



Posted Wednesday | Comments 10 This season, Calgary fans have seen two teams. The Flames at home and the Lames on the road. For some reason Calgary sometimes comes out flat in a game, and considering the look of their roster, it is unacceptable. The Flames are completely capable of pulling off an upset against The Detroit Red Wings, barring an appearance by the much dreaded Lames. Their last 4 performan... Posted Wednesday | Comments 2 Sixteen teams are about to explore uncharted territory. Whatever's behind them doesn't matters is the treasure ahead - somewhere, to be found. No one has any idea what it will take to get there. Some think they might, but there's no way of knowing the exact path, knowing what's ahead. It all starts tonight. The 2007 Stanley Cup Playoffs.... Posted Wednesday | Comments 3 My name is David Reddekopp, and I'm a Habs fan. But even more than that, I'm a hockey fan, so while I will talk about my team, I won't always. One thing I can guarantee you though, I am very opinionated and will make my point whether you agree with it or not. Well, with the introductions out of the way, I'll start my initial blog post with an overview of the first rou... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 As a last minute decision I put together. I invited a solid amount of hockey fanatics to the draft and ended up with enough for a good time. The draft was a very good time as it lasted over an hour and was pretty much solid hockey talk. The contrast in opinions, the intense loyalties, the fake loyalties and indecision were all omnipresent to the par... Posted Wednesday | Comments 6 In a week, you will choke down wings, drink lots of beer, and scream at your television sets. In a week, you will throw your Wii controllers aside, and watch small animals grow from the faces of your hockey heroes and heels. In a week, the season travails will wash away to a giant magnifying glass and pressure-cooker called the [b]NHL Playoffs[/b]. Our blood will boil, ... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 On the eve of Game 1 of the Stanley Cup Playoffs for the Calgary Flames there are many questions to answer. Can Kipper put this team on his back and take down the mighty Wings in Round 1? Can Jarome Iginla be the superstar he is and light it up against a talented Red Wings Team? Can Calgary outmuscle and outscore the #1 Seed in the West? Can Alex Tanguay be the complim... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 As much of a disappointing result the end of the Canes season was, I can honestly say I cannot wait to watch the playoffs and not be as emotionally drained as I was last year...I think the entire post season last year took a couple of years off my life! Now who would a Canes fan pull for in this years post season? In the East Sabres - Not a chance....from the pers... Posted Wednesday | Comments 1 Welcome fellow hockey/bruins fans. Here I will be posting my thoughts on Fantasy Hockey. I will try to update this a few times a week. First thought, THE PLAYOFFS start tonight! Series I am looking forward to most is San Jose vs. Nashville. This could turn out to one great series. I still think the... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 What a season for the Buffalo Sabres and fans. They have taken home the President Trophy as the top team in the National Hockey League throughout the regular season. They finished with 53 wins and 113 points. They will be playing the New York Islanders in the first round of the playoffs on Thursday night puck drops at 7:08pm. This should be an interesting series. Ted N... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 I was flipping through the Center Ice channels on Dish Network last night, and didn't find any of the games scheduled for tonight. It appears as though the only games are on Versus. There is a reason I have two TVs in the living room. I wanted to watch both early games and both late games. It's like running to the tree Christmas morning only to find that Santa took a d... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 Appeared originally on PredNation.com: To say that all eyes will be on Nashville in the first round of the Stanley Cup playoffs wouldn't be an understatement. Games 3 through 7 will be on nationally broadcast on the Versus network, marking the first time in team history that consecutive games will be on nationally broadcast on the Versus network. predictions, because anybody who loves this sport knows that you can never accurately assume what's going to happen in a hockey game. Yet, somehow I am magically drawn to articles discussing all facets of the upcoming postseason, as the thirst for playoff excitement that brews in my stomach every April is too much to ignore. So of course. Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 Well folks, it finally has arrived! The playoffs are here and I couldn't be more excited. A great slate of games tonight with what will probably be one of the most exciting series being Ottawa V. Pittsburgh. So much speed and talent on the ice between both teams and two young upcoming goaltenders. Ray Emery has a lot to make up for from last year's run when he laid a f... Cleon Daskalakis writes... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 Throughout the season, the Sabres haven't done had much to criticize. One characteristic about their play that has popped up from time to time is that at times they tend to play too cute. It hasn't been uncommon to see "the extra pass" from Vanek... after you just saw "the extra pass" from Roy. They are just not a team who likes to pepper the opposing goa... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 Yeah, I know, not a very original title, but it's the truth. It all begins tonight, the illustrious challenge for hockey's greatest prize. Enough babble. Onto the games tonight. I'm a fan, yes, duh, of the Canucks, but sports would never be the same if there was not some fantasy or predictive element. Besides cheering for your team, how many times have you said to y... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 Hey all, I know this has been done to death by everyone who knows just the slightest bit about hockey, but thought I'd get my picks on the record! [b][u]Eastern Conference[/u][/b] [u]#1 Buffalo Sabres vs. #8 New York Islanders[/u] Buffalo should make short work of the Islanders. The Isles showed great grit and determination in making the playoffs but they did it b... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 Ditch the razor and hide the shaving cream its playoff time! The time of year when your stomach turns to knots at every odd man rush. As many players in the Sabres room have said, this is the "Real Season." That is the attitude they have had since dropping Game 7 of the 2006 ECF with a battered blue line. From training camp to this past Sunday it's been all about ... Lanny's Moustache writes... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 WEST [b]Detroit vs Calgary - Calgary in 6[/b] I think Detroit is too soft to compete with Calgary if they forecheck hard all series. The older D for the Wings will get banged up early, and Hasek will look for a way out after losing 2 of the first 3 games. I would also take Calgary's Superstar players over Detroit's in a tough series. The one problem Calgary may have is... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 [b]The following can be found at [url] [/url][/b] (with pictures). [img:right] /img] It's been a long break, but NHLNow.com is back for the most exciting season of the year: NHL Playoff Season. The battle for Lord Stanley's Cup is on, and with the depth in this year's playoffs, it see... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 I'm writing this blog entry on my laptop from the Library at SFU Surrey Campus, having just completed a painfully easy Criminology exam. I have two tickets to Game 1 of the playoffs tonight, thanks to [url= entry[/url] in the Ultimate Canucks Search contest. The game is scheduled to start at 7pm, with a tribute to the 82 cup ... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 Every week I do a radio show here at Michigan Tech University talking sports with my partner Kevin. The show runs from noon-2pm on 91.9 WMTU FM. This week is obviously our playoff special for the NHL. Talk on the Eastern Conference was heated and exciting with ultimately similar results, and the Western Conference is next up. Below are the results, and if you're interested... Posted Wednesday | Comments 1 Since the Canes aren't defending the Cup this spring, it's easy for me to make predictions. I think Buffalo and Ottawa are the two best teams in the East, and I hope there's at least one upset (probably the Rangers over the Thrash) that will allow the Sabres and Sens to meet in the East final. I think that would be a great series, and I think Buffalo will win it. So I'm go ... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 Though I didn't watch the last game of the season against the Avalanche, I noticed that McCarty was in the line-up. Ever since this guy's been injured, most Flames fans have been glad that he's stayed out of the line-up for as long as he has. Perhaps for the regular season, I felt this way as well, but come playoff time, this guy could be the difference maker that no one... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 It's been a while since I could sit down and enjoy a nice Canuck playoff game. It's not the same when you're team isn't in the big show. And I'm finding is very difficult to stay focused on my work as I'm anxious to get home to watch the game on the tube. I suppose I'll watch the Pittsburgh / Ottawa game first. To be honest I'm routing for Crosby. Don't care too much f... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 For the first time in years... For the first time ever, the Wachovia center will be without the thrill and rush that is Flyers playoff hockey. It truly is a sad spring in the Philadelphia area. If anything it makes me appreciate just how good we've been for the past 12+ years. The one thing that makes me excited for next fall is not the core of young guys, or the solidifi... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 For your reading pleasure: Western Conference Detroit over Calgary in 6 Anaheim over Minnesota in 5 San Jose over Nashville in 5 San Jose over
Nashville in 6 Eastern Conference Buffalo over Islanders in 5 Ottawa over Pittsburgh in 7 Take t... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 In honor of the Flyers 40th Season in the NHL, I decided to research into when Flyers Teams went from a good team to a bad team. The result might surprised you but there is only a four year span from not been in the playoffs and returning to the playoffs. The last time the Flyers missed the playoffs was from 1989-1990 season to 1993-1994 season, in which was the last time ... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 Who the hell Anointed the Buffalo Sabres Stanley Cup winners? yeah i picked them in first round but come on Buffalo, stop already! It amazes how every publication and website has buffalo winning cup and people in Buffalo already going to arena to pick out their spot for indoor parade pep rally. Gee, one year every publication picked flyers win the cup and the got sweep... Posted Wednesday | Comments 1 Earlier today I was casually reading the lastest edition of the Heralds Hockey section, when I came across something quite intriguing. all The headliner sports writers in the prediction section, including the ones in Calgary picked Detroit in 6 and one lady from Edmonton had them in 7. To me this is really shocking, im fine with the Flames just sneaking into... Posted Wednesday | Comments 1 [img:left] /img]It's not every year you get to see a thrilling 1st vs. 8th series in the Western conference. The majority of the time the 1st place teams tends to take it without feeling any affects of displeasure. But last year, the presidents trophy winner (Detroit) was ups... Posted Wednesday | Comments 1 It is widely publicized how evenly the Stars and top-notch goalies! The series may very well go seven games with multiple overtimes in each. There will be some late nights in Dallas and extremely late nights in Vancouver...at least for us Texans! It is my opinion that in order for the Stars to win this serie... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 What is it about this game that gives us all that warm, fuzzy my-favorite-player-just-scored-the-game-winner feeling? Or that cold, dark please-oh-please-let-us-come-back feeling? Really that feeling you only get from hockey. Like most of the hockey fans I know, I love this game. I mean love it. We sit around talking about stats, and the state of the game. Or whet... Posted Wednesday | Comments 1 While neither of these guys will score a goal this post season (yes I know it's possible but highly improbable) they can, without a doubt, determine how far their teams go. San Jose will start the series with Evgeni Nabakov between the pipes. The former Calder Trophy winner is one of the top back stops in the NHL and can be a huge difference maker in games. TSN.CA ... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 A complete one-sided game from start to finish for the Ottawa Senators. Game #1 of the Eastern conference quarterfinals was a brutal one to the Penguins' best period was there worst. One point I have to throw in there was that there were WAY, and i me... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 With the playoffs underway, I would love to hear some of your guy's predictions. Here are mine: [b]Buffalo Sabers vs. New York islanders[/b] I feel the Islanders will pull it out, mainly because of Dubielewicz, but it's hard to go against the Sabers. Sorry Buffalo fans but I got to go with the Islanders. New York in 7 [b]New Jersey Devils vs Tampa Bay Lightning. Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 As a Canadian I was able to watch Sens-Pens and Preds-Sharks early tonight. I have to say I was very disappointed to see that the referees went back to last fall's calls. I agree that clutching and grabbing needs to go in the game, but a majority of the calls made in those two games tonight were absolutely ridiculous. Tootoo's hit in the first period was not a penalty, Cro... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 Hey, this is my first blog. I made these predictions for all of the playoff rounds so I thought I would share them with you. Note that these were made before the games tonight. [u][b]Eastern Conference Quarterfinals[/b][/u] [b]1. Buffalo (4-2)[/b] vs. 8. NYI [b]2. New Jersey (4-1)[/b] vs. 7. Tampa Bay 3. Atlanta vs. [b]6. NYR (4-2)[/b] 4. Ottawa vs. [b]5. Pittsbur... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 [b]Pit 3 @ Ott 6[/b] - The score flattered the Penguins, as the Pens were flat for all but maybe the last five minutes of the game. Crosby and Fleury looked jittery, Malkin wa kinda invisible, and there really weren't too many other players that played well for Pittsburgh. Only Jordan Staal, Mark Eaton, and Rob Scuderi stood out for me as positive contributors here. If ... Posted Thursday | Comments 1 So, just got home from the 4OT thriller at the garage tonight, WHAT A GAME. I mean, they stopped selling beer after the 2nd intermission, so I wound up paying \$4 bucks for Sprite, but that's all good. Go Canucks Go... and chants of TTTUUURRCCOOO filled the evening excitement as I basically lost my voice and drank ice cubes for 2 OT's. Skytrain was reasonable on the way ... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 I'm laughing at myself as I type that title. How can I put a Shakespeare quote at the top of my hockey blog!!! It's not as if I quote him on a daily basis...or EVER...or that his world and the hockey world have much in common (hell, I had to look up the spelling of his name make sure it was correct!). But it really is the only question that the Penguins need to answer r... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 It's okay...it really is. I woke up today disappointed but not despondent. These Preds showed a ton of heart last night in coming back and forcing overtime against the Sharks. Some things I observed last night: [b]Evgeni Nabakov is really good[/b]:Sure I knew he was a top goalie but everyone on that team owes him a beer, protein shake or something. He stood on his ... Posted Thursday | Comments 3 Wish I could have been at the game to cheer the nucks but I live in Calgary and my best option was CBC HD. The game seemed tilted Dallas' way for most of the game but the Canucks have a way to score away from the flow and if you're not watching you could miss a great goal. This was the case last night. Lots of scoring and the goalies came into the game late. Luong... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 Can you believe how the Canuck/Star game ended? How many games that go into 3+ overtimes end on a nice goal? I mean really.....Hank is not a very likely hero as he barely scores any goals...but a nice looking goal? Same with the Shark victory over the Preds, great goal in overtime....not common but I am glad it happened. Lets hope day 2 will be as good! Posted Thursday | Comments 0 What do you do when you've invested 4 hours in a game, its 1:30am and a full workday looms 6 hours away? There is nothing better than a Stanley Cup playoff game going into multiple overtimes. There is nothing worse than that alarm clock going off anything off anything better than a Stanley Cup playoff game going into multiple overtimes. less than 4 hours after finally falling asleep. Vancouver and Dallas kicked of what I love most about the playoff... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 I was doing great watching the games downstairs (On the nice TV). Although the Pens vs. Sens early match up wasn't what I thought it would be, the later games really were starting to heat up. I was riveted by the Sharks vs. Preds game late in the 3rd period. I was thrilled when my old buddy J.P. Dumont tied the game to send to overtime. WOW! Funny, because it almost s... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 Tonight starts the quest for the Cup Lord Stanley will come to it's rightful place in BUFFALO, NY Thomas Vanek will score 2 goals Other scores: Connolly, Drury, Briere Tonight starts the Journey that will be finished when Buffalo Wins the Stanely Cup right here in BUFFALO, Join Sabres fans during the game at [b] www.sabreschat.com/chat.shtml [/b] to talk a... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 I'm sorry but to say the Islanders have a good chance of winning tonight, especially being in Buffalo, is completely wrong. Dubielewicz will be nervous and the team it self cannot even come close to matching the Sabres offense. Sabres got the first 2 games besides that the Isles stand a better chance, but not much, of winning at home. Good luck tonight Islanders cause you'... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 although it was an awesome night of playoff hockey besides Hartnell's dirty hit and im still waiting for an thought from a real nashville fan instead of the kool-aid drinkers. There is too many 5 on 3's that are determing these games too early. The Sens v Pens game was a prime example. Stop calling these phantom calls like the "Abusive language - bench" against Sens. Posted Thursday | Comments 0 10. Don Whittman and his terrible commentary. Bring back Cuthbert, for the love of all that is hockey. 9. The Flames didn't even look like they were that concerned they were being manhandled. 8. As per above, someone did mention to the Flames that they playoffs have started, right? 7. Too many penalties. Way too many. So undisciplined. 6. Simply speaking, th... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 As expected, game 1 was another 1-goal game...only this time, quite amazingly, there were nine total goals! I was preparing to get some snacks ready for the 5th overtime when Vancouver finally ended it. The longest playoff game in Canucks history, the second longest playoff game in Stars history, and the sixth longest playoff game in NHL history had finally come to an en... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 Perhaps it's because I'm getting older, but it seems to me the Playoffs get better and better each year. Yet, in the United States... hockey is invisible. It's a scourge on our nation that must be eradicated. Thankfully, I have a plan. We all have those friends that are huge sports fans, but that don't follow hockey. These poor souls are the targets. This Saturda... Posted Friday | Comments 0 I've been waiting for this game since
the Sabres dropped Game 7 of the Eastern Conference Finals at the RBC Center in North Carolina last summer. Little did I know I would BE at this game. I gambled a bit and bought my first ever Mini Pack last August, with the assumption that the Sabres would be back and have another great season. More than anything, it was good for... Posted Friday | Comments 0 Coming off an outstanding performance Pavel Datsyuk had a goal and added an assist as the Wings doused the Flames 4 - 1. People in the media have really written Datsyuk off, but he is out to prove these naysayers wrong. Some belived that Ken Holland made a huge mistake signing the playoff underachiever to a multi-million dollar deal. However, the game tonight sh... Posted Friday | Comments 0 [b]Canucks vs. Dallas -- [/b]I was there in Game 1. Dallas pressed hard, Luongo saved the day, but the Canucks did take some bad penalties and looked out of sorts at times. Game 1 jitters? Considering we've played 2 games already now, no more jitters left. The latter OT periods definitely favoured the Canucks. I don't think Dallas can play any better. The Canucks sur... Posted Friday | Comments 0 God I love playoff hockey. Right before the playoffs started, my wife gave birth to our first child, a baby daughter named Abby (actually went into labor at the Canes vs. Caps game...I am guessing Abby was a bit annoved at Johnny Grahame for letting in 3 goals on 6 shots, and wanted to give him a piece of her mind)...well, those that have kids know that the sleep is spora... Posted Friday | Comments 0 What a battle on Wednesday. That one will go down in history as one to remember. It may have put us back on course. There were periods down the stretch of the regular season that the Canucks started getting lazy. This last game was a great start. Can we now, after losing potentially three players, keep the battle going and build on the successes of game #1? I certainly... Posted Friday | Comments 0 After reading Garth's blog, the Islanders certainly have a problem on their hands. Ricky D, who you'd have to think when healthy, is far and away the better of the two if not a straight up world class goalie. Dubielewicz is a young, upstart guy with a lot of potential: I really like this kid, he's not afraid of anything and challenges the shooter very aggressively. But nev... Posted Friday | Comments 0 You get an incident like a knee-on-knee hit from Hartnell to Cheechoo is getting an Oscar in Nashville. I don't have any idea why people are so convinced that the sun rises and sets over their home teams. "Real" hockey fans know that there is ebb and... Posted Friday | Comments 0 what has this guy ever accomplished in the nhl besides to end careers of other players? this guy is everything wrong with hockey. nashville is playing dirty hockey fans know that there is ebb and... Posted Friday | Comments 0 what has this guy ever accomplished in the nhl besides to end careers of other players? and dont be surprise if san jose decides to go dirty as the series goes back to the shark tank Posted Saturday | Comments 0 (I hate to start the blog with this but c'mon...this is freaking hilarious...Turco was named the #3 star in the building and Henrik #2...LOL!!! What a joke!) Marty Turco had 35 saves to preserve his 1st career playoff shutout, and the Dallas Stars played a full 60 minutes to win game two, 2-0, and steal the home ice advantage! The series shifts to Dallas for game 3, e... Posted Saturday | Comments 5 They always say that rivalries are born and forged in the fiery pits of the playoffs. With the Sharks and the Predators, this is certainly the case. These two teams, who had no reason to really care one way or the other about each up until last season, are in the midst of forming one of the great new rivalries of the "New NHL." Meeting each other in the 4-5 seed matchup... Posted Saturday | Comments 0 I believe that some of us, as Sabre's fans, have been spoiled by the most exciting team in hockey and, quite possibly, all of sports. I actually heard some disgruntled people calling into the local radio sports-talk shows complaining about last night's Sabre's convincing 4-1 victory over the Long Islanders in game 1 of the Eastern Conference quarter finals. Apparently, the... Posted Saturday | Comments 2 For those of you outside of St. Louis, KSDK, the NBC affliate in St. Louis, has been the top news station in the market for decades. This past summer, they purchased the network TV rights to televise St Louis Cardinals games... and hockey fans (along with golf and tennis fans) are getting collectively screwed over in the process. Four times during the playoffs NBC's te... Posted Saturday | Comments 0 When I finally became a Hurricanes fan about 6 years ago, I never would have thought that this team would be where it is today. I never would have thought that they would even would have thought that they would even win a Stan... Roberto's friend writes... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 Why is it that everyone is underestimating the Canucks and have deserved to win both games well if they had they would have beta Roberto Loungo but they did not. Why is it that the media people say Lopungo is the only reason vancouver is in it. I mean is a goalie not part of the team. Als... Ally and D Smith writes... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 [b]By D. Smith[/b]: Remember a couple months ago, way back in the pre-Forsberg dark ages, when media outlets all over North America were calling for the Predators to leave Music City? Supposedly our chronic attendance problems were dooming our franchise, and simply put, our fan support was "lukewarm". We didn't deserve this team. We didn't appreciate the great product t... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 As the Canucks wake up in Texas, getting ready for Game 3, I'm sure there's a few itchy chins in the Dallas area. Nobody's really sure how the playoff beard tradition got started, although [i]Wikipedia [/i]suggests it may have began with the New York Islanders. Hockey players and fans are a superstitious lot. Personally, I'm fascinated by hockey ritual and have a few of... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 Enough with the Handringing Rangers' Fans. Believe it or not guys we are winning 2 games to None, not the other way around. From what I've been hearing from my fellow Rangers fans over the past few days you'd think that the Thrashers ran the Blueshirts out of Atlanta. The reality is our team played the same game they have been playing over the past few months and the re... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 Here's another blog about the Canucks and their dwindling chances to get past the Stars. I am an optimist and I feel there have been some good things that came from the last couple of games. I watched both games and for the most part haven't written the Canucks off. I like our offense in game 1 and felt our defense and goaltending came around near the end. As much as I... Posted Sunday | Comments 1 I thought the "NEW NHL" is supposed to bring offensive explosion to the NHL but someone forgot to tell the Minnesota Wild and i found their is great offensive gifted players on that team including names like Demitra, Parrish, Carney, Gaborik and White. These players can score over thirty goals in a season but they are handc... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 The heart of this city, the passionate Flames fan, is breaking right now. You can see it in every face. Kipper is playing beyond human, as we're so accustomed to.. yet it is not enough. The forwards are not creating chances, are not forechecking hard, and look as though t... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 I predicted a Flames right now... Kiprusoff is the only reason either of the games appeared close. This reminds me of that series between Winnipeg and Detroit in 1996 when Nik Khabibulin almost stole the series for the Jets. But as in that series, Detroit has simply be... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 first it was Scott Hartnell then it was Alexander Radulov and now it's Colby Armstrong. Suspend Colby Armstrong for the rest of the series to send the message that the dirty plays wont be accepted in the NHL. the blows to the head have to stop NHL isnt do crap until someone is left Paralyzed on the ice..... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 Yes the refs were horrible but the pens were as well. I really don't have any idea where Gonchar was in this game. I can honestly say that 3 of the goals may have been his fault. He stood around all night. Also he couldn't keep the puck in the zone on the power play the worst pen all night. Malkin couldn't win a faceoff for his life. Recchi just seems like the game is pass... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 As a young kid, at any sport, you're taught to always give 110%. You are told to leave everything out on the playing field. It seems that a certain player has forgotten that all season. He has forgotten that he plays for the best team in the Western Conference, and he is looking out of place. I am talking about Robert Lang. Today, I laughed at him. Sometime during ... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 Hey pens fans, Well, the game started off good with Pens scoring under a minute into the game. Roberts scored and was assisted by Crosby and Armstrong. The Senators came back and scored 4 goals. Late in the third Crosby scored and was assisted by Malkin and Recchi to make it 4-2. Fleury was in goal stopping 21 of 25 shots. Tonight, the Pens were just not with it. They pla... Posted Monday | Comments 0 Yes, I know this is a hockey site and that the title borders on sacrilege. But, stick with me here and you'll understand. Reason #1: When your team is eliminated from playoff contention, a little piece of you dies. For me being a Hawks fan, that happened sometime in December. Reason #2: Speaking of the Hawks, watching the games showcases just how far they are fro... Posted Monday | Comments 0 Yestarday when I got the phone call I was extatic. I got in my car and drove six hours back to Anoka to see the family before tonight, how the
pregame festivities would go, how awesome it would be to celebrate. I did not however imagine the Wild wiffing on at least a ... Ally and D Smith writes... Posted Monday | Comments 0 [b]By D. Smith:[/b] Sure I'm a member of the Nashville Loyal Legion, but it doesn't take an expert (which I'm far from) to realize that the Preds/Sharks series has had all the makings of a classic playoff series. Fights. League reviews. Suspensions. Bad blood. Double overtime. Coaches exchanging words. You name it. Should we really be surprised? Two 51 game winn... Posted Monday | Comments 0 I have been a fan of sports for a long time, and I have seen my share of bandwagon fans...but outside the current day red sox (they couldn't get a guy without a boston accenter of bandwagon fans...but outside the current day red sox (they couldn't get a guy without a boston accenter of bandwagon fans...but outside the current day red sox (they couldn't get a guy without a boston accenter of bandwagon fans...but outside the current day red sox (they couldn't get a guy without a boston accenter of bandwagon fans...but outside the current day red sox (they couldn't get a guy without a boston accenter of bandwagon fans...but outside the current day red sox (they couldn't get a guy without a boston accenter of bandwagon fans...but outside the current day red sox (they couldn't get a guy without a boston accenter of bandwagon fans...but outside the current day red sox (they couldn't get a guy without a boston accenter of bandwagon fans...but outside the current day red sox (they couldn't get a guy without a boston accenter of bandwagon fans...but outside the current day red sox (they couldn't get a guy without a boston accenter of bandwagon fans...but outside the current day red sox (they couldn't get a guy without a boston accenter of bandwagon fans...but outside the current day red sox (they couldn't get a guy without a boston accenter of bandwagon fans...but outside the current day red sox (they couldn't get a guy without a boston accenter of bandwagon fans...but outside the current day red sox (they couldn't get a guy without a boston accenter of bandwagon fans...but outside the current day red sox (they couldn't get a guy without a boston accenter of bandwagon fans...but outside the current day red sox (they couldn't get a guy without a boston accenter of bandwagon fans...but outside the current day red sox (they couldn't get a guy without a boston to admit they were a fan until they won...now some chucklehead in Indiana is proclaiming himself a lifelong fan, yet cant remember a manager prior to Francona), nothing touches the current day Sabre... Posted Monday | Comments 1 Is it just me or does this seem like it should be game 6 of this series!? Man the first two games have taken allot out of me as a fan I can only imagine what the players must be feeling. The war of words continues between Ron Whiner and Barry Trotz. Whiner says he thinks that the suspension to Radulov should have been longer (whoa...what a shock!). Trotz is sticking to ... Posted Monday | Comments 0 I didn't author this but I thought some you might enjoy it. Hockeya players... will do anything just to be able to tell his teammates a great story in the dressing room. Live the dream until they are 35 then realize they never made it. Ladies love us, guys want to be us, we are the soul of the universe. You lace up the skates, put on the gloves, strap on the... Posted Monday | Comments 0 Now with the Pens in a desperate situation it will be up to Michel Therrien. He has been outstanding leeding his troops all year long, but it is the real time. Right now he needs to do a major shake up in the lines and whos getting scratched and whos not. If i were Michel Therrien i would seriously think about playing Joel Kwiatkowski over a guy like Josef Melichar or Rob ... Posted Monday | Comments 0 I'm going to try something different and if people like it maybe I'll do it again in the future. Live updates to tonight's Sabres game...highlighting key plays and my thoughts as the game is going on. I would love to hear feedback, so please leave comments. Enjoy... [b]10:14 p.m. EST:[/b] And that's it! Not the prettiest ending, but the Sabres hold on. The Isles po... Posted Monday | Comments 0 This edition of [b]In The Net[/b] hockey blog focuses on the Really, Really, Bad; t the little things.. here, they all add up to a great gift for the sports fan![/i] Than... Ally and D Smith writes... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 That distinction belongs to the 2006-2007 Nashville Predators. Of course, there have been teams over the years that have been much worse away from home, but this is different. We were actually led to believe that this was a team built for a serious Stanley Cup run. No way. The Preds were 23-15-3 on the road this year. Sure, it doesn't seem too bad at first glance, bu... Posted Tuesday | Comments 10 One of the things that I always look for in the NHL playoffs is how teams play with the expectations leveled on them. Do the top point getters continue with the style of play that got them into the position they are in, or do they grip their sticks a bit tighter, when they get down a goal? Do the teams that snuck their way in, who may consider themselves to be playing wi... Posted Tuesday | Comments 3 Beasts. Everywhere. It's a good thing I have my trusty guide with me. We step out of our vehicle and onto the dilapidated lot in Uniondale, Long Island. Nassau Coliseum stands like some archaic ruin, except the ancient Roman and Greek ruins are far better managed. My guide carries our hidden snacks and drinks in her deep-pocketed coat. The rain bleats down like the hammer ... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 Game 3, in Calgary, down 2 - 0, does it get any bigger than this? No. It's that simple. The Flames must come out with energy tonight. Forcheck hard, win battles, be physical and most importantly get the first goal. Tonight, I'm afraid, is do or die. Win this game and we have a series. Lose, and start thinking about the summer and next year! 43 and 51 SOG in th... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 Anytime your team loses I think the first reaction is to look at your team and find fault. While I will do that in a post later today I think I first need to give credit to the Sharks for a well played game. [b]What They Did:[/b] [b]Played Physical[/b] - The Sharks played the physical game I expected but they did not take the penalties that I thought would ... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 0 for 6. Nope, that wasn't the Predators' power plays. No, this stat line is far more telling of the Nashville Predators' struggles in the playoffs. The Preds have yet to win a road playoff game. Ever. Of course, all hyperbole aside, the Preds have only been in three postseasons, but the fact of the matte... Posted Tuesday | Comments 1 I don't think Red Wings fans could have hoped for a better way to start this series. They have been the more skilled, but maybe more importantly, the more PHYSICAL team. They are initiating the hitseries are initiating the hitseries. taking it to the Flames, and making a statement that this years Red Wings team is a PHYSICAL hockey team. Th... Posted Tuesday | Comments 1 It is unknown if Burtuzzi will play in tonight's game...but if he does who sits. It would be hard to sit Filipula, who would have been the obvious choice had this been Game 1. But Filipula had scored 2 goals and his line had played extremely well with Franzen and Hudler attacking and crashing the net. Hudler is another option, but he is playing on both that line and h... Posted Tuesday | Comments 1 Van-Dal: 2-1 Van leads. Good under bet opportunities here for handicappers after game 1. Still say Vancouver will just get it done and win out from here. Ana-Min: 3-0 Ducks. Wow, really didn't see this coming and I'm not sure why I don't respect the Ducks team play more. In any case, now it's just a matter of if the Wild can make themselves look respectable. Off-season,... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 One second you're in love, the next you wish you never met. One week, 4 different possible outcomes. Some one is always on the powerplay. Inversely, some one is always killing off a penalty. No matter how many saves you make, you let one slip through and it's automatically your fault. Some one is bound to get hurt. At the end of a hard fought battle, ther... Posted Tuesday | Comments 8 With the senators in control of this series this is a very important game. If the pens lose today they will be down 3-1 and have no chance to comeback. It is a desperate situation for the pens. It worrys me that during the moring skate the pens. It worrys me that during the moring skate the pens. It worrys me that during the moring skate the pens do not have no chance to comeback. It is a desperate situation for the pens. It worrys me that during the moring skate the pens do not have no chance to comeback. It is a desperate situation for the pens do not have no chance to comeback. Although the Sabres don't play tonight, there are still 5 games that should be very interesting. [b]Atlanta/NYR[/b] - [i]Rangers lead series 2-0[/i] Atlanta must win this game to have a shot at winning However, I ... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 This blog is for those of you who don't follow hockey all that much but have decided to watch this round. I'm gonna give you my suggestions of games to watch from the east and west, whichever side you're on. The games I post will be the most intriguing ones I think are out there out there out there. ... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 I love read thoughtless articles from writers across the country that know NOTHING about hockey. they try so so hard to write an article or talk hockey and they cant. let's look at a couple of examples. After Todd Fedrouk, "Fridge" know by Flyers Fans, was smoke in a clean fight by Orr, Gary Bettman made appreence on Comcast SportsNet Philadelphia sports news show 'Daily Ne... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 There
isn't much you can say after winning your first playoff game at home in 10 years by a score of 7-0. The denizens of MSG came ready to cheer on their blueshirts, it does help coming in up 2-0 in the series vs. 0-2 without Jagr like last year, and they weren't dissappointed. 32 seconds into the game Nylander scores his first of 3 on the night and the party was just ... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 After watching the Penguins/Senators game tonight one thing was evident. The Penguins had learned what it would take to compete at the level of the Senators, but it wasn't enough as they fell short once again. The Penguins dominated the play for most of the game, and deserved a better fate than a 2-1 loss at home, but that is what played out. This loss is a backbreaker ... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 With the win on Tuesday night the New York Rangers are in a position to sweep the Atlanta Thrashers right out of the playoffs. A Big game from the number 1 line helped put a beating on the Atlanta team who, unlike in the first 2 games, came out fired up. Looking to hit everything in an att... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 Just looked at the morning paper and to my surprise the Rangers did beat the Thrashers 7-0 last night to take a 3 games to none lead in their opening round series. It had seemed so perfect that I thought I must've dreamt it. That was one of the most complete wins this team has had in a long time, that it ended a 10 year home playoff win drought only made it that much sw... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 In 2004, a young man (well, if you count 26 as young) got to live a dream of a lifetime and go to a Stanley Cup Finals Game. That young man was me, and being from Newfoundland where the closest NHL team is Boston (it could be Toronto, but I can't stand the Leafs) I never even got close to a pre-season game in my first 25 years of life. That year, I experienced the grea... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 When it's been 10 years since you've won a playoff series you know your fan base is starved and that hunger was fed tonight as the Rangers finished off the Thrashers 4-2 at Madison Square Garden. The World's Most Famous Arena was buzzing with excitement as the blueshirts looked to finish off their first playoff sweep since that year most dear to all Ranger fans 1994. Th... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 (Trade Day Mishaps) After giving up a big part of their future in Glen Metropolit, two first rounder (2008), a second rounder (2007) and a third rounder (2007) and a third rounder (2008), or Keith Tkachuck, it's a wonder GM's chose to give up so much and fail at the gam... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 My evening started typically enough. Stuck in unmoving traffic to get over to JFK. My future brother-in-law was coming in for the game tonight...taking off from work as a chef in a very highly respected restaurant in Florida. I look up, half expecting to see bats, but instead the sky is thickly overcast in the gray fog which has enveloped Long Island since hockey came to t... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 The sweep of the Atlanta Thrashers has been completed. New York Rangers move on to the second round and the Garden Faithful can rejoice..... For now. The Rangers played an Atlanta team who didn't seem nearly as prepared as they should of been. Don't get me wrong. Rangers played a great series. They moved the puck well, they forechecked, [i][b]they shot... Posted Thursday | Comments 1 Trotz looked beaten, saying "We're going to have a mourning period for about an hour, and then we'll look forward to the next game." What? Is this the kind of response you expect from the guy who is supposed to shape the way his team feels and reacts to a loss like this? I don't think so. The Preds have not played well these past two games of the series and in doing... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 To read Part I: [i]We last left our hero, yours truly, with his trusty guide, her brother (the former Islander/Sabres series. A man donned in a Ranger jersey has sat in the seats, and bad vibes are back in the Coliseum.[/i] "Leave it all on the ice" ... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 Enough crying about how mean the Isles fans are, you would be pissed if you got screwed out of two games too. However, let's look at those two games too. However, let's look at those two games too. However, let's look at those two games too. was assumptive. Which it does not say in the rule book. Flash b... Posted Friday | Comments 0 The 2006-2007 NHL season came to an abrupt end for the Penguins recently beat three straight times in the regular season. The reason I say in name only, is because the Senators picked it up a notch for the playoffs and simply dominated this young Pen... Posted Friday | Comments 1 My heart constantly pounds like a drum. My fists are sore from being clenched, and sweat occasionally drips from my brow. My playoff beard is itching like hell and my facepaint is all over my Flames Jersey... I couldnt ask for a better time. For the rabid hockey fans, playoffs are considered a religious event and we put players/teams in the spotlight and on a pedestal. It ... Posted Friday | Comments 0 For those of us STARS faithful that fill the American Airlines Center each home game, that movie clip is engrained in our minds! Numerous of us STARS faithful that fill the American Airlines Center each home game, that movie clip is engrained in our minds! Numerous of us STARS faithful that fill the American Airlines Center each home game, that movie clip is engrained in our minds! times this year, Dallas has been behind the 8-ball...and numerous times this year, they have answered the call. Tonight was no different....Marty Turco was absolutely brilliant, and they found a way to finally solve Luongo. Now, there ... Posted Friday | Comments 0 Before I even get started, I just want to make clear that, even as a Sabre's fan, I feel the Isles got the shaft on wednesday night. Not once, either, but twice; of course, the obvious shaft was the "no-goal" call that, from what I saw immediately, should have been a goal. In all honesty, when they went to the phone, I was sure the referee's call was going to be reversed. ... Posted Friday | Comments 0 Playoff elimination seems so final. Your team is done...there will be no Stanley Cup parade down main street this year. It's a fact of life for 8 teams after round 1. Then 4 more in round 2. Then 2...then 1... Yeah, in this crazy cup chase only ONE team gets to raise the hardware at the end of the road...and the other 15 playoff teams get to think about "what might h... Posted Friday | Comments 0 Over the course of the past several days, I have heard several comment made on the radio and in general conversation that the Canucks got the lucky bounce in Game 5 when the puck slid eerily close the their gapping net while canucks got the lucky bounce etc. I myself have made the mistake, surely the Stars got the lucky bounce etc. I myself have made the mistake, surely the Stars got the lucky bounce etc. I myself have made the mistake, surely the Stars got the lucky bounce etc. I myself have made the mistake etc. I myself have made etc. I myself have made the mistake etc. I myself have made etc. I m Turco was on the bench and the Canucks had... Posted Saturday | Comments 1 I think the Sharks' intensity level was just higher. San Jose is deeper than ever before, and they are definitely a team to be feared in these playoffs. Where Nashville lost this series, however, was with the penalties. San Jose's power play was lousy, but the penalties to Nashville just killed their momentum. Thats one th... Posted Saturday | Comments 0 Though I am a believer in only the one, true, God...thank-you hockey gods (and San Jose Sharks)!!! How fitting that Thugville's third major (non-fighting) penalty and countless game misconduct cost them the game and series It could not have been more perfect. If you can blame the lack of hockey enthusiasm on any players, it would certainly include the thugs of the game ... Posted Saturday | Comments 0 The Flames started off game 5 fairly include the thugs of the game ... Posted Saturday | Comments 0 The Flames started off game 5 fairly include the thugs of the game ... Posted Saturday | Comments 0 The Flames started off game 5 fairly include the thugs of the game ... Posted Saturday | Comments 0 The Flames started off game 5 fairly include the thugs of the game ... 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But, it was a second period special teams disaster that marked the beginning of the end for Calgary. Dan Cleary roofed a penalty shot during a Fla... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 The Dallas STARS played their best post-season game in several years, beating Vancouver 2-0, and forcing game 7 Monday night! From a fan's point-of-view, it was the most awesome game I have been to in quite some time. The capacity crowd was rowdy the entire night, and the team played like a contender. Marty Turco finished with 21 saves for his second shutout in a row, a... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 Hockey
players have an annual tradition where they grow out their beards when the playoffs roll around. No one is guite sure when the "playoff beard" first sprouted roots, but it's as entrenched in the game of hockey as sudden death overtimes and the two pad stack. Certain diehard fans take their admiration of their favorite players to the next level by mimicking their ... Posted Sunday Comments 0 The second round is set and the Rangers will be facing off with the Buffalo Sabres starting this week. I don't know if either matchup was more beneficial for the Rangers as they had a losing record against both of their potential 2nd round opponents this year. They were 1-3 against Ottawa and a sterling 0-4 against the Sabres. To look on the bright side they haven't ... Posted Monday | Comments 0 It always hurts a little (or sometimes a lot depending on your "closeness" to a team) to see your hockey club lose. During the regular season you can soothe the pain by thinking ahead to the next game, but the playoffs hold a certain finality to them. What I mean is, once you have lost 4 games, that is all she wrote for that season, it is over, done, finis... Posted Monday | Comments 0 And with that, the Detroit Red Wings have eliminated the Calgary Flames from contention. As much as I was pulling for the Flames, the Wings deserved to win this series. game. A major surprise was the play of Johan Franzen in this series, and... Posted Monday | Comments 0 Well, as hard as this is for me, a Flames fan to say, the better team won. Calgary played this game with grit and heart, but so did the Detroit Red Wings. Half of the problem coming into this series was the fact that many flames fans, among others, had it burned in their minds that #8 seeded Calgary could easily beat the #1 seeded Detroit, as the Red Wings have struggled t... Posted Monday | Comments 0 While I might be a Leaf fan, I'm first and foremost a hockey fan and believe the Senators have the game to win the Cup. After watching the first round they simply look like past teams, with similar chemistry and depth, that have won the Cup. More specifically though: Leadership The leader is finally being the fan's whip... Posted Monday | Comments 0 This Thursday marks the beginning of yet another battle of 100+ point regular season teams. New Jersey finished with 107 and Ottawa with 105, with the season series going the way of the Devils 3-1. Despite holding a 3-1 edge is the regular season series, there's no doubting who the stronger of the two teams down the stretch was, it's the Senators. That being said, this... Posted Monday | Comments 0 Eklund has his airline ticket to Nashville for the Sharks and Preds game seven but the problem is there won't be a game seven. For the second year in a row the Preds were handed a 4 games to 1 series loss at the hands of the San Jose Sharks. Seriously...if I see anything teal right now I might just hurl! This was a physical series (some might even say dirty...but l... Posted Monday | Comments 0 Flamestr Dougstr who wins the west Dougstr SJ Sharks The best forwards in the west Joe Thorton and Johnathon Cheechoo and Patrick Marleau . Good players and they can score Flamestr So Dougstr who do the Sharks play against? Buff Three of the best forward in the NHL Daniel Brieere and Maxim Afinogenov and Jason Pominville. Because... Ally and D Smith writes... Posted Monday | Comments 0 [b]By D. Smith:[/b] Well, hindsight is always 20/20, but I believe the deal was worth making. Also, you have to remember that injuries played a role that no one saw coming. Bringing in Forsberg was supposed to secure three incredibly talented lines in Nashville. (in no order) the 3 centers were supposed to be Forsberg, Arnott, and Legwand. The 6 surrounding wings were... Posted Monday | Comments 0 It has been said thousands of times...there is nothing like a game 7...win and advance, lose and go home! The Dallas Stars are one win away from pulling off the near impossible. They have finally won in overtime...they have finally won at home...and they have finally figured out how to solve Roberto Luongo. Though Marty Turco has the edge in stats, including THREE shuto... Posted Monday | Comments 0 I thought game 7's in the stanley cup playoffs were decided by the players? that third period was an embrassment to nhl. call after call was hooking or holding. my god, even the Dave Strader was confused if There was a pentaly when Turco was pulled at the end of the game BTW, Trevor Linden did a nice job on the hook(which was a pentaly) before scoring the game winni... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 [b]East #1 Sabres vs. #7 Rangers[/b] I hate the sabres with a passion. i hate rangers with a passion. this is the series of picking between two evils. So i will go with a upset. Rangers are playing awesome hockey and Sabres had hiccups with Fishy Sticks. [b]UPSET: Rangers in 7[/b] [b]#3 Debbies v #4 Sens[/b] This series might come down to goalies but i think... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 [b]1 Buf vs 8 NYI - Buf in 5[/b] - Bang on, but I expected a better effort out of the Sabres. They'll be in tough against the white-hot Henrik Lundqvist and the Rangers. DiPietro came back sooner than I thought and played well enough to keep the Islanders in the games, but could only win the one. [b]2 NJ vs 7 TB - NJ in 6[/b] - Bang on again. Holmqvist played very we... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 Well, we're a few days out from the sad loss in 2OT to the Wings and the pain of that night has certainly dulled which is nice. It helps to still be able to go to games as our Jr team, the Calgary Hitmen, are playing in the Conference finals right now - beyond most expectations of the team this year (unlike the Flames). My wish list for the Flames now that we're in the ... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 Well the players may like the break to help them recharge the batteries, but I sure am chomping on the bit. I guess when your team beats expectations and sweeps the opening round series the excitement level goes up. I sure can't wait for tomorrow night, I wish they were dropping the puck as I type. I'm looking forward to a good series and pretty much disregard how th... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 Did I say happy?...I meant ecstatic, elated, over-joyed! I really hate to make excuses, or have to include the officiating in any writing...so thank-you so much, Mr. Gallagher, for your article...it is 100%, spot on! In fact, I used the phrase "phantom call" seconds after the penalty, as well as in a comment to my new best friend's blog ([i]What a friggin joke[/i]--Flyer... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 Due to your constant comment about our blueliners: Vancouver Name Pts. TOI +/- Pims Bieksa 0 24 -1 16 Krajeck 0 15 -1 6 Mitchell 1 ... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 Well, folks, about 11 1/2 hours until the puck drops to begin game one of the sabres/Rangers Eastern Conference semi-finals and for two days, already, the poop is being flung with the tenacity of the inhabitants of the primate house at the Buffalo zoo. Sean Avery began the shit slinging with some comments about how his pre-series ritual has included visualizing various (o... Posted Wednesday | Comments 1 Okay, I know everyone is tired of predicitions but hey, it's my blog!! And if you don't get the blog title, listen to "Everything to Everything to E they are in playoff mode and I think Miller will be the better goalie. [b]New Jersey vs. Ottawa[/b] Ottawa in 6 - They believ... Posted Wednesday | Commenting on an issue in your area of expertise then you should be held to a higher standard, even in a blog. Jim Kelley fails in this respect in his Sportsnet.ca blog "The Dope on Suspensions", (). I wish he was just being ... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 Sorry for the length of this post but on the eve of the New York Rangers first second round playoff game in a decade, as a Blueshirts fan I can't help but be excited, and the current success has got me thinking. It's been a long time since we had a team we could be proud of. But this year's team has overcome adversity and achieved that respect. Although only time wil... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 [b]1 Buf vs 6 NYR[/b] - The Rangers have a fair bit of talent up front, and a slight goaltending edge, but the Sabres are simply too deep everywhere else. Sabres in 6. [b]2 NJ vs 4 Ott[/b] - Yeah, I know it's Marty Brodeur, but the Sens will not be denied this year...at least not here. If Emery comes close to matching Brodeur, the Sens win. Ottawa in 6. [b]1 Det v... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 Rangers look so disinterested tonight... Anyways, they don't have enough defensemen to contain the Sabres. I think only the Senators can match. I hope the Rangers win a few games, that way more Sabres players can get more points for my pool :) Posted Thursday | Comments 0 The No Walk Rangers had much to say before game one of the Eastern Conference semi-finals, but very little to say after it. The Sabres won the opening game handily, 5-2, with two goals from Tomas Vanek, one each by Ales Kotalik, Jason Pominville, & Drew Stafford, and another solid performance by Ryan Miller. The Rangers were clearly outplayed in every facet of the game; f... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 This season has seen nearly every team develop their unsung hero(es). It's time again to evaluate who means the most to their team. I've always felt that the Hart should encompass the regular season AND the playoffs, but the Conn Smythe isn't disappearing anytime soon. So, let's look at the candidates: [b]1. Roberto Luongo, G, Vancouver[/b] It's a safe bet to say that ... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 It's one game, talk to me after game 2. The first game of a series is the least indicative of what is going to happen in the series and only becomes important if the result of game 2 is the same. Believe it or not no one is going to give the boys from upstate the Stanley Cup based on winning the opening game of the second round. So enough of the coronating the Sabres
an... Posted Friday | Comments 0 Desptie the first round being over, not much has been solved in terms of a front runner to walk out of the West. Detroit, San Jose, and anheim all have a legit shot at making it to the Cup finals. Vancouve ris on the outside looking in. San Jose has been extremely impressive though. rea... Posted Friday | Comments 0 Hey guys . . . [b]Believe it or not[/b] nobody from Toronto is going to come to the HSBC wearing white gloves and carrying the Stanley Cup just because you won the 1st game of the series 5-2. [b]Believe it or not[/b] the Rangers didn't expect your team to roll over like dogs and aren't demoralized from one loss. [b]Believe it or not[/b] they actually intend on showin... Posted Saturday | Comments 0 Bill Meltzer had an interesting post today regarding the debate over whether or not the NHL should switch to shootouts in the playoffs: I stand with Mr. Meltzer on this, and just want to add a thought I had. The people who are looking for a change in playoff format are clearly not hockey fans, or they would know how rid... Posted Saturday | Comments 0 Has Ryan Miller finally come of age as a bonafide post-season goaltender? It's sure starting to look that way after these last two games against the Rangers. I'm certainly not one to count ANYONE'S chickens before they've hatched but, even though the last two Sabre victories were, no doubt, "team wins", Miller is the main reason that the 'bres have come out on top of their... Posted Saturday | Comments 0 I get the sense that some of you think the Cup is already in your possession. Believe it or not it's still early in this series and extremely early in the run to the Cup. Would I rather that the Rangers were up 2-0 coming back to MSG, you bet I would. Would I rather that the Rangers were able to a win a game in HSBC, especially Game 2 in which they out played the Sa... Posted Saturday | Comments 0 I know I said I was not going talk about the officiating any longer, BUT...my dearest friend and fellow North American, Luongo07, continues to call me out and accuse me of not researching. (well, at least most of that last sentence is true!) So, as I set out to get the full scoop on the officiating in the Stars/Canucks series, I realized it was a much bigger issue than j... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 This is no way a blog meant to bash Nashville fans, because quite honestly, they have more to cheer about than we do in Columbus. But, the lack of hockey knowledge by these people who shell out hundreds to see a playoff game is baffling. Last night, I was watching a tape of Game 5 between San Jose and Nashville. Patrick Marleau's second goal of the game gives the Sharks th... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 I could probably write a pretty long blog about how the Rachunek goal was a goal, kicking motion my ass. I could write letter and verse on how the refs seemed to miss so many calls on the Sabres and none on the Rangers. Well I could write that blog, but I won't. I will just say [b]Hell Of A Game[/b]. That is what playoff hockey is all about. Same pit in my stomach... Posted Sunday | Comments 1 I wished NBC cut into the Rangers-Sabres game to show that Barbaro. that game was god awful. from the miss goal and on top of that the miss goal and on top of that the miss hooking call on the ice can't make the correct call on ice. I never saw a game inwhich the calls were slided to the Gaybres. Sabres are... Posted Monday | Comments 0 The Rangers win. Yes I know, shot to finally end the game in the 2nd OT. This game had everything. Hits,... Posted Monday | Comments 0 No matter what anyone tells you, you can never fully be prepared for taking care of an infant. My daughter is now 5 ½ weeks old, and as a result, I am sleep deprived, nerves are ragged and I feel like I could snap at any moment, but the good news is I am watching a ton of hockey (while flipping between the damn Yankees proving that they should have bought some pitching i... Posted Monday | Comments 0 Since the flyers are out of the playoffs and i love to look at stats after games and after brilliant jobs by the refs in yesterday's games i decided to look at one stat that should be alarming. THe Amount of Pentalies called in a playoff game [b]27 Power Plays called in Two Playoff Games[/b] The refs are carrying out buttman's message by continue to call the phantom ... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 When the puck drops a little past 7 pm tonight at Madison Square Garden the boys in blue will be looking to hold serve and send the series back to Buffalo all square at 2 games apiece. The first win against 6 losses this season against the Sabres fans for buffalo all tied up 2 games, playing the style tha... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 Here we go off to Buffalo all tied up 2 games apiece. They have played well the past 2 games apiece for buffalo all tied up 2 games apiece. They have played well the style tha... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 Here we go off to Buffalo all tied up 2 games apiece. They have played well the style tha... thought we'd be looking at a best 2 out of 3 series after game 1. I'm sure we'll hear lots about how it was a goal, what a difference a few days make. Happen to be listening to Briere being interviewed, I guess he doesn't read the NO-Goal Call against buffalo. that was a goal. this is a disgrace for NHL on so many levels that i cant explain. NHL needs to replace those overhead camera with HD cameras. BTW, Lindy Ruff should be embrassed for himself foR that tirade after the game instead of doing infront of the media and make ass of himself he should done infront of... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 First of all, I'd like to thank the Vancouver Canucks for lending their tv announcers to CBC Sports for game 4! What an incredible gesture towards the people of Canada, and specifically Canucks' fans! I'm so thankful American fans, specifically Ducks fans, got to hear those announcers to CBC sports for game 4! What an incredible gesture towards the people of Canada, and specifically Canucks' fans! I'm so thankful American fans, specifically Ducks fans, got to hear those announcers to CBC sports for game 4! What an incredible gesture towards the people of Canada, and specifically Canucks' fans! I'm so thankful American fans, specifically Ducks fans, got to hear those announcers to CBC sports for game 4! 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Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 Since I am from Buffalo and now live in Illinois, you would think I would enjoy the Spring time heat that has finally found its way to the Midwest, but I am feeling the heat that has finally found its way to the Midwest, but I am feeling the heat that has finally found its way to the Midwest, but I am feeling the heat that has finally found its way to the Midwest, but I am feeling the heat that has finally found its way to the Midwest, but I am feeling the heat that has finally found its way to the Midwest, but I am feeling the heat that has finally found its way to the Midwest, but I am feeling the heat that has finally found its way to the Midwest, but I am feeling the heat that has finally found its way to the Midwest, but I am feeling the heat that has finally found its way to the Midwest, but I am feeling the heat that has finally found its way to the Midwest, but I am feeling the heat that has finally found its way to the Midwest, but I am feeling the heat that heat the feeling the heat that heat the feeling the heat the heat the heat the feeling the heat the Sabres games, it is incredible. What other Sabres fans feel this? I haven't felt like this in the playoffs unt... Posted Wednesday | Comments, you know what i mean); it should a counted. I understand why it was called no-goal but i didn't agree with it. Yeah, the call tonight was crap, too, but it should never have come to that. When an offensive threat like the 'bres are giving up 2 goals a game, the series should be over by ... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 When the Ottawa Senators take the ice tonight, not only can they put their opponents up against the wall, but take once step closer to silencing the critics. It is well known how the media and fans (both loyal and of other teams) feel about the Senators, but this is the chance they've been waiting for since 2003. In 2003, the last time the Ottawa Senators made it to the ... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 Talk about bad calls, when it is assumed Thomas Vanek snuck one around Rick DiPietro it was called a goal, although the video was inconclusive. Sabres fans: WELCOME TO PLAYING THE RANGERS! The Sabres are apparently more important than the Sabres. The goal that Briere scored, or "was inconclusive" looked pretty da... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 Who would've thought that the New York Rangers would hold the high flying Buffalo Sabres to 2 goals over 8 periods of hockey at Madison Square Garden to even their Eastern Conference semifinal at 2 games apiece. The Sabres were the highest scoring team in the NHL averaging 3.75 goals/game over the course of the regular season. What many don't realize is
the Rangers w... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 I just got done reading Damien Cox's piece on ESPN.com , and it made me think. Why can't people just enjoy the playoffs and hockey in general? Everywhere you look, you can find someone complaining about the lack of goals being scored in the playoffs, but what's wrong with a hard fought 2-1 game? Of course goals are going to be at a premium in the post-season because wit... Posted Friday | Comments 0 A few thoughts before I move on to bigger and better issues! And yes, I fully expect the bitterness to flow from Luongo07 and Mojoworld! (1) Roberto Luongo was absolutely brilliant throughout the playoffs...he is a monster. Without question, he is deserving of the MVP award. He played on his head last night but, as has been the case, could not ... Posted Friday | Comments 1 [b][i]"Anticipation, it's makin' me wait...it's keepin' me wa-a-a-aiting"[/i][/b] [b][i]"The waiting is the hardest part"[/i][/b] T minus 2 hours 'til the puck drops and I can't wait, heck I was getting antsy at 9 am this

morning. Truth be told I was getting antsy for this game 2 days ago. I hope that the Rangers are as antsy to get this one started as I am, ... Posted Friday | Comments 0 Here is the phone number for Vs. to get them to the hockey games in HD! 1-877-VERSUS-ON 1-203-407-3613 Posted Saturday | Comments 0 With every passing year, the Blue Jackets miss the playoffs and I'm forced to shift my focus as a fan. Maybe I'm alone saying this, but I would much rather watch a playoff game with two random teams than watch a regular-season game featuring my own. The passion of each team fighting for the ultimate goal lights a fire in everyone, including myself. This year, I'm especiall... Posted Saturday | Comments 0 Yep that sure did hurt. Posted Saturday | Comments 1 last night in celebatation of cinco de mayo, which explains about everything for last night. Sorry if i oftened anyone. For now on, im only blogging on the finals, Flyers and Ripping gary bettman to help make a change in this league and I'll release... Posted Sunday | Comments 1 Power forwards...huge, hulking, "whittle-guy" killers that can skate...a goalie's worst nightmare...and supposedly, the ghost of Christmas past. The new rules adopted my "My NHL" practically sent them to their graves. At the very least, the new rules assured a long, penalty-plagued transition. Many of the typical power forwards became a liability to their team... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 The Medicine Hat Tigers even the WHL Championship final with a 3 - 2 win on Saturday night. The win was rather crucial as the series reverts to the 2-3-2 format is was important that the Tigers had at least a split at home before heading to the west coast for three. The Giants now look to close out the series at home with three games at home with three games at home before heading to the west coast for three. The Giants now look to close out the series at home with three games at home opinion of this team. All I can say is that I'm proud of the 2006-2007 New York Rangers. This team never gave up, not when most counted them out during the regular season and not today down 2 goals to the Sabres. Jaromir Jagr showe... Posted Monday | Comments 0 Alright, Sharks. The time has come to put Saturday's dull performance behind you and dig deep to keep the dream alive. It's times like these that the hockey world sees leaders emerge in the face of adversity and put their team on their back. Joe Thornton, Patrick Marleau - this means you. Joe, let's awake from the dream that told you to seek out the miracle play and put their team on their back. Joe Thornton, Patrick Marleau - this means you. Joe, let's awake from the dream that told you to seek out the miracle play and put their team on their back. result for the Sharks. When will I be able to get on board with this team and really consider them a contender? This coming from a Habs fan with obvious reasons. The Sharks seemingly had the goods to make an extended run, solid defense, good goaltending, #2 PP unit and a number... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 Everyone is ripping me for the negative tone about "New NHL" but i want to let the number finally to back up my arugment themselves. these are attendance is lower. Btw the number Mar-6 2007 Col @ Bos - 11,707 F... Posted Tuesday | Comments 1 In years watching hockey this might be the best final four teams left in the NHL playoffs in YEARS. So lets start out West [b]#1 Detriot Red Wings v #3 Anaheim Ducks[/b] Detriot has been playing great hockey and beat a physical Calgary team and a bottom feeder team in san jose. The ducks beat up on wild and kim johnsson's head. They also had a great series against... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 As promised... [b]1 Buf vs 4 Ott[/b] - Total toss-up. If either team wins, I am not surprised. Buffalo has the speed edge, and they're a bit more spread out in terms of offense. Ottawa has slightly better defensive depth, and their top line has been beastly in these playoffs. Goaltending, imo, is a wash. But I feel the Sens have playoffs, and... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 There's almost 36hrs now till the puck drops on the Conference Finals so it's time for some thoughts on life in the off-season for this Flames fan.... [u]Thought #1[/u] It was very disappointing to see the end of the Rangers - they were the last dark horse left in the playoffs and while I didn't really miss there be... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 Coming into work this morning I was greeted with warm sunshine, a cool breeze, and the comfort of knowing the Sabres are still playing hockey. All should be right with the world, but hanging in the back of my head is a cloud of doubt. The knowledge that this could be the last couple games I watch, the fear that Ottawa will be too much for us, that again we will come so c... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 Following terrible showing in game three the Vancouver Giants bounced back in game four of the WHL Championship series. The league championship is now guaranteed to return to 'the hat' for game six as the Giants are just about to clean up the finishing touches on what appears to be a 4 - 0 victory. The game remained tied heading into the third period as the two teams conti... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 It was a rough finish to the rangers seaosn. They blow a 1-0 lead with 7 seconds to go in game 5. Then they lose 5-4 on home ice in game 6. Although there are a lot of "What ifs..." in this series, Rangers should be happy with what they accomplished. They didn't look like they were even in the playoff mix in February. Bring in some young guns, add a fiesty Sean Avery, ... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 This article im about to share proves part of my therory this league is in trouble, b) Bettman still doesnt care about NHL Can't Follow The NHL ... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 [img] /img] [b] WINGS WIN!! WINGS WIN!! [/b] Game 5 and 6 showed what a champion is supposed to look like.. The Wings never looked liked they were going to lose while the Sharks looked desperate. That would require SJS to have a pulse... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 i love it on VS coverage that they say that buffalo fans invented the idea of having fans partying outside while during game. Well they are wrong. If you buy this dvd pd bbs sr 1/002-4451391-1782410?ie=UTF8&s=dvd&qid=1178840045&sr=8-1 and any flyers fans wer... Posted Friday | Comments 0 WILL THE BUFFALO SABRES AND THEIR SPECIAL TEAMS PLEASE REPORT TO THE EASTERN CONFERENCE FINALS...THE BUFFALO SABRES AND THEIR SPECIAL TEAMS TO THE EASTERN CONFERENCE FINALS....THANK YOU That's what I heard over the HSBC p.a. tonight following an embarassing showing (or lack thereof) by the Sabres in game 1 of the ECF. Bottom line is, if their power play continues to b... Posted Friday Comments 0 Going to my car Thursday morning I was greeted with the cold, wet blanket that can be Buffalo spring. My initial thoughts were concern about how this was going to affect the ice. I knew it was going to thought, game time was twelve h... Posted Friday | Comments 0 With the Lewiston Maineiacs completion of a four game sweep in the QMJHL Championship series, the attention of the CHL falls squarely on the WHL and OHL finals. The Sudbury Wolves and Plymouth Whalers face off this evening in game five of the OHL Championship series. The game is just underway and the visiting Wolves scored 1:51 into the first period of play. Plymouth f... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 I love youtube. it has everything you want as a hockey fight fan. i want to share my top #10 fights on you tube #10 Cam Neely TKOs Lindy Ruff your're not a hockey fan if you dont like cam neely Posted Monday | Comments 0 There is a choking situation in Buffalo.... [img] /img] Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 Wow! Did the Ducks know what time the game started? I realize it is a seven game series, but they responded to the first period like it was a regular season game? There was very little real pressure throughout the game and it looked to me like they could care less to be there...just like their fans! Their one shining moment was the hit on Holmstrom. I hate the fact th... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 One thing
I'm not seeing in the Conference Finals series is the geniuine hatred between the teams involved. Its not a requirement for a well-played and entertaining series, but it sure would make watching these games a bit more bearable. Every year there seems to be a series or two that is just a venemous battle between two teams, leaving most of the participants with scar... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 I study hard for my test on human reproduction. Golly, how ironic. It is only too bad that the Hurricanes are not reproducing last year's victory in the playoffs. I am sure that Rod Brind'Amour shares my sentiment. This next summer is going to be extremely boring. We wont have Cup parties, award ceremonies, photogs and other things that come with championships. Thank God ... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 The last three games you picked Buffalo and you saw the results. Our city has a curse as it is, your picking jinx doesn't help. All kidding aside, the Sabres really are in a huge hole. Let's hope the 3-0 gives them a HUGE wake up call. Here's to the team showing up tonight....here's to Miller doing his stuff again...here's for lots of shots and some goals (dare I... Posted Friday | Comments 0 That is more like it...much better effort all-around! Both game 4's were two of the most fun and frenetic battles of the playoffs...great to watch! I did not want to go back and count...but aside from missing on the Senators wrapping up their series in game 4, I was spot on every other call I made! It took Buffalo all of nine seconds to [b]find the net[/b]. [b]Chri... Posted Saturday | Comments 0 [img] /img] Growing up as a child in Ottawa, ON and playing minor hockey for years, the one constant thing that remained the same throughout my point for writing this article. With NFL, NB... Posted Saturday | Comments 0 You have a third period full of questionable penatlies that won't be called in real hockey game and their Network dumps their sorry asses for horse race. it goes to show how popular NHL is really is and how screwed up this league is. Posted Saturday | Comments 0 Congrats to Sens. passinate blog that TIm Panccio wrote about the hack job by NBC. Maybe TIm and other NHL writers start addressing the real problem in this league.. Gary Bettman on his mistakes and that guy is Larry Brooks of New York Post and then Toronto Sun NHL Writer Al Strachan. Al Strachan knew fr... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 This will be a very short post as I am just testing this out. The better team was victorious as much as it hurts to say that but the Sabres will be good for years to come. If you want to read more than go to www.buffalosportstampede.com Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 From Neil Best from Newsday: "In an interview with WFAN, commissioner Gary Bettman said the broad audience was worth the risk of overtime, but he left open the possibility of rethinking the Saturday afternoon strategy next year." "Why not at least move the game to, say, MSNBC, which is in about 20 million fewer homes than NBC but 20 million more than Versus? [b]Becau... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 [b]1 Buf vs 4 Ott - Ott in 7[/b] - Didn't take as long as I expected, as the Sabres bowed out in five. I called the goaltending a wash...maybe I said that cuz I was cheering for the Sens. Miller is the better goalie, but not by as much as a lot of people are still thinking. However, Miller was inconsistent in the first two rounds. Of course, in this series, he was the ... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 Mykonos, Greece. One of the largest party towns in Europe, a beautiful place, and here I am sitting in a tiny cabin room on the ship, sitting here sipping a rye and coke after our late seating dinner in the dining room writing about hockey. I'm no expert, but I think I've become what some people could call a hockey addict. Don't get me wrong, I am enjoying this Medit... Posted Friday | Comments 0 this was proved by sports blog Sports Media Watch this to bettman brilliant work as the Commish. did anyone notice the difference one final game between two top market teams in 1997 vs. rest of the games of the following years? [b]1995[/b] 3.2: New Jersey at Detroit, Game 1 (Saturday, Jun... Posted Saturday | Comments 0 Mike is trying the hardest he can to come back and play for the orange and black but i think it's time for flyers to buy him out or he has to retire. I met Rathje once, he is a great guy and a great heart for the game but it's decsion time for him...... Posted Saturday | Comments 0 Well, we have come to the last 7 games of the 2006-2007 NHL Year. Two teams are on the edge of the top of Mountain. From the east we have Ottawa Senators and from the west we have Anaheim Ducks. Both teams defy what Gary Bettman wants the NHL to be a passive, Euro league. Lets recap how both teams got to the finals [b]Ottawa Senators[/b] In the first round, ... Posted Monday | Comments 0 As i am coming home from the jersey shore from the jersey shore from the jersey shore from the jersey shore from the memorial hoilday on monday, i will start to watch the final 7 games of the the 2006-2007 NHL Season. I finally give NHL credit for scheduling the first game of stanley cup finals on memorial day night. the reason i will give them credit for scheduling the first game of stanley cup finals... numerous gigantic hits, acrobatic saves, some pretty goals. Though there were way too many suspect penalty calls, this game never lacked intensity. It was back and forth most of the game...even during the power plays. Like every other team the Ducks ha... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 I'd like to be the first to welcome you all to the REAL Stanley Cup playoffs...they went old-school tonight! From the opening draw to Alfredsson's final hit at the buzzer, bodies were flying...they might as well have been bumper cars! Monster hits were being laid out with the intent to hurt. The game was frenetic and raucous...it easily was as good as game 1...only they... Posted Friday Comments 0 Well I am going to start off by introducing myself to the hockey world. I am JDawg and a huge hockey fan, and if there is something that I thrive on it is this time of year. Today I want to talk a little bit about the oilers, now just after reading eklunds blog i understand that there might be some big moves made this year for KL, now as much as I at times dont agree with ... Posted Saturday | Comments 0 Thanks to free wireless internet in my hotel, combined with large quantities of caffeine, I get to do something I have not had the pleasure of doing in three weeks, watch a hockey game. After the depressing event of departing my cruise ship early this morning, the beautiful sights of Barcelona, Spain, combined with the opportunity to view a live stream and chat with my fri... Posted Saturday | Comments 0 i wonder if that was buffalo or any usa team in the same exact situation would they called it a goal? dont nhl offical know how easy to revoke a usa passport Posted Sunday | Comments 0 if the league is going to be consistant in handing out suspendsion in regarding to blows to head, why wasn't Chris Neil suspended for his head shot in third? Maybe because Ottawa is a team from Canada or maybe this done to by the league that desperatly needs as much prime time exposure as possible to gain any attraction it can, and is going to do anything it has to to g... Posted Monday Comments 0 "It's a joke. It's a joke. It's a joke. It's a joke. It's been going on the whole series and the whole series and the whole series and the season that you have referees making these kind of bad calls...missing dives, making calls that aren't even penalties...Ra... Posted Monday | Comments 0 I cannot believe I even have to say this...but I've just lost all respect for Daniel Alfredsson. In case you think I've always disliked him, simply refer back to almost every playoff blog to see how I've talked about him. What in the world was he thinking? He went completely off the reservation. The shot at Scott Niedermayer was crazy enough...but then he goes and punc... Posted Tuesday | Comments 1 Game 3, had less than 1 million viewers, with it peaking at a .08 Rating In the Final 30 mins of the game, with only 3 % of TV Viewers watching this game. [i]Last year's game 3 got a 1.7 Rating. Down big time for a Saturday full of repeats or movies.[/i] Game 4 on the otherhand had a jump up to a 2.1 Rating (2.3 Million Viewers), with only 4 % of people watching TV... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 Congratulations to the Anaheim Ducks. An outstanding organization and a tremendous hockey team. At least not on the ice. It's a terribly sad time of year. At least we have the NBA Finals starting tomorrow, right? Major League Baseball is in full swing. And then football s... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 I was just watching the Tonight Show and Jay was doing his stand up bit at the beginning and he made a really asinine comment. He said that there was a research study that was done that people ate more while watching interesting television shows. He said that NBC's new slogan should be "watch more and take off the pounds" and he directly followed that up by sar... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 The NHL and NBC can not like this.. The Ratings from game 4 to game 5 went DOWN. A 2.1 for Game 4 went down to a mere 1.8 for the final game is not good for either the NHL or NBC.. The ratings are obviosuly down big time from last years ...filled with tons of hitting, scoring, saves, and old-school hockey! The Duckssel the best final round in several years...filled with tons of hitting, scoring, saves, and old-school hockey! The Duckssel the best final round in several years...filled with tons of hitting scoring, saves, and old-school hockey! The Duckssel the best final round in several years...filled with tons of hitting scoring, saves, and old-school hockey! The Duckssel the best final round in several years...filled with tons of hitting scoring saves, and old-school hockey! The Duckssel the best final
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Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 Buffalo has not had a captain as heartfelt as Chris Drury since Pat LaFontaine played here. Any interview you watch, you'll hear "us", "team", "we". Also, it's been a long time since I've heard a professional athlete in Buffalo speak about the city in the way Drury has in his time here. Drury said it's great to see those basketball nets vacant, and all the kids playing str... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 Buffalo has not had a captain as heartfelt as Chris Drury since Pat LaFontaine played here. Any interview you watch, you'll hear "us", "team", "we". Also, it's been a long time since I've heard a professional athlete in Buffalo speak about the city in the way Drury has in his time here. Drury said it's great to see those basketball nets vacant, and all the kids playing str... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 Buffalo has not had a captain as heartfelt as Chris Drury since Pat LaFontaine played here. Any interview you watch, you'll hear "us", "team", "we". 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Posted Thursday | Comments 0 The season of 08 is looking great for the wings as of now.last year the wings came tied for first with buffalo{buf had more wins} in points and the only divisionmate who even contended with them was the predators.i mean, lets face it for first with buffalo{buf had more wins} in points and the only divisionmate who even contended with them was the predators.i mean, lets face it for first with buffalo{buf had more wins} in points and the only divisionmate who even contended with them was the predators.i mean, lets face it for first with buffalo{buf had more wins} in points and the only divisionmate who even contended with them was the predators.i mean, lets face it for first with buffalo{buf had more wins} in points and the only divisionmate who even contended with them was the predators.i mean, lets face it for first with buffalo{buf had more wins} in points and the only divisionmate who even contended with them was the predators.i mean, lets face it for first with buffalo{buf had more wins} in points and the only divisionmate who even contended with them was the predators.i mean, lets face it for first with buffalo{buf had more wins} in points and the only divisionmate who even contended with them was the predators.i mean, lets face it for first with buffalo{buf had more wins} in points and the only divisionmate who even contended with them was the predators.i mean, lets face it for first with buffalo{buf had more wins} in points and the only divisionmate who even contended with them was the predators.i mean, lets face it for first with buffalo{buf had more wins} in points and the only divisionmate who even contended with them was the predators.i mean, lets face it for first with buffalo{buf had more wins} in points and the only divisionmate who even contended with them was the predators.i mean and the only divisionmate who even contended with them was the predators.i mean and the predators in chicago, the hawks suck and the same goes for the bluejackets.the blues are really on the right track but at most they'll contend for a playo... Posted Friday | Comments 0 We are roughly 4 weeks away from the start of training camp and the beginning of the 2007/2008 National Hockey League season. I want to take a look at the teams who finished 9 15 in the Eastern Conference standings for the 06/07 season. Are any of these teams ready to make a playoff run? Lets find out... #9) Toronto Maple Leafs The Toronto Maple Leafs finished wit... mayorofangrytown writes... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 I tend to be pessimistic but hopeful. I can see the Flyers getting off to another bad start but not being non competitive like they were last year. The team made a lot of moves after February, some I like, some I like less, some seem to come with question marks. [b] The Forwards: [/b] I wanted them to sign Drury but they ended up with Briere so I was a little disappointe... Posted Friday | Comments 0 Last year the Philadelphia Flyer's were the worst team in the NHL. They went through some major shake ups from the front office to who was on the ice. After a drubbing at the hands of the Buffalo Saber's, Bobby Clarke said he was to burnt out to run the team. When Clarke found the door it did not hit him on the way out, it hit Ken Hitchcock who got fired the same day Clark... Posted Sundays | Comments 0 Ever see the movie The Number 23? If you haven't it's about a guy that's obsessed with the number [b]13[/b] th. That day a lot. Check it out: The Leafs opened training camp on Thursday, September [b]13[/b] th. That day they unveiled their new Reebok Jerseys ([b]... Posted Friday | Comments 0 Everyone does them and for my own sheer amusement (and to see my name on a website....) here goes: Western Conference 1. San Jose 2. Detroit 3. Vancouver 4. Anaheim 5. Calgary 6. Colorado 7. Minnesota 8. St. Louis 9. Nashville 10. Dallas 11. Los Angeles 12. Edmonton 13. Chicago 14. Columbus 15. Phoenix (1) San Jose vs. (8) St. Louis - San Jose in 4 ... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 The Atlanta Thrashers fan base is small. There it is; no arguments here. The team is second fiddle to several other teams in the Atlanta Thrashers fan base is small. There it is; no arguments here. The team is second fiddle to several other teams in the Atlanta area including college football teams from Georgia and Georgia Tech, the Braves, and even the Falcons (still). Hockey has yet to grab the sports fans in Atlanta like the True Blue fans wish it did. Atlanta sports fans wanted to jump on t... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 Ducks versus Wild tonight at 5pm PST at the Honda Center. I'll be there early for warm ups. Just in case. "Should be a good old fashioned grudge match, so come on down. Bring the kids. There are still plenty of seats available at the War Memorial." During game 5 of the Ducks v. Wild playoffs last season, the pregame action was gnarly. First off, the Wild were ... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 Living in Ottawa, it was natural I would become a Senators' fan after years of cheering for Steve Yzerman and the Wings... Heck, finally I could rant and rave about a team in my own backyard! I could randomly run into players from the NHL on nearly a weekly basis (gotta know the right clubs)... But, a few years back the team took a huge step in the wrong direction for... Posted Monday | Comments 0 [b]CHICAGO BLACK HAWKS BEST YOUNG GUNS IN THE LEAGUE[/b] The next team on my league tour is the Black Hawks of Chicago. When I watch this team all I do is smile it is nice to see a team finally grow into a team. The Black Hawks time is now simply because they have the players to win and w... From The Back Row writes... Posted Monday | Comments 0 I'm both surprised and disappointed to hear the doom-and-gloom scenarios scuttling through the cyber-community of Blackhawks hockey after their no-show in St. Louis Saturday night. Have expectations really grown that exponentially in the past 2 months? Yes, it was a divisional match-up, yes, second place was on the line. yes, the Hawks were the only team not to show up e... Posted Monday | Comments 0 So here we are two weeks removed from the 5-1 loss to the Phoenix Coyotes the Leafs have won 5 of 6 and currently sit in a four way tie for 6th in the conference. Not bad when every Leaf fan wanted the team dismantled from top to bottom and it looked as though the team had finally reached rock bottom. Now let me just say that yes I was one of those that felt that
wa... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 [b]NASHVILLE -- ARE THEY GOOD ENOUGH?[/b] The next team on my NHL tour is the Nashville Predators, a team that started out slow and has recently picked up. Why have they picked it up? Well I like their speed. They have a terrific coach, and a terrific coach, and a terrific young defense. The preds also have some very talented vets, and you get a very good mix of vets with young players. ... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 This past weekend, I was enjoying a snow filled, hockey inspired trip to the city that breathes... Montreal. Myself and three of my friends, one being a Habs fan, were all attending our first game live. What better place then the Bell Centre for a classic match with the Toronto Maple Leafs and Montreal Canadiens? The game is just oozing with intensity and pre-game gitters.... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 [b]WHAT MAKES THE BLUES TICK?[/b] The next team on my 30 team tour is the St. Louis Blues. The Blues are a terrific team to watch, and they are well coached. I really feel that the Blues have one of the best coaches in the league in Andy Murray. Murray has system in place, and more important, the players have bought into it . The Blues have the talent, but what make... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 [b]WHAT MAKES THE BLUES TICK?[/b] The next team on my 30 team tour is the St. Louis Blues. The Blues have one of the best coached. I really feel that the Blues have one of the best coached. I really feel that the Blues have the talent, but what make. because of their defense. Simply put, this team has no wea... Posted Friday | Comments 0 Last night the Blue Jackets played their 41st of 82 games, and are now officially halfway through the season. With a record of 19-16-6, 44 points, the jackets are on pace for at least 80-90 points, which may be good enough for a low playoff spot in the Western Conference. Let's reflect back on this up and down season. A great start The Jackets got off to a great start ... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 Yes, we just lost 4-2 to Toronto, but I'm not speaking as someone who has watched this team closely all year long, their trials, triumphs, and tribulations. This team is close of being a playoff team, but it's just not there at the moment. [b]It's one or two players short.[/b] Look at the Sabres' recent losses to Atlanta and the Rangers, w... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 I have been looking forward to doing this blog on the Sharks. Mark Freitas and Ryan Garner are very good friends from Hockey Buzz. I hope you don't compare my blogs to those two awesome bloggers because it will make me look too bad! The Sharks are a very puzzling team. I truly believe this team has all the talent to take it to the next level. The Sharks have the tal... The Sabres HAVE to use this weekend off as a method to cleanse thier system of the first half of the season. If they get their act together quickly, they can climb right back in the playoff hunt. After losing 12 of their last 14 games, they can climb to the 8 spot by THIS FRIDAY if they take care of their own business (at Tampa, florida and Atlanta) and then we (as fans) will be looking at the last 10 games to see if Boston can clinch a playoff spot. Lets be honest, it won't happen before this because the race to the playoffs all year has been tighter than (insert joke here). Here are the last ten games Boston plays, all but 2 against division riva... Posted Friday | Comments 1 The Buffalo Sabres have one of the best young forwards crops in the league. They are a enigma as to why they don't have more points in the standings. Their defense is led by super star Mr. Campbell. The goaltending is solid; that will have to continue to improve to help this team make the playoffs. The Sabres' strengths are their age, speed, and strength. Their for... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 THN has some interesting trade suggestions for the hockey world to see, but at the end of the day, I think they're still long shots. The Nagy trade suggestion for a draft pick is pretty useless. We don't have much to give up right now and it really wouldn't profit us to try and make incremental improvements right now to the team by risking more draft picks. The Sundin... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 The Habs may very well be the most improved team this season. They are the best teams in the NHL. Their forwards are among the most talented in the League. They have the speed to match their skill in the offensive zone. Their power play is simply awesome, one of the best teams in the League. The Habs have the defense who will and have pitched in for the offense... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 Florida Panthers are the next team on my list. There are a lot of positive signs in Florida. The Panthers do have a chance of making the playoffs; we are in the South-East Division, anything can happen. The teams are all equally good, or equally bad, depending on your point of view. I like the Panthers because they have a good core of young players. They have a solid ... S Kaspar Rollins writes... Posted Saturday | Comments 0 The Flames' woes against the Ducks in Anaheim continued tonight, as they fell 3-1 in what you might call a valiant effort, although it was in my view a two period effort by the Flames. Mathieu Schneider scored the opening goal only 35 seconds in, getting wide open at the point and wiring a great shot past Kipper's blocker. The Flames never quite recovered from this. Scott ... Posted Sunday | Comments 520 So the ceremony begins at 2 o'clock, with a glorious walk of champions. And no, I'm not talking about the bar and grill inside the Marriot. The 17 members that played for all the Islanders' Stanley Cup Championships will walk from the Marriot to the Coliseum, with Lord Stanley's Cup present, in honor of the hard-fought battles they endured during all those playoff years. ... Posted Monday | Comments 0 The Sharks had been on quite a fall, losing five straight games and tetering on the edge of playoff consideration. They were three games into a season long 8-game road trip, with Pittsburgh and Detroit on the horizon. The Sharks were aimlessly following the yellow brick road towards the playoffs, but the road was getting narrower and narrower, and the team was falling asle... Posted Monday | Comments 0 The Sharks had been on quite a fall, losing five straight games and tetering on the edge of playoff consideration. They were three games into a season long 8-game road trip, with Pittsburgh and Detroit on the horizon. The Sharks were aimlessly following the yellow brick road towards the playoffs, but the road was getting narrower and narrower, and the team was falling asle... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 Michel Therrien seems to have more in common with the late Rodney Dangerfield, Therrien "Don't Get No Respect" either. I was reading different articles over the past couple of days and there are a number of people that think Therrien needs to ... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 I've said it before, and now I am officially saying it. The Canucks can only make the playoffs with 96 points. History proves to be very reliable, especially in the last few years. Last year the Canucks by this time of year were tearing up the Western Conference with a impressive 2nd half of the season. This year, well... it's not quite the same. We are strug... Posted Saturday | Comments 0 First, let me take the time to welcome anyone who happens to click on this post and give me a chance to entertain you through my blog. Although the Rangers are my favorite team and I make no attempt to hide that, my aspirations are to be an objective journalist, not a cheerleader, and I hope my writing will reflect that. Any criticism, constructive or otherwise, is both we... Posted Monday | Comments 0 I will be writing a series of blogs discussing a handful of teams whose expectations were minimal to start the season or even now; within these teams, I believe one will take home the Stanley Cup to their franchise. I am beginning with a team that was doubted from the get-go, the Montreal Canadiens. After missing the playoffs in the 06/07 campaign, the Habs tweaked some... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 As spectators of sporting events we often have the urge to yell shout, boo, clap or make any other type of noise we deem necessary to let somebody know just how we are feeling. It might be the common double-syllabic, repetitious chant using the opposing goaltenders first or last name in hopes they let in a soft one on the stick side. Perhaps it's the jeering directed to... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 WOW! I just watched the end of the Montreal-New Jersey game on Versus, and how about those Habs? I wish I would've seen this whole game, but ending up with 38 saves, obviously Carey Price had to be sensational. I personally have had some concern about Carey but he stepped up in a big way and I'd officially like to say I'm on the Carey bandwagon. This gu... Posted Wednesday | Comments 1 [b]In a game that will be remembered [/b]by some for a controversial goal or a non call that led to said goal I will remember this game as an ugly night for Predators hockey. [b]Let me explain.[/b] The Preds were, quite simply, outplayed last night by a very good Sharks team. A team that has, for the past two seasons, had our number and dialed it repeatedly. The Ron Wi... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 Is it time to start admitting that the Ducks in the midst of a 1-2-1 slide, but it's looking more and more likely that 5th in the West is the best they're going to be able to achieve. This will more than likely get them a first round date with Dallas, who, to put it mildly, has pretty much owned... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 [b]*NOTE*:[/b] I will be writing a series of blogs discussing a handful of teams whose expectations were minimal to start the season or even now. Within these teams, I believe one will take home the Stanley Cup to their franchise. The second team I will be writing about is the New York Rangers. They
debuted their off-season with a bang last summer, acquiring the likes o... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 Alliteration is the key to any good blog title and I hope it caught your eye. I often wonder what it would be like to be a Detroit Red Wing fan They coast along in the regular season, amassing winning streaks and distancing themselves from the rest of the conference. Really, a Red Wings fan never has to worry. Those of them that show up to the games are really going... Posted Friday | Comments 0 Alright, so with 10 games left in the season and Sundin possibly on the shelf for at least one game, this is how I figure things will come down. I have read the predictions. Everyone thinks the Leafs will miss, all be it slightly, but still miss the playoffs for a franchise first 3rd straight year. I believe the common oppinion is a 9th place finish. CBC is cancellin... Posted Friday | Comments 0 That quote is from the Predators Head Coach Barry Trotz. 94 points has been his prediction for the past two weeks of the number it will take to make the playoffs in the West. That has been the number ingrained into all the Predator players as they make their push. 94 points. Let me throw out why I think this type of talk is a problem. Trotz has us... AlexanderScharf writes... Posted Saturday | Comments 0 It is hard to recognize when good times are past and hard times are coming. It is human nature to ignore the slow but steady transition from success to failure. It is easier to sugarcoat the marginally smaller victories than to worry about a drop productivity. But this naivety and self-deception only lasts until everything collapses and there is nothing to do but accept th... Posted Monday | Comments 0 [b]*NOTE*:[/b] I will be writing a series of blogs discussing a handful of teams whose expectations were minimal to start the season or even now. Within these teams, I believe one will take home the Stanley Cup to their franchise. So far, I've I wrote about two of these clubs, the Montreal Canadiens and the New York Rangers. The Calgary Flames didn't start off with load... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 9 games left in the regular season. Popular opinion among Sabre fans seems to be if they could just play with some consistency in these games they have a shot at finishing 8th, or even 7th. I like what I saw Friday and Saturday. Totally different team than the one who showed up (or didn't) against Pittsburgh. I like the lineup, I hope things keep rolling and Ruff decide... S Kaspar Rollins writes... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 I have been criticized recently because of my extreme pessimism regarding the Calgary Flames' chances for the rest of this NHL season. Well I point the optimists in the direction of the Flames' latest disaster, a 3-0 drubbing by the 12th place Columbus Blue Jackets, in which they were outshot by a ridiculous margin of 38-18. There is little that can be said about such a l... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 [b]Needing two points to keep their playoff hopes alive [/b]the Predators came up against a team that was just more hungry than they were. The Washington Capitals looked like a desperate team playing in desperate times and wanting desperate times and wanting desperately to get two points closer to the post season (did I use the word desperate enough in that sentence?). The Preds on the other han... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 After watching tonight's 7-4 win over Tampa Bay, I am convinced of one thing: The Buffalo Sabres are schizophrenic. The Sabres managed just two - that's right, two - shots on goal while giving up a pair of second-period goals to one of the worst teams in the league (last in the Eastern Conference with 66 points, or 15 points behind the Sabres). They left the ice fo... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 The Philadelphia Flyers head into the final eight games of their '07-'08 season with a 36-28-10 record, good enough for the 8th and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference. For a franchise that finished dead last in the NHL last season, this would seem like an enviable position. But looks can be deceiving. Before a mild 3-2 victory over a paltry Thrashers clu... AlexanderScharf writes... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 The world of professional sports is always striving to create a fair, if not equal, playing field for all competitors. The entire concept of sports is for one individual or group to triumph over others who were also capable of winning. Although on a micro level there are teams with more talent than others, the opportunity for an organization to build a strong team is not h... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 [b]It seemed like an easy thing. After an embarrassing 3-1 loss to Minny on Monday I figured the Avs would come out of the gate flying - good rushes, hits, etc. At least there was a fight. In a CRUCIAL game, the Avs simply did not come to play...AGAIN! They looked a lot better in the third but even then, come on. With a whopping 3 shots in the first, 7 shots in the sec... Posted Friday | Comments 0 [b]*NOTE*[/b]: I am currently writing a series of blogs discussing certain teams who I think have the best chance of winning the Cup. However, these clubs consist of teams whose expectations were low to start the season, or now, right before the playoffs. So far, I've I wrote about three of these clubs, the Montreal Canadiens, the New York Rangers and the Calgary Flames. ... Posted Friday | Comments 0 As I mentioned yesterday I blogged live from the Preds - Red Wings game last night. below is my blow blow recap as it appeared live on my other blog www.predjoe.wordpress.com. [b]Pre-Game[/b] it is early... I tend to get to games early to try and nab one of my special free parking spots. I scored one tonight so I am feeling good! the Sommet Center has the Duk... Posted Friday | Comments 0 If there is one change that the NHL must it is the point allotment for wins and losses. Otherwise known as the "three-point game." It is the most idiotic practice to award 2 points in some games are offering up more points than others. This also contributes to a more bor... Posted Saturday | Comments 0 Here they come lead by their knight in shining armour Vesa Toskala. Maple leafs fans haven't been treated to something like this since Cujo pulled on a blue and white jersey. If JFJ did ANYTHING right in his time as Leafs GM it CERTAINLY would be bringing in Toskala. Even with being saddled with Bell's 2 mil/2yr deal the Toskala aquisition was just what the Leafs needed... Posted Monday | Comments 0 You can bark and scream at the moon all you want...you can debate on websites, appeal to your friends for reason, throw your remote control across the room...all of it. I come onto this site and laugh at guys who think they can re-invent the wheel or even funnier, appeal for reason and devise gameplans to help their team - my team - the Leafs, run the ship into t... Posted Monday | Comments 0 As I left the AAC Saturday afternoon, (after a ridiculous, disappointing, frustrating, and disheartening 3rd period meltdown) I finally came to this conclusion -- [b]I am a Stars' fan no matter what![/b] No matter what the final score is or how it happens, [b] will be rooting for my Dallas Stars.[/b] No more bickering, or complaining about the refs, or hanging my ... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 In spite of all the negative attention surrounding the Leafs have their work cut out for them, it's not impossible for them to attain post-season play. While it may seem improbable considering the teams they must leapfrog, the recent pl... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 Well, if there was any doubt on the fate of the 8 Eastern Conference teams left standing for the 2008 NHL postseason. But beware of the spin! In the coming days and weeks, these are the things you'll be hearing from Sabres management, head coach Lindy Ruff, and general manag... S Kaspar Rollins writes... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 The Calgary Flames rebounded from an abysmal first period, a terribly soft goal, and a 2-0 deficit to defeat the Vancouver Canucks 3-2 tonight at the Saddledome. With the win, Calgary takes the lead in the Northwest Division with 90 points, one more than the Canucks and Colorado Avalanche. This was a huge win for the Flames, who go into a three... Posted Wednesday Comments 0 As I left the AAC Saturday afternoon, (after a ridiculous, disappointing, frustrating, and disheartening 3rd period meltdown) I finally came to this conclusion -- [b]I am a Stars' fan no matter what the final score is or how it happens, [b]I will be rooting for my Dallas Stars.[/b] No more bickering, or complaining about the refs, or hanging my ... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 Dominic Moore and Kris Newbury were providing the electric charge but the Leafs failed to capture lightning in a bottle as they watched their minds it was a hill that was likely way to steep for the boys in blue to climb... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 The regular season has only 5 games remaining. The (expected) playoff birth has been obtained an now it's really just a question of heading into the post season playing good "playoff birth has been obtained an now it's really just a question of heading into the post season playing good "playoff birth has been obtained an now it's really just a question of heading into the post season playing good "playoff birth has been obtained an now it's really just a question of heading into the post season playing good "playoff birth has been obtained an now it's really just a question of heading into the post season playing good "playoff birth has been obtained an now it's really just a question of heading into the post season playing good "playoff birth has been obtained an now it's really just a question of heading into the post season playing good "playoff birth has been obtained an now it's really just a question of heading into the post season playing good "playoff birth has been obtained an now it's really just a question of heading into the post
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But honestly to me... Posted Friday | Comments 0 As a devout Oilers fan, let me first say that I came to terms with the Oilers not making the playoffs after they dropped 6 in a row back in December. My only hope for the rest of the season was that they would somehow find a way out of the bottom 5 to not give Anaheim a lottery pick for Penner. Imagine my surprise over the last 4 or 5 weeks as the Oilers have amazed ev... Posted Saturday | Comments 0 The Sabres proved that there is no way that they can be a playoff team last night. Two blown two-goal leads in three games. Pathetic. I don't understand how they can ALWAYS break down when they are GIVEN freebie points by playoff teams. I say, sit Miller down, put in Thibault. Miller has had concistency problems and ens played a hard fought game this afternoon that seemed to turn up in intensity as the game went along. After scoring first, the Rangers continued to apply pressure in the offensive zone, but (as Ed Olczyk correctly pointed out) allowed Pittsburgh too much space in the high slot and at the points by continually collapsing in front of Lundqvist. Mari... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 All year long, Sharks fans lamented over inconsistency. We are not scoring enough. Our offense is hot and cold. Cheechoo and Marleau have disappeared. We need a number one d-man to make the playoffs. Blah, Blah, Blah, Living in Columbus, OH, I watched. I listened. I said, "Just be patient." I got to see Brian Campbell's debut in teal in person in Columbus, I... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 The Rangers edged the Penguins in a hard defensive battle last night to pull even with the Devils at 93 points and give themselves from breathing room from the surging Capitals. Chris Drury scored the game winner in overtime on the power play after the the Penguins had tied it with about 10 minutes to go in the 3rd. The equalizer came after Jagr gathered some steam... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 [i]Not so much a blog as just some random comments...this is getting good people![/i] With the win last night the Preds put themselves in control of their own destiny...win out and they are guaranteed at least the 8th spot. [b]Let's take a moment [/b]and ponder the fact that no one thought we would be here at this point...NO ONE! Many of the [i]experts[/i] were pick... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 jesus the northwest is crazy - if calgary beats MIN, CGY beats MI to VAN, COL Beats MIN (Colorado wins Title) Option 3 - CGY beats MIN, CGY beats VAN, MIN beats COL (Minnesota wins Titl... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 [b] My wife and I were in our basement suite busily trying to decorate the place in pro-Avs colors when in walked one of my best friends (and another buddy)... Canuck fans. With Avs jerseys, scarfs, trinkets, mugs, a blanket and two Canuck fans, the stage was set for the pivotal push for the postseason. I sometimes have a big mouth when it comes to the Avs. Usually, at ... steal_your_faceoff writes... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 [img] [u][b]You know it's time for playoff hockey when...[/b][/u] * You've stocked up on enough Molson, Export Ale and Labatts to keep the '84 Oilers feeling no pain for the next year and you remember that the Canadian border is over 1,000 miles away but you figure you could still make it th... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 [b]Rangers win, clinch playoff spot[/b] The Rangers fought off early pressure from the Islanders through several great Lundqvist saves and took control of the game in the 1st period. Jaromir Jagr converted on two power play one timers, giving the team a 2-0 lead. I thought they did a great job of shutting down the hustle of a young Islanders squad. Okposo was very... S Kaspar Rollins writes... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 The Calgary Flames' divisional hopes officially died Thursday night with a 3-1 loss to the Minnesota Wild, who clinch the win. More importantly to Calgary, though, was their failure to get the one point, just one above the Nashville Predators and four abov... No Look Drop Pass writes... Posted Friday | Comments 0 I want to start? Does anyone remember Pierre McGuire (if you don't know him, turn off your computer and never mention the word hockey again) yelling "Double Dion!" during a World Junior championship final when Dion Phaneuf corked two guys at once? The entertainment value of McGuire ... Posted Friday | Comments 0 That's it. Now back to your regularly scheduled heart attack! Posted Sunday | Comments 0 Well congratulations to all the qualified for the playoffs. As fans this is our favorite time of the year. Forget March Madness. This is the real fun tournament in the spring! Some final analysis on the season and the unbalanced schedule. Previously I wrote about a plan to play a balanced schedule with 86 total games. 4 (2 home, 2 away) against all teams in the con... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 So here it is, the end of a long (or short ;)) 82 game season. If there can be one word attributed to this team throughout the entire course of the year, I think it would be "Surprises". You could, no doubt, tag them with chemistry or hard work, but surprises seems to come to the forefront no matter how you look at the season. First one should look at the season. First one should look at the season. First one should look at the season. team, to a man, all year has played for the crest on the chest, not the names on the back. Win or lose, they fought, hit, and clawed this team into the playoffs. This team into the playoff se... Posted Monday | Comments 0 [i]Note: This is a repost from this time, last year. Enjoy.[/i] I try to steer clear of playoff predictions, because anybody who loves this sport knows that you can never accurately assume what's going to happen in a hockey game. Yet, somehow I am magically drawn to articles discussing all facets of the upcoming postseason, as the thirst for playoff excitement that bre... Posted Monday | Comments 0 Sorry couldn't resist! :) [b](1) Detroit v (8) Nashville [/b]---[i]Nashville in 6[/i]-Detroit had fits with only one group of teams this year, and that was the Central. Detroit needs to get to the playoffs and much needed revenue. They have nothing to lose.... Posted Monday | Comments 0 Western Conference 1. Detroit vs 8. Nashville Detroit dominated throughout the season, with a rough patch where many of their key defencemen were injured. Nashville Detroit dominated throughout the season, with a rough patch where many of their key defencemen were injured. Ellis. The main concern for both teams will be in the net. Does Hasek have it in him? I say yes. [b]Winner: Detroit[/b] 2. S... No Look Drop Pass writes... Posted Monday | Comments 0 We have arrived at my favourite time of year -- the Stanley Cup playoffs. This year's playoff fever in the Nation's Capital can be described as virtually non-existent, as the city's fickle fanbase have completely abandoned the Sens bandwagon, stripped it for parts, and used the money to buy Canadiens paraphernalia. That being said, I still have a sliver of faith, and if on... S Kaspar Rollins writes... Posted Monday | Comments 1 Since this is the time of the year when every sports blogger in sight wants to give you their predictions on the playoffs, I'll spare everyone from simply writing a predictions post. Instead, I'll write an analysis and prediction of the series I'm most interested in (duh): (2) San Jose Sharks vs. (7) Calgary Flames, to start on Wednesday night at 8. The Flames drew the ... Posted Monday | Comments 0 Thoughts heading into the NHL playoffs.... Hockey fans should be thankful for the Washington Capitals. Since long-time minor league coach Bruce Boudreau took over on Thanksgiving, the Caps have arguably been the league's most exciting team. Of course, having Alex Ovechkin helps, but Boudreau allows the Caps to play to their strengths. In a league full of stifling,... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 An article in the current (April 8, 2008) issue of [b]The Hockey News[/b] announced that certain officials may very well decline to work the post-season."[/i][/quote] announced that certain officials may very well decline to work the post-season."[/i][/quote] announced that certain officials may very well decline to work the post-season."[/i][/quote] announced that certain officials may very well decline to work the post-season."[/i][/quote] announced that certain officials may very well decline to work the post-season."[/i][/quote] announced that certain officials may very well decline to work the post-season."[/i][/quote] announced that certain officials may very well decline to work the post-season."[/i][/quote] announced that certain officials may very well decline to work the post-season."[/i][/quote] announced that certain officials may very well decline to work the post-season."[/i][/quote] announced that certain officials may very well decline to work the post-season."[/i][/quote] announced that certain officials may very well decline to work the post-season."[/i][/quote]
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Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 I'm going to get my entire bracket set down instead of going round-by-round. Last year, I was 15 for 15 in predicting the Ducks over Sens; but I actually felt last year, I feel EVERY team, 1-8, in both conferences could beat/upset and move to the second ro... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 I am not sure how this happened? The Caps did get hot at the end of the season and they do have a great player to watch. But now all the pundits are picking them by a surprising margin to beat Philly. I even read the Hockey News where they gave the edge in defensemen to the Caps because of Green. Now he has had a nice year, but so did Coburn and Jones for the Flyers. ... Posted Tuesday | Comments 217 It's been a few days now since the season has ended for our beloved franchise, and once again we are sitting on the outskirts of the playoffs looking in, watching other teams com All we had was the draft lottery to look forward too, and the hype faded for me almost immediately. Something about seeing Mike Milbury at a panel near the table that would possibly hold the ... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 Okay sooo here we go... [b]Eastern Conference[/b] [u]1.Montreal VS 8.Boston - Montreal in 5[/u] Why? Bruins will keep playing dead with the Habs. [u]2.Pittsburgh VS 7.Ottawa - Pittsburg in 6[/u] Why? Pens are too much and the Sens are sucking big time. [u]3.Washington VS 6.Philadelphia in 7[/u] Why? Flyers played HUGE games at the end of the season... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 [b]When the season began[/b] few expected that the Nashville Predators would be preparing for their fourth straight playoff appearance. Not many teams can lose Tomas Vokoun, Kimmo Timonen, Scott Hartnell, Paul Kariya and Peter Forsberg replace them with Martin Gelinas, Jed Ortmeyer, Radek Bonk and Dan Ellis and expect to complete. Not only did the Preds compete this year b... No Look Drop Pass writes... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 Man, I am pumped! The opening round of the playoffs in any sport is usually the most exciting time for fans -- games are on constantly and getting your playoff pools in on time is more important than making sure the cover sheet is on your TPS reports ("Ahhhhh...Yeah. It's just we're putting new coversheets on all the TPS reports before they go out now. So if you could go a... Greatlakeswimmer writes... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 The playoffs are among us so i thought I would join the train and come out with my predictions for the first round this year. [b]Montreal (1) ys. Boston (8)[/b] This series is extremely tough to call as I think the habs do have the upper hand talent wise but if Boston steps it up just a little bit I think they have the potential to take out the habs. What I don't th... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 Just want to send out some love to all of the Western Conference teams that are gunning for the Cup. May the best Ducks team win. The Dallas Way The Sharks Way The Ducks Way The Detroit Way http:... No Look Drop Pass writes... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 Going into last night's game, my heart and I were talking, and Pumpy said "They can do it! The Sens have had 6 full days off to prepare a new PP scheme, settle their PK, and to establish a gameplan for shutting down the Pens multi-headed attack...Go Sens GO!" My brain, however, had a different opinion -- "Pumpy, you are stupid and should shut your dumb ventricles up! There... Posted Thursday | Comments 2 I regulalry read the bloggers blogs. During the playoffs last year and this year, I have paid closer attention to the blogs of our playoff rivals, the Senators. I enjoy getting into the occasional "discussion" about what the blogger said...and during playoff time it usually ends up being a lot more about "fans" of the teams voicing their opinions about what the blogger said...and during playoff time it usually ends up being a lot more about "fans" of the teams voicing their opinions about the blogger said...and during playoff time it usually ends up being a lot more about "fans" of the teams voicing their opinions about the blogger said...and during playoff time it usually ends up being a lot more about "fans" of the teams voicing their opinions about the blogger said...and during playoff time it usually ends up being a lot more about "fans" of the teams voicing their opinions about the blogger said...and during playoff time it usually ends up being a lot more about "fans" of the teams voicing their opinions about the blogger said...and during playoff time it usually ends up being a lot more about "fans" of the teams voicing their opinions about the blogger said...and during playoff time it usually ends up being a lot more about "fans" of the teams voicing their opinions about the blogger said...and during playoff time it usually ends up being a lot more about "fans" of the teams voicing their opinions about the blogger said...and the blogger said.. the sports ultimate prize, The Stanley Cup. Round one has the Predators traveling to Detroit to face the President Trophy winning Red Wings. Instead of doing my typical... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 I will not get into specifics of last night, everyone knows what happened between the Sharks and Flames. Calgary came out and played their game I was expecting from Mike Keenan and the Flames. And the result I was afraid of happening did. The Flames looked calm, looked confident, looked confident, looked confident, looked confident, looked confident, looked calm, looked confident, looked calm, looked calm, looked confident, looked confident, looked calm, looked confident, looked confident, looked confident, looked confident, looked calm, looked confident, looked c Comments 0 Some quick thoughts before bed (have to get up at 4:45 to work out!): Preds were out shot 40-20...that cannot happen and we have learned this season...this kid is legit! Solid game for his first playoff start ever. He kept us in it for sure and bailed out the D several times. There... Posted Friday | Comments 0 Professional athletes make TONS of money. Compared to the average person, they make more money in one year than we will see in a llifetime. Like television, movie, and music stars, they often have personas that are larger than life. We put these people on a pedestal...tell them that they are special...and then tell them that along with being special and making al... Posted Friday | Comments 0 Well the rest was nice, the guys with bumps and bruises had a chance to rest a bit. It has been since Sunday for the Flyers and since Saturday for the Flyers and since Saturday for the Saturda Wednesday. The long layoff and all the press the Caps and AO are getting might work against them. They are a bunch that really ove... Posted Friday | Comments 0 What a fun and excellent start to the post-season for the Dallas STARS and their fans! I'm quite certain not even the players expected that type of domination in Game 1 against the Stanley Cup Champs; certainly not against a well-rested Pronger, Selanne, and Scotty Niedermayer. But as they did against the Ducks throughout most of the year, the Stars handled the physical ... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 I'll have more tomorrow...but here are a few notes about Game 2 and the series... Dallas is stacked at center and they all contributed big goals tonight! Ribeiro opened the scoring on a neat break-away goal after stealing a bad pass at the Ducks' blue line; he ended up with a 3-point night. Modano broke the 2-2 tie six minutes into the 3rd, essentially, for the second straight year. Most people agreed last year and especially this year that the Ducks weakest point was scoring. Supported by an elite caliber defense corps and goaltending trio, the Ducks had a stingy 2.35 GAA, good for 2nd best in the league. There is a saying "Defense wins Cups". That may be true, ... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 RJ Umberger publicly vented a bit of frustration before game one in Washington on Friday. He commented about being put on the fourth line. [img] "I don't know what he thinks because I haven't talked to him," Umberger said, referring to coach John Stevens. "Apparently, he doesn't think I'm good enough. I d... Posted Monday | Comments 0 The Flames won tonight, to take a 2 to 1 series lead over the Sharks. They overcame a 3-0 deficit after just 4 minutes of play. I will leave the play by play to Kaspar, since he has a much better writing style than I do, but as I listen to the honking horns on 17th avenue/The Red Mile, I have but two things to say, and they are quite simple: Marleau: Do your chin stra... Posted Monday | Comments 0 Playoffs are here, finally. Some tidbits: -Sean Avery's creative screening of Martin Brodeur certainly crossed some kind of line. I heard Ron MacLean call it "dishonorable" on HNIC, but that would assume Avery had any honorable traits in the first place. -As the experts stand stunned at the Stars two games to none lead, remember that Anaheim was an inconsistent team... No Look Drop Pass writes... Posted Monday |
Comments 0 It's Sens time! After Game two's stunning comeback -- one which saw the Senators claw back into a 3-0 game they had no business getting back into, on goals by Donovan, Stillman and Bass, only to lose on a heart breaker, wrap-around PP goal by Ryan Malone -- the Senators showed a waivering fan base that they are competitors and are not going to mail in the 2008 season. It w... Posted Monday | Comments 0 It comes as no surprise that, once again, Pierre McGuire made an appalling and completely ridiculous comment that couldn't be farther from the truth. During the Flyers/Capitals broadcast yesterday on NBC, McGuire was asked if home-ice advantage would be an evident factor in the series. He answered "no" and then proceeded to say that the Verizon Center contained 1/2 Cap... Posted Monday | Comments 0 The Flyers are deeper and more talented overall today. But this Caps team is going to be really good in a year or two. As long as the Flyers play 60 minutes, they should win this series in 6 games. [b]Game 1[/b] Briere, Prospal and Hartnell dominated th... Posted Monday | Comments 0 Call tonight's game what you want... "Must win." "Statement Game." "Gut Check Time." "Critical." [b]Whatever you want to call it[/b] the Predators have no other choice but to win tonight. While it's not win or go home it is win or start looking at where you'll be vacationing next week. While it's not win or go home it is win or start looking at where you'll be vacationing next week. While it's not win or go home it is win or start looking at where you'll be vacationing next week. While it's not win or go home it is win or start looking at where you'll be vacationing next week. While it's not win or go home it is win or start looking at where you'll be vacationing next week. While it's not win or go home it is win or start looking at where you'll be vacationing next week. 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While it's not win or go home it is win or start looking at where you'll be vacationing next week. While the predation we want to be vacation we Stanley Cup Playoffs' opening week. Whenever the defending Stanley Cup champions find themselves going on the road down two games to none in the opening period of game one, you could see it coming. Dallas won five of eight games from Anaheim in ... Posted Tuesday Comments 0 I went to post my Game 2 thoughts, still in a bit of shock, when I instead found myself trying to figure out what was wrong with my HockeyBuzz profile (I still don't know, by the way). Anywho...I spent too much time fighting with that and finally gave up...forgetting to post at all. That's ok...it's all been said by better writers than myself. Game 2 rocked...the Stars are... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 I am still at a loss as to how to describe last nights game. It was hockey heaven for a Preds fan. I cannot imagine a more gutsy performance or never say die attitude than what the Preds displayed last night. [b]Some observations:[/b] [b]Following the two goals in 9 seconds[/b] to give the Preds the lead the place went berserk! For the... No Look Drop Pass writes... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 Well, I definately have to eat some crow today. I guess showing loyalty beyond reason on game day is what is great about sports, but it definately makes the day after losing a crucial game in a series that you really have no chance of winning that much tougher. I agree with Penguins fans around the world -- Pittsburgh is definately a 100% better team than the 2008 Ottawa S... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 Tonight is Game 4 between the Sharks and Flames with Calgary carrying huge momentum from their game 3 comeback win/Sharks meltdown, depending on how you view the situation. It doesn't matter whether the hit by Sarich on Marleau was clean or not. (I think it honestly was a clean hit) The Sharks never responded, and let Calgary fight their way for a victory. Complaining a... Posted Tuesday | Comments 6 I think what we can take away from this is this: The Ducks put themselves in a position to take the wind out of Dallas' sail and steal the momentum. Instead, the Stars outplayed the Ducks in the 3rd period...got back into the game...and regained some much needed confidence. Time to reload for Game 4! --- 4-2...a glimmer of hope! --- One goal! Well, either it'... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 Let me start by saying that this game was much closer than the score led us to believe. Even when the Ducks led 4-0, there was a belief in the AAC that the STARS still had a chance to win this game. Dallas had double the scoring chances...but in the end they had half as many goals. Three things happened tonight that led to Anaheim's win... (1) D... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 In game 4, to be played Wednesday night in Ottawa, the Penguins will have a chance to close out their first round playoff series and the number of the game being played in the series and the number of games required to win the series are both 4. So the Pens are in position to do something special...someth... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 Ok will someone outside of Philly give the Flyers some credit. All I read about the series is how the Caps are not playing well. Here is a hint to the cause, the Flyers are playing very well. If not for a strange 3rd period in Game 1, this series could be 3-0 already. The Flyers are playing "Playoff Hockey". They are hitting, killing penalties and scoring on the power... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 While I haven't been all that bothered by the loss, would I've liked it to have gone the other way? Well, of course. But in my mind, this was the game I expected in Game 2...an embarrassed and desperate Duck team coming out to save face. Dallas is still in the position I thought they'd be in after Game 3...a 2-1 advantage. The biggest takeaway I have from last night's ga... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 A huge win on Tuesday delayed what would have been a steep hill to climb. Being down 3-0 in a series is a death certificate. The winning team goes on to win the series 98.7% of the time. To say the win was crucial would be an understatement. It was necessary. Not only did the Ducks breathe life into this once dismal series, they gave themselves a huge boost of confidenc... No Look Drop Pass writes... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 The Sens season came to an end last night after a 3-1 loss to the Penguins. Losing the game/series wasn't unexpected -- at best, Ottawa was picked to lose in 6 games. But the way in which they lost -- swept, at home, while getting virtually no contributions from the big 3 (who, incidentally, may have played their last game together last night) -- put a nice ribbon on one o... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 I am going to rant here so take a deep breath and here we go. I hate fans and media types that only watch the playoffs or select one play to write about. I live in the DC area and read the Washington Post daily yet there is almost no hockey coverage at all during the season. One game summary article is typical. Very little effort. But now the Caps made the playoffs s... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 Gosh, it gets tedious to read the hockey reports in the [i]Sporting News[/i]. The title of a current epistle is [i]Ovechkin falling flat in playoff debut.[/i] Are we watching the same games? Are we reading the same stat sheets? Do the Flyers get no credit for executing well? Frankly, this type of reportage is more an indictment of the flawed mentality prevailing in ... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 When the Penguins traded for Marian Hossa and Pascal Dupuis at the deadline, a lot of people reacted by saying the Penguins gave up too much for players that have no guarantee of being around past this season's playoffs. Even the most optimistic of us, myself included, wondered if losing guys like EC and Colby Armstrong, along with a 1st round draft pick, was really wor... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 [b]Yet another roller coaster of a game[/b] between the Red Wings and the Preds. Say what you will about either team but one thing is for certain they are giving hockey fans a great series to watch. [b]Last night the guick strikes continued [/b]as the Preds we able to score 32 seconds apart (first a goal by Hamhuis then by Weber) and followed up Pavel Datsyuk's goal wi... Posted Thursday | Comments 1 [b][ust another voice in the crowd...[/b] This is a personal observation, and in this, my inaugural blog on Hockeybuzz.com, please understand that I in no way speak for everyone. However in response to the listening, reading and observing I do on a daily basis, here's my take on the Nashville Predators' 2007-2008 season. I've been a Predators' 2007-2008 season. I've been a Predators' 2007-2008 season. I've been a Predators' 2007-2008 season. Versus is showing one of the other games (too depressed to check which one) but at least we have this series of tubes they call the 'Internets.' Actually, we can pick up WBAP slightly in the evenings, so there's always that if needed...but the web strea... Posted
Thursday | Comments 0 The Sharks are coming off one of their biggest win's in franchise history, coming from behind Calgary to beat them 3-2. Game 4 will be remembered by all Sharks fans as the game that truly proved the Sharks have heart, character, determination, and any other adjectives to describe a team that can win the Stanley Cup. However, nothing is over. There are still 2 more ga... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 I actually spent most of the evening listening to weather bulletins on WBAP instead of the game, but I got enough of it. How about Turco, Stu, and that "young, inexperienced" defense corps? Let's end this thing in Anaheim tomorrow, shall we? And for those keeping track...my lucky Morrow t-shirt is now 5-1. (And Morrow scored two goals in that loss, so I'm still calling ... Posted Friday | Comments 0 The STARS are one step away from advancing to the second round for the first time in way too many years. It certainly is not over...but they have a strangle-hold on this series. Credit the Ducks for finally figuring out the STARS power play...they [u]COMPLETELY[/u] shut it down. On the other hand, Dallas figured out how to beat Anaheim's aggressive 5-on-5 attacks...[b](... Posted Friday | Comments 0 Ok here is Ted's Blog in its entirety for today [quote]Day 9: Friday, April 18 What a game— a tough OT loss We arrive at the fans that

were in our face last game are nowhere to be seen this game. And that the Wachovia Center is not playing fight v... Posted Friday | Comments 0 Wow. That was playoff hockey. I watched most off Tivo because I was way too amped up to sleep. That was what I expected from Washington the entire series. I guess the inexperience took them a few games to adjust. Carter was a beast. Hard to believe that all the offense his group put up while checking Ovechkin. AO got some points, but... Posted Saturday | Comments 0 What an exciting and fun game that was...[b]playoff hockey at its finest![/b] Though they fired [b]42[/b] shots on net, Dallas could not complete the comeback, and the reigning champs salted the game away late. The loss also means the STARS failed to finish off the Ducks away tonight if ... Posted Saturday | Comments 0 Happy Saturday Morning Enjoy as usual Go Flyers Posted Saturday | Comments 0 Just returned from the Verizon Center for Game 5 Flyers at Caps. I have some problems with the way people treat other fans at sporting events. I grew up in Philadelphia and have watched all these teams through thick and thin. I went to the game today in DC and watch... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 Looking at what Danny Briere has done during these playoffs, should we forget about his non-contract worthy regular season? Briere still had points to make a good season but not the season? Briere still had points to make a good season but not the season? Briere still had points to make a good season but not the season? Briere still had points to make a good season but not the season? Briere still had points to make a good season but not the season? Briere still had points to make a good season but not the season? Sabres 81 32 63 95 17 89 9 ... Posted Monday | Comments 0 [b]Beating a Dead Horse...Again.[/b] As expected, Nashville Tennessean columnist David Climer played the [i]'same ol' Predators [/i] card this morning. Most local Nashville writers have chosen to take the 'glass half-full' approach regarding the Predators Game Six series-ending loss to Detroit, but of course David wouldn't be David if he didn't demonstrate his fair-w... Posted Monday | Comments 2 Ah, well we are back at square one again. This merry-go-round of good games, and then bad games is incredibly frustrating. There is a 50/50 chance of which team the Sharks decide to be on Tuesday night. Will it be boys or men? Will it be the Sharks of February or March? Only the Sharks can decide that, and their future. Last night, the Shark... Posted Monday | Comments 0 Wow what a letdown tonight was. For the first 30 minutes the Flyers did everything right. Attack, defend, and goaltending. Then quickly the collapse happened. There was no passion in the last half of the game. The Caps beat the Flyers to every puck and out worked them all over the rink. Now the Flyers face back to back nights, a situation where Biron has played poo... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 Tonight one of the hottest two teams in the East will be eliminated for sure. The Flyers have failed to bury the Caps in the last two games. The Caps have shown alot of character and fight by outhitting the Flyers in Game 5 and then pulling a great comeback in Game 6 to extend the series. The Flyers must get back to basics. I know it is a cliche, but it is true. Whe... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 As the Dallas Stars finished a 4 - 1 victory at the American Airlines Center in Dallas over the defending Stanley Cup Champions, a loud audible sigh of relief was heard around the NHL. It occurred last night around 8:25pm Pacific Standard Time. I'm sure if you were awake, you heard the loud "[b]ahhhhhhh[/b]" from your own lips and from the collective lips of millions of ... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 The Penguins clinched their series with the Ottawa Senators early with a sweep. There hasn't been a Penguins game in an entire week. All this "down" time has me watching the other series wrap up (GO CAPS and FLAMES in your game 7's) and waiting anxiously for our Round 2 opponent! It also gave me a chance to catch up on what the Pittsburgh Pirates doing these day... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 I don't mean for politics to enter a hockey website, but did anyone else see the irony in tonight's events? 7 minutes after the Flyers beat the Caps in Overtime, Hillary addressed was a rambunctious bunch. I counted at... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 What a way to end the series. Lupul who was the only forward that scored for the Flyers all season and didn't have a goal all series long. He looked lost. So tonight he played mostly with Briere and Prospal and saw time on the 1st powerplay unit. The move paid off in the first OT with Lupul tucking in the rebound on the powerplay to win the series. As a Flyers fan, ... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 1st round I predicted: Montreal in 5 Pittsburgh in 6 Philadelphia in 7 Rangers in 6 Detroit in 6 San Jose in 5 Minnesota in 7 Anaheim in 5 So i got 6/8.. not bad I'd say lol So, here are my 2nd round predictions: [b]Eastern Conference[/b] [u]1.Montreal VS 6.Philadelphia - Philadelphia in 7[/u] Why? The Habs aren't invincible and Flyers battle like crazy.... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 Well I went 7-1 in the first round and only missed the Stars knocking off the Ducks. Not too bad. Now time for round 2. West [b]Detroit vs Colorado[/b] The Avs have had a nice rest and they look very good. Detroit won against a division rival which is hard after 8 regular season games and 6 in the playoffs. I think the uncertainty in the net for Detroit will becom... -- It's funny how things work out sometimes. The salary cap was supposed to mean every team had a chance of winning every year, and that has been the case. In the post-lockout NHL, no team that reached the Stanley Cup finals has advanced out of the first round the following season, but look a little deeper. In the Western Confe... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 [quote][i]This just in ... STARS and Sharks in round 2 ... game 1 is Friday at 9pm (CST)! I really wanted the Avalanche for some good payback ... but the Sharks are the ones that got Dallas going again on the last day of the regular season, so bring them on! The series could go all 7, but [b]I'm going with 6 again, in Dallas![/b][/i][/quote]-----... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 The Season Series The Habs owned this one in the regular season, taking 8 out of 8 points in 4 games they played. Carey Price recorded his first NHL shutout on the front end of their February home-and-home with the Flyers and stopped 66 of 67 shots over the two games. Philadelphia went 2 for 22 on the power-play in the season series, while Montreal was a better 6 for 25... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 So apparently Sean Avery has decided to work for Vogue. I just keep thinking of him in place of Anne Hathaway in The Devil Wears Prada. Ridiculous. More to come on the tonight's playoff matches. Posted Thursday | Comments 0 The Avalanche team that we'll see in round 2 is far stronger than their regular season showing Joe Sakic spent most of the year on IR, Forsberg was signed in February, and Adam Foote was acquired at the deadline. With all that Stanley Cup experience (in Colorado nonetheless) it's safe to say that their springtime presence is invaluable. That being said, we should still... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 I am so excited to watch the 2nd round. I have a feeling that the Flyers are playing with house money now. Getting into the playoffs and winning a round was a realistic goal for this squad after last season. The rebuild job left over 1/2 the team with new faces and making the playoffs made it a total success. Montreal overachieved all year. They were not picked to... Posted Friday | Comments 0 These two teams know each other well. After meeting 16 times from 05 to 07, the Penguins and the Rangers again played 8 more regular season tilts this year. The Rangers took 10 out of a possible 16 points with a 5-3 record, while Pittsburgh grabbed 8 points from going 3-3-2 against the Blueshirts. The Penguins were a squad that saw two of their feature performers mi... Posted Friday | Comments 0 First this is hockey. Calls are made in a split second at real time speed. The penalty on Richards, which when seen from that angle, did look like a trip or knee. So that is not what caused the Flyers to lose Game 1. This is no different than the ref losing site of the puck during a goal mouth scramble. The Canadi... Posted Saturday | Comments 0 Once again the STARS felt right at home at the HP Pavilion in San Jose. Though they did not play their best game of the playoffs, and they stood around way too much with a 1-goal lead ... they eventually ended up with one more goal than the Sharks. Ribeiro and Morrow were all over the place ... the Sharks simply had no answer for them. [b]Ribeiro[/b] finished with 2 ass... Posted Saturday | Comments 0 Wow...what a stressful game to watch. I get the feeling the entire series will be cardiacdriven. Here are a few thoughts: 1) Again, the Stars played a complete team game. While certain players shined more than others in the end, it was a four-line effort. 2) Turco wasn't one of the night's 3 Stars? Take him out of the equation, and Dallas loses this game big time... Posted Saturday | Comments 0
Marty...Marty outplayed Price tonight. One guy looked a little timid and one guy was dominate. I don't really want to hear any more about Biron not being a number 1 goalie. He has proven that he is one. Umberger, Carter, and Upshall dominated the play when on ice tonight. They were all over the place with offensive... Posted Monday | Comments 0 WOW! I must point out that I made the call on this one during the second intermission with posts on Josh Lile's in-game live blog ... [url] @ 10:36 PM ET -- Again ... I hope he doesn't cover the po... Posted Monday | Comments 0 The Stars are in a great place right now. With a win tomorrow night, they can drive a stake through the heart of the Shark faithful. (Or would that be a harpoon?) When Dallas beat the Ducks in the first round, Anaheim knew they deserved it with their level of play. I'm not so sure San Jose can comfort themselves the same way. The Sharks played well a... Posted Monday | Comments 0 Great game. Flyers outplayed the Habs for the 45 minutes of the game. Then the penalty on Hatcher gave the Habs life. I thought the call was correct on Hatcher after the hit. It should have been 5 on Hatcher and 2 on Boullion. Once agai... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 10 years old at the time, remember quite distinctively the goal from Andrei Zyuzin that tied up the series at 2 games a piece and headed back to Dallas. Watch it. I remember quite distinctively the goal from Andrei Zyuzin that tied up the series at 2 games a piece and headed back to Dallas. sadly the Sharks went on to lose that series 4 games to ... Posted Wednesday | Comments 1 [b][i]*STARS have re-signed Steve Ott to a two-year extension![/i][/b] Once again, the Dallas STARS are one win away from advancing to another round of the Stanley Cup playoffs. The clichés are becoming repetitive and redundant, but what else can you say? This team is continuing to defy the odds (and the odds-makers) and make short work of very good teams. Though t... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 The Habs are pressing the PANIC BUTTON - Price on the bench tonight. [b]Gamesmanship[/b] Guy Carbonneau is really trying to get into the Flyers heads. After game 2 it was "Timonen deserved to get sucker punched for taunting" and now after game 3 he won't say who is in goal for game 4. I think that this game is really ineffective since the trade of Huet to Washingt... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 Last night, the fans and everyone who believed the San Jose Sharks were different than years past, were once again disappointed Disappointed the Sharks lost, but more importantly, disappointed by the effort. Now because of last night's effort and a few bad breaks, the Sharks have their backs to the wall. An 0-3 hole is the worst in sports, and it is nearly impossibl... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 [b]1st Period:[/b] Panic button pressed by Carbonneau. Going away from Price could be very bad for the Habs. It shows no confidence. What if Halak stinks? Can you go back to Price with confidence? WTF was that call on Richards? Briere is horsecollared and no call - but a boarding call when the guy doesn't hit the boards? Are you kidding me?? People say there is... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 There was much disappointment tonight as we filed out of the AAC. Unlike 24 hours earlier, when no one left there seats until Marty was the last one off the ice ... and people were waving their rally towels going down I-35! Tonight was filled with mostly silence, aside from the few Sharks' fans receiving a beating from some irate STARS' fans! (just kidding!) The sac th... Posted Friday | Comments 0 Carbonneau isn't the only person showing no respect to the Flyers. The Capitals, the NHL media, and most fans have downed the way the team plays. The Flyers are a team that will allow you to possess the puck in their end on the perimeter. They will even let you shoot, however when they are on their game, you cannot bring the puck into the slot area without severe punish... Posted Friday | Comments 0 It's all about faith. You gotta have faith. You gotta have faith in each other too. We, the fans, believe in this team. They need to believe in each other. Wednesday's night game showed that the Sharks can beat the Sharks get hot toni... Posted Friday | Comments 0 It's all about faith. You gotta have faith in each other too. We, the fans believe in this team. They need to believe in each other. Wednesday's night game showed that the Sharks can beat the Sharks are out of it. The Sharks are out of it. The Sharks can beat the Sharks can beat the Sharks can beat the Sharks can beat the Sharks are out of it. gotta have faith in each other too. We, the fans, believe in this team. They need to believe in each other. Wednesday's night game showed that the Sharks get hot toni... Posted Saturday | Comments 0 So the tides have apparently turned! Media and Sharks' fans alike have come alive and decided that San Jose is going to become the 3rd team ever to come back from a 0-3 hole. And they just might do so ... but I highly doubt it. The difference in this series is that Dallas has lost the last 2 games after taking a 3-0 lead, where as against Anaheim, they had leads of 2-0 ... Posted Saturday | Comments 0 [b]1st Period[/b] That was a good period. Some random notes *Fans are starting to boo Richards now too. They should be booing Umberger! Price made a great save on a 2 on 1 versus Richards. *Nice tip-in on the Powerplay. Montreal is playing physically for the first time in the series. They are hitting consistently and taking the puck between the circ... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 [code] [/code] Huet [code] [/code] Price [code] [/code] Fleury After the usual gratuitous 2 Habs pp goals donated on bad calls by the refs (seemed like every game this series), the Flyers took the bull by the horns in game 5 and just plain embarassed the #1 top ranked team of the big bad East. This was a very sweet 6-4 elimination victory against a legacy hockey. Posted Sunday | Comments 0 I lost some steam in this round 2. The Red Wings made me look bad. Not sure when the Avs got so banged up, but the Wings not only beat them, but they humiliated them. These games were blowouts and not even fun to watch. I would venture to quess that ... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 This is an open letter to ask the "loyal" fans of the Montreal Canadiens. How can you fans be confidence was shattered that much more by the decision of Jack Adam's Award finalist Guy Carbonneau, to bench him for the service of Halak in ... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 This is an open letter to ask the "loyal" fans of the Montreal Canadiens. How can you fans be confident with Carey Price proclaimed as the future of this storied franchise? Carey was shaky at best in this series. His lack of confidence was shattered that much more by the decision of Jack Adam's Award finalist Guy Carbonneau, to bench him for the service of Halak in game... Posted Sunday | Comments 381 It almost seems that every year there is that one team that no one expects to make out of the first round but somehow manages to carry the "Cinderella" title all the way to the Cup finals, and I think we may be seeing that with the Philadelphia Flyers. Two years ago we saw the Edmonton Oilers accomplish this task; finishing in 8th place in the west at the end of the reg... Posted Monday | Comments 0 1st round I was: 6/8 2nd round: 2/4 (I missed the whole western conference) So far, i'm at 8/12... not bad. [b]Eastern Conference Finals[/b] [u]2.Pittsburgh VS 6.Philadelphia[/u] WOW! This is going to be a series, whether it's a sweep or goes to Game 7. If the Pens manage to win you have to wonder just how badly they're going to be beaten up before the win and if th... Posted Monday | Comments 0 If there's anything certain in this year's playoffs, it appears to be this: pray you're player didn't do a Stanley Cup promo. If you've watched any hockey this post season, you've undoubtedly seen the spots ending with various NHL stars stating, "and that's how the Cup changes everything." Let's see how these featured players are doing: Roberto Luongo and his Canucks ... Posted Monday | Comments 0 Well I followed up a 7-1 first round with a 2-2 second round. [b]Western Conference Finals[/b] I like the Stars in a mild upset. They are playing great and getting the play in net they need from Turco. I think the Wings have cruised a bit too easily so far and the intensity of the Stars will allow them to jump out early in the series. It will be
interesting to see... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 Well, I for one was surprised how quick each series ended, and really thought that the Rangers Penguins series did go 6 games after Dallas got a quick 3-0 series lead, with a record 5 games being decided in the extra frame. Well lets get to what is currently at hand. [i]Western Conference Finals[/i] [b]1. Detroit... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 [b]Pittsburgh Penguins [/b] 2005 #1 overall pick [b]Sidney Crosby[/b] 2005 #2 overall pick [b]Sidney Crosby[/b] 2005 #2 overall pick [b]Sidney Crosby[/b] 2005 #1 overall pick [b]Sidney Crosby[/b] 2005 #2 overall pick [b]Sidney Crosby[/b] 2005 #1 overall pick [b]Sidney Crosby[/b] 2005 #2 overall pick [b]Sidney Crosby[/b] 2005 #1 overall pick [b]Sidney Crosby[/b] 2005 #2 overall pick [b]Sidney Crosby[/b] [b]Ryan Whitney[/b] 2002 #234 [b]Maxim Talbot[/b] 2000 #18 [b]Brooks Orpik [/b] 1999 #115 [b]Ryan Malo... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 Where did the Penguins come from? They were awful for a while, so bad that Jagr wanted to leave and was traded in one of the worst trades for both teams in history. Neither team made out well. The only good thing for the Pens in that deal was that they got rid of his salary. So now I am reading what a masterful job of building a team the Pens have done. Ok, I will giv... NorthwoodsWriter writes... Posted Wednesday | Comments 8 That's a lyric from the Kid Rock song "Wasting Time". Not my favorite song of his (I am a fan though) but a darn good lyric. And one representative of this year's version of the Detroit Red Wings. Everyone in Detroit remembers Steve Yzerman lifting the Stanley Cup. The remaining two teams after the Conference Finals will own some minor bragging rights to the East and the West, but the Cup is what defines it all. It defines every hing. And now we're only 14 games away from it all, at the... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 [i]3 hours to go ... anybody else feeling that nervous energy?!?![/i] There is a freedom that accompanies playing with free money ... no risk to your own bank account allows for uninhibited aggression and generally (for good players) leads to a better overall game. This is the s... Posted Friday | Comments 0 ...Kimmo Timmonen out with a blood clot in his foot...and all of a sudden people go from being extremely hopeful to completely defeated. What is wrong with you people ??! ...I love Timmonen, I really do. He is honestly one of the best defenseman I've ever seen and he has been nothing short of spectacular in the playoffs so far. The main factor that AO wasn't on a scor... Posted Friday | Comments 0 [b]Pregame:[/b] Wow what a blow before the series starts. Losing Timonen is devastating blow on the eve of the big matchup. With all the fire power the Pens have, he was going to have to play 25 to 30 minutes to counteract their attack. Now Jason Smith, is going to have to play more meaningful minutes. I hope his ailments that have slowed him since January are healed.... Posted Saturday | Comments 0 What an effort by the Flyers tonight. 1 minute into the game their best defenseman goes down with a puck to the face. The other 5 remaining defensemen played hard. They held the top offense around to 0 even strength goals until the costly mistake by 4th line winger Steve Downie costs the Flyers dearly. He had full control of the puck and fumbled it at the blue line, se... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 [b]Game Notes[/b] The loss of the two top defensemen is key for the showing so far. With Timmonen and Coburn, the Flyers were the underdog, but had a chance. Without them, the Pens are just toying with the Flyers. As the remaining 6 move up to play against better competition, they just cannot get the puck out cleanly. The Pens have to puck forever. I hate to say ... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 Tonight could mark the end of a fantastic season for the Dallas STARS. The fans in Dallas, including myself, and a few others around the world have been more than compensated for our time, money, and energy spent. It has been an awesome run filled with many memorable moments and a great sense of optimism for the future, and specifically the next few years. By no means a... Posted Thursday | Comments 1 The [b]NHL[/b] web site has posted the transcript of [b]Gary Bettman's[/b] remarks before the [b]Wings/Stars[/b] game on 05/15/08. In them we learn that at least one reporter had the ability to ask "a fascinating question" to which no clear answer was ever given, when queried if it is good for the league to have a dominating team like [b]Detroit[/b]. One wonders wh... Posted Friday | Comments 0 Is it just me, or is the Stanley Cup Playoffs just boring as hell? The Dallas-Detroit series is a total snooze-fest, and up until last night, so was the Philly-Pittsburgh series. The last time I payed this little of attention to the NHL in the middle of May, was May 2005. the year of the Lockout! The only entertainment that the NHL has given me over the past 2 weeks, is... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 [b][i]Good quote from Mikey-Mo...[/i] [quote][i]"We've felt if we could get Game 6 at home, it would be a whole different animal," Modano said. "And then, who knows what can happen Wednesday in Detroit? But we don't want to get ahead of ourselves. We knew it would be an uphill battle. Nobody picked us to win this thing from the start. The last couple games, we've found ... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 Nothing would have beaten another win, but I could not be more proud of [i]my[/i] Dallas STARS! I hate being on the wrong side of the handshake ... but our boys deserved a great send-off ... and myself and the fans came through nicely! Detroit was no doubt the better team but Dallas gave them a run for their money. After 3 straight first-round exits, the STARS erased so... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 I have watched a few of the Western Conference Finals games - including the decisive game 6 - and have come to the conclusion, like many other hockey writers and fans, that the Red Wings are a very tough team to beat. In a conference believed to dispatch of 3 opponents while losi... steal_your_faceoff writes... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 [img] I have the shakes. You know...the tremors, the horrors, shaking delirium. Not from alcohol or anything that mild, I have the Hockey Shakes and I've got it [b][i]bad[/i][/b]. [img] ... Posted Friday | Comments 0 I'll do an introductory blog later. I'm going to have some fun with this first one. I hope you will, too. Every Playoffs, there is drama. There is no drama in any postseason, IMO, like an overtime goal in a Stanley Cup Playoff game. I was in the crowd for Game 1 of last year's conference quarterfinal between the Sharks and Preds, and I tell you, there's been nothing lik... Posted Monday | Comments 0 I play "adult league" hockey with a good friend who I met back in 1998. One day back in early 1999, my friend and I were talking before one of our games and he said that he was interested to see who the Pens would take in the upcomming draft. He told me that Greg Malone lived "next door" and he had been trying to find out what the teams draft plans were. My friend told ... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 Yet another UFA day is rapidly approaching, now just a measley week away. As usual, hockey fans across North America are gaining excitement as this day approaches and the calendar is about to flip July. And from a personal point of view, I couldn't be more excited - as usual - to see what my beloved team, the Buffalo Sabres, will do. A year of disappointment, only... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 Ok, so I'm going to go out on a limb here and predict the regular season standings before the season actually starts (particulalrly the teams who'll actually make the playoffs). Here we go! EAST: 1) Pittsburgh* 2) Montreal* 3) Washington* 4) NY Rangers 5) New Jersey 6) Philadelphia 7) Ottawa 8) Tampa Bay ----- 9) Boston 10) Buffalo 11) Carolina 12) Toronto ... Posted Friday | Comments 0 What I have to say might sound crazy to some. But I'm going to pick my top nine teams in each conference to make the play offs. Top nine you say? Well considering that each season one of the divisions always appears a bit weaker than the others and nearly or completely blocks out a team with a better record. Western Confernce: Detriot- Though I think the road for ... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 I do this every year, just for fun. The so-called hockey fan, I've been following the league since a youngster - my earliest memories the 93-94 season and the infamous 7-Rangers and Vancouver. So here I go. [b]Regular Season Predictions[/b] [b][i]Western Conference[/b... Posted Saturday | Comments 0 With the 2008/2009 NHL hockey I figured it was about time to make my relatively crude predictions for the upcoming season! Last year I had some misses (Canadiens missing the playoff teams if the season ended today are: The Eastern Conference 1. Buffalo 2. NY Rangers 3. Carolina 4. Montreal 5. Pittsburgh 6. New Jersey 7. Washington 8. Boston The Western Conference. 1. San Jose 2. Minnesota 3. Detroit 4. St. Louis 5. Edmonton 6. Colorado 7. Chicago 8. Calgary Buffalo over Boston NY Rangers over Washingto... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 If the season ended today there are 16 teams in position to make the playoffs. San Jose Sharks Boston Bruins Detroit Red Wings New York Rangers Montréal Canadiens Pittsburgh Penguins Anaheim Ducks Vancouver Canucks Minnesota Wild Philadelphia Flyers Calgary Flames Washington Capitals New Jersey Devils Chicago Blackhawks Nashville Predators ... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 On more than one occasion I have heard rumblings that the St. Louis Blues may be facing money problems in the very near future. Which begs the question: Do they panic and change course? Will they panic and change course? Will they panic and change course? Will they panic and change course? The Blues have stressed patience, drafting and developing of a nucleus of young players, many of whom still
have not reached the NHL. How long ca... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 We are now 31 games into the season and still struggling to find an identity. Our record is now 15-13-3, tied with Carolina at the 8th spot in the East(we have 15 wins to their 14). It is interesting to know(at least to me) that after 31 games last year we had exactly the same number of points, 33. It seems to me that we almost the same team as last year and it will pro... Posted Monday | Comments 0 A couple of seasons ago, the Pittsburgh Penguins were a team filled with potential. They had young talented players who were learning the ropes in the NHL. What they lacked in experience they made up for in desire and hard work. Almost every game, you could see them gaining confidence...realizing with each day that they could compete and be successful in the NHL. ... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 The Dallas Stars are headed to the All-Star break after a solid 2 periods against the Florida Panthers. They finished the first half on a rare Florida road trip - Monday in Tampa Bay and tonight in Sunrise. The Stars had been stringing some wins and points together, but they blew a 2-1 lead late in the 3rd to the Bolts, and lost 4-2. Then tonight they skated out to play... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 [quote][i]I thought this was pretty funny and had to share. From the oh-so-obvious category --- I'm watching the Sabres/Oilers while I type this and after Buffalo scores their NINTH goal, one of the Oilers' announcers proclaims, "I said the lead was commanding [b]but it may be insurmountable at this point.[/b]" Almost as if it is really a question! LOL![/i][/quote] The... Posted Sunday | Comments 1 Part of me is a diehard Pens fan and I will cheer for them until the bitter end. That part won't let me throw in the towel until the final horn sounds. But...the other part...the rational one...tells me that this team is simply not good enough to make the playoffs. Last night's 4-3 loss to the Leafs may have been the na... Posted Sunday | Comments 3 After dwelling in the basement of the Western Conference for most of the season, including dead last at #15 only 19 games ago, the Dallas Stars have battled all the way back to the #7 seed. According to the NHL, the Players Association, and the Collective Bargaining Agreement ... that means the Stars are currently a playoff team! With their domination over Detroit this y... Posted Sunday | Comments 1 The San Jose Sharks are arguably the best team in the NHL this season (sorry Boston fans). But is this a team that is playoff ready? Before all the Sharks fans send me hate mail let me just quickly say that I am a Sharks fan too. Pittsburgh has always been my team, but since moving to California 10 years ago I have adopted the Sharks as well. Now on to the facts. ... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 Another loss. 2 more points that we can't get back. Another win by the 8th place Panthers, who have 3 more times this year, which means we can make up some of those points head to head, right? At this point, we would have to win all three of those games, just to get 3 points ahead of Flo... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 As the regular season trudges on, as teams compete for division supremacy, as the standings continue to change constantly with teams rising and sinking, with each game becoming just as significant and vital as the previous one, the playoffs inch closer and closer as each day passes, which makes the constant playoff race tighter and more tense. This will go on until every t... Posted Monday | Comments 2 Smoking, blistering, red hot does not even come close to describing the roll the Dallas Stars are on right now. It is amazing and surreal. 30th place in the league for a while and counted down and out by many, the Stars have more than righted the ship and served notice to the entire NHL that their season has just begun! Dallas, with 4 games in hand on Anaheim, sits 2n... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 I listen to sports talk shows and read hockey blogs and almost unanimously -- Penguin fans instst we need a scoring winger...or two...to get this team to where it needs to be. There is no agruing the Pens would be a better team with at least one "more proven" goal scorer on the roster. But, if you are like the majority of people that think that's why the Pens are h... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 [b][u]UPDATED[/u] -- Ouch! Just as everyone was healthly and really clicking, we have just found out that Brad Richards broke his wrist last night and will miss 6 - 8 weeks. He will most certainly be missed . . . but maybe not as much as it would appear. I'll grant you that he is highly skilled and a necessary piece of the puzzle, but he is not centering the top line a... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 Aside from Pittsburgh, I love the San Jose Sharks. Lately though I've become concerned about their playoff chances. Last nights win against Edmonton did more to convince me that the Sharks are in trouble than any of the past two weeks of overtime losses. It seems that every time I watch or listen to a game the Sharks are in trouble than any of the past two weeks of overtime losses. It seems that every time I watch or listen to a game the Sharks are in trouble than any of the past two weeks of overtime losses. It seems that every time I watch or listen to a game the Sharks are in trouble than any of the past two weeks of overtime losses. It seems that every time I watch or listen to a game the Sharks are in trouble than any of the past two weeks of overtime losses. It seems that every time I watch or listen to a game the Sharks are in trouble than any of the past two weeks of overtime losses. It seems that every time I watch or listen to a game the Sharks are in trouble than any of the past two weeks of overtime losses. 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Have you ever hit black ... Posted Monday | Comments 0 I got a FREE upgrade on my tickets tonight! I'll be sitting down low ... the true fans are up top and I enjoyate on my tickets tonight? watching the entire ice. However... Posted Friday | Comments 0 Today's trade of Ryan Whitney for Chris Kunitz and prospect Eric Tangradi may have left some Penguins fans asking the question: [b]This is the scoring winger we are getting to play with Sid?[/b] While the initial reaction might be to assume Shero expects Kunitz to play on Sid's wing, in a role similar to what Marian Hossa's was, the comments from both Shero and coach... AlexanderScharf writes... Posted Friday | Comments 0 Quick Update: [url= Avery going on re-entry waivers according to Sportsnet [/url] 2 games. 2 goals scored. And another 2 losses. Anybody expecting the firing of Tom Renney and the addition of John Tortorella to have an immediate impact is sure disappointed. By no means did he do a bad job during his first ... Posted Saturday | Comments 0 Check out Saturday | Sobres...2-0 losers to the Islanders Hurricanes...5-3 losers to the Islanders Hurricanes...5-3 losers to the Islanders Hurricanes...2-0 losers to the Islanders Hurricanes. Avalanche team 6-1, just about everything that could go right for the Penguins. Tomorrow the Pens face a Dallas St... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 It's really quite simple. The salary cap (and Sather's spending) has ruined this team for the mid-long term. It would be great if the cap was, I dunno, \$70 million, but that's not going to happen in this economy, and with 30 teams. So why Avery? Well, I'm a numbers guy, and Avery's numbers are impressive with his time on the Rangers, both season. [b... Posted Monday | Comments 0 Darryl Sutter has never been much into the hype of Trade Day. He's known for making all his moves in the post-season and doing a fairly good job of it. On trade deadline days, his past has seen him maybe pick up a depth defenseman, a depth forward, and possibly a back-up goal-tender. He's said before that the available players are not worth the price teams have to pay. T... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 From 1980-2004 the St. Louis Blues were a staple in the NHL playoffs. Now after a 4 year layoff (counting the lockout year of 2004-2005) I like many other Blues can make the most of their last twenty games, continue their strong play, and win themselves a playoff spot.
It was only a few weeks back that the Blues seemed a lock to finish ... AlexanderScharf writes... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 Its quite a challenge to remain cool, calm and collected as you watch your struggling team score a season high 6 goals. It is nigh impossible to not roam the streets of NYC screaming on the top of your lungs after your teams pounds their opponent, both physically and figuratively, after having won merely three games since the All Star Break. And it takes perfect self restr... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 I had prepared to write this blog a few days ago after the Stars had lost their 5th straight game ... the original title was to be [i]Is this the Beginning of the End for the Dallas Stars?[/i] But for some reason I never took the time to sit down and finish it. But I'm glad I didn't, because after the first period at the Shark Tank tonight I've seen enough to tell me tha... Posted Saturday | Comments 0 Miller is the key to the Sabres hopes if they can pull it together to get into the playoffs. But who would have expected Patrick Lalime to step up the way he has in Miller's absence? He's done exactly what you want from your backup goaltender - step in and give your team a chance to win every single night he pla... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 I fail to understand how a team with its collective backs against the wall can show as little interest in competing as they did tonight. After their loss at Ottawa on Saturday, where they may are they are they may are they are they may are they may are they may are they have executed poorly but at least battled throughout the game, one would think they would come out fired up for a must win game tonight. And yet, it looked like the Sabres were ... AlexanderScharf writes... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 It is amazing how one loss can put previous success in such perspective. John Tortorella and the new-look Rangers seem to have what it takes to make noise in the playoffs, but the loss to Carolina on Monday night, a shutout no less, has me wondering if this team has what it takes to make the playoffs. Maybe its caused by being out of a playoff spot and sitting in 9th place... AlexanderScharf writes... Posted Friday | Comments 0 So the Rangers are playing better than they have during the last four months of the season. It is obvious that John Tortorella is the biggest cause of the turnaround; after losing his first two games. He is clearly a motivator, as evidenced by the effectiveness of his locker room rant on.. AlexanderScharf writes... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 Over the last 3 games, Sean Avery has been the best player on the Rangers. Not all-star goalie Henrik Lundqvist who wrote history by sealing his 4th consecutive 30 win season in his fourth season in his fourth season in the NHL. Not Chris Drury or Scott Gomez who are each earning more than 3 1/2 times the muchaether and the season in his fourth season i maligned winger's salary. Not Nik Zherdev. Not Nik Antropov. And certainly not Wade ... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 As of right now the Blues have a chance to be in the 8th spot come late Tuesday night. Tonight: Need the Ducks to beat the Sexual Predators. If the Ducks win tonight this game makes it impossible for us to keep the 8th spot. The NHL is ridiculousl... Posted Monday | Comments 0 As of right now the Blues have a chance to be in the 8th spot come late Tuesday night. Need the Wild to lose Wednesday: Need the Ducks to beat the Sexual Predators. Thursday: Need to win to keep the spot or need Oilers(vs AVS) and Predators(vs SJS) to lose. Both... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 Having finally let up from their 2001 Seattle Mariners pace, the Sharks have crashed back down to earth. With each loss to a team fighting to make the playoffs, doubt grows stronger for all those who don the teal and orange. Before the season, we were all calling Blake "washed-up", Marleau "terrible", and Lemieux "retired". Then the Sharks piled up wins in 22 of their... AlexanderScharf writes... Posted Friday | Comments 0 It is tough to write up much during a postseason run without becoming repetitive. So I am just going throw out my predictions for the final standings in the East. Let me know what you think. 1. Devils- Have been playing great all year and Brodeur has been solid. 2. Bruins- In a controlled free-fall right now and have all the signs of a "one-and-done" team. 3. Capitals... Posted Saturday | Comments 0 What had been a battle for the 7th and 8th seeds in the West now looks more like a fight for 8th, as the Oilers have started pulling away from the pack. There's still time for the Stars to make a push for that 7th spot...but it's looking less likely after Edmonton tacked on points 78 and 79 in their shootout win over the 'Hawks. Do the Stars (at 74 points) have a shot ... Posted Saturday | Comments 0 Let's make some big leaps of faith and assume Dallas wins the 8th seed going into the post season. Who would prefer to face San Jose over Detroit, though the Stars have silenced some of those Joe Louis demons this season. So, since that requires the Sharks to overtake the Red Wings... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 They say, "It ain't over 'til the fat lady sings." Well, she may not be singing yet, but I saw her warming up backstage. The Stars season is on life support after a dismal road trip through the Northwest. Tack on Richards' broken hand (the OTHER hand) and you couldn't be faulted for scheduling April tee times for the Dallas crew. There is hope, though. (Not much, ... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 With al little help from the hockey gods, that eighth seed is still within reach. We've seen this team go on runs this season (both ----- 91 Habs Bruins vs Panthers = Bruins in 6 Devils vs Rangers = Devils in 5 Caps vs Canes = Caps in 5 Flyers vs Penguins = Flyers in 7 (Yens vs Yoos = YOOS WIN!) Bruins vs Flyers = Flyers in 6 Devils vs Caps = Caps in 7 Fl... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 Well its that time of year again and the quest for the postseason is heating up. I have yet to see the infamous Brad Ratgen playoff quest blogs so I decided to chip in with my own picks. Here are the current standings: Western Conference 1. Y - San Jose 107 2. X - Detroit 107 3. Calgary 90 4. Chicago 89 5. Vancouver 87 6. Columbus 83 7. Anaheim 80 8. E... AlexanderScharf writes... Posted Friday | Comments 1 John Tortorella has given new hope to New York City. He has led a team that was once labeled offensively inept to a total of eight victories in 14 games, seven of them coming via a 4+ goal night. He has coached a club that was notorious for falling behind early in games to a +10 goal differential in the first period. The middle frame had been almost as strong with the bulk... mayorofangrytown writes... Posted Saturday | Comments 0 [i]As a quick notation; I've never met Keith Primeau, he's never snubbed me or my child and, as a person, I only know what I've seen on TV, read in print and heard on the radio. As far as I'm concerned he may be the most wonderful husband, father, brother, son or in-law on the face of this earth and I have no ground to comment on any of that. This is my view of h... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 We have all heard NHL bloggers, announcers, beat writers, and fans refer to the omni-present "HOCKEY GODS". These unseen forces, that protect the integrity and well being of the game as we know it, have been offended! Thats Right fellow Hockey Fans, the same City (Montreal) and its fans, who in the past paid homage to the HOCKEY GODS have sinned against the Gods in 2008-20... AlexanderScharf writes... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 It is not hard to get lost in the circus that is the New York Rangers. After all, the only thing that hockey analysts seem to associate with the Rangers these days is Sean Avery. Of course John Tortorella seems to be at the center of attention as well. And the deadline acquisitions also get some much deserved attention. This is no surprise considering the team followed a 3... Posted Friday | Comments 0 March 10th, 2009 Having played 67 games, the New York Rangers are flirting with the unthinkable yet very real possibility of not making the Stanley Cup Playoffs because despite a solid veteran lineup and the solid goaltending of Henrik Lundqvist this is a team of chronic underachievers (yet again). Proven Star players and Team leaders Scott Gomez(-5), Chris Drury(... Posted Saturday | Comments 0 Its that time of year for Flyers Fans to start the "nail-biting" in regards to our goaltending issues. Biron is a team of chronic underachievers (yet again). INCONSISTENT and cannot be relied upon to stop the puck in the playoffs. When he does make a save he is guilty of kicking the rebounds directly into the slot, resulting in incremental scoring opportunities. Last year Biron was the "X" factor in the Flyers post se... AlexanderScharf writes... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 [b][quote]Right now the Rangers have a 54.3% chance of making the playoffs. If the Rangers win that changes to 73.7%. If the Rangers lose that changes to 33.8%[/quote][/b] [i]-SportsClubStats.com[/i] Important is back in March when you are hovering around sixth place. Once you get to April and you are tied for the final playoff spot, it i... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 The first edition of the Battle of California is finally here. No two California teams have faced each other in the modern era (since the [b]Charks [/b]and [b]Ducks [all possible playoff series that never happe... Posted Monday | Comments 0 Much is made regarding the importance of being hot going into the playoffs, but how often does good play late in the regular season translate to playoff success? First we have to establish a definition of 'good play'. Unfortunately there are many intangibles that go into a team's performance on any given night that make good play very difficult to measure. For simplic... Posted Monday | Comments 0 I know, everyone and their mother (or in some cases, dog) have predictions
but here we go anyway: [b][u]Eastern Conference[/u] [/b] [b]Boston vs. Montreal[/b] - Boston will ride Timmy Thomas as long as they can - Bruins in 6 [b]Washington vs. New York Rangers[/b] - Alex the Great and that cannon from Greene on the point should carry them - Caps in 5 [b]New Jersey vs... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 I was sitting and talking with a few friends about the NHL yesterday. One thing we could all agree on was that the Sharks, Red Wings and Boston all were the most consistant teams through the course of the season. All were legitimate contenders for the Presidents Trophy for most, if not the entire year. But that was it....thats all we agreed upon...the rest ... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 In my previous blog ([url] I applied what I called the '15 Game Test' to the 2009 Stanley Cup Playoffs' first round matchups Simply put, in each series I predicted a winner based on the amount of points each team obtained in its last 15 regular season games. At the suggestion of another writer, I ha... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 Last year Philly came into the playoff series against the Penguins with the intention of pounding them into the boards on every shift - and it the process - they hoped to pound the life out of Pittsburgh. The result...Pens won the series in 5 games. A couple of years earlier, in a regular season match-up in Philly, Derrian Hatcher pounded on the face of, then rookie,... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 EASTERN CONFERENCE #1 Boston Bruins vs. #8 Montreal Canadiens Boston thoroughly dominated the season series 5-1. Montreal is quite banged up. Top defensemen Alexei Markov is going to miss at least the first 3 games of the series for the Habs and no one knows how much they are going to get out of offensive minded Mathieu Schneider. Boston has some young unproven talen... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 As we have moved through the season, I've had an eye toward the playoffs with my Flyers and have noticed a few shortcomings which I felt would prevent them from being able to get out of the conference to challenge for the Stanley Cup to be real contenders; [i]not [/i]pretenders as they are now. Don't get me wrong. Coming off of a season where the home team couldn't eve... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 Here is my opinion for all eight first round matchups. [b][u]EASTERN CONFERENCE[/u][/b] [i]Boston vs Montreal[/i] Boston takes on the ghosts of the old forum and wins this one in seven. Carey Price has been too unstable in goal this year, and Bob Gainey just hasn't been able to get this team playing any better with him than they were with Guy Carbonneau. I say it ... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 Okay I'll admit right away that I have not been able to watch all the post season, but I have seen enough to make me want to write this. We all know by now that the post season is a time when things get ridiculous in the National Hockey League. Emotions are running high, play gets more physical and tempers start to flare. If you thought the officials had a ... Posted Friday | Comments 0 I apologize to anyone who reads this, as i do not have enough time to say right now, but i will say this: The Bad --Big Joes fist shot on goal came with about 1 minute left in the entire game -- Little Joe did not seem to do enough...neither did his line -- there was nothing special about our special teams -- i canno... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 [img] /img] [b] The Same Old Sharks[/b] What is it that the Sharks have been accused of being for the past few seasons (besides chokers)? The answer: [b]Soft.[/b] All year long members [b] Soft.[/b] Soft.[/b] All year long members [b] Soft.[/b] Soft.[/b of the Sharks organization have been claiming that this is a different ... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 After watching the NHL playoffs, I am seeing a disturbing trend that is rewarding players for unsportsmanlike conduct. This trend is players fabricating penalties. unsportsmanlike plays performed by Pittsburgh players that lead directly to powerplays. The first call was a high stic... Posted Monday | Comments 0 No, not that one. I'm not anonymous by choice, just don't have much to say that hasn't been already said or adds any value. But I started a blog to mostly discuss/share my music interests, but wrote down some thoughts and since it was hockey related, I thought I'd post it here. Long time listener, first time caller here. General Thoughts: Overall the playoff games to learn that the NHL needs some officiating changes and a better policy on disciplining players. I have said numerous times going back through past instances whether it be Todd Bertuzzi or Alexander Perezhogin, that we need consistent strict rules on suspensions. The memo sent out this postseason was that the NHL did not want ... Alexander Scharf writes... Posted Monday | Comments 0 It is much more than just a loss. All of the confidence the Ranger seemed to have after taking two games in Washington is gone. All of the frustrations experienced by the Capitals have dissipated. Look at the players and at the coaches and it is obvious which team is just hoping. Despite being up 2-1 in the series, the backs ... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 Just finished watching the Sharks/Ducks game, and all I can say is wow! It is so nice watching the other teams play where you can enjoy it to it's fullest, but later on tonight will not be the case. The all important Game 3. Now all Rangers fans can do is ask the sa... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 Crosby or Flyer Fans? Just for fun, I like to read the opposing team's fans going! I am kidding of course. I have been alive too long to HATE any other team's fans or even any of the other teams at this point...although as players go...Scott Hartnell is tough to like...whe... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 A few things occured to me while I was gnawing on my Devils "terrible towel" during game 4 of this Devils/Canes series. First off, this is best series being played in the NHL right now. You've got 2 former Stanley Cup champs battling it out with a Hall of Fame goaltender vs probably the best young, most underrated goaltender in the NHL. Stanley Cup rookie MVP anyone?? 3 o... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 That was the worst finish I've ever seen in my life for a series-clinching game in the NHL. call at that critical moment of the game. Pathetic! The Blue Jackets deserved better. The linesmen should be embarrassed ... and the league should... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 Game 5 proved to be the pinnacle of goaltending in the playoffs so far. Ward was better than Marty in my opinion, but what do i know, Ive only been a goalie since I was 6. 86 shots, 1 goal. And that goal by Clarkson was maybe his best goal of the year. Clarkson 2 goals, Staal 2 goals, Staal 2 goals, hold on wait, what? Marty made a statement tonight with a career high 44 save shutoot, a... Posted Saturday | Comments 0 The story is known around the league. A team left for dead at the halfway point by bloggers, journalists, and insiders alike. A team depleted by injuries mid way through their rebuild. Fans are talking Tavares vs. Hedman and if the Western Conference cellar dwellers will play as bad as the East to get a shot at the Canadian Sniper or the Swedish Pronger. Enter the Manny... Posted Saturday up the Flyers season. That is the reason why they got the 5th seed when they could have achieved more, and ultimately why they lost this series. They look like Stanley Cup contenders one game, scrubs the next. Jeff Carter. 46 goals in the regular season, 1 in the postseason. The successor to John LeClair, I suppose. They say he was playing hurt, but... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 This isn't sarcasm. I truly am a Penguins fan congratulating my hated rivals. The Flyers had a good season and they battled hard in the playoffs. They deserved far better than a first round playoff exit. I hope Martin Biron stays in net next year, and that they can at least keep their blue line intact. Flyer fans may disagree with me, but I think that a little stability... kamikazepilot42 writes... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 Just a quick observation: It seems to me that the Rangers jumped out 2-0 on the caps, away from home, much as they seemed unstoppable for the first month of the regular season. Part B: The slow down/collapse. Despite the huge advantage, the Rangers... AlexanderScharf writes... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 There is not much else to say about this series. The Capitals are far superior to the Rangers... AlexanderScharf writes... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 There is not much else to say about this series. The Capitals are far superior to the Rangers... AlexanderScharf writes... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 There is not much else to say about this series. in Washington. And the Rangers are going to lose. Game 7. The thing about these games is that any team can win on any night and that holds true for the ultimate game of the playoffs series. The Rangers aren'... Posted Monday | Comments 0 Patrick Marleau and Joe Thornton were reunited on the top line for San Jose in game five, and it worked! Thornton had a goal and two assists and Marleau, who already had an assist, added the game-winning goal on Thornton's overtime wraparound attempt that playoff rookie Jonas Hiller couldn't cover. It has been pointed out in the media that Todd McLellan called his two s... Posted Monday | Comments 0 Gonna be a long night since its obvious the league is really "hoping" for a game 7. Three penalties in the first 10 minutes. The directive has been issued! Ducks better really play smart and strong. Make that 4 -2 . . . Oops! Looks like the Ducks were prepared. But its far from over. I can hear Bettman screaming from here! Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 After embarassing themselves yet again in post-season play the question on the table now is what do you change in San Jose. Here are my answers: [i]1.) Trade Evgeni Nabokov[/i] Sharks fans will hate me for saying this, and I agree with their love for
Nabby. The problem is he just doesn't steal games in the playoffs. In game five he allowed the Ducks back into the gam... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 Its eerily quiet in Newark this morning as I walk past the arena to work. Im not going to lie to you, I got a little chill thinking what was going to take place later on. A lot of nervous energy. Game 7 of round 1, who thought there could be this much drama in the 1st round? The Devils need to get straight, quick. Game 7's are about Captains, and Langenbrunner has to hav... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 You may recall that, last spring, Capitals owner [b]Ted Leonsis[/b], who gets full marks for enthusiasm and accessibility, used the platform of his blog on USAToday.com to post his "Take" on the fans of Philadelphia: ==== [i][b]Day 6: Tuesday, April 15 (Flyers 6, Capitals 3)[/b] My family and partners traveled to Philadelphia - the city of brotherly love. After ... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 Well, the inevitable finally occurred. After dropping the first two games at home, we were all almost certain it was over. Another playoff, another playoff, another disappointment. I promise this is the last time I'll talk about this Sharks season, but humor me and follow along to the biggest heartbreaks (yes, I consider myself lucky to have a game be the source of my biggest let-downs)... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 I have never seen that in my life! 2 goals in the final 1:20 to advance to the next round instead of the golf course. Crazy! What effort by Gleason to keep the puck in for Jokinen to tie it ... and Staal has been simply incredible the entire series. TWO teams come back from 3-1 series deficits to win the series. That should change some percentages a bit. GREAT NIGH... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 So I was 7 for 8 in 1st round predictions (Sharks....tsk tsk tsk). Not only did they screw up my predictions but my playoff pools are done! On to Round 2: [b]Boston (1) vs. Carolina (6) - [/b] This will be a great series. I like Carolina but Boston, after disposing of the Canadiens in 4 straight are riding high with confidence - I'll go [b]Bruins in 6[/b]. [b]Was... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 Now that Ive had time to digest last night's loss to Carolina, I can say this. Worst loss in Devil's playoff history. No you say? You think the loss to Colorado was worse, you're wrong. After a great season of chasing Boston for the top spot in the east with a backup goalie in net for most of the season, and records being shattered, it wasn't supposed to end like t... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 If your interested in tickets for the Wings/Ducks match up in So Cal!!! Go to Stubhub.com. There are thousands of tickets for sale on the site. Most of them are good seats. Looks like a wings home game in So Cal!!! I just sold mine...I'm out of town...Going to Pittsburg. Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 Joining the rest of my fellow hockey buzz enthusiasts, here are my predictions for Round Two as well as a review of Round One. [b]Round One. making the playoffs: Stars, [b]Red Wings[/b], [b]Sharks[/b], [b]Plames[/b], [b]Pl 0 What a crazy start to the second round for the Ducks and Wings. The game featured some great hockey action, and some controversial calls and non-calls. In particular, I am referring to the huge open ice hit on Jiri Hudler by Mike Brown. In my opinion (and also the league), it was a clean hit that ended with Hudler being cut over the eye. It also ended with Brown assesse... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 After losing 4-3 and falling into a 2-0 hole to the Washington Capitals many may think it is time to panic for the Pittsburgh Penguins. I disagree. Watching the game tonight I saw exactly what I expected to see: Ovechkin versus Crosby in a fast-paced, hard hitting matchup. Both teams controlled the puck well in the offensive zone and at times it seemed like the ice was tit... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 I don't know why, but it seems like in every playoff game this year I've seen at least one goal called off because the referee was not in position to make the call or seen a team called offsides by a line judge trying to catch up or who got in the way of a clearing attempt. Tonight it was Detroit's Marian Hossa who scored the game-tying-goal with just over a minute left... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 After the Penguins fell into a 2-0 series hole to the Washington Capitals, I wrote a blog about how it wasn't time to panic yet for the birds. Crosby had been spectacular, and they were getting scoring from stay-at-home defenseman Mark Eaton (who?). But there were things the Penguins needed to work on. One of those things was puck posession. The Pens had not been good o... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 Is anybody really surprised this series is tied at 3 and heading toward a game 7 thriller Wednesday night in DC? I'm not. In fact, through 6 games we have seen just about everything we expected to see. Great offensive playmaking and goals. Great skill and determination by the 3 best forwards in the league. Key contributions from 2nd, 3rd and 4th line players... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 Versus showed the aftermath of the Detroit Red Wings-Anaheim Ducks Game 6 during the first intermission of tonight's game 7 between Pittsburgh and Washington. After watching it I can't help but think that the NHL has lost control of these playoffs. Maybe it's just because they have two of the dirtiest teams in the league playing each other, or maybe it's because Colin Camb... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 Another successful [i]regular season[/i], another abrupt [i]playoff[/i] exit. Anyone seeing a trend here? Ever since the Devils won their last Stanley Cup in 2003, the dry New Jersey Devil fan base (which I must say did show up for the playoffs this year), has been treated to the same redundant pattern year in and year out. This year was no exception. The only difference s... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 As has been pointed out numberous times by NHL.com, the Associated Press, ESPN and some of the bloggers here on Hockeybuzz.com, Pittsburgh's 6-2 rout of their playoff rival Washington Capitals was an anticlimatic end to an otherwise amazing series. Looking at the series by the numbers we could not have asked for anything more from the leauges brightest stars - Alexande... Posted Saturday | Comments 0 This NHL post-season must be a dream come true for Gary Bettman. His marketing team hasn't had to do any real work to sell these playoffs; they've sold themselves. Look at the excitement of the first round where we watched Boston against Montreal in an original six rivalry match, Pittsburgh against their hated rival Philadelphia, San Jose and archrival Anaheim in the first... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 After an exciting second round of playoff action that saw three series go the distance and pitted the league's top young stars - Alexander Ovechkin and Sidney Crosby - against each other. Many thought there would be a let-down after the excitement of the Conference Semifinals, but the four teams that advanced have offered enough storylines to at least keep us mildly inte... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 Sorry to all the fans of the Wings and Penguins. I have been slightly under 500 this year on picks. I am taking the Wings and Penguins to replay the finals from last year. So there is a great chance of an upset now! Posted Monday | Comments 0 Listen up all you Penguin-haters! This blog is for you! It hasn't even been 12 hours since the game ended, and already I've seen multiple stories suggesting that this series is a repeat of last year's Cup Finals. That the result will be the same and there is nothing the Penguins can do about it. They can't win four out of five against Detroit. It's time for all of us... Posted Saturday | Comments 0 The Flyers mad a big splash today and landed Chris Pronger in a trade. crunched by Pronger along the boards...or Malkin getting hip checked as he tries to cruise through the middle of the ice. Yep...they certainly have reason to think he will surround HSBC Arena. The 2009-10 Buffalo Sabres will be on the ice in front of their typical soldout crowd. All 18,690 will be in their seats while viewers across Western New York and beyond will be tuning in to Rick Jeanneret. The whistle will blow, the puck will drop and Sabres hockey will begin again! But not yet. ... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 East 1-Washington- Ovechkin, Semin, Backstom, Green, Poti..... Amazing 5... Nuff Said 2-Pittsburgh- Stanley Cup Champs, with two franchise players who easily break 100 pts. 3-Boston- Savard, Bergeron, and others will all score 20 goals, and their all-star defense will lift them to home ice advantage. 4-NY Rangers- Gaborik is coming off surgery and will be healt... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 I know many people disagree with this statement, but I fully believe it, and will vehemently defend it; the Buffalo Sabres are a playoff team. They have the scoring depth, they have the scoring depth, they have the scoring depth, they have the scoring depth and they have the scoring depth. Wednesday | Comments 0 The Toronto Maple Leafs continue on their waddling days of January which has been the teams worst month statistically since the lockout, if the team is 1-5-0 so far this month and continue to struggle in their penalty kill and... Posted Monday | Comments 1 It is Monday morning in the frozen city of Montreal. After a week of decent (for January) weather, it has been colder the last few days, in this city, and not just because of the temperature. After a week of decent (for January) weather, it has been colder the last few days, in this city, and not just because of the temperature. standings. Two games, two losses, two bad efforts - the second worse than the 1st - and your beloved ... Posted Friday | Comments 0 So now that the trade deadline is over and there's no more hope for getting any better, the focus now comes on making the playoffs. Most everyone who will read this will know how
important making the playoffs is for the Flames, they lack draft picks in the upcoming draft and have essentially put their eggs into the basket of "win today". Currently the Flames are 13 poin... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 8-5-3. That is what it takes as of today for the Flames are 13 poin... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 8-5-3. with that the flames need 19 points however anything less than that could be disastrous. For instance a .500 record here on out would give them a straight 16 points and even though it's just a three poi... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 Not many people are expecting the Sabres to go far in the playoffs, unless you are quite an optimistic fan. Buffalo's chances do not look good going up against Washington or Pittsburgh, which is why winning the Northeast Division is a must. The Sabres have been slumping for a while now, and Ottawa and Montreal are coming closer with each win. Buffalo has lost 16 of it... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 This time of year everyone is ranking teams and trying to handicap the most productive teams in the playoffs. I have been watching a stat that might be as good an indicator because it shows how many easy games a team has had during the season. Too many easy g... Posted Monday Comments 0 THE FACTS The Penguins currently sit 2 points ahead of the New Jersey Devils for first place in the Atlantic Division. The Devils have a game in hand on the Penguins. Without getting into specific scenarios (and assuming the teams play to the same W/L records the rest of the way), if the Devils win that "game in hand" they will win the division based on the NHL ti... Posted Thursday | Comments 1 Last night's 4-3 shootout loss to the league leading Washington Capitals was, oddly enough, a welcomed sight to many Pens fans. Of course, after the "sleepwalking" effort they put forth Monday night against the Red Wings, anything resembling a "conscious" attempt to compete last night would have been a marked improvement. Even so, and without question, last night's g... Posted Monday | Comments 0 According to Sportsclubstats.com the Calgary Flames have a 4.7% chance of making the postseason. A slim, faint, flicker of hope, but hope nonetheless. The schedule is not very easy but the Flames have no other options than to run the table for the rest of the season, and even then they need help to get into the tournament. If they win all six remaining games then ... Posted Monday | Comments 0 According to Dictionary.com a 'nemesis' is defined as an opponent or rival whom a person cannot best or overcome. Well, the Blackhawks are, by definition, the nemesis of the Calgary Flames. A team they have not beaten, in the regular season, since the 2007-08 campaign. A team that ousted the Flames in the first round of the Stanley Cup playoffs last year, and... Posted Monday | Comments 0 Tuesday...Pens and Caps at the Igloo...7:30 The Caps have to play the Bruins tonight...the Pens will be fresh tomorrow, a couple of days after a come from behind win against the Thrashers. The Pens should win easily...ok...kidding... The Capitals have had a GREAT regular season...and they are not far behind New Jersey for second, who they trail by just a point. Buffalo is well on its way to the playoffs, but some people don't expect them to go very far. Is there room for improvement on the Sabres team? Normally, a team that finishes third in the Conference would seem to be a good b... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 The stage was set and everything was in place Tuesday night for the Sabres to clinch the Northeast Division. Buffalo had taken two out of the first three meetings this season, but the Rangers were expected to be desperate for points. Buffalo had taken two out of the first three meetings this season, but the Rangers tied the game at two, but that was all they

co... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 After weeks of uncertainty the Calgary Flames are officially eliminated from Stanley Cup playoff contention. This ends days, weeks and months of faint hope and un-needed stress for most Flames fans who still wanted to believe this team was destined for the big dance. It was the 3rd overall pick in the 2009 draft, Matt Duchene, who officially eliminated the Flames, when... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 Last night was another example of the Penguins NOT "getting to their game", going a remarkable 3-11-3 in those contests (all 3 wins vs the Sabres). That's the record of LAST YEAR'S Stanley Cup Finals favorites. ... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 The days of the Penguins playing in the Igloo are numbered. 3 games for sure...1 in the regular season...beyond that, we won't know until we see what kind of playoff team we have this year. Tonight IS the last regular season game in the "old barn". Mellon Arena, formerly, the Civic Arena, has been around since 1961. In 1967 the Penguins started playing there, and ... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 The Sabres have passed the 100 point threshold, and that is truly a remarkable accomplishment. I've ragged on this team all season long. I, more than anyone else, have been very critical of this Sabres squad. Yet, I'll be the first to admit that I'm truly impressed at what this team has done. They're bringing playoff hockey writers and commentators have been bad-mouthing the East and praising the West. They've joked about how the battle for a playoff spot out West was so tight, while there are so many weak teams in the East. Now that the standings have been decided and we're faced with the top 8 on each side, the balance of power does not seem so slanted. The East b... landsharkhockey writes... Posted Tuesday Comments 0 While the Eastern Conference matchups seem to be a bit predictable, good luck making any sense out of the situation in the West. There are some impressive favorites at the top, but you could make a case for any team out West to go far, and you wouldn't get much argument from me. Any one of these 8 teams could ultimately find themselves in the finals without surprising to... ImKindofaBigDeal writes... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 [u][i][b]HEY, IT'S YOU KNOW WHO!!! JUST TRYING OUT THIS BLOG THING SINCE I'VE BEEN GONE FOR A WHILE!!! FOR THOSE THAT DON'T KNOW, ALL MY ACCOUNTS EITHER NEED A NEW CELL PHONE NUMBER OR HAVE BEEN GONE FOR A WHILE!!! FOR THOSE THAT DON'T KNOW, ALL MY ACCOUNTS EITHER NEED A NEW CELL PHONE NUMBER OR HAVE BEEN GONE FOR A WHILE!!! FOR THOSE THAT DON'T KNOW, ALL MY ACCOUNTS EITHER NEED A NEW CELL PHONE NUMBER OR HAVE BEEN GONE FOR A WHILE!!! 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FOR THOSE THAT DON'T KNOW, ALL MY ACCOUNTS EITHER NEED A NEW CELL PHONE NUMBER OR HAVE BEEN GONE FOR A WHILE !!! FOR THOSE THAT DON'T KNOW, ALL MY ACCOUNTS EITHER NEED A NEW CELL PHONE NUMBER OR HAVE BEEN GONE FOR A WHILE !!! FOR THOSE THAT DON'T KNOW, ALL MY ACCOUNTS EITHER NEED A NEW CELL PHONE NUMBER OR HAVE BEEN GONE FOR A WHILE !!! FOR THOSE THAT DON'T KNOW, A BANNED TIL 2012!!! IT JUST SEEMS THAT A CERTAIN MASKED "ANONYMOUS" BLOGGER AND HIS CRONIES CAN'T HANDLE MY TRUTH SPEAKING!!! I CAN'T SAY IF I WILL BE BACK BEFORE MY BANS ARE UP... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 Hey if you're in a pool please, for the love of god, do not talk to me about it unless we're in it together. Do not be fooled, no one wants to hear you talk about your pool, it ranks right behind hearing your warcraft dungeon raid stories and right before your high school football stories. **** Playoff predictions are impossible and annoying. I heard this mornin... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 Wednesday night...4/14/2010...the alarm sounds at 7pm. The playoffs started for the Penguins and the team woke up from what seems like a season long slumber. Well...for about 10 minutes. That's about how long they "got to their game" on Wednesday. Long enough to bang some bodies...draw a penalty...and score an early power play goal to go up 1-0 in game one. ... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 Is it just me or are there a lot of people in Calgary cheering for the Phoenix Coyotes? Case in point, I was out on Friday night at a bar on 17th avenue grabbing a couple of beverages after the Hitmen game, while catching glimpses of the Yotes Wings game on the screen behind me. And to my amazement, and less than the time it took for me to order a beer an enormous cheer... Posted Friday | Comments 0 I am writing this post in the obvious glow of having the Flyers dispatch the Devils in the Eastern Conference Quarterfinals. Even though the Devils in the series and didn't consider it a risky or homer pick. In the last 16 games versus Marty Brodeur a... Posted Monday | Comments 0 For the first few games of the Sabres-Bruins series (besides on NESN, man those guys can't say anything positive about other teams) things were relatively quiet when it came to coaches, players, and commentators taking shots back and forth at each other over scrums and other things that hockey players tend to be involved in. Then, game 4 happened. Yes, officiating was horr... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 The first round of the playoffs is complete and it was full of surprises. This is what makes the NHL playoffs so exciting to watch because you never know what can happen. This year's playoffs have shocked many fans, especially those in the Eastern Conference. Here at SHC, we already discussed whether the Sabres/Bruins series was an upset or not (you can view that arti... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 With the 2010 Stanley Cup Playoffs entering its second leg tomorrow night, I thought it would be interesting to look at some former Calgary Flames that are thriving in this years big dance. The obvious one, right off the bat, is Montreal for 5 years at \$6 million per season, after leading the Flames in goals last season wi... landsharkhockey writes... Posted Friday | Comments 0 The path has certainly been plowed for the Penguins to make a third straight trip to the Stanley Cup finals. All three of the division winners have been eliminated, leaving Pittsburgh as the clear favorite to move on. [u]Pittsburgh as the clear favorite to move on [u]Pittsburgh as the clear favorit Here are my picks for the second round, which kicks off tonight in Pittsburgh. The fourth seeded Penguins will host eight seeded Montreal. Boston, the six seed, and Philadelphia, the seven seed, will meet in the other Eastern Conference duel. Out west, the top seeded Sharks will host the Detroit Red Wings, and the Canucks (3 seed) will travel to Chicago to face the Blackha... Posted Saturday | Comments 0 Here is a quick player by player breakdown of how the Flyers and Bruins will match up in the second round of the 2010 stanley cup playoffs. [b]Defense:[/b] [img] /img] vs. [img] vs. [img] /img] vs. [img] /img] vs. [img] vs Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 At the start of the playoffs, you might have figured that the player with the most points would be a superstar like Sidney Crosby, and you wouldn't have been wrong with that assertion. What many people did not see coming were the two players that follow Crosby in that category: Joe Pavelski and Mike Cammalleri. The San Jose Sharks have been desperately searching over... Posted Friday | Comments 0 So now it's a best of 3. After dominating the first two periods of game 4, and leading 2-1 to start the third, the Penguins did the unthinkable: They lost control of the game, and maybe the series, by surrendering 2 goals in the third period to the Canadiens. If you had fallen asleep at the end of the second period and woke up at the end of the game, you might not ha... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 with the playoffs coming near to the end the off-season will begin.the rangers have many decisions to make this year.1.resign prospal?2.bring back the whole 4th line?attempt to move r&r?bring back zherdev?..knowing sather he will do none of these and instead sign or trade for vets that have a yr or 2 left in them...also do you sign sergei gonchar or let him slip away ... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 I was going to call this blog..."Just Not As Good As Last Year" when describing what I thought of the Penguins after last night's 4-3 loss in Game 6 to the Canadiens. But then I looked back over the first two rounds from last year again...and then we kind... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 The 2010 playoffs have shocked the NHL, and there are still two rounds remaining. The saying "anything can happen in playoffs" has certainly been proved once again this year, especially in the Eastern Conference. All three division winners in the East were knocked out in the first round. Even with earning the home-ice advantage, they still were unable to win the ser... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 By Aaron Wrotkowski With the Conferences Finals for the Stanley Cup set to begin on Sunday, it seems that NHL viewers have been captivated by the Cinderella run of the Montreal Canadiens. Defeating the President's Trophy winner and the defending Stanley Cup champions with a game strategy that seemed to put most of the
pressure on a hot goaltender and well instructed ... Posted Monday | Comments 3 The Philadelphia Flyers are going to be the toughest opponents that the Montreal Canadiens have faced thus far in this year's playoffs. That's not only because Peter Laviolette's 2010 squad is somewhat reminiscent of the old school Broad Street Bullies, but because they are a team that wins by out-working their opponents and doesn't rely on raw talents like Ovechki... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 Watching the Flyers play the Canadiens in the first two games of the Eastern Conference Finals has been made, each shift that has been made sick. lifelong Penguins fan, isn't that the natural reaction you would expect from watc... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 History has been made in the 2010 Playoffs, and we might not have seen it all yet. The East has had its share of surprises and has been made in the 2010 Playoffs, and we might not have seen it all yet. surprising Canadiens - eliminating both the President's Trophy winning Capitals and defending Stanley Cup Champion, Penguins,... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 Traditions are important. The names of the Conferences and Divisions should have been left alone. But that was done only to try and draw in and keep fans. The NHL will do anything to try and woo Americans into not just loving their home team but to watch hockey in general. For example: Fox and their 'glowing' puck experiment; or the over explanation of With the recent off season waives, trades and signings, the acquisition of Hall and pulling up two other good (supposedly phenomenal) rookies via Eberle and Paajarvi, it looks like the rebuilding of the Oiler's may be close to complete. Are they going to be able to go from Dead Last in the league to 8th or higher in the West? Right now. I'm going to say no Posted Wednesday | Comments 6 New post up over at The Hockey Writers looking for YOUR predictions as the Islanders head into the 2011 season. Will they get better production from their offense? What are your thoughts on Rick DiPietro continuing his come back? Leave comments under the blog, they are always appreciate... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 Just a small town girl Living in a lonely world She took the midnight train going anywhere Just a city boy Born and raised in South Detroit He took the midnight train going anywhere A singer in a smoky room A smell of wine and on an Washington Capitals - Similar situation as last year, scary-good offense, young and developing defensemen, questonable goaltending. Look for 1 or both of young blueliners John Carlson and Karl Alzner to step up and help carry the load on defense. 2. Boston Bruins - Last season they couldn't score, they addressed that in the offseason with the trade. Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 Another highly anticipated NHL season is just a couple of days away, and once again, the Buffalo Sabres are not favored to win the division. The Sabres have already submitted their predictions for the 2010-2011 season, and many have f... Posted Thursday | Comments 6 41 games to go - and they are going to be long 41 games at that. Sitting 14th in the Western Conference, six points back of 8th place, hopes for a miracle run are fading in a hurry. It doesn't help the situation when a majority of teams ahead of the Flames have played fewer games than them, making it doubly hard to gain any sort of ground. Did I... Posted Friday | Comments 33 A very small percentage of making the playoffs, yet the team must still charge forward. Head on over to the Sports Roundup for the latest musings as the Flames look forward to playing the Sens and the Leafs this weekend. Also check out why a certain blogger at TSR dislikes the Toronto Ma... Posted Monday | Comments 3 The Sabres are on the outside looking in. They sit 10th in the East; 8 points out of 8th place. They have lost Derek Roy for the season. Tyler Myers and Ryan Miller are having disappointing seasons and the veteran leadership has been deemed unfit to play. How can the Sabres possibly make the playoffs? There is a way, but it isn't pretty. A start with the look at th... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 The last bunch of games have been a roller coaster for this young Avs roster. The boys in Burgundy and Blue simply have to be better and more consistent if they would like to stay in the playoff picture. Goaltending has been extremely shaky. Anderson had a solid game, followed by complete disasters. The one game vs. the Wild, he was poised, controlled and making those s... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 The Flames are rolling into the All Star break with four straight wins and now sit only two points out of a playoff spot. Head on over to the Sports Roundup to read more about the Flames can't be stopped. They roll past the Sens 5-2 to keep pace in the Western Conference playoff race. Come over to the Sports Roundup to read the latest on the home town heroes. Newman twitter.com/TSRNewman www.thesportsroundup.com www.thecheckingline.com Posted Saturday | Comments 0 Sens lost against the AHL-Senators. Four Sens players picked up on waivers. He didn't do anything. Good old Sens. Interesting thought for tonight. Notice any writings, projections, articles, blogs, or other works about the Boston Bruins playoff chance... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 The Flames hit a speed bump Wednesday night as they fell to the Chicago Blackhawks. Come on over to the Sports Roundup to read more: Newman twitter.com/TSRNewman www.thesportsroundup.com www.thesportsroundup.com www.thecheckingline.com Posted Friday | Comments 0 With the Sabres' overtime loss Thursday night, coupled with a New York Rangers loss, the Buffalo Sabres not only have recorded at least a point in their last five games, but they remain two points out of eighth. Don't worry, the news gets better from there. The New York Rangers currently sit eighth with 70 points and they have played three more games than the Sabres... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 Many Sabres fans, including myself, were a bit premature after Buffalo moved into 7th place last week. I was already thinking about who the Sabres should play in the first round. Well, after a 1-0 loss to Carolina, Buffalo is the team that everyone is looking to beat. It's not over until it's over. New Jersey knows a little something about that this season. Former S... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 As the NHL playoffs are approaching, many teams are still in playoff contention and are battling to move up in the rankings. 16 of the 30 teams will make the postseason, but is it better to be battling for one of the lower spots? Sabres fans saw what happened during the President's Trophy-winning season in 2006-2007. Although they had a great team, they were upset by ... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 It's that time of year again. The snow begins to melt, the leavesbegin to grow and in the NHL the dash for the final few playoff spots intensifies as teams look to scrap together as many points as they can in the few remaining games of the NHL regular season and the Buffalo Sabres are no exception. With Sabres up by two points over the Hurricanes for 8th place the Sab... AlexanderScharf writes... Posted Monday | Comments 0 With a playoff berth all but locked up for the New York Rangers, we look forward toward potential playoff match-ups. Of course, we have mostly forgotten our bold proclamations that expectations would be met and thirsts quenched with nothing more than a playoff appearance. But as is human nature, greed follows accumulation of wealth and we all want more; some are even bold ... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 [b][i]Watched the Chicago and Detroit game last night[/i][/b]...that was fun. Those teams really went at one another and the result was hockey like it's meant to be played. The points were important to both teams, moreso the Hawks than the Wings, but it never really seemed like either was playing for the point/points. It was more about beating the "rival"...and that's the ... Posted Monday | Comments 0 Having watched the Penguins "transform" from a team that was likely to beat you 5-4 to one that's more likely to beat you 5-4 to one that's more likely to beat you 5-4 to one that's more likely to beat you 5-4 to one that's more likely to beat you 5-4 to one that's more likely to beat you 5-4 to one that's more likely to beat you 5-4 to one that's more likely to be at you 5-4 to one that you 5-4 Ready?[/b] Last year's team headed into the post season, never quite achieving that level of play that many people thought they needed to defend their Stanley Cup championship.... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 What am I? Nuts? So the Flames aren't totally
out of it yet. Yes there is still a little which has a lot of fans grasping at straws to cheer this team to the bitter end. Come to the Sports Roundup to read on. Newman twitter.com/TSRNewman Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 Who is the favorite to win it all this year? In the last 5 years the cup has been raised by, Chicago, Pittsburgh, Detroit, Anaheim, and Carolina. What do all these teams have in common? Defense: GA (reg season) for these teams ranged from 184(Detroit) to 260(Carolina) Offense: GF (reg season) for these teams ranged from 257(Detroit) to 294(Carolina) With the ... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 In case you missed it I was on the CBC Homestretch this afternoon talking about the Flames playoff chances. Come to The Sports Roundup to have a listen. Newman Follow me on Twitter: twitter.com/TSRNewman Posted Friday | Comments 0 I've been watching Scott Neidermayer and his mighty beard dance around the ice. Year after year I would watch Teemu, Penner, Getzlaf, Kunitz, McDonald, Beauch, Pronger, Pahlsson, Giguere, Bryz, the list goes on (seriously how unreal was the '07 group?) and Perry was... Posted Friday | Comments 0 Sometime last september the hockey gods (or the old guys who plan the complex NHL schedule) thought it would be a good idea to have the Ducks and Kings play a home and home for the final weekend of the regular season. Usually this hasn't meant much. In the 17 years since the incarnation of the Duck the two teams have never made the playoffs together. We'll its finally happ... Posted Saturday | Comments 0 So what does it take to be a NY Rangers fan? What sets us apart from every other fan in the universe? Anyone can say they are a dedicated fan...its easy to sit on the couch and watch 70+ games a season, and if you have a DVR u can actually watch every minute and every play from the entire season just like I have for the past 13+ years. So what makes that different... Posted Monday | Comments 0 The Detroit Red Wings finished up their regular season with a win over the Chicago Blackhawks at the United Center yesterday, solidifying their place as the number 3 seed. Next up will be the Phoenix Coyotes, a rematch of last year's Western Conference Quarterfinals. The season series between these two clubs was split down the middle, with both teams grabbing two out o... Posted Monday | Comments 0 Well, after a last game collapse by Carolina, then Chicago, then Dallas the playoffs are set. Time for predictions! QUARTERFINALS WASHINGTON over Philadelphia in 7 BOSTON over Philadelphia in 7 BOSTON over Montreal in 6 TAMPA BAY over Pittsburgh in 7 VANCOUVER over Chicago in 5 SAN JOSE over Los Angeles in 6 DETROIT over Phoenix in 7 ANAHEIM over Nashville in ... landsharkhockey writes... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 If you followed March Madness this spring, you know that this year was a wide open field and resulted in some big time surprises all the way to the Finals. Looking at the field for this year's NHL Stanley Cup Finals, you get the sense that maybe there's a theme for 2011. Consider the following: • Last year's champs defaulted into the final spot in the West • The... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 TSR makes our first round upsets are in order in the east. Maybe I'm way off, but this is more fun! Newman twitter.com/TSRNewman Posted Thursday | Comments 1 The Detroit Red Wings put to rest any doubts of their ability to perform in the post-season with a convincing win over the Phoenix Coyotes at Joe Louis Arena last night. It seems that the regular season woes are definitely behind not only the Red Wings players, but also the fans as well. The team has been booed off the ice on more than one occasion for the first time in ... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 If there was ever a time for Ryan Miller to come back from injury and earn a shutout, this was the perfect night for it. Miller looked liked the Vezina winner he was a year ago, as he led the Sabres to a 1-0 shutout victory. Patrick Kaleta scored the lone goal of the game and it was all the Sabres would need as they were able to keep the powerful offense of the Flyers o... Posted Friday | Comments 0 April 22nd, 2006 was one to remember in the history of the Buffalo Sabres. After three losing seasons by the Sabres and a year-long lockout, HSBC Arena finally hosted an NHL playoff game. 18,690 fans sold out the building in downtown Buffalo to see the Sabres take on the Philadelphia Flyers in the first game of the Eastern Conference Quarterfinals. They would get the... Posted Friday | Comments 0 Here are some thoughts on the 1st game of the playoffs: The Sabres should not have won this game. There were several factors that gave them the edge they needed to capture home ice advantage in this series. Ryan Miller is back, I missed him. He was the goaltender we saw last season and in the olympics. He was a stablizing presence, coving his angles and not letting r... Posted Friday | Comments 0 All of Buffalo woke up this morning elated after the Sabres stole Game one away from the Philadelphia Flyers last night in the Eastern Conference Quarter Finals series. It was a game in which Philadelphia dictated much of the tempo for the majority of the game, forcing Ryan Miller to stand on his head time and time again in front of a typically raucous, sold out crowd a... Posted Saturday | Comments 0 Game 1 of Buffalo and Philadelphia in the 2011 Eastern Conference Quarterfinals was pretty tedious. In fact, it got downright boring at times. Game 2 was neither. It began as exhilarating, and, at least for Sabres fans, eventually degenerated into something infuriating. The first period took over 51 minutes to complete between a bevy of scrums, ten minor penalties an... Posted Monday | Comments 0 Two nights after a tough 5-4 loss in Philadelphia, the Buffalo Sabres will be taking the ice at the HSBC Arena, looking to take a 2-1 series lead in the Eastern Conference Quarterfinals against the Philadelphia Flyers. Here are four keys to victory for tonight's game in Buffalo: - The Sabres must play better defensive hockey. Sabres' goaltender Ryan Miller has faced... Posted Monday | Comments 0 The good news is there is plenty of hockey to be played in this series. The earlier you fall behind, the more time you have to catch up. The bad news is there is plenty of hockey to be played in this series. The earlier you fall behind, the more time you have to catch up. The bad news is the Flyers have taken control of the series, and have regained their home ice advantage. It was the first home playoff game in the Pegula era and the Sabres had a chance to go up 2-1. Despite the home fans rockin' ... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 I, like many other Sabres' fans, was disappointed with the result of the team's playoff game against the Flyers. I was not expecting a 4-2 loss in the third game of a playoff series, especially after the Sabres stole one of the first two games in Philadelphia, bringing home a split. The atmosphere in and outside of HSBC Arena was great. Fans inside were excited f... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 Remember when Ryan Miller had a dominant 35 save shutout to steal game one? Well, his performance on Wednesday night may have even been better as the Sabres tied the series at two game apiece. It was a must win for Buffalo and they came through it looked like the Flyers were going to tie it, the Sabres found a way to survive, with Miller doing most of the w... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 The Detroit Red Wings completed their sweep of the Phoenix Coyotes last night in Glendale by a score of 6-3. A team on the ropes is always known to put their best foot forward, in desperation or otherwise, and the Coyotes did just that. Despite what has come to be a customary early lead by the Red Wings, Phoenix kept the score tied for the majority of the night, and ... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 HSBC Arena erupted Wednesday night as 18,690 fans rose out of their seats in complete unison, awestruck by Ryan Miller's phenomenal performance. Chants of "Ry-an Mil-ler" rang out amongst the electric crowd who had once again witnessed brilliance as their franchise goalie stood on his head right before their very eyes. The sound that roared throu. Posted Friday | Comments 0 The Sabres came out and controlled the first half of the opening period, and Tyler Ennis began the scoring spree with a shot that he banked off Philadelphia goaltender Brian Boucher. Just a couple minutes later, Thomas Vanek did the same thing from behind the Flyers' net and Buffalo were out to a fast 2-0 lead. Fans in Philly were already beginning to turn on their te ... Posted Saturday | Comments 0 "Sorry Mom, I won't be able to make it this Sunday." A sentence that has today become all too familiar for the mothers of hockey fans are ecstatic following a Game 5 victory over the Philadelphia Flyers -- a huge win which puts the Sabres up thre... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 I saw a joke the other day on the internet; a bar graph titled: WHEN AN ATHEIST BELIEVES IN GOD. And it showed bars with various categories like: in an argument, running late to work, didn't study, etc... with various blew yet a another two goal lead this season. Flashback to December, when the Sabres were 10 points out of a playoff spot and struggling to string together wins. If you would have told me that th... Posted Monday | Comments 0 I write this article, as an unbiased fan. I write this, as someone who loves the sport of hockey. This first-round of the 2011 playoffs has been exciting, and nothing but dull. 6 of the 8 playoff series have gone at least 6 games. However, there is something amiss in the NHL. I plan on using 3 examples in this situation. First: Game 3 of the Vancouver vs Chicago se... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 The Penguins are [b]TOAST[/b]. I'm as big a fan as anyone...and I desperately want them to win Game 7 on Wednesday night...but my gut tells me this series is [b]OVER[/b]. After watching them get outscored 12-4 and outplayed by almost
the same amount in games 5 and 6, there is nothing I see that tells me this team will win game 7. Without Sid and Geno...with a rece... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 It's 2010 all over again as the Detroit Red Wings will meet the San Jose Sharks in the Western Conference Semifinals. The seeding remains the same too, as the Sharks secured home ice advantage once again for this series. The Red Wings have been resting up for over a week after sweeping the Phoenix Coyotes last Wednesday, and have been able to mend their bumps and bru... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 I imagine a giant map on a wall in a secret NHL room, probably somewhere near the "War Room" in Toronto where the geniuses gather to review goals (seemingly without the aid of HD). On this map is a representation of a recent national broadcast's viewership. The brighter spots on the map represent high viewership, and you can guess where they are. In between are thousan... Posted Friday | Comments 0 Most people will look back at the 2010-11 Penguins season and think the season was a success. Given the well documented injuries to Crosby, Malkin and other important players on this team (Staal missing the first ½ of the season) I would have to agree that finishing the regular season with one of the highest point totals in the team's history was a true success. I do... Posted Saturday | Comments 0 The Detroit Red Wings dropped their first game of the Western Conference Semifinals to the San Jose Sharks in overtime by a score of 2-1. They also answered a few questions which have been flying around the last week. "Will 8 days of rest be too much for the Red Wings?" Not in the end. The Wings started slow, almost sloppy, and it took a penalty kill which allowe... Posted Monday | Comments 0 The Detroit Red Wings head back to Joe Louis Arena down 2 games to the San Jose Sharks after losing 2-1 on Sunday afternoon. The loss was catalyzed by a complete lack of discipline by one of the least penalized teams in the regular season. The San Jose Sharks must have taken notice of Jimmy Howard's reaction to Joe Pavelski's snow shower in Game 1 and decided to tr... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 During the 2009-10 playoffs we saw the emergence of Philadelphia Flyers forward [b]Claude Giroux[/b]. Giroux scored 21 points in 23 playoff games after scoring just 47 points in 82 games during the regular season. [b]Seeing a player jump from .57 points per game to .913 during the playoffs, when scoring just 47 points in 82 games during the regular season. [b]Seeing a player jump from .57 points per game to .913 during the playoffs, when scoring just 47 points in 82 games during the regular season. 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Exactly like 2010, the Detroit Red Wings enter their two home games down to the San Jose Sharks, and they lose a third period lead and drop Game 3 in overtime. This, of course, after beating the Phoenix Coyotes in the Quarterfinals. And that's not all...elsewhere in the League, the Boston Bruins take... Posted Thursday Comments 0 Well, it was inevitable. Any legit Sabres fan knew our biggest flaws running into these playoffs. Sure, we didn't ever play center, Robbie Neidermeyer, and Paul Gaustad up the middle. Compare that to Mike Richards, Jeff Carter, Danny Briere and Blaire Betts (a less talented Goose)... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 Friday night was a big night for the Detroit Red Wings, as they force a Game 5 by besting the San Jose Sharks by a score of 4-3. The bounces went their way. That's about it. The same reason the Sharks have won the previous three games. There isn't a whole lot to say besides rehashing the same factors over and over again. Good goaltending, fowards were better on the ... Posted Monday | Comments 0 The Detroit with a 4-3 victory over the San Jose Sharks on Sunday night. Through a stellar third period, the Red Wings scored 3 unanswered goals and left the Sharks shocked and shaken. The Sharks dominated play from the opening face-off right up until the start of the third period. Go... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 The Detroit Red Wings, at one point down 3-0 in its series against San Jose, have forced a decisive Game 7 with a 3-1 victory last night at Joe Louis Arena Finally...the Red Wings were able to put together 60 full minutes of solid play from all ends of the ice. Jimmy Howard was solid in goaltending again, only letting in one fluky goal between the Pads from Logan Cout... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 I've been reading just about all the articles I can find regarding tonight's Game 7 between the Sharkstan (Comments 0 I've been reading just about all the articles I can find regarding tonight's Game 7 between the Sharkstan (Comments 0 I've been reading just about all the articles I can find regarding tonight's Game 7 between the Sharkstan (Comments 0 I've been reading just about all the articles I can find regarding tonight's Game 7 between the Sharkstan (Comments 0 I've been reading just about all the articles I can find regarding tonight's Game 7 between the Sharkstan (Comments 0 I've been reading just about all the articles I can find regarding tonight's Game 7 between the Sharkstan (Comments 0 I've been reading just about all the articles I can find regarding tonight's Game 7 between the Sharkstan (Comments 0 I've been reading just about all the articles I can find regarding tonight's Game 7 between the Sharkstan (Comments 0 I've been reading just about all the articles I can find regarding tonight's Game 7 between the Sharkstan (Comments 0 I've been reading just about all the articles I can find regarding tonight's Game 7 between the Sharkstan (Comments 0 I've been reading just about all the articles I can find regarding tonight's Game 7 between the Sharkstan (Comments 0 I've been reading just about all the articles I've been reading just about all the arti and the Wings and I'm seeing a pattern here that makes me wonder. Most every article mentions how the odds are very long indeed against the Red Wings mounting this historic comeback and winning tonight. To me, that mountian has already been climbed. Detroit already... Posted Friday | Comments 0 The Detroit Red Wings ended their season with a 3-2 loss to the San Jose Sharks at HP Pavilion last night. It was a very exciting game to watch and both teams played well. The Sharks just played that much better. It seems that the best players from each team stepped up. Just look at the scoresheet...Setoguchi, Couture, Marleau, Zetterberg, Datsyuk. Several articles f... landsharkhockey writes... Posted Monday | Comments 0 Now that two rounds are complete and we're off and running with the Conference Finals, it seems an opportune time to start mapping out the early going. Many of the best individual performers so far have already been eliminated, while many of the to... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 [b] The Refs[/b] Eric Engels wrote about the differences in officiating between the regular season and the playoffs. He made a good point about how the refs seemed to have put their whistles away during some of these playoff games. I know that some people have an issue with this...and rightfully so to some degree...but from my point of view...if the competition lev... Posted Saturday | Comments 0 As you read you will see that I kind of get "tuned" up and no matter how hard I try not to be just a "homer", I just can't agree with the way some of the calls and non calls go. Sometimes I watch the game and get from my da for criticizing the Nuck players for penalties not called against them, but by and large the most obvious non calls are quite often replayed by th... Posted Saturday | Comments 0 So, it feels good. I've been debating for a good part of two years now to start a blog, and here I am, finally starting. Ah, it's a good day. So let me fill all you readers in on personal info. I will be covering the Montreal Canadiens. I live in Hamilton, Ontario and am a season ticket holder for the Hamilton, and doing anything involvin... Posted Saturday | Comments 0 In the Western Conference this year there are no guarantees, but I am going to make some. There are only eight playoff spots for 15 teams in a RIDICULOUSLY competitive Western Conference. If the Edmonton Oilers played in the Edmonton Oilers still looking to rebound from one of their toughest seasons in franchise history. Aside from having their fifteen year playoff streak come to an end, the Devils came to realize a devastating reality: Marty Brodeur is getting old. Though he played well in the latter part of this past season, the all-time winningest goalie was shaken by various in... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 The NHL and the Board of Governors has approved a plan that will dramatically change the landscape of the NHL regular season and playoffs. With any new plan there are going to be pros and cons.
Unfortunately for me I feel that the cons dominate the pros in the new setup. Here is some of the fallout from the changes [b]Creating divisional rivalries:[/b] The sche... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 Over the past few days if you ask me. Now, the consensus I've heard from most people is that the Lightning don't have much of a shot to make the playoffs this season. I thought about of myself, and I think those people are ... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 For teams in the playoff picture, the stretch run starts somewhere in that last month or so of the season. For teams that are not fortunate enough to be in one of the season. For teams in the playoff picture, the stretch run starts somewhere in that last month or so of the season. next weeks, which contain 6 games, are the most important weeks of the season for this Lightning club. Success is vital in these 6 games if... Posted Monday | Comments 1 So the Jets finished the year on a positive note with a 3-2 win over the Leafs. A great win to say the least as the Jets are in the thick of the battle for a playoff spot in the very tight Eastern Conference. Yes the Jets are currently holding a playoff berth in their hands, but many have stated that this is due to the fact that they played a sickening amount of games ... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 When a team endures a poor stretch of play...and the subsequent losses that are the result of that play...things can start to unravel in a hurry. Heading into last night's game against the Ottawa Senators, the Penguins were spiraling down the Eastern Conference standings...thanks to a 4 game losing streak...and in desperate need of some positive results. Injuries hav... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 The Penguins lost their 6th game in a row last night, this time at the hands of the Washington Capitals by a score of 1-0. It was a physical game filled with lots of hits: 79 to the body, according to the official stats several punches landed between Craig Adams and Matt Hendricks a few pucks off of goal posts one puck that managed to hit the back of either net ... Posted Monday | Comments 0 So the Winnipeg Sun has gone ahead and predicted that the Jets WILL in fact make the playoffs. They have stated that the team will go 21-8-3 after the All-Star break to reach the neccessary point total. I am not sure what the hell they are trying to do, but I know I don't like it. The city already has fallen in love with this group of players (save Evander Kane), so... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 Well, here we are with the most important month for the habs only a day away. This is it. Right here, right now. I think they have what it takes, all hands on deck and they could do some serious damage. Remember 2009? 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Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 All season, bloggers like myself have been preaching about "big games". Well, tomorrow's game against the Jets is the epitome of a big game. Playoff spots are on the line for the manager ticket revenues are on the line for owners and jobs are on the line for players. This is a key time of a year; this game is shaping up to be the biggest of the season for the Tam... Posted Friday | Comments 0 I kept hearing all abound today by mass intelligence that is Toronto sports radio, how tough the leafs last 18 games are. So I decided to look at the schedule and to my surprise it's not even bad, it's actually exactly what you would ask for if you could ask for if. Keeping in mind of course this is the NHL and you have to play different teams throughout the leafs last 18 games are. So I decided to look at the schedule and to my surprise it's not even bad, it's actually exactly what you would ask for it. 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Less than 24 hours later, the Bolts were tasked with taking down a Hurricanes team that had been playing very well as of late. The big guys came in tired, Garon was playing for the second... Posted Saturday | Comments 1 If that's the best performance the Tampa Bay Lightning are going to be able to turn out on this home stand, fans better be prepared for a wealth of disappointment. Tonight, the Hurricanes proved that you don't need the most talented roster to win in the National Hockey League; all it takes is a little hard work and a good system. The Bolts had their playoff hopes das... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 For much of the season, fans of the Philadelphia Flyers have grown accustomed to high scoring games. With a team loaded with offensive firepower in the form of 10 double-digit goal scorers and four 20 goal or more scorers, it hasn't been uncommon for the team to unload a barrage of offensive firepower against their opponents. However, those days appear to be in the... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 In a 30-team league where 16 teams make the playoffs, the policy of guaranteeing top-3 seeds (or even playoff spots, really) to division winners has always been stupid. But this season, more than any in recent memory, really drives the point home. I'm writing this on Tuesday, March 22, 2012, with the regular season about 90 percent finished. Here's the NHL top 10 by... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 Buffalo has finally done it. They are finally in a position that a lot of us would like to see them in. They're in that spot that I have been anxious about them getting into. With 5 games left in the season, Buffalo is now in charge. As of right now, Buffalo is in complete control over whether they make the playoffs. Buffalo and Washington each have 5 games left. Buf... Posted Friday | Comments 0 When the Penguins face the Sabres tonight (3/30/2012), there's a lot on the line. And due to a couple of stinkers against the Islanders, the Penguins face the Sabres tonight (3/30/2012), there's a lot on the line. them 2 points ahead of the Capitals with both teams having 4 games remaining... Posted Friday | Comments 0 I'm not ok with this loss. Buffalo goes back into a "tie" for 8th. I'll hit on what's wrong with calling it a "tie" later. Buffalo had a great game plan early in the game Buffalo played Pittsburgh with a phenomenal physical manner. They attacked them hard, fought them in the ... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 Holy cow. I mean, who saw this happening after the 1st period, down 3-0. I had Buffalo pegged for going down, but then after 2 quick ones for the Sabres, I started to think that they had another chance. Then, Buffalo went to sleep, Leaf's capitalized again,... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 Who is ready for the NHL Playoffs? Although I think the, "Because its the cup" slogan for this years playoffs is a complete miss compared to the prior, "History Will Be Made" edition. The NHL playoffs are still very easy to get geared up for regardless. If you haven't seen the highlights or watched the Buffalo/Toronto game from last night, do it now! For my boy @Brimau5, a... Posted Monday | Comments 0 Now that my team has been eliminated from the playoffs (as predicted) I can look at the playoffs objectively. Here's my take on the quarterfinal match ups in this years NHL playoffs. I'm writing on this site, click on the link below to read the whole article. Posted Monday | Comments 0 For those in the hockey world currently in their offices watching
the playoffs. Which is, currently being seen on a international stage, they must be a little cautious with the use of the phrase "This is just playoff hockey". To be clear I am not the type of fan who believes that checking should be banned or that the players cannot defend themselves. You could define me a... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 The two obvious choices to meet in the cup finals this year were, the Pittsburgh Penguins and the type of fan who believes that checking should be banned or that the players cannot defend themselves. Vancouver Canucks (sorry TSN, the monkey is looking way better now). Yet, both are less than 24 hours away from a trip to the golf course and to be quite honestly they are now looking like the lower seed in their series'... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 I watched the Flyers vs Penguins series the most this year. I also was one of the few individuals who said that the Flyers would win this series, despite what was said on nhl.com, on here, in Sports Illustrated, everywhere pretty much. However, I stood by my pick, Flyers in 6. Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 Once again, with just under a minute remaining in Game 6 of the Eastern Conference Quarterfinals Series between the top seeded New York Rangers and eighth seeded Ottawa Senators, we had some controversy in a game which already included a few questionable calls on both sides. The Rangers were leading the Senators 3-1 when agitator Chris Neil (who faked being injured jus... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 What makes a Cup Champion? It's no longer what one may think. Just because someone has a super star, or 1 All-Star caliber line doesn't guarantee a Cup. Posted Sunday | Comments 0 Conference Final Observations -Let the 1994 comparisons between the Rangers and the Devils begin. Martin Brodeur is the only remaining player from either of those squads still on the same team. Officially dubbing the Eastern Conference Finals the Penn Station Showdown, but Ghosts of Matteau works too. -Much is going to be made of Henrik Lundqvist's dominance agains... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 The ideology that Canadian players are responsible for the success of any given team is common. Farm-born Saskatchewan kids can elevate their game and play clutch hockey when it really matters. But do local boys offer any discernable advantage over American or European players to a teams success? That's what this blog is going to be about. I'm going to find out. To star... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 In the minds of many it seems a foregoing to be about. conclusion that the Flames will miss the playoffs again if there is a 2012-2013 season. The reasons range from 'lack of scoring' to 'an aging core' to 'the Flames will suck until they rebuild' and pretty much everything in between. Not so fast. Until the season begins it is impossible to accurately assess a team's c... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 Imagine you are the crew chief of an Indy Car team, and you were just informed that this year's Indianapolis 500 has been rescheduled as the "Indy 275". That's pretty much the challenge that has been put in front of NHL GMs, coaches, and players. With a 48 game scheduled as the "Indy 275". That's pretty much the challenge that has been put in front of NHL GMs, coaches, and players. With a 48 game scheduled as the "Indy 275". more of an advantage ... Posted Monday | Comments 0 We're five games into the NHL season, and it's fair to say that the Islanders do look better than many, including myself, were expecting. I believe that if Capuano wants them to make a serious push for a playoff spot, which is still quite the task, the lines need to be shuffled slightly. The Isles cannot afford to blow games with dead weight taking up a roster spot. Wi... 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They have been poor on defense the whole season, offense has been inconsistent, and 5 on 5 of late has been a struggle. Teams have succeed against them. ... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 There are about the Columbust Blue Jackets right now. Perennial losers they may be but CBJ are not letting their past stop them from making a serious push for the playoffs this season. Since February 26 the Jackets t... Posted Friday | Comments 0 Upon writing this, the Flyers just won their fourth game in a row and sit only two points out of the final playoff spots in the East. Somehow, despite key injury, this team has been finding ways to win hockey games and very well could find themselves in one of the final playoff spots in a few weeks. With that being said, I want to spend this blog analyzing ... Posted Friday | Comments 0 How many times have we seen the Buffalo Sabres do what they've done this week? The Sabres came up with 3 great wins against the Penguins, Senators, and Devils. They pulled themselves into a great position, having gotten within 4 points of the elusive 8th place seed in the Eastern Conference. Hope, for the fans of Buffalo, had been restored. Heading into Tuesday ni... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 [img:right] /img]When the Toronto Maple Leafs skated on to the ice at Air Canada Centre before an ecstatic, jam-packed crowd of 19,730, the largest crowd of the shortened season, it was a monumental moment in the history of the franchise. After all, after eight straight seasons of falling short, the Leafs had managed to earn a hard-fought fift... Posted Monday | Comments 0 It's that time of the year...Stanley Cup Playoffs. Also a perfect time to write my first blog. I may be a penguins fan but I am going to attack this from a non-biased approach. There are a couple teams this year that I believe have a legitimate chance at winning to attack this from a non-biased approach. the cup and also a couple who have little to no shot of getting anywhere close to lord Stanley's cup. So ... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 I am an optimistic person at heart. I usually look for the good in a situation and believe all things are possible...with the right determination and effort. I'll keep fighting to the end if the cause is right. But...I am also a realistic person. I can look at a situation and see it for what it is (most of the time). When I watch the Penguins play...playoff ... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 [i]Ryan Leong filling in for Cam Gore who is on assignment. Cam will be back for Game 4.[/i]rnrnLogan Couture is coming of age.rnrnCouture has been mentioned numerous times on this blog how important he is to this team and this game only punctuates how he is the unquestioned 'leader' now. 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They say that the ALL STAR team assembled in Pittsburgh, stock full of Hall of Fame like talent is an elite bunch of brats and when crunch time comes, they fold like an old picnic table. After watching the first two games of the series against the Bruins, where it seems like the Penguins are mo... xShoot4WarAmpsx writes... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 Last season marks the 1st time the Flyers have missed the playoffs under GM Paul Holmgren (Not Counting his half season after Bob Clarke Resigned). Now we will start off on things that went wrong in the 2012-2013 that lead them to missing the playoffs. The most obvious issue was Defense. First thing is the Defense Core all struggled last season. On most nights you woul... 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What if the NHL did that? It would almost certainly increase competition and avoid "tanking" during the regul... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 The Edmonton Oilers enter the coming season with high, but measured, expectations. The sky is the limit for this young squad, but putting it all together is easier said than done. Both Hall and Eberle are proving to be star talents in the league with Yakupov not far behind them. Questions surround RNH's health and size, however nobody will second guess the pure skill and v... Posted Saturday | Comments 0 I was just sitting here at work on a dreary Saturday morning doing everything but working, lamenting my beloved Oilers and wondering if things will ever get better. As there is nothing in the near future suggesting that it will, I decided to do some research into just how bad things have been for the Edmonton Oilers in the historical context of how all teams have faired s... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 For every resounding fact that proves Dave Bolland is the heart of this team and a difference maker, there are opposites stats that prove otherwise about David Clarkson. Now I am not attempting to bash Clarkson in the lineup the Leafs seem to be a less productive team. There are... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 The Philadelphia Flyers are 28 games away from the end of the regular season, and as it stands, their record is 26-22-6 in 54 games (58P), which is good enough for 3rd place in the Metropolitan Division, given they have played 1 more game than the Carolina Hurricanes (57P), and the Columbus Blue Jackets (56P). While they currently sit in a playoff spot, the two aforementio... MontrealTheTime writes... Posted Friday | Comments 0 With the trade deadline firmly in the rear-view mirror and the dust settling after a flurry of activity, we are left with a handful of NHL rosters looking significantly different than the day just days earlier. One of the rosters to go through a shake-up is that of the Montreal Canadiens, who made one of the larger splashes of the day in their acquisition of Thomas Vanek. ... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 Those Penguins got a severe taste of reality following the Olympic break, running into Chicago, Anaheim and San Jose. They were not very successful, although Marc Andre Fleury--a favorite lightning rod of mine--was able to steal 2 points for them from Anaheim. This ... Posted Monday | Comments 0 Good evening Wild fans. I would like to re-introduce myself to the hockeybuzz community, given I have been extremely busy of late and am here to make my second blog of my tenure here. The Lowdown: The last two contests the Wild have played in have given them extreme confidence. If you have only seen the results of these two games, you might think otherwise. Thanks t... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 Back on October 2nd, the Anaheim Ducks started out on a journey that is still far from over. The goal of that journey was a simple one. Over the course of an 82 game schedule where they would face every single team in the NHL, win enough games to qualify for the Stanley Cup Playoffs. And with Dallas losing tonight, that goal was finally realized, and the Ducks still have 1... Posted Thursday | Comments 4 The Phoenix Coyotes sent a major message to the rest of the league on Tuesday - don't count us out. Most analysts had already stamped the Coyote's ticket to the offseason. Why wouldn't they? The Coyote's ticket to the offseason. Why wouldn't they? Comments 0 Wild Fans, and NHL fans! Stay tuned, I will be posting a pregame with thoughts about the Wild and their recent struggles and successes before the 9:00 p.m. central time start! Go Wild Fans! It is game night in the city of Angels, and the Wild need to have a game like the had in the third period against the Coyotes on Friday. This game is key for the Wild to win to keep a comfortable lead on the Coyotes and Stars in the Western Conference Wild Card race. A story for the ages. The Wild can't seem to catch a break this year, which is Goalten... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 Yeah, I get it, the Pens are the most injured team in the NHL, and that continued with the news that Olli Maata and Jussi Jokinen joined the ranked of injured Penguins players. I also fully understand that the Penguins are post season bound, locked into the #2 seed in east, winning the ridiculously-named Metropolitan division. BUT..... There is absolutely no excuse for ... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 Yeah, I get it, the Pens are the most injured team in the NHL, and that continued with the news that Olli Maata and Jussi Jokinen joined the ranked of injured Penguins are post season bound, locked into the #2 seed in east, winning the ridiculously-named Metropolitan division. BUT..... There is absolutely no excuse for ... 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Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 As the hockey world awaits the fate of Matt Cooke for his knee-on-knee hit on Colorado's Tyson Barrie, it is perhaps worth taking a minute to think about the legacy that Cooke's career has shaped over the past decade or so. Upon doing so, one may discern certain obvious pattern' really means, for ... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 The Los Angeles Kings were down 3 games to 0, in the first round of the playoffs to the San Jose Sharks. Last night they managed to climb all the way back to even the series at 3 games apiece. [code]rnrn[/code]After the first three games... Posted Friday | Comments 0 Game One in Boston did not disappoint. The former Northeast (now Atlantic) division rivals traded blows with the Canadiens opening up a two-goal lead early in the second period on Rene Bourque's team leading fourth goal of the playoffs. 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Posted Friday | Comments 0 You can check out this post and more Dallas Stars content on [b]What's next for the Dallas Stars?[/b] Game 6 didn't end the way any of us thought it would after the Stars maintained a 2 goal lead in one way or another through 58 minutes of the game. Then the final two minutes happened and a few gaffs and some youthful inexperience... Posted Monday | Comments 0 When the Penguins lost game four of their first round series to the Blue Jackets - in about as ugly a fashion as most fans of the team could imagine - I made the comment to several different people that I thought it was a good thing and maybe the best thing (in the long run) for the team would be to lose the series and exit the playoffs early. I got the "Are you really... Posted Monday | Comments 0 The title really isn't as far fetched as you may think. Many, ok most, think we are a bottom 5 team. It is hard to not agree based on what last year brought. Hell the past couple years of decline. But this year has the potential to be different, and by different I mean not as bleak as everyone thinks. Here's why: -New management +/- 0 call it a wash -New Coach with the... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 A lot of questions remain for many including Colorado Avalanche fans after the unexpected off-season turned in by Executive Vice
President's Joe Sakic and Patrick Roy. Everyone right now are looking at the Avalanche even make the Playoffs?" It is a fair question and with-out any hesitation, a... Posted Friday | Comments 0 Here are my playoff predictions or better yet guesses for the upcoming season. I've also included some forecasts or guesses for some individual players. For general context, my idea for someone who will have a big year is an increase of say 1... Posted Saturday Comments 0 Buffalo, NY The Buffalo Sabres, currently 8th in the Atlantic Division with a record of 14-26-3 are down but certainly not out. At roughly the halfway point of the 2014-2015 season, Buffalo center Tyler Ennis and Coach Ted Nolan are confident that the team can still turn things around and make a run for the Cup this spring. Despite a seven game skid, the team's scorin... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 [b]Follow me on Twitter: /b] There are plenty of words that could describe the Avs' recent five-game road trip. The simplest way to put it is 'not good enough.' Colorado went 1-2-2 in the five-game road trip. The simplest way to put it is 'not good enough.' won five straight coming in. "Looking back at t... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 As a reward for winning the Atlantic Division and claiming home ice advantage for at least the first 2 rounds the Canadians get to face one of, if not, the hottest teams in the NHL. The Senators have been on a tear and against insurmountable odds completed an historic comeback claiming a spot in the 2015 playoffs. This alone is a tremendous story and everyone who loves spo... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 By now, in the myriad of news articles and videos; we can all see the damage done and we'll all fall on one side of the fence or another. Here's an idea: Suspend Subban - not the league, but the team. Sure, it's a little bit of a wild notion but it might help clear the air, focus on hockey and show the Senators just how strong the Habs are . 1) The Habs are very... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 Wow, the last 3 seasons have really flown by. It's hard to believe that four seasons ago this team was almost dead last. Words like "rebuild" and "developmental" were commonly seen on the Oiler threads. In the last three seasons we've seen this team narrowly miss out on a second round appearance, watch an exciting Western Conference final with the Winnipeg Jets, and of cou... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 Finally, the playoffs are over. Thank goodness. The drudgery! Who cares? Make fun of me if you would like. I was bored to tears after the first round of the playoffs and I didn't watch many games thereafter. I've been bored after the first round of the playoffs for a long time. Truth be told, the three most exciting playoff teams I've ever watched were Toronto, Phi... Posted Wednesday | Comments 1 As it stands, the Florida Panthers have an 8 point lead in the Atlantic division. The Panthers have been playing great hockey and have been scoring a ton (4th most in the east, and only 2 goals back of being in second behind the Caps!). Shocking for anyone, let alone a Panthers fan. On top of that, they have the second lowest goals against thanks to a stellar season thu... Posted Saturday | Comments 3 The short answer yes, the real answer no. Now why do I say this. Well it's simple if all goes well leafs have a competitive shot. So here is a scenario to play out. A. Leafs get Matthews and he plays lil Mcdavid or they sign stamens and get Matthews and he plays lil Mcdavid or they sign stamens and get Matthews B. Nylander's gets close to 60points same as Kadri and Jvr C. bernier has a consistent straight thru solid year D. zaitse... Posted Saturday | Comments 0 Do I think the leafs will make the playoffs next year, no. That being said here is what I think the lineup could look like. Forwards: Komarov - Kadri - Soshnikov Nylander - Matthews - Van Riemsdyke Parenteau - Bozak - Brown Michaelek - Laich - Greening Defense: Rielly - Marincin Zaitsev - Gardiner Hunwick - Carrick Extra - Corrado Goalies: Bernier Gustavs... Posted Saturday | Comments 0 Eastern Conference 1 KINGSTON FRONTENACS (46-17-5) vs8 OSHAWA GENERALS (27-33-8) Top Prospects Kingston: LW Michael Dal Colle (NYI), LW Lawson Crouse (FLA), D Ronald McKeown (CAR), RW Spencer Watson (LA), Lucas Peressini Oshawa: C Anthony Cirelli (TBL) 2 BARRIE COLTS (43-22-3) vs7 MISSISSAUGA STEELHEADS (33-30-5) Top Prospects Barrie: RW Kevin ... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 The rankings will give a point 1 gets 30, and 30th gets point Enhanced Stats: SAT 1. LA Kings, 2. Pittsburgh Penguins, 3. Anaheim Ducks, 4. Nashville, 5. Dallas, 6. Tampa, 7. St Louis, 8. Detroit, 9. Toronto, 10. San Jose, 11. Carolina, 12. Winnipeg, 13. Montreal, 14. Washington, 15. Chicago, 16, Philadelphia, 17. NYI, 18. Boston, a team with 42 wins, doesn't make the playoffs while other teams with 41 wins do because they've made the most of the consolation point. Especially disgusting among those three teams is Minnesota, with a meager 38 wins on the season. Let's just change the point. Shootout losses = 0 poin... Posted Friday | Comments 0 Eastern Conference: Washington X-Factor - Kuznetsov, Why Ovechkin alone cannot carry a team, hes great always showed character in the playoffs and wants that cup, he needs the other Russian to prove that Russia can dominate in the playoffs is always better than 1. Florida - Jagr - He is the... Posted Friday | Comments 2 The 2016 NHL Stanley Cup Playoffs have been intense and physical thus far. There are multiple series that are three games to one, followed up with pushing, shoving, name-calling, and fist-flying. However, this blog will discuss the dominating issues in the game that have been trending over the past several days. The major issue has come from the Chicago Blackhawks - St... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 Match Ups: Round One Hershey Bears v. Portland Pirates Toronto Marlies v. Bridgeport Sound Tigers San Diego Gulls v. Texas Stars Ontario Reign v. San Jose Barracuda Lake Erie Monsters v. Rockford Ice Hogs Millauawke v. Grand Rapids Griffins Providence Bruins v. Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins Albany Devils v. Utica Comets Predictions Hershey i... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 The first round of the NHL Stanley Cup Playoffs will draw to a close on Wednesday, the round one matchup (game 7) is between the Pacific Division winning Mighty Ducks of Anaheim and the first wild card team Nashville Predators. The series has been a sea saw battle as these teams are on the sa... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 So the current format has had some very good teams play against each other. It appears there needs to be some sort of re-formatting necessary. We found an interesting article on line with a pretty good proposal, along with changes to the lottery draft. You can read it all here: ... Posted Monday | Comments 2 AHL: Eastern Conference Hershey Bears v. Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins Prediction: Bears in 6 Toronto Marlies v. Albany Devils Prediction: Marlies in 5 Western

Conference Ontario Reign v. San Diego Gulls Prediction: Gulls in 7 Lake Erie Monsters v. Grand Rapids Griffins Prediction: Monsters in 7 OHL London Knights v. Niagara Ice Dogs ... Posted Monday | Comments 1 Aside from the draft lottery occurring at the end of April, there is still hockey in session in early May. In the Stanley Cup Playoffs: San Jose leads Nashville 2-0 St. Louis and Dallas are tied 1-1 Tampa Bay and New York are tied 1-1 In the CHL: Seattle and Brandon are facing off for the WHL Championship, and mo... Posted Saturday | Comments 0 Frustrating, soul crushing, disappointing are just a few words that can be used to describe the feeling among all in Islander country after a 2-1 overtime loss to the Tampa Bay Lightning in game 4 of this eastern conference semi-final matchup. The lightning now have a commanding 3-1 lead in this best of 7 series with a chance to close it out Sunday back in Tampa Bay. The I... Posted Tuesday | Comments 2 Welcome to my NHL Playoff Thoughts blog, the second round edition. Thus far, there has been plenty of changes in management, and we have our Conference Final matchups. As for the management changes, there have been changes of guard in six teams- Arizona, Florida, Minnesota, Ottawa, Anaheim, and Calgary. The Coyotes made a gutsy move in promoting assistant general m... Posted Sunday | Comments 0 so looking through my blue and white goggles ive come up with a few scenarios that the leafs could take from now to the next season and see if maybe this team could be a playoff team/contender in 1-2 or 3 years down the road. defender to go along side morgan rielly if w... Buffalo--Sabres writes... Posted Friday | Comments 0 Last evening the Sabres won what I consider their most exciting game in close to 10 years with a 3rd period comeback win over a very good NY Rangers team. I felt a level of excitement I haven't felt about the Sabres in about just as long and I know I'm not the only one. Through the TV could hear the crowd roar at the Key Bank Center(aka downtown arena) like they had in the... Posted Saturday | Comments 0 I need to say I'm confused lately about all the talk out there that the Sharks would be so much better off against the Oilers than the Ducks, Kings or any of the other hopefuls they might meet in round one. I don't know if people haven't been watching the Oilers in recent months, or if they iddn't notice the last game the Sharks played against them, or if they're thin... Posted Friday | Comments 0 If we've learned anything over the years, you never count out Getzlaf and Perry; and to the Ducks' daunting d-corps, add in forwards the likes of Silfverberg, Rakell, and Eaves, and it's only a matter of time until they start paddling - or is it swimming? - their way up the standings. I would expect no less of the Kings, although time is quickly running out on th... Posted Saturday | Comments 0 After the last two games - giving up 13 goals while scoring only a couple - there's really not much to say about the Sharks right now. I half-joked about bringing the Barracuda up en masse in my last post, but now I say, what can it hurt? I'll be posting a piece on Marc Edouard Vlasic soon but I'm going to have to pre-empt myself by suggesting that if the Shar... Posted Wednesday | Comments 1 Every year the media comes up with all these story-lines for the teams that eventually do succeed as if everyone should have known all along that they were going to. During Anaheim's miraculous 2003 run, it was that they won a lot of one goal games so they were used to playing under pressure. Some of the biggest miraculous 2003 run, it was that they are going to. During Anaheim's miraculous 2003 run, it was that they are used to playing under pressure. 5-3 in the first round decent predictions. Best one is predictions. Best one is predicting the leafs to make a series with the caps but still ultimately lose. Western Preds Over Blues in 5 This was a toss up but the blues are not paying to their capabilities and the preds have decent forward and the BEST defense in all of the playoffs and a streaky goaltender. 6 I a... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 I have been a casual fan of New Jersey Devils (NJD) since the 2011-2012 Stanley Cup Finals push and like to run small analysis on the team every now and then. I also am the fan that argues with friends trying to prove how NJD is better as a team than other teams. Enough about me, lets dive into the reason why I have this Blog. The Final Push for playoffs. NJD have 15 g... INSIDEEDGEHOCKE writes... Posted Wednesday | Comments 0 THE DEBATE - Hockey Podcast | Episode 21 Rule Controversy, Serious Cup Contenders, and Playoff Format Debate 1 | Offsides/Goalie Interference solutions - General Managers Meetings. Debate 2 | Serious Stanley Cup Contenders Debate 3 NHL Stanley Cup Playoff formats - What system do you like? Brad Burud and Blake Friars discuss offside controversy, and go... Posted Monday | Comments 0 This year's playoff hunt has now hit boiling point. In both conferences, x teams are yoing for x - 1 spots, so two teams are going to lose their respective games of musical chairs. I think what irritates me about this scenario is that both of these teams that fail to make the playoffs will quite likely end up with a higher than true 500 stat (that is 41+ wins) and es... INSIDEEDGEHOCKE writes... Posted Tuesday | Comments 0 THE DEBATE - Hockey Podcast | Episode 22 Hart Trophy Race, Burning ELC Contracts, and In or Out of Playoffs? Debate 1 | The race for the Hart Trophy. Debate 2 | Should teams burn a year on an entry level contract by having players play games after their college season ends. Debate 3 | In or Out? The Playoff Race is on. Brad Burud and Blake Friars discuss t... INSIDEEDGEHOCKE writes... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 THE DEBATE -Hockey Podcast | Episode 23 2018 Stanley Cup Preview and Predictions Debate 3 |2018 Eastern Conference Stanley Cup Playoff Preview/Predictions Brad Burud and Blake Friars are pumped and ready to get the Stanley Cup Playof... INSIDEEDGEHOCKE writes... Posted Monday | Comments 0 THE DEBATE - Hockey Podcast | Episode 24 Stanley Cup Incidents and 2-0 Series Recap Debate 3 |Western Conference Series Recap Brad Burud and Blake Friars are all fired up about week one of the Stanle... INSIDEEDGEHOCKE writes... 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Western Conference: Central: 1. Nashville Predators - 113 pts A closer figh... Posted Thursday Comments 0 A few days ago, I predicted the sharks would miss the playoffs in 2019. I felt that Chicago would push up and have a comeback season after a disaster 2018 and that Colorado's current starter Semyon Varlamov. But as off today, Multiple reports have said that th... INSIDEEDGEHOCKE writes... Posted Thursday | Comments 0 THE DEBATE - Hockey Podcast | Episode 56 Playoff Format and Playo opponent? or Should it stay as is? They definitely have their opinions on this one. Then it is time to argue what goalies ar... Posted Saturday | Comments 1 A lot of rabble rousing has occurred this season with Toronto and Boston headed on a third date, and know what third dates mean. It means Toronto fans get really unhappy because their team gets ... again. So when the Toronto fan base is angry, it causes a rumble in the hockey world, largely because they have the greatest influence over the network that arguably still h... Michael OConnor writes... Posted Thursday | Comments 1 There is no question that the Winnipeg Jets have been lucky to find themselves in playoff contention given the multiple missing pieces on their blue line. It was no surprise that the big man, Tyler Myers left town in pursuit of a lucrative deal with the Canucks. However, the loss of Dustin Byfuglien was a bit more surprising. Despite having a number of good seasons with... Michael OConnor writes... Posted Friday | Comments 9 After tonight, there is no reason why the Sharks could not make a push into the playoffs. Sure, the division has many competitive teams, but none are taking control of their destiny. The Canucks lost to an outdated Minnesota roster, and to make things worse, Pettersson missed the game due to a lower body injury. Jay Beagle and Jake Virtanen were injured as well, but cam... Posted Tuesday | Comments 24 With the United States' Center for Disease Control issuing a recommendation of a nationwide eight-week moratorium on gatherings of 50 or more people (and just to clarify, you need more than 50 people, even at minimum, to run empty-arena games), rumors abound of what the NHL can do, if anything, to save some form of 2019-2020 season while still remaining compliant with th... Posted Friday | Comments 16 1. Cancel the MHL draft (picks would just all move back a year, so if you have 3 1sts this year, you get them next year instead). There was an opportunity in 2005 absolutely wasted. They could have simply cancelled the draft and changed the minimum draft age to 19* *Every year, up to three to five players at 18 are NHL ready. Sometimes none are ready. Perhaps if y... Posted Thursday | Comments 3 The regular season kicks off tonight for the Columbus Blue Jackets where they do battle with the Nashville Predators at the Bridgestone Arena in Nashville, Tennessee with a empty crowd. This is the how the season will go for the most part. Empty. Fanless. Temporarily. Talk is that may change in Tennessee. Tune into Fox Sports Ohio or Fox Sports Ohio with how this team has ended up. Bruce Cassidy and his Bruins have played three games, ending up with the current record of 1 win, 1 loss, and 1 overtime loss. This team needs a serious shake-up, they do not have a single even-... Posted Friday | Comments 0 Avalanche, Golden Knights and Lightning are extremely strong. Likely end of story. In the first round I predict two upsets. They will be Nashville over Carolina and Montreal over Carolina will be the result of playoff experience. Still will go 7 games. ... Posted Saturday | Comments 11 NOTE: This blog was written after game 5. Though just now made the home screen. Sorry, but not sorry. Prom game one he had fans collectively scratching their heads at him holding out Kotkaniemi, Romanov an... Posted Wednesday | Comments 16 Earlier today Brendan Shanahan stated that the Leafs "are going to get this done, with this group that we have." While as a fan of the team and a huge supporter of Marner and Matthews to say that is a possibility, here lies the issue. different results." The duo makes a combined \$22,... Posted Friday | Comments 8 The year was 2012 and Galchenyuk was selected No.3 overall by the Montreal Canadiens. Recognized as an offensive threat dating back to his days with the Sarnia Sting, Galchenyuk's ability to get on the scoresheet was undeniable. Defensively not as strong of a player, but sometimes the risk is worth the reward. [u][b]OHL[/b][/u] In 101 games with the Sting Galchenyuk p... Posted Sunday | Comments 65 Another year and yet another loss. Every year it becomes more excuses. So here comes every leaf fan's favourite part. How to fix the leafs? To solve this problem, lets look at what happened. The leafs had a great regular season of more consistency than usual. But throughout the season, small items looked to become bigger. Thornton was showing his age each day. Near the ... Posted Sunday | Comments 52 Since the Leafs season ended in disappointment in a round one loss to the Montreal Canadiens, it has left many fans and management wondering and questioning what can be done to improve this roster? With the cap constraints as a result of the flat-cap, and the star forwards of this team, it will be interesting to see how the Leafs tackle on signing free agents of the team o...

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