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Wild news: Insider drops blunt reminder on Marco Rossi trade buzz

<https://youtu.be/5PDEQUMQmxI?list=PLo12SYwt93SRUhoFJlaoxYuWsC7Ah2JUF&t=2542>

6.20.25

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Elliott Friedman: I just wanted to remind everybody there's been a lot of rumors flying around about Rossi I I just wanted to remind everybody that Minnesota has made it very clear if they're making this trade they're not making their team worse like there there's a lot of talk going out there right now and I think one of the real challenges to making trades at this time is that everybody is trying to get better basically with the exception of Pittsburgh Pittsburgh.

Talking Points:

With rumors flying around that the Canucks and others are interested in trading for Marco Rossi, Friedman reminds everyone that the Wild won't be trading him unless they improve their team.

<https://theprovince.com/sports/hockey/nhl/vancouver-canucks/canucks-make-trade-offer-for-wilds-marco-rossi>

The Flyers could be another team interested in trading for Rossi but will they match what the Canucks are willing to pay for him.

The Canucks have been rumored to give up their 15th overall pick plus a player as well according to The Athletic's Mike Russo.

Canucks news: Insider responds to Canucks frustration over Rich Tocchet, Flyers buzz

https://youtu.be/_JiPs4uFMrQ?list=PLo12SYwt93SRUhoFJlaoxYuWsC7Ah2JUF&t=1944

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Elliott Friedman: I couldn't see a situation where the Canucks were going to make Tocchet coach next year under his option and I think that the Canucks have not been happy with the noise around Tocchet and Philadelphia. Between hearing some of that and what I said I think they've made their displeasure quite clear around the league, potentially the Flyers, and to the league itself. I think this was their way of coming out and saying hey Rick Tocchet is our coach. As Tocchet has said himself, the season is not over. We have some contractual rights here and we are going to ask that those be respected.

Elliott Friedman: I still do think they want to extend him, I also think it was their goal to say hey, as I wrote, if he's coaching next year, he's our coach. We have the right to have him coach whether we exercise our option or we extend him. I think that was the Canucks way of reminding everybody how this is going to work.

Talking Points:

Friedman said the Canucks want to extend Tocchet but will exercise his option if they have to.

Friedman had been reporting of the Flyers interest in him, which was upsetting the Canucks.

The Flyers just let John Tortorella go, which opened up the buzz.

The Canucks are 34 – 28 and outside of the wild card spots in the Western Conference at the moment.

**Flyers news: Insider unpacks final straw on
John Tortorella firing**

<https://youtu.be/54Tk9FDK-Jk?t=481>

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Elliott Friedman: I just think it was getting harder and harder, and they get pummeled in Toronto. Now I wasn't there in Toronto, I was in Edmonton going to Winnipeg, but initially when I heard those quotes, that was Tortorella trying to deflect from the players. Like he was like oh this stunk, it's the biggest stage in the league, I don't want my players to wear it all, so I thought it was kind of him trying to put the spotlight on himself so the players didn't have to eat it all. That was my first reaction. I started to hear some rumors on Wednesday that those comments weren't being well received in the dressing room and in the front office.

Elliott Friedman: I think there were some pretty tough conversations and ultimately the decision was made on Thursday morning to make the change. Briere made a point of saying that wasn't the reason but I do think it was the whipped cream on the sundae.

Talking Points:

Friedman believes the final straw for John Tortorella before he was fired was comments he made after a 7 – 2 loss to the Maple Leafs. He said:

"When you're in this type of situation and you're losing all the time, and there's nothing at the end of the tunnel for you, there's certainly going to be some frustration. But, this falls on me. I'm not really interested in learning how to coach in this type of season, where we're at right now. But I have to do a better job. So this falls on me, getting the team prepared to play the proper way until we get to the end."

<https://sports.yahoo.com/nhl/article/flyers-fire-john-tortorella-after-rebuilding-comments-reported-verbal-altercation-with-cam-york-131814776.html>

He took blame for the loss but made it seem as if he doesn't have interest in coaching the team much more.

NHL news: Insider drops reality check on NHL expansion concerns

<https://youtu.be/KR2M4UtDYBQ?t=552>

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Elliott Friedman: If both cities need new facilities, is there one that can go quicker than the other and secondly I've heard there is concern that there just isn't enough talent to expand by 2 teams at once. I think they're prepared to think about 2 teams staggered, but I'm not sure they're ready to do 2 teams at once.

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Elliott Friedman: The big issue in Houston is that Tilman Fertitta, who owns the NBA Rockets, while he's shown some interest in the NHL, he's never shown it at the number that the NHL wants. A few years ago Fertitta met with the league and he said I'm interested, and he wanted another tenant for his building but his offer was low. What he was willing to pay was low. I believe, although I have never been told for sure, it has been hinted to me that it was lower than the expansion fees that were paid, Vegas \$500 and Seattle \$650 and the NHL is not going to go there.

Talking Points:

Friedman also points out that billionaire Dan Friedkin is now in the mix to become the owner of a Houston franchise in the NHL and that he would be interested in building his own arena, not using the Rockets.

Friedman says he believes the expansion price is more like around \$2 billion at this point.

Friedman doesn't believe the NHL will add 2 teams at once but they'll stagger them.

Sabres news: Insider takes blame for Rasmus Dahlin trade request buzz

<https://youtu.be/Q2nblfgxXS0?t=1459>

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Elliott Friedman: This is kind of my fault okay, I'm not getting into it any deeper than that but it's kind of my fault. So last week Dahlin

requested a meeting with Kevyn Adams and I think he just wanted to know what's our Direction. What are you thinking, and where are we going. And you know I think look like, nobody wants to lose especially not for as long as the Sabers have and I think the fans understand that the Sabers understand that I don't think any ultimatum was delivered at all, but like the Sabers know that their guys aren't going to be happy if they don't start turning things around. I think more importantly in this particular case, I think Dahlin really appreciated to opportunity to hear from the GM where they were going.

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Elliott Friedman: I heard that Dahlin left that meeting satisfied with what he heard and now they just have to put it into action.

Talking Points:

Friedman says he doesn't think Dahlin wants to leave the Sabres, and after speaking with Kevyn Adams he wants to stay but see them turn things around.

Paul Bissonnette had made the remarks that Dahlin wanted to leave on his 'Spittin' Chiclets' podcast and Dahlin pushed back against the report.

Friedman says he takes blame for the rumor, maybe he means his reporting that Dahlin met with the front office is where Bissonnette got the idea he wanted out from?

Rangers news: NHL Insider's eye-opening theory on why Igor Shesterkin rejected \$88M offer

<https://www.sportsnet.ca/podcasts/32-thoughts/its-macklins-world/>

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Elliott Friedman: Shesterkin is the best player on the Rangers and his representatives are saying he should be paid as if he's the best player on the Rangers. Right now the highest paid guy is Panarin, very deserving too. He is at \$11.64M, slightly more. The highest paid goalie in NHL history is Price at \$10.5M and the Rangers, while they're willing to make Shesterkin the highest paid goalie, we've already established that they are not willing to go there.

Talking Points:

Friedman believes the hold up is that Shesterkin wants to be the highest paid player on the Rangers roster.

Friedman points out that Shesterkin would be the highest paid goalie if he were to accept the offer. Carey Price's \$10.5M for the Canadiens is currently the highest paid.

Right now Artemi Panarin's \$11.6M per year is the 4th highest in the NHL.

If Shesterkin earns more than Panarin it would be wild considering the Top 5 contracts per year right now all go to Forwards.

Elliote Friedman Was Told The Penguins Will Trade Away A Goalie

<https://podcasts.apple.com/ca/podcast/six-degrees-of-chris-chelios/id1332150124?i=1000646876384>

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Elliote Friedman: Someone actually called me on Sunday morning and told me there's been some talk around Pittsburgh that the Penguins are going to trade a goalie. Now initially my assumption was (Alex) Nedeljkovic. He's making one five, he's a UFA after this year. I know he had a really rough night in that game last week that they lost

on Thursday night, the one in overtime against the Islanders but generally he's been very good, and I can see some teams who need a 1b who could really use him. But somebody said that this is not limited to Nedeljkovic, that I think teams have asked about (Tristan) Jarry, teams have asked about (Joel) Blomqvist, who's their top prospect, who has played very well in Wilkes-Barre this year.

Talking Points:

The Penguins have said last week that they're trying to get some younger players in to build around the older veterans like Sidney Crosby. Trading away one of the goalies could help them bring in some younger talent.

Why Rangers Rookie Matt Rempe Needs To Be Cautious Trading Blows With NHL Vets

<https://podcasts.apple.com/ca/podcast/six-degrees-of-chris-chelios/id1332150124?i=1000646876384>

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Elliott Friedman: I'm caught up in it, Rempe's young, he doesn't want to say no to anybody. He understands that some of these veterans are giving him a chance so he has to give other people a chance but now you also have to say okay it's not good for him to be doing this every night, (Mathieu) Olivier is a tough customer. The other thing is I got a text from somebody who is watching the game and I thought this was a very fair point. He said that Rempe still needs to learn how to defend himself before he does this all the time.

Talking Points:

Rangers Rookie Matt Rempe took a pretty rough beating from Blue Jackets Mathieu Olivier.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n3XZkWInSVg>

Before that he fought Flyers Nicolas Deslauriers

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZfYu313qxzc>

Elliott Friedman Throws Cold Water On Noah Hanifin To Tampa Rumors

<https://podcasts.apple.com/ca/podcast/the-devil-is-in-the-details/id1332150124?i=1000646612565>

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Elliott Friedman: I think a bunch of these teams down here are trying to figure out who does he want to extend with. There's been a lot of rumors about Tampa. I just don't think Tampa can make the trade, I don't see it. Like I'm looking at their prospect base are they going to trade Isaac Howard?

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Elliott Friedman: I don't know if I see that, like I don't see that. You know I was looking up and down their roster. Does Erik Černák make any sense? I don't know, I just don't see what the deal is for Tampa Bay that they're going to be able to make with Calgary here.

Talking Points:

Despite Noah Hanifin reportedly saying he would extend with the Lightning, Friedman says the hold up is that the Lightning might not be able to get a deal done with Calgary.

<https://www.nhltraderumors.me/2024/02/insider-hanifin-expresses-team-held.html>

Elliott Friedman Names Four Destinations For Noah Hanifin

<https://podcasts.apple.com/ca/podcast/the-devil-is-in-the-details/id1332150124?i=1000646612565>

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Elliott Friedman: There's Tampa, but what's the trade? There's Boston, there's Jersey, and there's Florida. I always assume I'm missing someone. Like I said, I think Toronto but they'd prefer a righty would've been interested but he's not signing there, and there's no doubt in my mind I'm missing something I always know there are scenarios I'm not seeing.

Talking Points: Friedman says four teams are potential trade destinations:

Tampa Bay Lightning, Boston Bruins, New Jersey Devils, and Florida Panthers.

Could Erik Karlsson Return To Ottawa?

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Elliott Friedman: Well look they're looking for right hand D right. They went big after Tanev and they're still interested in Tanev. The other thing to is that's one way Pittsburgh could get younger.

Talking Points:

Karlsson is going to be turning 34 this May, and President of Hockey Operations for Pittsburgh, Kyle Dubas, has said he wants to find ways for Pittsburgh to get younger.

Sidney Crosby (36) & Evgeni Malkin (37) are part of the core older players that Dubas says he'd like to bring in younger players to build around so trading away Karlsson for younger talent could make sense.

Elliote Friedman Connects Mark Hunter To Columbus Blue Jackets GM Job

<https://podcasts.apple.com/ca/podcast/kek%C3%A4%C3%A4inen-out-and-jack-hughes-heel-turn/id1332150124?i=1000645579546>

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Elliote Friedman: The first guy who jumps into my head was Mark Hunter and you know the reason that Mark Hunter jumps into my head is because, Rick Nash, London Knight. Basil McRae owned the London Knights with the Hunter Brothers, and Basil McRae's in the front office there.

Talking Points:

Hunter has experience in the front office with the Toronto Maple Leafs, where he was the Director of Player Personnel, as well as his time running the London Knights of the OHL.

Dallas Stars Linked To Chris Tanev

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Elliott Friedman: Dallas I think is looking for a right shot D, like a (Chris) Tanev type or maybe somebody with term, I don't think they want to give up a one for a rental.

Talking Points:

Chris Tanev's Calgary Flames are in sell mode, and he's been rumored to be on someone they're looking to move.

Elliott Friedman Believes Boston Lost Out On Lindholm Deal Over Extension

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Elliott Friedman: There was a report, I don't know where it came from, I know it's been out there, I'm sorry it's been a whirlwind, but where there was one team that was not willing to make the deal without an extension, and I don't know this for sure but to me that screams Boston. Because Boston has a need for the player. They did it with Hampus Lindholm, they like to get guys signed, and the other thing about Boston, one of the things about them this year, and they're having another really good year, they went all in last year. Sweeney pushed the chips in last year. You can't do that every year.

Hunter Brzustewicz Is The Wildcard In Lindholm Trade

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Elliott Friedman: I think that is the true x-factor of the deal, by the way I did look into this. He was drafted in 2023, when you're drafted out of a CHL team like he was. The NHL team has the rights for 2 years. So the Flames have his draft rights until 2025. I asked them if they thought they would be able to sign him, they didn't comment, but somebody reached out to me who's got contacts in Ontario, and they said that they don't think at this point and time, they don't think that's going to be a problem. They've told me that they've heard that he's open minded about the opportunity to play in Calgary and that's the most important thing on the kids mind is he just wants to know that he'll have a chance to play in an organization, and I have no reason to believe that wouldn't happen with the Flames. I agree with you he's the X-factor of this deal, he's the player that will go one way or another in determining how successful (the deal turns out).

Friedman On Potential Chris Tanev Destinations

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Elliott Friedman: I've talked about Toronto a lot, I think that Toronto really likes Tanev and would like to get him. I think Ottawa, we've reported. I just don't know, like to me if Tanev is going to Ottawa, that's a summer move, I don't see it as happening right now. I think there's other teams for Tanev. I think there's quite a few and I think there's a few that they can deal him to without permission and there's a few they would need permission but I'm sure they will treat Tanev right and run anything by him. But I've got to think there's more teams whether it's a New Jersey, or a Tampa.