas (\$8)

Total: \$200

At first, I didn't even bother to look over the Stars' options. They just didn't seem like the type of team that would work well for this sort of thing. But then I remembered their brief Jagr era, plus Lindros and a few weeks of Tim Thomas and we were on our way.

Things get tricky after that, with nobody jumping out as a great bargain to round out the forwards. Sergei Makarov was an option at \$4, but I decided to buy Gartner and his 700 career goals for \$80, which seemed like decent value but left us with a shoestring for the blue line. As it turns out, that doesn't really matter, as the Stars have never had a short-term star there



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apart from maybe 79 games of Sergei Gonchar. So I went with a pair of grizzled 1990s mainstays who combine for over 1,900 career games and cost a total of \$29, giving the Stars the distinction of being the only team on our list that comes in at exactly \$200.

Not bad, but not a contender. So let's dip back into the Original Six and see if an old rival can steal the Bruins' crown.

Montreal Canadiens

Forwards: Phantom Joe Malone (\$58), Marty Barry (\$30), Danny Briere (\$69)

Defense: Rob Ramage (\$14), Francois Beauchemin (\$1)

Goaltender: Tony Esposito (\$13)

Total: \$185

That's ... that's an almost shockingly weak team, given who we're dealing with here, right? These are the Montreal Canadiens, one of only two franchises that can reach all the way back to 1917 to build their team. You'd think they'd be stacked. But other than Esposito, they'd don't have anyone who jumps out as a steal. They nearly wound up needing to dress a \$15 Alexander Semin.

What's going on? I think there may be a team culture thing at play here, as the Habs just don't seem to like to bring in aging superstars who made their reputation with other teams. In their eyes, it seems, you're either a true legend (in which case you're a Hab for life) or some other team's knockoff version (in which case they don't want you).

Maybe I'm on to something. Or maybe not. Either way, this team is fine, but not much more than that. Let's try another Original Six team, this time one with no issues with bringing in other teams' former stars.

New York Rangers

Forwards: Howie Morenz (\$18), Jari Kurri (\$14), Pavel Bure (\$51)

Defense: Tim Horton (\$93), Roman Hamrlik (\$12)

Goaltender: Terry Sawchuk (\$8)

Total: \$196

Now we're talking. Almost from Day 1, the Rangers have never been shy about giving a big name at the end of their career a few games on the marquee at MSG. The forwards are so stacked that we didn't even have to take advantage of great bargains like Glenn Anderson at \$12 or Eric Staal at \$20. We could have even probably found a way to shuffle in Pat LaFontaine or Guy Lafleur, both of whom come in at \$67.

The blue line isn't quite as strong – defense has never been a big seller on Broadway, after all. We have to spend big to get a Hall of Famer in Horton and can only scrounge up enough for the other spot to afford Hamrlik, who nobody actually remembers playing for the Rangers. But we're all set in goal with Sawchuk, so this is a strong entry. Just not as strong as the one Original Six team we haven't got to yet.

Chicago Blackhawks

Forwards: Theo Fleury (\$54), Peter Bondra (\$37), Sid Abel (\$42)

Defense: Bobby Orr (\$26), Paul Coffey (\$10)

Goaltender: Dominik Hasek (\$25)

Total: \$194

There's a good chance that once you got your head wrapped around the concept, your mind went straight to the Blackhawks. You may even have convinced yourself that they were a sure thing. That back end is mind-boggling, featuring two players who are quite possibly the best to ever play their positions, plus one who merely ranks second all-time in defenseman scoring. And that trio comes in dirt cheap, leaving us plenty to spend on our three forwards.

Unfortunately, we can't find any truly elite options up front, although there are some pretty good ones. Bondra scored 500 goals and Fleury was an absolute beast in his prime. But both guys are (so far) on the outside of the Hall of Fame looking in, so they don't exactly give us the sort of star power that turns this into a runaway winner. Babe Dye is in the Hall, and he was a legitimate superstar, but at \$52 we can't swap him in without losing Fleury and that could be a tough call with modern fans. We can't afford Howie Morenz at \$72, I'm not sure John Tonelli at \$33 makes us all that much better and Wendel Clark at \$13 is clearly a database error because he only ever played for the Leafs. So we end up with a Wings' legend in Abel, another Hall of Famer but not a guy who comes up often in conversations about the all-time greats. Seriously, would it have killed the modern Cup-winning Hawks to have done one trade deadline rental for an elite forward?

A bigger question: Does that somewhat weak forward group even matter, given how ridiculous the goaltending and defense are? Maybe not; I think I still put this team ahead of the Bruins. But it does crack the door open just a little as we close with a couple more contenders, including one you might not see coming.

Carolina Hurricanes (but mostly Hartford Whalers)

Forwards: Gordie Howe (\$80), Bobby Hull (\$9), Mark Recchi (\$20)

Defense: Tomas Kaberle (\$29), James Wisniewski (\$1)

Goaltender: Tom Barrasso (\$34)

Total: \$173

That's one hell of a way to start a team, with arguably two of the three most dangerous forwards of the Original Six era. Howe was part of the Whalers WHA era and came over for year one of their NHL history, where he was very briefly joined by Hull (and also Dave Keon, although he stuck around long enough to price himself out of the mix). Work in Recchi thanks to a Hurricanes rental for the 2006 Cup run, and we've got almost 2,000 goals from our three forwards.

The blue line is where it all falls apart, although we nearly scored big there too – Paul Coffey played 20 games with the Whalers, but later returned to the franchise for two seasons with the Hurricanes that drives his price out of our budget. Between that and the Whalers not giving up on Chris Pronger a little earlier, we're stuck with the bargain bin. Kaberle's OK



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and Wisniewski is at least as dirt cheap as a player can be, leaving us with enough to spend on an underrated goalie. But the backend can't live up to the potential of that ridiculous first line. (And in case you're wondering, swapping in J.S. Giguere for \$8 doesn't free up enough money to offer much of an upgrade to the blue line.)

The Whalers gave it a good effort, but this top-heavy entry is basically the mirror image of the Hawks squad, and that Chicago team had more balance top-to-bottom. So we're down to one last team that can give Chicago a run for their money. And as it turns out, it's an old rival.

St. Louis Blues

Forwards: Wayne Gretzky (\$18), Peter Stastny (\$23), Glenn Anderson (\$51)

Defense: Doug Harvey (\$70), Phil Housley (\$26)

Goaltender: Martin Brodeur (\$7)

Total: \$195

And here's the other 800-pound gorilla in the competition. The Blues aren't an Original Six franchise, so they've got roughly half the history to work with as compared to teams like the Hawks and Bruins. But they've got the advantage of having had a pair of crazy GMs in Ron Caron and (especially) Mad Mike Keenan, which means they've rarely been shy about chasing big names.

How big? Well, we start off with the greatest forward in the history of the game. We've got a goaltender who's at least in the conversation as the best of all-time at his position. And you've got the guy who was considered the best defenseman ever for the league's first half-century or so. And you can

surround them with three more Hall of Famers in Stastny, Anderson and Housley. This roster is stacked.

And to be honest, we're still not doing the Blues justice here. If we changed this game from a starting six to a full roster, I'm not sure anyone could touch this team's depth. If you don't like the forward group I've assembled, you could swap in Hall of Famers like Dickie Moore (\$27), Dale Hawerchuk (\$66), Guy Carbonneau (\$41) or even Vaclav Nedomansky (\$22). Maybe you try to find a way to squeeze in Scott Stevens (\$78) or Guy Lapointe (\$62) on the blue line. And then there's Scott Gomez (\$21), Ray Ferraro (\$15), Petr Nedved (\$19), Wade Redden (\$23), Stephane Richer (\$36) or even Martin Havlat (\$2) or Lars Ellers (\$7). You get the point; the Blues have more cheap options than just about anybody.

But we didn't make this a game about depth. It's about a top six. So who you got? Can Gretzky and Brodeur beat out Orr and Hasek? Can one of these other teams make a strong case to beat out the Blues and Hawks?

Or is there a better contender out there that we missed? Can you find enough functional blue line talent to round out the Flames scary Jagr/Hull/St. Louis first line? Can the Sharks build something around Ed Belfour, Brian Campbell and Claude Lemieux? Want to build a Coyotes/Jets roster that starts with the father-and-son Hull combo for \$23? Looking to build a Senators team with Hasek and Marian Gaborik just so you can watch them scrimmage?

Have at it. Let me know who you think wins the crown among the dozen teams above. Or fire up the hockey-reference.com franchise index for the team of your choice and take your best shot at the \$200 Lineup Game in the comments.



Anton Forsberg Awarded One-Way, \$775,000 Contract with Hurricanes

The Swedish goalie was acquired in the Calvin de Haan trade.

By Brett Finger

The Carolina Hurricanes announced on Tuesday that goalie Anton Forsberg has been awarded a one-year, one-way contract for the 2019-20 season worth \$775,000.

Since it's a one-way deal, it means that Forsberg will not have a separate NHL and AHL salary. He will have one salary, and it's \$775,000 for the upcoming season. He will be waiver eligible this season, and he would have been regardless of if he got a one-way or two-way deal, as per the CBA. The Hurricanes were not allowed to walk away from the deal given the relatively low salary that was awarded to Forsberg.

The Hurricanes acquired Forsberg in a June 24 trade that sent defenseman Calvin de Haan and forward Aleksi Saarela to the Chicago Blackhawks in exchange for the 26-year-old goalie and defenseman Gustav Forsling.

Both Forsling and Forsberg were RFAs at the time of the trade. While Forsling eventually signed his qualifying offer (a one-year, two-way contract that will pay him \$874,125 in the NHL and \$70,000 in the AHL this upcoming season), Forsberg was eligible for an arbitration hearing and that's where his one-year, one-way contract was awarded by an independent arbitrator over the weekend.

Forsberg played for the AHL's Rockford Ice Hogs last season and logged a .919 save percentage in 32 games played. He appeared in 45 NHL games between 2014 and 2018, wherein he had a .901 save percentage. 35 of those games came in the 2017-18 season with the Blackhawks, wherein he had a .908 save percentage.

As it currently stands, Forsberg seems to be fourth on Carolina's goalie depth chart, behind starter Petr Mrazek, NHL veteran James Reimer, and the AHL's reigning most outstanding goalie Alex Nedeljkovic.

The official news release from the team is below:



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Don Waddell, President and General Manager of the National Hockey League's Carolina Hurricanes, today announced that an independent arbitrator has awarded goaltender Anton Forsberg with a one-year, \$775,000 contract.

Forsberg, 26, has posted an 11-24-4 record with a 3.21 goals-against average and a .901 save percentage in 45 career NHL games with Chicago and Columbus. The Harnosand, Sweden, native appeared in a career-high 35 games with the

Blackhawks during the 2017-18 season, posting a 10-16-4 record with a 2.97 goals-against average and .908 save percentage. Forsberg tallied a 15-15-2 record in 32 games with the Rockford IceHogs (AHL) last season, posting a 2.64 goals-against average and .919 save percentage. The 6'3", 192-pound goaltender has earned an 88-50-21 record in 158 career AHL games with Rockford, Cleveland, Lake Erie and Springfield. He was selected by Columbus in the seventh round, 188th overall, in the 2011 NHL Draft.

Hurricanes Trade Trevor Carrick to Sharks for Kyle Wood

Carrick was among Carolina's few unsigned restricted free agents.

By Brett Finger

The Carolina Hurricanes announced today that the team has acquired defenseman Kyle Wood from the San Jose Sharks in exchange for restricted free agent defenseman Trevor Carrick.

Hurricanes general manager Don Waddell released the following statement with the news:

"Kyle is a big, puck-moving defenseman. He's a couple years younger than Trevor, and will have time to continue to develop on Charlotte's blueline. We thank Trevor for his contributions to our organization and wish him the best in San Jose."

Wood, 23, was a third-round draft pick of the Colorado Avalanche in the 2014 NHL Draft and has since played for the AHL affiliates of the Arizona Coyotes and the San Jose Sharks. He served as an alternate captain for San Jose's AHL affiliate last season and recorded 35 points in 68 games. In 187 AHL games, he has 23 goals and 97 points. He has yet to make his NHL debut.

Carrick, who turned 25 in July, was an unsigned RFA. Across 347 career AHL games with the Charlotte Checkers, he scored 40 goals and had 181 points. He had 12 points in 16 Calder Cup playoff games this season. He served as an

alternate captain with Charlotte each of the past three seasons and has played in four NHL games since being drafted in the fourth round of the 2012 NHL Entry Draft.

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Wood, 23, spent the 2018-19 season with the San Jose Barracudas of the American Hockey League (AHL), ranking second among team defensemen in assists (29) and points (35) while serving as the team's alternate captain. The Waterloo, Ont., native has appeared in 187 career AHL games with Springfield, Tucson and San Jose, totaling 23 goals and 74 assists (97 points). Colorado's third-round selection, 84th overall, in the 2014 NHL Draft, Wood was selected to the 2017 AHL All-Star Game and the 2016-17 AHL All-Rookie team during his first full professional season, registering 43 points (14g, 29a) in 68 games with Tucson.



Canes acquire Kyle Wood from Sharks in exchange for Trevor Carrick

by Nicholas Niedzielski

The Carolina Hurricanes have acquired defenseman Kyle Wood from the San Jose Sharks in exchange for Trevor Carrick.

Wood, 23, is coming off a 35-point season with the San Jose Barracuda in which he ranked second among team defensemen in scoring and matched his career high with 29 assists. The Ontario native has recorded 97 points (23g, 74a) in 187 AHL games over his three full pro seasons with Springfield, Tucson and San Jose, including a 14-goal, 43-point rookie campaign that netted him a spot in the 2016-17 AHL All-Star Game and on the All-Rookie Team.

Selected in the third-round of the 2014 draft by Colorado, Wood logged 93 points (27g, 66a) in 165 OHL games over four seasons with Brampton and North Bay prior to turning pro.

Carrick departs as the franchise leader in games played, appearing in a Charlotte sweater 347 times over the last five seasons. The 25-year-old also ranks third all-time in points (181), assists (141), penalty minutes (361) and power-play points (88) – leading all blue liners in those categories – is tied for the franchise lead in power-play assists (75) and leads all defensemen in goals (40) and power-play goals (13). A fourth-round pick by Carolina in 2012, Carrick also



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holds four of the top seven single-season scoring marks by a defenseman in franchise history, and has earned himself two trips to the AHL All-Star Classic.

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Don Waddell flirts with Wild as Carolina Hurricanes face front-office dysfunction

BY LUKE DECOCK

The general manager and team president doesn't have a contract and interviewed for another job. Two assistant general managers and several scouts left and were not replaced. The goalie coach was allowed to leave, and a new one hasn't been hired with a month to go until training camp.

Over the course of a summer where the Carolina Hurricanes have done solid business to upgrade their roster, their front office has already seen a considerable exodus. If Don Waddell departs the Hurricanes — the out-of-contract president and GM interviewed for the Minnesota Wild vacancy on Monday — it would not only be unprecedented, but also it would leave the Hurricanes rudderless at a moment when they desperately need to capitalize on the momentum of last spring's playoff run.

Some of this turnover is natural and organic after the departures of previous owner Peter Karmanos and former general manager Ron Francis, accounting in particular for the exits of the two assistant GMs, Calder Cup-winning AHL coach Mike Vellucci and two-decade employee Brian Tatum, but owner Tom Dundon's belief that everyone and everything is a replaceable part is being taken to an extreme this summer.

Especially with Waddell, who was nominated as a finalist for general manager of the year honors by his peers in part as an acknowledgment of his extraordinary workload doing both jobs.

"Even if he had a contract I would let him interview, so what's the difference?" Dundon said Tuesday. "It's not going to stop somebody from doing whatever's better for them. If they're going to pay somebody more money, I'm not going to stop them. I told him he's got to do what's best for him."

Waddell on Tuesday said it has been business as usual for the general manager with the Hurricanes since he returned from his in-person interview with the Wild, including dealing Tuesday with the aftermath of an arbitrator's bizarre decision that gave minor-league goalie Anton Forsberg an NHL contract for next season. That includes his relationship with the owner.

"Tom doesn't believe in a lot of contracts," he said. "Tom's told me I have a job for life. But he's also encouraged me to explore other opportunities to see what the market will pay. We started something here, I love it here, but when the job opened up and Tom said you should explore it, that's what I'm doing."

For everything Dundon has done with the franchise, enabling everything from the "Bunch of Jerks" marketing to the turnaround on the ice that got as far as the conference finals, it's curious how the general manager position has become, and remains, an unusual source of controversy and consternation.

The demotion of Francis in March 2018 left a malcontent simmering in the front office until Francis was finally fired. Then a long and eventually fruitless leaguewide search led all the way back around to Waddell, the team president and interim GM, with the hockey world mocking Dundon for refusing to pay market value for a GM while Dundon insisted he never found any candidates who stood out to him as worth that much.



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This summer, after Waddell's contract expired in June, Dundon has so far declined to give him a new one, and Waddell at the time seemed agreeable to continue on an at-will basis. Two months later, Waddell clearly has happy feet and the spectacle of a sitting general manager interviewing for another team's opening has little precedent in NHL history.

"I'm not going to pay what other guys pay GMs, so me having a contract with a GM doesn't really help me," Dundon said. "Don in essence has a contract. I already told Don, 'I'm not going to fire you. If I did, I'd tell you a year in advance.' My life's pretty good. I want people to do what's best for their life. If this is what's best for Don, the Hurricanes will be fine."

In any case, the whole debate has a surreal aspect to it, because whether it's Waddell or someone else, NHL bylaws require the team to have a general manager under contract by the end of the month.

Whether Waddell is genuinely interested in the Wild job or using it as leverage to get a contract out of Dundon is immaterial; it should never have gotten to the point where front-office dysfunction became a distraction from everything the Hurricanes have accomplished over the past four months.

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Hurricanes' goalie Anton Forsberg gets one-year contract

BY STAFF REPORTS

Hurricanes goalie Anton Forsberg has been awarded a \$775,000, one-way contract, the organization announced Tuesday.

In 45 games with the Chicago Blackhawks and the Columbus Blue Jackets, Forsberg, who's 6-3 and 192 pounds, has a .901 save percentage. Forsberg, who's 26 and from Harnosand, Sweden, is 11-24-4.

The Canes acquired Forsberg and defenseman Gustav Forsling in June in a trade that included sending defenseman Calvin de Haan and forward Aleksi Saarela to the Blackhawks.

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Canes trade defenseman Trevor Carrick to San Jose for Kyle Wood

BY CHIP ALEXANDER AUGUST 06, 2019 01:07 PM

The Carolina Hurricanes have traded defenseman Trevor Carrick, one of the leaders this past season during the Charlotte Checkers' run to the American Hockey League's Calder Cup.

The Canes said Tuesday that Carrick, 25, had been dealt to the San Jose Sharks for defenseman Kyle Wood, who spent last season with the San Jose Barracuda in the AHL.

"Kyle is a big, puck-moving defenseman," Canes general manager Don Waddell said in a statement. "He's a couple years younger than Trevor, and will have time to continue to develop on Charlotte's blueline. We thank Trevor for his contributions to our organization and wish him the best in San Jose."

Wood, 23, was second among Barracuda defensemen in assists (29) and points (35) and was the team's alternate captain. The right-hand shooting D-man, listed at 6-5 and 210 pounds, was a third-round selection by the Colorado Avalanche in the 2014 NHL Draft.

Carrick, drafted in the fourth round by Carolina in 2012, played four career NHL games with the Hurricanes and 347 in the AHL. He was fourth among AHL defensemen in assists (38) last season and had three goals and nine assists in 16 playoff games as the Checkers, the Canes' AHL affiliate, won the championship.

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Canes relegated to only one national TV game next season – again

BY CHIP ALEXANDER

Canes fans, gathered outside the Carolina Ale House on Glenwood Avenue, react after the Boston Bruins score in the second period of Sunday's playoff game.

The Carolina Hurricanes' Stanley Cup playoff run to the Eastern Conference finals earned it a lot of national TV time on NBC -- last season.

The Canes' playoff success didn't translate to more TV time in the coming 2019-20 regular season.

The Canes again will be shown on the NBC Sports Group just once, on March 5, in the road game against the Philadelphia Flyers. That's it -- one and done.

NBC released its national hockey schedule Tuesday, trumpeting the 109 games that will be shown this season, including 14 doubleheaders on its "Wednesday Night Hockey showcase." The NBC release said "Established stars and young phenoms will take center stage on 'Wednesday Night Hockey'" but that won't include the Canes' Sebastian Aho or Andrei Svechnikov.

In May, NBC announced the rating for Game 1 of the Canes' Eastern Conference finals series against the Boston Bruins was the highest in NBCSN history for Game 1 of the conference finals.

The Canes have gotten short shrift from NBC in recent seasons. They were televised once in the 2018-19 season and once in 2017-18 -- on April 5, 2018, in their 81st game of the regular season.

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State of the Canes: What's going on with Don Waddell and the Hurricanes?



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By Sara Civian Aug 6, 2019

Don Waddell joked earlier this summer that he has a “lifetime contract” under Hurricanes owner Tom Dundon.

Maybe that’s why few raised an eyebrow when the dead of the NHL offseason emerged late July and the GM of the Year finalist was still a free agent. Or maybe it was that he has still acted as Hurricanes GM and President, addressing the media after matching the Sebastian Aho offer sheet and being quoted in press releases for the Erik Haula and Ryan Dzingel signings.

Either way, five weeks out of training camp and none of the illusions above change the fact that Waddell became a free agent June 30 and the Hurricanes haven’t signed him. It might still be something to shrug at, if only two popular folks (former Checkers head coach Mike Vellucci and former Hurricanes goalie coach Mike Bales) hadn’t made lateral moves out of the organization earlier in the offseason.

Oh, and The Athletic’s Michael Russo reported Tuesday that the Wild actually conducted an in-person interview with Waddell for the Paul Fenton-sized hole in Minnesota’s front office.

A potential third lateral move in one summer, that would leave Carolina with no GM and no President in mid-August?

A source within the Hurricanes seems confident that’s not going to happen.

But this situation — the Wild firing a GM so late in the game, then another team’s “free agent” GM willing to field an in-person interview — is so abnormal that it’s worth examining no matter the outcome.

How could negotiations between the Hurricanes and Waddell get to this point?

We will learn much more in the coming days, For now, let’s play a little speculation roulette.

Scenario 1

The Hurricanes were so sure of the “lifetime contract” that they left it as an afterthought while they shopped around for pieces. They signed an offer sheet and are essentially spending to the cap for the first time in recent memory, after all. In this scenario, they didn’t see Fenton’s firing coming and figured there were no openings Waddell would explore, so no rush.

This scenario would still rightfully rub many the wrong way considering Waddell’s reputation as a class act and how it would look to just put his contract on the back burner because the Canes thought they could, but it’s at least reasonably understandable.

Scenario 2

Contract talks weren’t going well and Waddell saw interviewing elsewhere as an opportunity for leverage.

This scenario reflects poorly on the Hurricanes if it’s the real one. Waddell is well within his rights to secure the bag through creative means. At least two other Hurricanes employees recently outsourced “the bag” and actually left, though, so if the GM completes that hat trick you absolutely have to start questioning why so much leverage needs to be sought.

Scenario 3

Waddell really wants to leave.

This is the least likely scenario, but obviously the worst for the Hurricanes. So much drama before training camp and the scramble

to find a new GM and President would likely dampen the vibe of a solid offseason.

I’m guessing the first scenario is at play here, but no matter how you slice it this doesn’t look great for Carolina at the moment. We must remember that Waddell is the President and GM of the Canes — letting these folks walk this late in the offseason is unheard of for a reason.

The Hurricanes should hope Victor Rask is the best asset the Wild get out of Raleigh before next season.

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NHL Seattle moves to crack down on ticket ‘brokers’ now on a waiting list for seats

By Geoff Baker Seattle Times staff reporter

Seattle’s NHL team is still more than two years from taking the ice, but officials are already moving to stop what they call “ticket brokers” from stockpiling an inventory of KeyArena seats.

Starting Wednesday, NHL Seattle plans to contact suspected brokers who’ve reserved season tickets and tell them they can’t have them all. Fans in March 2018 were able to make deposits of \$500 or \$1,000 per ticket and between 32,000 and 33,000 were actually reserved in fewer than 48 hours before the list was capped.

“We’re going to go through our list and try to identify any prospective brokers on the list,” NHL Seattle president and CEO Tod Leiweke said Tuesday. “And then we’re going to pick up the phone and talk to them. Our aim is to not have brokers camping out on our list, buying tickets solely for the purpose of reselling.”

Leiweke said the team should begin inviting fans to actually buy tickets this fall – possibly in late October. The delay in converting deposits into actual tickets is just one of several items the team has continuously postponed since the NHL franchise was awarded last December.

NHL Seattle had also initially planned to announce the new team’s name at some point this year – but that was before the league decided the team would launch in October 2021 instead of 2020. Now, the naming decision has again been put off until early next year to possibly coincide with the NHL All-Star Break and line up more with the timeline the Vegas Golden Knights used in announcing their name roughly a year ahead of their 2017 debut.

While the naming issue has frustrated some hockey impatient fans, the ticket sales delay has actually hit them in the pocket book. When the deposits were taken 17 months ago, Leiweke’s brother, Tim, who was running the effort on behalf of the Oak View Group (OVG), said it would only hold on to depositor money until summer 2018 before sales commenced.

Since then, the estimated cost of the privately-funded KeyArena rebuild by OVG has skyrocketed from \$600 million to \$930 million. Season ticket sales will help recoup part of that cost and OVG and NHL Seattle have no doubt adjusted their pricing models several times the past 1½ years.



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Tod Leiweke said Tuesday he wants true fans to have first crack at the seats they made deposits on. When the Golden Knights launched in 2017, their sold-out home games became a bit of a league-wide joke given T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas seemed constantly half-filled with visiting team fans buying their seats off resale websites.

"We've been working on this for a little while and so we're going to start making calls," Leiweke said. "You might see some social media chatter about it, or somebody feeling like they've been impugned but we're going to completely be fair here.

"There's no doubt there are some big brokers on there and if they want to buy two or four season tickets and keep their priority, fine. But the idea of blocks of tickets – and there are different ways they do it, manipulate the system – we're going to try to not let that happen."

One broker contacted by The Seattle Times on Tuesday said any crackdown is more a case of NHL Seattle trying to "manipulate the marketplace" by not letting actual public demand set the value of hockey tickets. Over much of the past decade, sports fans moved away from buying tickets at face value from a stadium or arena box office and instead now purchase them for what the market dictates from resale websites like StubHub.

As the so-called "secondary market" commanded lucrative profits for third party brokers and fans reselling online, teams and leagues moved to get a cut of the action. In many cases, they've taken seats away from brokers and then listed them on their own team websites for the same inflated prices equating to several times face value.

"They want to charge as much as they possibly can," the broker said. "They don't want to give tickets to the less popular games for very cheap. They want people to have to pay more for everything. This sounds like another opportunity for them to manipulate all the data and manipulate the pricing for everything."

For now, few fans will likely complain about the idea of brokers losing seats. But a potentially more contentious issue is exactly how far the resale crackdown winds up going.

With a pair of lower bowl NHL season tickets expected to go for between \$10,000 and \$25,000 at KeyArena, fans buying them will undoubtedly attempt to recoup some cost by reselling them on websites just as brokers do.

Leiweke said the current crackdown is for brokers alone. As for fans reselling, he said: "We're looking at all sorts of things. We hope that the people buying tickets are Seattle hockey fans and that's what they're going to do. They're going to use them and not turn this into a side business."

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The Athletic / Why NHL coaches are risk-averse and what it will take for that to change

By Justin Bourne Aug 6, 2019

While I don't subscribe to the idea that "there's a grain of truth to every joke," this particular one held enough to fill several prairie bins.

This "joke" had also become a running one, as I had once again clipped a video for our Toronto Marlies coaching staff of an unintentional "lateral dump" while proclaiming it hockey's next great coaching revolution. That was hyperbole, but I really loved the play then and still do now. It was mostly a joke because that's how my then-lack of confidence led me to present it.

When a player skates the puck up across the center red and enters the area before the blue line, where they start to feel real pressure from both the D and backchecking forwards, the autopilot play of the day is ... well, you know exactly what it is. The default play there is to simply dump the puck into the offensive zone.

That scenario checks all the pucks-in-deep boxes. Players have been taught that for decades now. There are numerous times when that is the best play, and there are in fact ways to dump the puck so that your forecheckers can get on top of the retrieval defenseman quick enough to stop them, slow them down or just beat them to the puck. We haven't been told to dump it in for so long because it's some horrific play and coaches are morons.

As I see it, lateral dumps are just the logical evolution of smart puck placements when putting it deep.

But what exactly is a lateral dump? Let's take a step back and think about defending in the big picture to better understand that individual play. From there, I'd like to look at where hockey coaching is going in general, where I think it should go and what's going to change in the short term.

Structured defenses today try to play a numbers game. If you have the puck in the offensive corner, you're likely in that corner with a teammate, with a third forward acting as F3 somewhere higher and out of the pile. Knowing those constants, defenses try to have a forward (ideally the center) and a defender to match those offensive numbers one-to-one. They also have the strong-side winger creeping down the wall, shrinking the zone to make it two forwards versus about two-and-a-half defenders. The other defenders creep in as they can, too. That's how it goes all over the ice. Defenses cheat with extra bodies around the puck because they know how challenging and unlikely it is that offenses will get it through those traps to the softer areas where there's less pressure.

That thinking includes when a player is rushing the puck through the neutral zone to our presumed "dump it in" area. The strong-side D's job is to angle that rushing player to the boards and the first forward backchecking is also asked to pressure the puck. They want to kill the rush and entry to before it becomes anything (an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure and all that). It doesn't matter if there are open offensive players farther outside the defensive swarm around the puck; teams are betting their opponents can't navigate the puck through the converging obstacles.

The burden of offense, of creating, of scoring, is on those with the puck. The defense is always betting they can't make a strong enough case.

In this neutral zone rush scenario outlined above, the one defender angles the puck carrier (the F1 in blue below) to the wall, hoping to force a dump before the blue line, while his D-partner cheats back to get a head start on retrieval and transition.

That's a random grouping of what a "standard" rush without a breakdown might look like. Here's where everyone is heading defensively, very generally.

Don't worry about all those lines, just worry about this one point: The defense is trying to cut the ice in half. They're forcing a dump then cheating on the retrieval, while the other backcheckers are coming



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back to the house and taking away the middle. In this scenario, that leaves a large section of open ice, which is where the offense wants the next battle to take place.

Teams have known they want to get the puck there and out of the swamp, but it's easier said than done. The hard dump/rim attempt is regularly stopped by today's goaltender, which then puts that goalie's team in the best position possible to break the puck out – in solid possession, with a barrier set up between them and the forecheckers. Rims also take an extra couple of seconds to arrive in that open ice window, which makes it more readable for the D. It's also hard to pick rimmed pucks off the wall, meaning getting to it first doesn't often result in an immediate offensive challenge. Also, if their D is cheating back on a dump, they're probably going to get the first touch on it. While hard rims can be very effective, as a goal, they still seek 50/50 puck battles. If you're starting with 100 percent possession, I'm not sure that's a great goal.

One summer I had the privilege of skating with Jarome Iginla, and while being way-too-dialed into his every move, I overheard him on the bench telling his linemate something I immediately stole and used with my line in college. He was talking about a play that teammate made while they were rushing the puck up the ice – the guy had tried to saucer a puck over two sticks to him, it got batted out of the air, and they spent the rest of that shift in their D-zone. He told the guy that instead of the difficult touch saucer play, and instead of dumping it in, to just ... shoot it at him.

Seriously.

Basically, he was asking for a knee-to-waist-high wrist shot at him. The result was he'd either catch it and put it down, it'd hit him and drop, or he'd miss it, the puck would thud into the boards and drop beside him. It would mitigate turnover risks and successfully move the puck to a teammate out wide while avoiding simply giving the puck back with a dump. That exact play happened later that same game (which made it particularly memorable), as the D-man stepped up to pinch off a neutral zone pass out wide to the big winger just as he'd done before, but the shot/pass came in so high and hot that the D-man couldn't (or wasn't prepared to) affect the play. Iginla caught it, tossed it down, and went in alone.

The point is, the cost of him not catching that play is basically nil – the puck smacks the boards (or his pants) and he's the closest player to it – and the only risk is the initial shot/pass getting knocked down. But the odds of too many knee-high wristers from 20 feet away getting knocked directly down are pretty slim, and there's a risk to every neutral zone puck decision in hockey. If you have a flawless neutral zone strategy, go ahead and take up your job as head coach of whichever NHL team you like.

It was off of this idea – the effectiveness of being able to rip the puck laterally – combined with my interest in getting the puck to the open area of the ice that made me start considering the lateral dump at that crucial “dump or make a play” window near the offensive blue line. I just felt that zipping the puck at the wide boards instead of dumping it behind the goal line would give the team with the puck a few more advantages when a clean entry isn't an option.

One of those advantages would be knowing where the puck is going before the defense does. That half-step would feel like a tiny form of cheating in terms of dictating where the puck goes next for your team.

A few other things I like about the lateral dump:

The second the puck is fired across the ice, every defender has to switch. Without going through it position by position, all five defenders' responsibilities are changed in a split second, and that's

essentially what you want to force the D to do. Think, make decisions, and hopefully get caught in between assignments.

If a team learns you like to dump it laterally, could it lead to the recovery D cheating out wide, leaving more room in the middle of the ice? If so, that would be the holy grail of offensive hockey strategies. If not, well, the offensive team is going to keep getting to those pucks first, over and over.

The distance to the puck is shorter for the forecheckers, and a won battle or clean recovery can lead to a quicker attack downhill, rather than having to pull it out from behind the goal line and create offense from a situation where the defensive structure is established.

The idea isn't complex or without flaw, but it's different from what we've seen for years, and legitimately addresses how to escape today's scourge of defensive smother. Dump-ins are punts; lateral dumps would function more like on-side kicks, with far less risk. Mixing in a couple of cross-ice wristers around the blue line may even make recovering traditional dumps easier, as it steals the highly coveted crutch of predictability that the opposing D generally works off. If nothing else, it's thinking about hockey strategy a little differently, which isn't something we see attempted much in the professional ranks.

To the credit of the rest of the Marlies staff, they not only humored my love of the lateral dump, it felt like they agreed with it outright. (And if it was just me they were humoring, I thank them for that anyway.) Unfortunately, it never really got beyond my “jokes,” as the reality in-season is that there are always real issues to deal with that limit you from really fleshing out the pros and cons of implementing new styles of playing.

In short: there's the previous game to break down. There's breaking down your upcoming opponents and game-planning to beat them. There are call-ups and send-downs and injuries and personal problems and travel and practices to plan, too. Real hockey life moves fast, so committing precious time to experiment will always have a cost of time lost elsewhere. Most hockey strategies are fairly generalized so when a guy shows up on a new team, he has some idea of how that team will be playing. Something like a lateral dump would be unusual, meaning it would involve some real drilling into players' heads. That sort of thing needs time, as being on the wrong page – whipping it wide while your linemates barrel below the goal line – could result in some Grade A chances going the wrong way.

Even with the risks that come with trying new strategies, and with hockey's aversion to trying anything new in general, there are exceptions. Pro teams do paw at the fringes of new and different, and I'm aware of a couple of teams that do something in the offensive zone that feels like it's from the same playbook as the lateral dump.

To look at that play, let's start at the desired offensive outcome and work backward.

You have the puck in the O-zone want to score goals. Goals are good. Those often come off net-front Plinko (screens and tips and rebounds and general crease play), but all playing styles offer some amount of those. If your main plan to create offense is hoping for some random around-the-net bounces, I don't consider that a good strategy (though many, many coaches disagree). That's not to say don't get pucks to the net – I just don't think blind “smash it into the chaos” is gonna yield great, repeatable results.

I think offenses today are best served by focusing on changing the shape of the defense, meaning: creating movement, moving the puck east-to-west through the zone and looking for open players on passes from out behind the goal line. Both eye-test and stat-fans are



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nodding at those thoughts. All these ideas require time with the puck to get your head up and find someone, but once that's achieved, you create extra breaths of space for everyone else, and you pull defenders apart and make them react and switch.

If you agree with the idea that those are valuable ways to create offense, you'd agree that getting players to open ice with the puck is a great place to start. And so we're finally at that play I was referring to. When the puck goes low-to-high, I know of a few teams that won't put the puck back down into the muck, they won't try to force a shot into blocks or even shoot one just wide. Their plan is to immediately put the puck in the other, open corner, with a diagonal area "pass" of sorts. That means using the D the way power plays use the bumper today, as sort of a pressure release valve.

Once the offensive D gets that touch and puts the puck in the open corner, it forces the D to move east-to-west; the offensive forwards know it's coming, so they get to the puck first and the D is now in switch mode. That's where the breakdowns come. Ideally, your offensive forward gets there with time and space, all while five defenders are switching over and trying to get sorted out. Any coach of the D group here would tell you those are harrowing moments with holes everywhere. Defenses like stasis, not movement.

Like with the idea of a lateral dump, the offensive team knows where the puck is going first, which gives them a huge leg up. It forces the D to read not just the offensive players but each other. It unclogs the fixed defensive structure.

I believe this is one of the directions hockey is going to go from an offensive standpoint. The question is how do we get the puck east-to-west in the offensive zone so our guys have time to do what they do best while forcing the opposition to move? That may even mean an offensive cycle turns into a lateral dump with the D down the back-side rather than just putting the puck blindly back in the muck the way we used to cycle it.

F3 (the high forward in the zone) above would just fill in for the D, and while the offense would keep right on churning, the D would have questions to answer and quick. In the defensive rotation asked of the D above, does the defending winger in the middle of the ice now take on the low battle (he's going to be the first forward near the puck, after all), while the center fills in for him ... along the wall? Without getting too into this specific play: there are major decisions on how to defend and little time to make them there.

Coaching in hockey today can be woefully stagnant and risk-averse. That's partially because if you do what everyone's always done and fail, you can get another job. If you try something new and fail, nobody's exactly sure what comes next, and nobody seems to want to be the first to find out.

There are two more major points about coaching I want to make.

One: If the problem of time is what's keeping coaching staffs from getting more creative with their teams, that's an issue that needs to be addressed. If I were an NHL GM, every summer would involve a two- or three-day coaching summit with the staff. That doesn't mean "find time at development camp to talk strategy" or "tack a 'new ideas' meeting on to the end of a summer day." I mean, the staff meets at some destination for two or three days to discuss strategy during the days and to BS over some fancy dinners at night. I'd want every coach to come up with two different ideas –original ideas – in each of the areas where there is coaching strategy and the staff would then talk those through. (If guys have only one, or they have three, whatever – the point is newness.) It really wouldn't be that hard to come out with a few new breakout routes to consider how they'd end up, even if the answer is usually "poorly." It's not so

difficult to cook up a regroup that doesn't involve just posting up and tipping the puck in.

My idea here is that when new strategies are discussed, even outlandish ones, other staff members pick them apart and gains are inevitably made. In deconstructing those ideas, you get to consider how they butterfly effect the play going forward and there can be realizations about other strategies that may challenge particular opponents. It should also make you question why you do certain things the way you always have. There's the opportunity to better look at the unique tools you have on your roster as well, and to consider how you can maximize their usefulness. In all, I figure if you leave those three days each summer with one new, effective idea each year – just one, whether it be on your breakouts or special teams or forechecks or regroups – you just made your team better heading into the next season. That said, I highly doubt you'd settle on just one.

The NHL season is a grind and staffs are dying for a break by the time it's over. In the summer, there's the draft and free agency and development camps and main camps and individual player projects, and frankly, nobody wants to add more offseason work. I get that. But if I'm the GM, I think "tough beans" (but I don't say as much out loud), then wrap the couple-day endeavor with the trappings of a vacation getaway, because I'm an ever-competitive, but considerate GM, of course. I truly believe this kind of coaching ideas summit every year would provide a sizeable leg up.

Two: One of the greatest strengths of the Marlies staff I left is that they address team weaknesses by building unique practice drills to work on them, day in and day out. (They often improvise in-game this way, as best they can.) It's not rocket science, but the point is, Sheldon Keefe doesn't simply have a portfolio of drills from which he picks X amount each practice. He's always building some new drill to work on the exact needs of his team.

Unfortunately, that flexibility isn't all that common. Most coaches I've come across use the best drills ... of drills they've seen before. Most use the best systems ... of systems they've seen before. Hockey is grotesquely copycat at this point. On the powerplay, the question is almost always "who's on their 1-3-1," not "what's their set-up?" It's "who do they drop the puck to on their PP breakout," not "how do they breakout on the PP?" It feels like so few coaches out there even bother to think about ways to gain advantages. They just teach what most coaches teach and then enforce their particular brand of culture.

Hockey is a fluid, dynamic game, and there's a lot of room to do things differently. Sports evolve, sometimes very quickly, as we've seen with the shift in baseball and the explosion of three-point shooting in the NBA. Once someone shows it works for long enough, the game changes.

It'll be less obvious, but it's coming for hockey. There will be movers here, particularly with the introduction of player tracking data this upcoming season. Coaches will see where they can make better gains more directly and they'll attack those areas. At least a few people will, anyway, before everyone follows. Dumping the puck was the first "let's just put the puck where we want it" – that being their end – "and go from there" move. The aerial flip has become another accepted version. The "open corner" diagonal puck placement from the point is becoming one. Maybe the lateral dump is next.

Maybe it isn't, too. But I know any coaching staff that is willing to implement a dose of offensive strategy to counteract today's defensive systems is going to find a sliver of success that'll bring the copycats running. It feels like chances, and in turn goals, and in turn wins are being left out there by just about everyone, every night of



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the NHL season. The game is always changing and I think we're going to undergo a big shift in the coming years. The only question, as always with pro sports, is who wants to go first?

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The Athletic / Down Goes Brown: Let's ruin your productivity for the day by playing the \$200 Lineup Game

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It's August. Nothing much is happening in the NHL. Nothing much will be happening in the NHL. If anything did happen, we might not find out about it because Pierre is on vacation. Outside of whatever the Wild are doing, there's nothing to talk about.

It's a perfect time to play The \$200 Lineup Game.

This game is based on some Twitter fun we had a few years ago. The rules are simple. You're going to build the best starting lineup out of players who've played for your favorite NHL team. Here's how it works.

You need three forwards, two defensemen and a goalie. Other than that, we don't care about position, so you can mix wingers and centers and don't need to worry about which side your defensemen play on.

You have a salary cap of \$200 to work with to build your full lineup.

Each player you pick will cost you a salary of \$1 per regular-season game that they ever played for your favorite team. If you want a guy who played one full 82-game season, that's \$82 of your cap gone.

Here's the key, and the part that's going to screw up the people who skip the intro on these things: Once you fit a player onto your roster, you get credit for their entire NHL career. Not just the games they played for your team – everything they did in the NHL.

In other words, you're looking for star players who had the briefest possible stint with your team. Guy Lafleur isn't worth anything to the Canadiens, because he'd cost way too much. But his one season in New York means that a Rangers team could squeeze him in for \$67, and they'd get credit for the full Flower experience. Want Brett Hull and his 700+ career goals? You're out of luck if you're the Blues or even the Stars. But a Flames team could fit him in for just \$57. And the Coyotes could get him for just \$5.

A few more rules, just for your loophole-seekers out there.

A player must have played at least one regular-season game to qualify for a team's roster. There are no freebies. That means, for example, that the Stars can't claim Jarome Iginla even though they drafted him and the Oilers and Predators can't claim Mike Richter even though both teams technically acquired him during his career. Coyotes fans don't get Pronger, Datsyuk and Hossa. Same goes for any cases where a team only ever dressed a player in the postseason. Basically, if you think you've found a way to get a guy for free, you're cheating.

We're going by franchise here, so we'll combine the Nordiques with the Avs, the Whalers with the Hurricanes, the Thrashers and the new Jets, etc. That cuts both ways; it gives those teams more

players to work with, but also prevents any shady picks like trying to claim Owen Nolan as a \$9 Avalanche despite his five full seasons as a Nordique.

You can use active players, but you only get credit for what they've done in the NHL as of today, not what they might do in the future. So if Canucks fans want to spend \$71 on Elias Pettersson, they only get one season of him.

If a player had multiple stints with a team, they all combine together to produce his price tag. The Leafs can't try to claim Doug Gilmour for \$1 based on his brief return to the team in 2003.

Speaking of the Leafs, let's use them as our first example ...

Toronto Maple Leafs

Forwards: Ron Francis (\$12), Eric Lindros (\$33), Dickie Moore (\$38)

Defense: Brian Leetch (\$15), Phil Housley (\$1)

Goaltender: Terry Sawchuk (\$91)

Total: \$190

That's not a bad lineup, featuring six Hall-of-Famers. The Pat Quinn years are fruitful here, as late-season acquisitions of Francis, Leetch and Housley give us a cheap backbone and help us have enough left over to spend a relatively hefty \$91 on Sawchuk (or, if you prefer, \$95 on Grant Fuhr). If you'd rather go with a post-expansion look, you could swap out old-timers Moore and Sawchuk and bring in Joe Nieuwendyk (\$64) and Bernie Parent (\$65) instead for the same combined price. Or you could use Gerry Cheevers in goal for just \$2 and spend more elsewhere. But whichever way you go, the Leafs are solid.

Makes sense? Do you see what we're going for? Cool. Then let's try some other teams around the league because as you're going to see, there are a few teams that can give the Leafs a run for their \$200 worth of money. We're going to serve up a dozen teams in all, which doesn't cover everyone but is more than enough to get your brain working and then turn it over to you to come up with your own.

Boston Bruins

Forwards: Jaromir Jagr (\$11), Cy Denny (\$23), Dave Andreychuk (\$63)

Defense: Paul Coffey (\$18), Brian Leetch (\$61)

Goaltender: Jacques Plante (\$8)

Total: \$184

You could say that this concept already has a playoff atmosphere because the Bruins immediately knock off the Maple Leafs. And to add insult to injury, they even do it with one of the same players off of the Leafs' roster, as Leetch makes like a free agent and jumps to a rival for more money. They pair him with Coffey, who (spoiler alert) will also show up on more than one of these lists.

Other possibilities on the backend include Sergei Gonchar for \$15 or Babe Pratt for \$31. But the real options are up front. To be honest, I went with Andreychuk mainly to eat up a big chunk of the cap space that was going to be leftover, but you could go with somebody like Joey Mullen at \$37 or even Rick Nash for \$11 and just pocket the rest. Not that Boston ownership would ever do that.

So yeah, the Bruins are now our team to beat. Let's see if anyone can do it.

Detroit Red Wings



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Forwards: Darryl Sittler (\$61), Mike Modano (\$40), Charlie Conacher (\$40)

Defense: Doug Harvey (\$2), Borje Salming (\$49)

Goaltender: Bill Ranford (\$4)

Total: \$196

In theory, the Red Wings seem like a team that would be made for this sort of game, since modern history is filled with Hall of Famers finishing their careers with brief stopovers in Detroit. But many of them aren't brief enough, as guys like Daniel Alfredsson and Bernie Federko played enough games in their one season with the Wings to price them out of our budget. Marian Hossa did too.

We can squeeze in Modano and Sittler, though, largely because Harvey gives us a monster value on the blue line. We get more solid value in goal with a Conn Smythe winner in Ranford at just \$4, but he makes Detroit our first entry that isn't made up entirely of current or future Hall of Famers. The Wings' entry is a solid one, but I don't think they top the Bruins.

Let's take a break from the Original Six teams and try a few who have a little less history to work with.

Pittsburgh Penguins

Forwards: Jarome Iginla (\$13), Luc Robitaille (\$46), Marian Hossa (\$12)

Defense: Tim Horton (\$44), Sergei Zubov (\$64)

Goaltender: Tomas Vokoun (\$20)

Total: \$199

The Penguins benefit from our rule about just using three forwards without worrying about position, as they'll roll with over 1,800 goals worth of wingers and apparently just hope that nobody ever has to take a faceoff.

Those three bargains up front allow us to spend some extra money on the blue line, which we kind of need to do – there aren't any obvious sub-\$40 bargains to be found here. We get a pair of Hall of Famers, though, so we'll take it. We don't have as much luck in goal, where the good-but-not-great Vokoun is really the only option. That takes this team down a notch after a promising start.

We've been heavy on the Eastern Conference so far, so let's head to the West for the next few.

Colorado Avalanche (and Quebec Nordiques)

Forwards: Paul Kariya (\$51), Dave Andreychuk (\$14), Theo Fleury (\$15)

Defense: Ray Bourque (\$94), Johnny Boychuk (\$4)

Goaltender: Brian Elliott (\$12)

Total: \$190

This was a tough one. We start off with a solid forward group that seems to leave us with plenty of space to work with for the back end. But then we run into the Ray Bourque conundrum. Despite how everyone remembers it, he actually spent parts of two seasons in Colorado, so he costs a ton. If we use him, we have to go cheap on the goaltending, and we're picking between guys like Elliott, Greg Millen and Garth Snow. But if we aim a little higher – say, Ron Hextall at \$54 – then we have to say goodbye to Bourque and go cheap on the blue line, and there aren't any standout options there,

either. When in doubt, go with the first-ballot Hall of Famer, so we'll roll with a plan I'm going to call Pay for Ray and Pray for Saves.

Los Angeles Kings

Forwards: Jarome Iginla (\$19), Steve Shutt (\$59), Rick Martin (\$4)

Defense: Paul Coffey (\$60), Ian Turnbull (\$42)

Goaltender: Billy Smith (\$5)

Total: \$189

The Kings are a fun one. They've never been afraid to bring in a big name for a few games, which gives us partial seasons of Hall of Famers like Coffey, Shutt and another appearance by Iginla to work with. Mix in the first five games of Battling Billy's career and we're on our way.

From there, the last forward spot gets interesting. We could try to make room for somebody like Vincent Lecavalier (\$42) or Jeremy Roenick (\$58), or even a current King in Ilya Kovalchuk at \$64. Or we could go the bargain route with somebody like Rob Brown at \$2 or Neal Broten at \$19, or a sneaky pick like Brayden Schenn for \$9. But I think four-time all-star Rick Martin works best at \$4, leaving us with enough room to fill out the blue line with Turnbull. (Although you could also go with someone like Oleg Tverdovsky at \$26 or Barry Beck at \$52.)

Dallas Stars (and Minnesota North Stars)

Forwards: Jaromir Jagr (\$34), Eric Lindros (\$49), Mike Gartner (\$80)

Defense: Jyrki Lumme (\$15), Gerald Diduck (\$14)

Goaltender: Tim Thomas (\$8)

Total: \$200

At first, I didn't even bother to look over the Stars' options. They just didn't seem like the type of team that would work well for this sort of thing. But then I remembered their brief Jagr era, plus Lindros and a few weeks of Tim Thomas and we were on our way.

Things get tricky after that, with nobody jumping out as a great bargain to round out the forwards. Sergei Makarov was an option at \$4, but I decided to buy Gartner and his 700 career goals for \$80, which seemed like decent value but left us with a shoestring for the blue line. As it turns out, that doesn't really matter, as the Stars have never had a short-term star there apart from maybe 79 games of Sergei Gonchar. So I went with a pair of grizzled 1990s mainstays who combine for over 1,900 career games and cost a total of \$29, giving the Stars the distinction of being the only team on our list that comes in at exactly \$200.

Not bad, but not a contender. So let's dip back into the Original Six and see if an old rival can steal the Bruins' crown.

Montreal Canadiens

Forwards: Phantom Joe Malone (\$58), Marty Barry (\$30), Danny Briere (\$69)

Defense: Rob Ramage (\$14), Francois Beauchemin (\$1)

Goaltender: Tony Esposito (\$13)

Total: \$185

That's ... that's an almost shockingly weak team, given who we're dealing with here, right? These are the Montreal Canadiens, one of only two franchises that can reach all the way back to 1917 to build their team. You'd think they'd be stacked. But other than Esposito,



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they'd don't have anyone who jumps out as a steal. They nearly wound up needing to dress a \$15 Alexander Semin.

What's going on? I think there may be a team culture thing at play here, as the Habs just don't seem to like to bring in aging superstars who made their reputation with other teams. In their eyes, it seems, you're either a true legend (in which case you're a Hab for life) or some other team's knockoff version (in which case they don't want you).

Maybe I'm on to something. Or maybe not. Either way, this team is fine, but not much more than that. Let's try another Original Six team, this time one with no issues with bringing in other teams' former stars.

New York Rangers

Forwards: Howie Morenz (\$18), Jari Kurri (\$14), Pavel Bure (\$51)

Defense: Tim Horton (\$93), Roman Hamrik (\$12)

Goaltender: Terry Sawchuk (\$8)

Total: \$196

Now we're talking. Almost from Day 1, the Rangers have never been shy about giving a big name at the end of their career a few games on the marquee at MSG. The forwards are so stacked that we didn't even have to take advantage of great bargains like Glenn Anderson at \$12 or Eric Staal at \$20. We could have even probably found a way to shuffle in Pat LaFontaine or Guy Lafleur, both of whom come in at \$67.

The blue line isn't quite as strong – defense has never been a big seller on Broadway, after all. We have to spend big to get a Hall of Famer in Horton and can only scrounge up enough for the other spot to afford Hamrik, who nobody actually remembers playing for the Rangers. But we're all set in goal with Sawchuk, so this is a strong entry. Just not as strong as the one Original Six team we haven't got to yet.

Chicago Blackhawks

Forwards: Theo Fleury (\$54), Peter Bondra (\$37), Sid Abel (\$42)

Defense: Bobby Orr (\$26), Paul Coffey (\$10)

Goaltender: Dominik Hasek (\$25)

Total: \$194

There's a good chance that once you got your head wrapped around the concept, your mind went straight to the Blackhawks. You may even have convinced yourself that they were a sure thing. That back end is mind-boggling, featuring two players who are quite possibly the best to ever play their positions, plus one who merely ranks second all-time in defenseman scoring. And that trio comes in dirt cheap, leaving us plenty to spend on our three forwards.

Unfortunately, we can't find any truly elite options up front, although there are some pretty good ones. Bondra scored 500 goals and Fleury was an absolute beast in his prime. But both guys are (so far) on the outside of the Hall of Fame looking in, so they don't exactly give us the sort of star power that turns this into a runaway winner. Babe Dye in is the Hall, and he was a legitimate superstar, but at \$52 we can't swap him in without losing Fleury and that could be a tough call with modern fans. We can't afford Howie Morenz at \$72, I'm not sure John Tonelli at \$33 makes us all that much better and Wendel Clark at \$13 is clearly a database error because he only ever played for the Leafs. So we end up with a Wings' legend in Abel, another Hall of Famer but not a guy who comes up often in conversations about the all-time greats. Seriously, would it have

killed the modern Cup-winning Hawks to have done one trade deadline rental for an elite forward?

A bigger question: Does that somewhat weak forward group even matter, given how ridiculous the goaltending and defense are? Maybe not; I think I still put this team ahead of the Bruins. But it does crack the door open just a little as we close with a couple more contenders, including one you might not see coming.

Carolina Hurricanes (but mostly Hartford Whalers)

Forwards: Gordie Howe (\$80), Bobby Hull (\$9), Mark Recchi (\$20)

Defense: Tomas Kaberle (\$29), James Wisniewski (\$1)

Goaltender: Tom Barrasso (\$34)

Total: \$173

That's one hell of a way to start a team, with arguably two of the three most dangerous forwards of the Original Six era. Howe was part of the Whalers WHA era and came over for year one of their NHL history, where he was very briefly joined by Hull (and also Dave Keon, although he stuck around long enough to price himself out of the mix). Work in Recchi thanks to a Hurricanes rental for the 2006 Cup run, and we've got almost 2,000 goals from our three forwards.

The blue line is where it all falls apart, although we nearly scored big there too – Paul Coffey played 20 games with the Whalers, but later returned to the franchise for two seasons with the Hurricanes that drives his price out of our budget. Between that and the Whalers not giving up on Chris Pronger a little earlier, we're stuck with the bargain bin. Kaberle's OK and Wisniewski is at least as dirt cheap as a player can be, leaving us with enough to spend on an underrated goalie. But the backend can't live up to the potential of that ridiculous first line. (And in case you're wondering, swapping in J.S. Giguere for \$8 doesn't free up enough money to offer much of an upgrade to the blue line.)

The Whalers gave it a good effort, but this top-heavy entry is basically the mirror image of the Hawks squad, and that Chicago team had more balance top-to-bottom. So we're down to one last team that can give Chicago a run for their money. And as it turns out, it's an old rival.

St. Louis Blues

Forwards: Wayne Gretzky (\$18), Peter Stastny (\$23), Glenn Anderson (\$51)

Defense: Doug Harvey (\$70), Phil Housley (\$26)

Goaltender: Martin Brodeur (\$7)

Total: \$195

And here's the other 800-pound gorilla in the competition. The Blues aren't an Original Six franchise, so they've got roughly half the history to work with as compared to teams like the Hawks and Bruins. But they've got the advantage of having had a pair of crazy GMs in Ron Caron and (especially) Mad Mike Keenan, which means they've rarely been shy about chasing big names.

How big? Well, we start off with the greatest forward in the history of the game. We've got a goaltender who's at least in the conversation as the best of all-time at his position. And you've got the guy who was considered the best defenseman ever for the league's first half-century or so. And you can surround them with three more Hall of Famers in Stastny, Anderson and Housley. This roster is stacked.

And to be honest, we're still not doing the Blues justice here. If we changed this game from a starting six to a full roster, I'm not sure



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anyone could touch this team's depth. If you don't like the forward group I've assembled, you could swap in Hall of Famers like Dickie Moore (\$27), Dale Hawerchuk (\$66), Guy Carbonneau (\$41) or even Vaclav Nedomansky (\$22). Maybe you try to find a way to squeeze in Scott Stevens (\$78) or Guy Lapointe (\$62) on the blue line. And then there's Scott Gomez (\$21), Ray Ferraro (\$15), Petr Nedved (\$19), Wade Redden (\$23), Stephane Richer (\$36) or even Martin Havlat (\$2) or Lars Ellers (\$7). You get the point; the Blues have more cheap options than just about anybody.

But we didn't make this a game about depth. It's about a top six. So who do you get? Can Gretzky and Brodeur beat out Orr and Hasek? Can one of these other teams make a strong case to beat out the Blues and Hawks?

Or is there a better contender out there that we missed? Can you find enough functional blue line talent to round out the Flames scary Jagr/Hull/St. Louis first line? Can the Sharks build something around Ed Belfour, Brian Campbell and Claude Lemieux? Want to build a Coyotes/Jets roster that starts with the father-and-son Hull combo for \$23? Looking to build a Senators team with Hasek and Marian Gaborik just so you can watch them scrimmage?

Have at it. Let me know who you think wins the crown among the dozen teams above. Or fire up the hockey-reference.com franchise index for the team of your choice and take your best shot at the \$200 Lineup Game in the comments.

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The Athletic / 'Sky's the limit for her': Caroline Cameron shows versatility while pushing boundaries for women

By Hailey Salvian Aug 6, 2019

It's a random Tuesday night during the hockey season and Caroline Cameron is sitting at her studio desk preparing to host "Hockey Central Tonight." On this night there are 10 games on the schedule. With little notice, she is told by a producer they are going to record a pre-taped segment about the Toronto Maple Leafs' upcoming game against the Nashville Predators.

She looks up from her notes with a smile and jumps into a 45-second spiel about the game. It is unscripted and she only needs one take.

"Boom!" yells her producer Garrett Hansford from the control room. "What a professional."

Cameron's co-host Colby Armstrong, who played nine seasons in the NHL before becoming an analyst, stares in amazement.

"That is insane that you just did that," he says. "How did you just do that?"

A sportscaster at Sportsnet for seven years, Cameron, 29, has broken new ground, moving from anchoring the national highlight show, "Sportsnet Central," to hosting the network's marquee NHL pregame show, "Hockey Central Tonight."

Cameron's roots are in tennis, starting as a ballgirl for the Rogers Cup when she was 15. Eventually she went into reporting, covering and hosting that event for Sportsnet, but her transition to hockey has

been seamless. Now, she is one of the few women to host a national hockey show in Canada.

"I mean, the sky's the limit for her," says "Hockey Night in Canada" reporter Christine Simpson, who has been with Sportsnet since it started in 1998. "For this being her first year, her first season, within the hockey department, to me, she has just shown what a pro she is, how good she is, how comfortable she certainly seems to be.

"I don't know where she wants to go with it. But I certainly see nothing standing in her way."

In 2012, Cameron almost missed out on the start of her career.

She had half a year left of school – she attended Western University's joint media program with Fanshawe College in London, Ont. – when Sportsnet announced it would be holding auditions for an entry-level broadcast position.

"I remember almost not going to the first audition because I had some assignment I was using as an excuse," Cameron said. "I remember I was on the phone with my mom and said, 'I don't think it's worth going because nobody gets a job while you're still in school.' And my mom said, 'You should really go because you'd regret it.'"

Luckily as Cameron often says, she went to audition and got the job. She finished school on a Friday and started her job — part-time doing updates for City News — on the following Monday. She said the job was great for developing, mainly because everything she did was live, and without a teleprompter, which is what she does now with Hockey Central.

Two years later, Cameron was offered a job hosting Sportsnet Central in their new studio in Vancouver with James Cybulski. She had yet to turn 24 before being a national anchor, which in hindsight was a little unnerving for her.

"I was learning the ropes while on a national stage, in front of everyone," she said. "I look back on some of my old stuff sometimes...I like to think I'm much better now than I was then."

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A POST SHARED BY CAROLINE CAMERON (@CAROLINEACAMERON) ON JUL 9, 2015 AT 10:07PM PDT

The studio in Vancouver was shut down after two years, but Sportsnet decided to keep Cameron and bring her back to Toronto, where she continued to host Sportsnet Central, along with stints hosting the Rogers Cup and Olympic Morning, Sportsnet's Pyeongchang Olympics show, before being asked to move to hockey.

In an email Rob Corte, the vice president of Sportsnet and NHL productions, said the Olympic broadcasts Cameron hosted were a major turning point in her career and one of the reasons the network looked to her to fill the empty seat on Hockey Central.

"Caroline blew us all away over those two weeks," he said. "She had reached the next level."

Colby Armstrong admits he was nervous when he initially heard about getting a new co-host because he had only ever worked with long-time broadcaster Jeff Marek.

"We sit in here Mondays and Tuesdays all night long from 4:30 (p.m.) until sometimes one in the morning watching games and hanging out," he said. "She has been super easy and fun to hang out with. She works super hard and is professional, organized like



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crazy. She has done really, really well. I think our chemistry and just her being her has made it really easy.”

When the cameras are on, Cameron is charming, serious when she needs to be, and has fun when the situation allows it. When the cameras are off, her charm stays on. She laughs a lot, has a sarcastic sense of humour, and seems to get along with everyone working on the show from the on-air talent, to her makeup artist, to the intern who is training on lighting. Cameron is warm and approachable, and unapologetically herself both on, and off the air.

“I just don’t understand how anyone couldn’t be themselves,” she said. “It just seems like way too much effort. I’ve got enough to focus on when I’m on air let alone a different personality.”

During her time on Sportsnet Central, and now with Hockey Central, Cameron has become known for her laughing outbursts on the air. Armstrong calls her the “Jimmy Fallon” of their group.

“Honestly, I feel myself laughing every day at work... I know that I’m better when I’m having fun. If I’m stressed, then the person next to me is stressed and it’s going to show,” Cameron said. “I think that’s why the bosses don’t mind me laughing on air because if I’m laughing someone watching probably is, whether it’s with me or at me, it doesn’t really matter.”

Armstrong has tried to define what Cameron’s laugh sounds like, but it’s not an easy task.

“She has three different laughs,” he said. “She has the little giggle that leads to the big giggle, and then she has had a few explosions where she has really lost it on air, which I think is really fun when she is trying to do her job. I think for her to have that personality and the comfort to just be herself, it’s awesome.”

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She’s not just the fun one either. She does her homework, as she showed in February, for example, during a one-on-one with Leafs GM Kyle Dubas after Auston Matthews signed his five-year \$11.6 million contract extension. Many believed that had the Leafs signed Matthews in the summer, before he exploded out of the gate this past season with 10 goals in the first six games, that they would have gotten a longer-term and more team-friendly contract.

And Cameron wasn’t shy about pressing Dubas about it.

Her preparation also shows with the little things, like steering the conversation on the desk, night in and night out, making sure there is never dead air.

Simpson said she has been impressed with how quickly Cameron has mastered hockey.

“Caroline is an example of a woman who absolutely proved herself on the news side, and frankly she can do anything,” she said. “Tennis has been a passion of hers for so many years, but she is just as comfortable talking any other sport when she was anchoring the news and now to me, is just as comfortable talking hockey at the desk doing Hockey Central or even being thrown in rink side at a game. To me, she has made the transition seamlessly and I just couldn’t be prouder of her.”

Armstrong says Cameron has an ease to her style on television that viewers find comforting and entertaining. She’s genuine, and it comes across through the screen.

“She likes to have fun, but she is super prepared, and everything just seems easy for her,” Armstrong said. “She has a real ease about her, dealing with people for one and being on-camera is just automatic. I don’t know if it’s a duck on the water type of thing with her or not, I don’t know just because she makes it look so easy.

“Caroline is just Caroline.”

When Cameron first told her grandmother that she wanted to be a sports broadcaster, her response wasn’t exactly motivating.

She was told: “That’s not a job for women.”

“She was just part of the generation where she hadn’t seen it or understood it,” Cameron said. “Until she saw it in me, and then she accepted it.”

There were only a handful of women working in television when Cameron was growing up, but at the heart of her career aspirations was her love of playing and watching sports. She can still remember sneaking around her childhood home in Etobicoke trying to get in front of a television to watch the end of a game when she was supposed to be in bed.

“My parents’ bedroom was above our family room, so I’d try and walk on the corners of the hallways to avoid any creaking,” she said with a smile. “I’d get caught sometimes.”

In some ways, Cameron’s grandmother was right. Sports broadcasting wasn’t a job for women for a very long time. One of the first women to break the glass ceiling in the industry was Teresa Hergert – who now goes by Teresa Kruze – who was hired by TSN to cover the Calgary Flames and was later promoted to host Sports Desk, which is now named SportsCentre, in 1990.

Kruze remembers how high the bar was set for her compared to her male colleagues. Not to mention the pressure. She remembers how some of the male reporters refused to speak to her. Some of them wouldn’t even look in her direction. It was like she wasn’t even there. She still remembers what her boss told her before her first time hosting Sports Desk.

“I hope you realize that the standard will be much higher for you than anybody else,” she remembers him saying. “I hope you realize that you are not allowed to make one factual error, one name mispronunciation, you are not allowed to stumble, you are not allowed to lose your way. You must be clean; you must deliver as you must be nothing short of perfect.”

“I’m not saying I didn’t make mistakes,” Kruze said. “But I’ll tell you what, I was the most researched person that I could be when I went on that desk. And I can honestly say nobody knew more about what I was about to say, than myself at that point.”

Since then, the number of women who work as hosts, or sideline reporters in the NHL at other networks has grown. Andi Petrillo is now hosting Leafs Lunch, while Kristen Shilton is covering the Leafs for TSN – but you only need one hand to count the number of women who are involved in the NHL on Sportsnet (Tara Slone, Simpson, Cassie Campbell-Pascall and Cameron are the only women who are regular contributors).

Cameron said she is fortunate to work with a great group of people, and notes there are some women in the control room and in other roles. Still she said working in sports media can still feel like a “boys club” sometimes.



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"I've definitely felt it sometimes," she said. "When you are the minority, I think you will feel it whatever room you're in."

Hansford, Armstrong and Cameron (from left to right) go over the Hockey Central Tonight show lineup

And even now, over 30 years after Kruze made her national TV debut, Cameron says she still feels as if women are held to a higher standard than men when it comes to sports broadcasts.

"I do feel that I put pressure on myself," Cameron said. "Because I'm a woman in this position, I want to do it well. I want to do it well for me anyway, but I just know that I could possibly be under more scrutiny because I am a woman. So as long as I work hard and do my best, I can live with that."

The pressure, and the environment is not the same for Cameron though, thanks in large part to the trail that Kruze and others like her blazed. Cameron isn't ignored when she walks into a room full of men. Her co-hosts have helped her adjust to the hockey world, and her producers let her be herself on the air. Cameron may not be a pioneer in the field, but in her role on Hockey Central, she's pushing the path forward on her own terms.

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TSN.CA / Stone buyout a miss that stings for Flames

Travis Yost

It's that quiet time of the NHL off-season where Calgary's buyout of defenceman Michael Stone qualifies as a big story.

Stone will be a forgotten cap casualty in relatively short order, but his story is a good one if you are interested in how teams can avoid cap mistakes. If you don't think there are serious pitfalls still in terms of how front offices evaluate personnel, well, you aren't paying attention.

Back in 2017, Stone signed a three year, \$10.5-million contract to assume a second-pairing role with an improving Calgary club – this just a few months after the Flames moved two mid-round picks to the Coyotes to acquire him at the trade deadline. At the time, the Flames rationalized the trade accordingly:

- Big, right-handed defenceman
- Versatile
- Handles lots of minutes
- Plays both sides of special teams
- Familiarity with the Calgary area
- Big shot
- Depth improvement
- Character player who is a consummate pro

Stone would play a full 82-game season in 2017-18, but missed significant time last season due to a blood clot. That injury opened the door up for a multitude of younger players – including Juuso

Valimaki and Rasmus Andersson – to pass him on the depth chart, culminating in the buyout.

Back to the justification for the trade for a moment: You can grade any of those components as you see fit. When front offices talk up a player's locker room impact, I generally accept it at face value – their interactions with these types of players far outweigh what any of us see, so judging it is next to impossible. We do have access to a wealth of statistical information and video though, and that's tremendously useful when vetting on-ice contributions.

Let's go back in time to the summer of 2017, which would postdate the initial trade but predate Calgary's decision to offer Stone a three-year extension. What we need to do is get a feel for Stone's individual contributions at both ends of the ice, and across multiple game states.

As a starting point, we can look at Stone's history (2011-17) in terms of how he affected his teammates' goals (actual), goals (expected), and shot differential over that time.

Here are his percentile rankings relative to his defensive peers over that seven-year window, starting at even strength:

On the basis of nearly 7,000 minutes, Calgary had every right to believe that Stone was a serviceable NHL defender. His even-strength contributions suggested he was something of a tweener – perhaps not good enough to play full-time on a second pairing, but more than capable of soaking up third-pairing ice time.

Either way, the acquisition of Stone was defensible. Calgary needed another serviceable body on the blueline and Stone had shown in spots – save an ugly 2014-15 season – that he was worthy of a look.

But that's just teammate impact, and that's just at even strength. A big part of the reason Stone was acquired was his heavier usage in Arizona and special teams work, so we need to get our hands around all of Stone's contributions. For this type of exercise I like to use Goals Above Replacement, a regression-based approach that summarizes a player's total contributions to their team in one statistic.

If we isolate for even-strength performance, power-play performance, shorthanded performance, and penalty differential performance, we can see how much Stone moved the needle over the years. Unfortunately, the answer is not very much:

One of the ironic things about Stone and the data here is that he probably is a better offensive player than people give him credit for. He has regularly been a positive contributor on the power play – recall his 14 power-play points in the 2015-16 season alone as one example. Stone added one win based on power-play performance alone from 2011-17, which isn't insignificant.

The problem is that the rest of the data, and really the rest of Stone's resume, screams replaceable defender. He's been a negative presence at both even strength and in shorthanded situations, and has carried a slightly negative penalty differential over the course of his career.

That's not to say Stone was or is a bad hockey player. But it does show that guys like Stone are quite easy to find both in the market and internally through a team's own prospect pool. Overpaying for true third-pairing defencemen – the same can be said for true third- and fourth-line forwards – is a cardinal sin in the salary cap era. Calgary not only moved picks to acquire Stone, but they then extended him on a deal that screamed overpay.

In a vacuum, overpaying a player like Stone shouldn't seem like a huge deal. But the reality of the salary cap era is you are constantly



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balancing performance expectations and financial outlay against the development and trajectory of your team.

Calgary, a team with Stanley Cup aspirations and in a serious cap crunch with important restricted free agents to sign, needed to free up the space. Now the Flames will have to operate with a pared-down salary cap over the next two seasons, with Stone's buyout consuming about 1.3 per cent of the cap.

Not the biggest miss in the world, but a controllable one. Sometimes, those sting the most.

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USA TODAY / NBC Sports' NHL schedule shows new love of Avalanche, Devils and Stars

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NBC Sports' 2019-20 NHL television schedule, being released today, suggests a belief that the Colorado Avalanche, Dallas Stars and the New Jersey Devils have become better entertainment options.

The Nathan MacKinnon-led Avalanche will be featured 12 times, compared with six times last season. The Stars will appear six times, compared with once last season. The Devils, adding P.K. Subban, Russian standout Nikita Gusev and No. 1 draft pick Jack Hughes, have gone from one appearance to four.

"(The Avalanche) are a spectacular team to watch," said Sam Flood, executive producer & president, Production, NBC & NBC Sports Network. "MacKinnon is the real deal. I thought he was as good as a player as stepped on the ice in the playoffs. The more we can expose him to a broader audience, the better it will be for the growth of the league."

Nathan MacKinnon and the Colorado Avalanche will get double the exposure on NBC's NHL broadcasts.

Flood said Devils general manager Ray Shero "had as good of an offseason as any GM in the league."

"It's going to give the Devils some buzz in the market," Flood said.

The New York Rangers added premium free agent Artemi Panarin, defenseman Jacob Trouba, hot prospect Adam Fox and No. 2 draft pick Kaapo Kakko.

"They have some buzz in their own right," Flood said.

A Rangers vs. Devils game on Oct. 17 will be one of the early featured games.

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OPINION: Artemi Panarin gives Rangers star-power promise

With the Stars hosting the Nashville Predators in the Winter Classic in the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, it makes sense to give them more games.

"We told the league we would like to see a little more Dallas," Flood said. "We would like to make sure there was plenty of exposure, so those star players could get the spotlight put on them prior to the tilt on Jan. 1."

The schedule calls for 109 games, although there will be more because NBC Sports traditionally adds some games late in the season. The Ottawa Senators are the only team not on the television schedule.

The season opens with a "Wednesday Night Hockey" doubleheader Oct. 2 (8 p.m. ET, NBCSN) with the defending Stanley Cup champion St. Louis Blues playing the 2018 Stanley Cup champion Washington Capitals.

The Stanley Cup champion St. Louis Blues will play the Washington Capitals on opening night on Oct. 2.

The second game is a playoff rematch between the Vegas Golden Knights and San Jose Sharks (10:30 p.m. ET), a series that ended in controversy.

Sixty-six (60.5%) of the televised games will feature at least one Western Conference team.

Per NBC's contract with the NHL, no NHL team will have its local broadcast rights usurped by NBC more than 23 times in a two-year span. That means top teams will officially have 11 or 12 appearances each season.

Some teams appear more times on the schedule. But some of those extra appearances on NBC or NBC Sports will be blacked out in those markets. For example, the Philadelphia Flyers appear 20 times, so eight or nine of those games will be blacked out in Philadelphia to allow for the Flyers' local rights holders to televise those games.

Viewers will see NBC reporters Kathryn Tappan and Jeremy Roenick doing more interviews with players this season.

"We are getting real unique content," Flood said. "Kathryn has a great ability to engage with players, good topics of conversations, have some fun."

Roenick is a former NHL star who can connect with players on a different level.

"When the players get out of the mode of their x's and o's and pucks, their personalities start to come out," Flood said.

Flood isn't anticipating any changes in their on-air talent.

"When you have Doc Emrick, you have the No. 1 player in the game," Flood said. "Our job is to get the puck on his stick in as many winning opportunities as possible."

NBC schedule

All times p.m. ET

Oct 2: Washington at St. Louis, NBCSN, 8

Oct. 2: Vegas at San Jose, NBCSN, 10:30

Oct. 3: Minnesota at Nashville, NBCSN, 8

Oct. 8: San Jose at Nashville, NBCSN, 8

Oct. 9: New Jersey at Philadelphia, NBCSN, 7:30

Oct. 9: Los Angeles at Vancouver, NBCSN, 10

Oct. 15: Tampa Bay at Montreal, NBCSN, 7

Oct. 16: Colorado at Pittsburgh, NBCSN, 7



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Oct. 16: Philadelphia at Edmonton, NBCSN, 9:30
Oct. 17: N.Y. Rangers at New Jersey, NBCSN, 7
Oct. 23: Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay, NBCSN, 8
Oct. 26: St. Louis at Boston, NBCSN, 7
Oct. 26: Calgary at Winnipeg, NBCSN, 10
Oct. 29: Tampa Bay at N.Y. Rangers, NBCSN, 7:30
Oct. 30: Minnesota at St. Louis, NBCSN, 8
Nov. 5: Boston at Montreal, NBCSN, 7:30
Nov. 5: Chicago at San Jose, NBCSN, 10
Nov. 6: Detroit at N.Y. Rangers, NBCSN, 8
Nov. 8: Tampa Bay at Buffalo, NBCSN, 2
Nov. 12: Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, NBCSN, 7:30
Nov. 13: Washington at Philadelphia, NBCSN, 7:30
Nov. 13: Chicago at Vegas, NBCSN, 10
Nov. 19: Tampa Bay at St. Louis, NBCSN, 8
Nov. 19: Edmonton at San Jose, NBCSN, 10:30
Nov. 20: Washington at N.Y. Rangers, NBCSN, 8
Nov. 26: Dallas at Chicago, NBCSN, 8
Nov. 27: Philadelphia at Columbus, NBCSN, 7
Nov. 29: N.Y. Rangers at Boston, NBC, 1
Dec. 3: Tampa Bay at Nashville, NBCSN, 8
Dec. 4: St. Louis at Pittsburgh, NBCSN, 8
Dec. 10: St. Louis at Buffalo, NBCSN, 7:30
Dec. 11: Boston at Washington, NBCSN, 7
Dec. 11: Philadelphia at Colorado, NBCSN, 9:30
Dec. 17: Buffalo at Toronto, NBCSN, 7
Dec. 18: Colorado at Chicago, NBCSN, 8
Dec. 23: N.Y. Rangers at Philadelphia, NBCSN, 7
Dec. 27: Minnesota at Colorado, NBCSN, 8
Jan. 1: Nashville at Dallas (Winter Classic), NBC, 1
Jan. 2: New Jersey at N.Y. Islanders, NBCSN, 7
Jan. 2: St. Louis at Colorado, NBCSN, 9:30
Jan. 5: Detroit at Chicago, NBCSN, 7:30
Jan. 5: Nashville at Anaheim, NBCSN, 10
Jan. 6: Edmonton at Toronto, NBCSN, 7
Jan. 7: Colorado at N.Y. Rangers, NBCSN, 7:30
Jan. 8: Washington at Philadelphia, NBCSN, 7:30
Jan. 8: Dallas at Los Angeles, NBCSN, 10
Jan. 9: Nashville at Chicago, NBCSN, 8:30
Jan. 14: Minnesota at Pittsburgh, NBCSN, 7
Jan. 15: Philadelphia at St. Louis, NBCSN, 8
Jan. 16: Tampa Bay at Minnesota, NBCSN, 8
Jan. 19: Boston at Pittsburgh, NBC, 12:30
Jan. 21: Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, NBCSN, 7:30
Jan. 22: Detroit at Minnesota, NBCSN, 8
Jan. 24: All-Star Skills Competition, NBCSN, 8
Jan. 25: NHL All-Star Game, NBC, 8
Jan. 27: Tampa Bay at Dallas, NBCSN, 8
Jan. 29: Nashville at Washington, NBCSN, 7:30
Jan. 29: Tampa Bay at Los Angeles, NBCSN, 10
Jan. 30: Nashville at New Jersey, NBCSN, 7:30
Feb. 2: Pittsburgh at Washington, NBC, 12:30
Feb. 3: Philadelphia at Detroit, NBCSN, 7:30
Feb. 4: Chicago at Minnesota, NBCSN, 8
Feb. 5: Boston at Chicago, NBCSN, 8
Feb. 6: Detroit at Buffalo, NBCSN, 7
Feb. 6: San Jose at Edmonton, NBCSN, 9:30
Feb. 9: Boston at Detroit, NBC, 12:30
Feb. 9: Colorado at Minnesota, NBCSN, 7:30
Feb. 10: Tampa Bay at Columbus, NBCSN, 7
Feb. 11: Philadelphia at N.Y. Islanders, NBCSN, 7
Feb. 12: Montreal at Boston, NBCSN, 7:30
Feb. 12: Calgary at Los Angeles, NBCSN, 10
Feb. 13: Philadelphia at Florida, NBCSN, 7
Feb. 15: Los Angeles at Colorado, NBC, 8
Feb. 16: Detroit at Pittsburgh, NBC, 12:30
Feb. 16: Boston at N.Y. Rangers, NBC, 3:30
Feb. 16: St. Louis at Nashville, NBCSN, 8
Feb. 18: Toronto at Pittsburgh, NBCSN, 7
Feb. 19: N.Y. Rangers at Chicago, NBCSN, 8
Feb. 23: Pittsburgh at Washington, NBC, noon
Feb. 23: St. Louis at Minnesota, NBCSN, 7:30
Feb. 23: Vegas at Anaheim, NBCSN, 10
Feb. 25: Chicago at St. Louis, NBCSN, 8
Feb. 26: Buffalo at Colorado, NBCSN, 8
Feb. 26: Pittsburgh at Los Angeles, NBCSN, 10:30
Feb. 27: Dallas at Boston, NBCSN, 7:30
March 1: Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers, NBC, noon
March 1: Washington at Minnesota, NBCSN, 8
March 1: Los Angeles at Vegas, NBCSN, 10:30
March 3: Boston at Tampa Bay, NBCSN, 7:30
March 4: Philadelphia at Washington, NBCSN, 7



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March 4: Anaheim at Colorado, NBCSN, 9:30
March 5: Carolina at Philadelphia, NBCSN, 7
March 8: St. Louis at Chicago, NBCSN, 7:30
March 8: Colorado at San Jose, NBCSN, 10
March 10: Boston at Philadelphia, NBCSN, 7
March 11: San Jose at Chicago, NBCSN, 8
March 15: Nashville at Minnesota, NBCSN, 7:30
March 17: St. Louis at Philadelphia, NBCSN, 7
March 18: Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, NBCSN, 7:30
March 18: Vegas at Arizona, NBCSN, 10
March 22: Washington at Pittsburgh, NBC, noon
March 22: Nashville at Chicago, NBCSN, 7
March 24: St. Louis at Washington, NBCSN, 7
March 25: Pittsburgh at Chicago, NBCSN, 8
March 25: Arizona at Vegas, NBCSN, 10:30
March 26: Philadelphia at Detroit, NBCSN, 7:30
March 29: Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, NBC, noon
March 29: Minnesota at St. Louis, NBCSN, 7
March 29: Nashville at Colorado, NBCSN, 9:30
April 1: Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers, NBCSN, 7:30
April 1: Dallas at Anaheim, NBCSN, 10
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