

2021 March 14 Stream Scheme

Ladies and gentlemen welcome BACK once again to the greatest fantasy hockey podcast that focuses on streaming players for the upcoming week! It's THE STREEEEAM SCHEEEEME! We won't be talking about your superstars like your Connor McDavid's or your Leon Draisaitl's here, no siree bob. Here we get down to the nitty gritty. The dark depths of fantasy hockey that those OTHER podcasts are too scared to touch.

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Hopefully everyone is coming off a win. And I know last week I told you guys my team was gonna lose, and believe me, I should have lost. I was already down to Lewis of Short Shifts by like 20 or something and he had more guys playing that Sunday. But then I was thinking to myself, I said how can I get through to my guys? I've tried name changes, logo changes, cutting people, trading everyone, I was running out of ideas.

But then I was talking to my friend Osk about my problem, telling him about how my team was so bad, and I couldn't figure out how to get them to remember to just do better. Luckily, Osk is a generational talent in writing jingles, so he got to work. And then before the games started last Sunday, he gathered my squad together and played this for them-

♪ Stop bein' bad
You just gotta do better
C'mon don't be sad
You're gonna figure it out
And when you know where you went wrong don't ever do it again
Don't ever do it again!
You just gotta do bettter ♪

And wouldn't you know it? It worked! My team stormed back on Sunday and won by POINT ZERO FIVE points. Which man, that point zero five point lead lasted all of the third period and all through overtime as well, and ooooooh what a ruuuush! Not only that, but that jingle must have stuck in my guys head all this week, I know I've had it stuck in my head, because my team came to play this week as well as I beat first place Stat Attack host Marcos, so really- that jingle was what finally turned my team around.

So big shout out to Osk for the jingle, make sure to check him out on twitter AT pigdeon, spelled with a d after the g. His jingles have even got on Last Week Tonight with John Oliver, so make sure to give him a follow.

But we still got a lot of work to do- I gotta make sure that all of you guys that still have a shot at the playoffs make it in! But before we get to this week's streamer picks real quick we gotta review how we did last week because we're all about accountability here on the Stream Scheme.

Ryan Getzlaf- This is what I get for picking a bunch of Ducks. I knew it was a bad idea when I did it, but not only that as I mentioned last week I was going actually stream 4 Ducks, and the one that I decided against was Adam Henrique who would have hit for us this week, so just my luck. Getzlaf had only one point in four games, I just probably need to avoid the Ducks for the rest of the season. They had 6 goals on Monday and I felt GREAT, but then they proceeded to score just 2 goals in their other 3 games this week, so yeah big L here on Getzlaf and drop him off your team.

Alex Iafallo- We said last we week “Man we haven't streamed Iafallo in a while, it's probably because he burned us too many times in the past and just enough time had passed that we forgot about it.” And yup, that's exactly what happened. Now he wasn't THAT bad, Iafallo did score a goal on Wednesday but then he was out on Friday because he was sick? Yeah well I'm sick of having you as a streamer. The bad part is that LA has one of the best schedules of the week this week as well so I can't even say he's dead to me, because if you picked up Iafallo you gotta hold on to him for next week as well unfortunately. But I'm not gonna call this one a loss quite yet, I'll call this an OT loss because he might play and score today on Sunday.

Jesper Kotkaniemi- was our best forward streamer of the week, we told you guys he was getting the best deployment of anyone in Montreal and that turned out to be true, as he had 3 points in 4 games this week even despite the Canadiens only scoring 3 goals total in their 3 losses this week, yeah that new coach sure is working out well for em eh? I have no idea how Kotkaniemi is still only rostered in just 9 percent of Yahoo leagues, that's a whole lotta clown leagues people. If Kotkaniemi is still available in your league you need to absolutely scoop him up- he's hot, he's still getting great deployment, and Montreal has a great schedule this next week as well. But yeah, an easy win on Kotkaniemi here.

***Josh Norris-** BUH BUH BUUUUUST. This is what I get for not following my heart. I originally had Mikheyev here who didn't do great this week but still did better than Norris. This one's on me. Trying to get too analytical. That's not what this podcast is about. The Stream Scheme is all about gut feels and gut punches, always go with your first instinct. Big loss here on Josh Norris, I might have a hard time picking any more Senators this year. I kinda get a feeling that as we get closer to the playoffs we might see a lot more of this past week where teams are just shutting down Ottawa hard. But we'll see.

***Jesse Puljujarvi-** Speaking of guys that I picked because they have a great schedule, speaking of guys that really grind my gears- JESSE FREAKING PULJUJARVI. ARE YOU FREAKING KIDDING ME PULJUJARVI? YOUR TEAM SCORES SIXTEEN GOALS IN 3 GAMES AND YOU CAN'T GET IN ON ONE OF THOSE? NOT ONE. THE DISRESPECT. THE ABSOLUTE DISRESPECT. GET OUT OF HERE PULJUJARVI. DO NOT TALK TO ME OR MY SON EVER AGAIN. YOU'RE DEAD TO US. AND NO, I'M NOT GONNA SAY A FEW WORDS OR GET A PROPER SEND OFF TO WAIVER WIRE ISLAND. NO, YOU ARE DENIED VALHALLA BUDDY. SMELL YA LATER. SMELL YA LATER FOREVER. Uggggggh. So yeah, needless to say, big loss here on Puljujarvi.

Kevin Shattenkirk- Came up big for us, 3 points in 3 games is an easy win here, but then what happened to

Cam Fowler- ? I mean I guess I know what happened. I even said it, Cam Fowler was on an unsustainable run whenever I picked up. Foolish, foolish decision. I will admit. So a big win on Shattenkirk, a big loss on Fowler. Either way you're going to have to drop all of your Ducks because Anaheim has a bad schedule this upcoming week.

Kris Russell- Big ol' loss on Kris Russell as well, and again- foolish of me to think he could maybe fall into a couple of points when he already did that at the very end of the week just prior, but also that Russell was maybe finding his groove with his perifs when I literally called him out of the retirement home to be a streamer. I mean the man got injured and missed the game Friday, I gotta imagine he probably got injured blocking a shot. Either than or it's just an injury from being 68 years old. These things will happen. Father time is undefeated. So, dumb pick, that's on me. Another L here for Kris Russell, even though he got injured. I'm a man of honor, I'm not gonna say this pick shouldn't count because of the injury when I know it was a bad pick. I'll take the loss.

Denis Gurianov- One of my few good calls this week, I knew Gurianov was due, he actually scored after I recorded the podcast last week too, which was good because had he scored before then it would've scared me off. But Gurianov came through for us, scoring 2 points in 3 games this week and plays today on Sunday as well, so that's a dub for us, and if you picked up Gurianov hold on to him as Dallas has a good schedule this week as well, and pick him up if he's there, Gurianov is still just 20 percent rostered right now.

Tyler Pitlick- Not a bad week 1 goal in 3 games, 10 KKUPFL points going into his 4th game of the week today on Sunday. And Pitlick is still getting heavy minutes for the Coyotes so I'm pretty confident he'll at the very minimum be able to get some perifs for us tonight to get us to 12 KKUPFL points for the week and for ludicrous streamer, that's a dub, albeit a close one. And even though Pitlick is still getting good deployment and minutes unfortunately you still gotta drop him because Arizona has a bad schedule this next week.

So that's 4 for 10 overall, one of our few bad weeks this year. Hey, I can't be perfect folks. If I was I wouldn't have a real job I would just live in Vegas in a mansion with my trophy wife Svetlana. So that's a loss overall for the week unfortunately but for now I'm gonna count it as an overtime loss, because technically speaking Iafallo and Norris playing today so really one of those guys could go off so for now let's call it 5-1-1 on the season, with that overtime loss turning into either a true win or loss next week.

But enough pitter patter let's get at her. Next up we're going to look at the schedules for the upcoming week starting with Monday March 15th 2021. Beware of the ides of March my streamers. On Monday we have 20 teams playing, 14 teams playing on Tuesday, 12 teams playing on Wednesday, 20 teams playing on Thursday, 10 teams play on Friday, 28 teams play on Saturday, and 8 teams playing on Sunday.

So pretty similar to last week although the big change is that Monday is the busy day instead of Tuesday this week, Tuesday is that slow-ish day with 14 teams.

The best schedule of the week goes to the Vegas Golden Knights, who for the second time in 3 weeks get to claim that honor. Typically they'd have a streamagami with Monday-Wednesday-Friday-Sunday, but as I just mentioned Monday is a busy day this week, so apologies, no streamagami music this week. It still gives them the best schedule of the week. Right behind them with the same schedule is the LA Kings who also play the Monday-Wednesday-Friday-Sunday schedule, although they play the Blues and the Golden Knights plus with the stunt that Iafallo just pulled last week, I might stay away from the Kings this week, who knows. Stay tuned to find out.

There's also two teams that play five times this week, that's the Pittsburgh Penguins and Tampa Bay Lightning. Each of those teams play on Monday-Tuesday-Thursday-Saturday-Sunday. So still only two slow days in there but still, if you got an open spot on those busy days, hard to pass up 5 games played for just one add.

There's also a bunch of pretty good schedules this week. The Calgary Flames, the Dallas Stars, the Montreal Canadiens, the New York Rangers, the New Jersey Devils, the St. Louis Blues, the Vancouver Canucks and the Washington Capitals all have good schedules this week. Each one of those teams play four times with two slow days in there, so if you've got a bunch of players from those teams, you're feelin' pretty good this week.

The worst schedule of the week is the Columbus Blue Jackets, they play just two times this week and both of those games are on the busy days of Thursday and Saturday. So I think all your fringe Blue Jackets have to go- Foligno, Jenner, Domi, Roslovic- I'd send em all to the waivers in favor of a streamer this week.

The next tier down from the Blue Jackets is the Ottawa Senators and Toronto Maple Leafs they each only play twice this week as well- so get rid of any Senators not named Tkachuk, Chabot or Batherson. And there's really not a lot of fringe Maple Leafs but if you're still holding on to Joe Thornton this is the week to drop him.

After that we have a bunch of teams with pretty bad schedules- the Anaheim Ducks, the Arizona Coyotes, the Carolina Panthers, the Chicago Blackhawks, the Colorado Avalanche, the Detroit Red Wings, the Minnesota Wild and the New York Islanders all only play 3 times this week with just 1 off-day game. So get rid of your fringe guys on those teams.

So not a lot of teams in the grey area this week, most teams either have a good or a bad schedule this week, but without further adu, let's get to this week's streamer picks!

Our top forward streamer pick of the week is **Zach Sanford of the St. Louis Blues?** Yeah, I'm surprised too. Sanford was actually hot a couple of weeks ago and cooled off, but with the return of Tarasenko to the lineup the Blues lines shook out in a way that it looks like they're trying to balance their top 3 lines. Sanford is the beneficiary of that, getting to play with Ryan O'Reilly and Perron on what right now is getting the most ice time for the Blues. Sanford shoots a decent amount which we always like to see, and not only that but the Blues have one of the best schedules of the week playing four times with two off-day games against the Kings and the Sharks. Now that could always backfire

against me, it certainly did with the Ducks last week, but I'll gladly bet that doesn't happen two weeks in a row, and the Blues are certainly much better than the Sharks. So play all the Blues that you can find this week, and he's only rostered in 7 percent of Yahoo leagues right now including Tier 1 of the KKUPFL, so pick up Zach Sanford!

*****20 min ish. Our next forward streamer of the week is **Dillon Duuuuuuube of the Calgary Flames!** Dube is your quintessential fringe Flames player, I've probably told you guys to drop him a few times this year whenever the Flames have had some bad schedules like last week. The good news is that most people dropped Dube last week, so pick him up this week! Dube's probably in the best spot you can ask for which is playing alongside Lindholm and Tkachuk at even strength. And I know Johnny and Monny are great but they keep rotating that third guy out as a flavor of the week not unlike what they're doing in Carolina with Aho and Svechnikov. So I'd prefer the security that Dube has here with Lindholm and Tkachuk. I'd prefer to see him get more time on ice, but that hasn't impacted his perfs too much, as Dube has two shots in his last two games with no points, which helps his D-U-E. Not only all of that but the Flames have one of the best schedules of the week- playing four times with two off-day games, and they play Edmonton and Toronto this week. The Oilers goaltending has been good this week, no doubt about that, but I think they'll regress back to the mean this week and give up some goals. And Toronto's always gonna give up some goals, that's just how they play. So hopefully Dube can pick up some points for us this week, as I mentioned with his bad schedule last week, everyone dropped Dube so right now he's only 2 percent rostered on Yahoo- that's right we've got a LUDICROUS streamer here as our 2nd forward pick, so pick up Dillon Dube!

Our third forward streamer pick of the week is **Colin Blackwell of the New York Rangers!** Now I'll warn you guys, this pick scares me a bit. And the reason why is just because of his time on ice. Only 11 minutes of ice time last game. But, the reason why I'm picking him is because he spent most of those 11 minutes of ice time playing with the newly returned Panarin. Now it's always possible that they shuffle the lines around and I'll look like a fool, but I think Blackwell can still make it happen for us this week. I actually was going to pick Blackwell as ludicrous streamer back when Panarin was out and they had Blackwell on the top line, but I was like “aaaah there's no way that lasts, they'll shift him out of there” but sure enough Blackwell kept getting time on ice with good players. So I'm not gonna make the same mistake twice, and I'm going with Blackwell this week. Who else am I gonna take? Kaapo Kakko? HAHAHAHA, good joke, good joke. The Rangers have a great schedule this week, playing four times with two off-day games on Monday-Wednesday-Friday-Saturday, and they play the Flyers and Washington so not great goaltending there so hopefully some points will be had for the Rangers. And Blackwell is ZERO percent rostered right now that's right we've got two ludicrous streamers in our top 3 forward picks of the week, we're goin crazy, but yeah pick up Colin Blackwell and hopefully he can get in on some of those points this week!

My next forward streamer you probably already know. Wait, what's that? You DANAULT? WELL YOU BETTER CALLLLLLLL SOMEBOODAAAAAY! It's our old old friend **Philip Danault of the Montreal Canadiens**. Danault was a streamer that we couldn't use last year at all because last year he

was so good people rostered him all year long, but this year Philly Danault has struggled all the way to where he's now only rostered in just 14 percent of Yahoo leagues, and I'd bet a decent chunk of that percentage is just people who drafted their team and then forgot about it. Danault is probably on what's considered the 3rd line now in Montreal, playing with Tatar in Armia. Not only that but he doesn't shoot or get perifs, so why are we picking him here? Well simply put- I love the Habs this week. Will they win a bunch of games? Not necessarily but with their team only scoring 3 goals in their 3 losses this week, I think there team at least responds offensively this week. At least that's what I'm betting on, and I am indeed a Betten man. Montreal plays four times this week on Monday-Wednesday-Friday-Saturday with two off-day games in there, they play the Canucks and the Jets. The Jets have been middle of the pack in goaltending and I think Demko comes back down to earth a little bit this week, so pick up Philly Danault this week and we may have a couple other Habs we're feeling this week as well.

My last forward streamer pick of the week is **Tyler Johnson of the Tampa Bay Lightning!** Now I have a very advanced stat as to why I'm picking Tyler Johnson week, not sure if you guys have heard of it- it's called "games played". Let's not overthink this one too much people, the Lightning play five times next week, and we want in on that. Now did I get burned last week by just picking a couple of players just because of their schedule? Sure, but the Lightning are a lot better than Senators, Oilers and Ducks. And I mean the Oilers did what they were supposed to do, just Puljujarvi didn't. That's why he's dead to us now, but don't get me started on him again. Tyler Johnson shoots a decent bit and with all those games he should be good for at least a couple points for us this week, TJ is only rostered in just 7 percent of Yahoo leagues, so pick up Tyler Johnson!

Along the same lines of thinking is my top defensive streamer pick this week- it's **Erik Cernak of the Tampa Bay Lightning!** There's just something about Cernak's game that I really love. If I had to put my finger on it- it'd probably have to be the fact that the Lightning play 5 times this next week. Honestly if it wasn't for that, I probably wouldn't pick him because he's been far too productive lately. 5 points in four games? Eek, yeah that's typically a recipe for disaster for defenseman the following week but since he plays for the Lightning I think the odds of him falling into a couple more points this week are pretty good. Pretty cut and dry here people, Cernak is only rostered in just 15 percent of Yahoo leagues, so pick up Erik Cernak!

For our next defensive streamer we're going with **Alexander Romanov of the Montreal Canadiens.** Now we actually streamed Romanov the first week of the year but he ended up failing us because he was getting healthy scratched and low time on ice. The talent is still there, he just needs ice time. It's to the point now where Romanov is definitely not gonna get scratched and with Chiarot injured he should at least see mid-level ice time. So not only that but as I already mentioned I absolutely love the Canadiens to bounce back with some scoring this week, and hopefully Romanov can get in on that- he's certainly due as he hasn't had a point in his last 8 games. You know we love to see that here at the Stream Scheme. Romanov is only rostered in just 13 percent of Yahoo leagues which a little surprising for a defender not performing, but oh well, he should be available in most competitive leagues like he is in Tier 1 of the KKUPFL, so pick up Alexander Romanov!

My last defensive streamer this week is **Ryan Lindgren of the New York Rangers!** Lindgren isn't necessarily a perifs beast, he's a tier beneath that. He's like a perifs apprentice. He's got the tools to take that next step- he gets hits, he gets blocks, he gets shots, but Lindgren rarely gets all 3 of those with consistency. Perhaps this week he can. So not only does he have potential to put up good perifs for us,

he's also very due as well as he hasn't scored in his last 5 games, where he had 6 points in his last 6 games before that, so it's not like he can't score. And you already know I love the Rangers schedule this week, and with Lindgren only being rostered in just two percent of Yahoo leagues he's available pretty much everywhere- so pick up Ryan Lindgren!

Up next we have our shallow league streamer pick of the week- it's **Jonathan Drouin of the Montreal Canadiens**! That's right, we're tripling up on streamers from the same team for the 2nd week in a row. It burned us last week but 1) I stupidly picked two defenders from the same team, and 2) that team was the Ducks, who are terrible. I'm not gonna spend too much time talking about how much I love the Habs this week, you guys already know that. And it's pretty simple, I think most forwards in that top 9 in Montreal should be good for some points this week. He's a little bit on the low side for a shallow league streamer at just 20 percent rostered, but if there's one thing I learned last week it's that I have to go with my gut- and my gut is telling me just load up on Habs this week. So pick up all of the Habs including Jonathan Drouin!

And lastly we have LUDICROUS STREAAAMMEERRRR of the week! Well actually this is the 4th ludicrous streamer pick of the week technically, but the official title of ludicrous streamer goes to **Evan Rodrigues of your Pittsburrrrrrgh Penguins**! This is a little bit of a straight schedule play, sure, there's no denying the fact that the Penguins have one of the best schedules of the week playing five times on Monday-Tuesday-Thursday-Saturday-Sunday, but Rodrigues is actually in a nice spot in Pittsburgh regardless of schedule. Unfortunately McCann isn't coming back from injury this week and so Rodrigues' spot on that 2nd line with Malkin and Kaponen is very secure for now. And Malkin and Kaponen seem to be clicking so hopefully Rodrigues should be able to assist his way to a couple points for us this week with that sweet schedule. Rodrigues is obviously ZERO percent rostered in Yahoo leagues right now, so if you're in a deeeeeep deep league take a chance on Evan Rodrigues this week!

So there we have it! To recap, our streamers for the week starting on Monday March 8th 2021 are the following- forward streamers Zach Sanford, Dillon Dube, Colin Blackwell, Phillip Danault, and Tyler Johnson. Our defensive streamers are Erik Cernak, Alexander Romanov, and Ryan Lindgren. Our Shallow League streamer of the week is Jonathan Droin, while our LUDICROUS STREAAAMMEERRRR of the week is Evan Rodrigues.

Good luck to everyone this week, feel free to hit me up on the Keeping Karlsson Patron Discord server or on twitter @NHLStreamScheme. Thank you once again everyone for tuning in and remember- you don't have to listen to me, but your league-mates will! See ya!