

MAIN SEGMENT: CANADIAN DIVISION

- Calgary Flames:

- 2nd in the league in scoring to 20th year over year
- Gaudreau bounce back? Career low sh% (8.6)
- Lindholm to center and Monahan implications?
- Giordano still great in blocks leagues
- Markstrom v Rittich (2.97 GAA, .907 sv%), is Markstrom more than 1A?

- Edmonton Oilers:

- Dark horse 1st or 2nd place in the division?
- Mikko Koskinen sneaky choice in goal late
- Jesse Puljujarvi someone to watch, especially if he gets top line
- Yamamoto may not get PP1, proceed with caution. Still worth a look late though
- Barrie hopefully will get more points than Klefbom, but the EDM PP didn't need much QB support, so he might not be quite as strong as expected
- Darnell Nurse was top 10 in shots, hits, and blocks last season for D (11th in shots, but come on)

- Montreal Canadiens:

- Becoming a deep team, but no real standouts for fantasy, largely because of the PP split
- Toffoli could be good in late rounds? Feels similar to Tatar.
- I don't trust Price or Allen. But the D might be good enough to back them up. Still not paying any premium
- Only player I really get excited about in any way is Gallagher, but it's just tough to be fantasy relevant in this system

- Ottawa Senators:

- Stepan likely in the C1 spot again huh? It probably won't matter
- Dadonov could have an OK season, but this is a clear downgrade and coming off of a bad year (47 in 69) so let's not get excited
- Love Brady. 2nd in hits, 7th in shots, 3rd in PIM. He's E Kane 2.0
- Chabot should have a decent year ~30 point pace
- I wouldn't trust Murray here. It's gonna be a rough ride for OTT goalies
- Toronto Maple Leafs:
 - Probable division winners
 - Auston Matthews firmly a first round pick now. Probably good for 65+ and 4 shots per game or more. Awesome.
 - Rantanen is currently going slightly ahead of a very similar Marner, but given the divisions I would take Marner for sure.
 - Expect a good season for JT (point per game, good shots and PPP)
 - Morgan Rielly should return to form a bit this season.
 - Division might give Nylander value at his ADP (88) but I don't expect 30 goals from him again (shot 16% last year, career avg 11%)
 - Zach Hyman has a very low ceiling and probably isn't worth a flyer on in late rounds as you're hunting for guys that might break out. Hyman firmly on PP2 is not that.
 - Andersen is fiiine, but TOR D is still not great so he'll probably get beat up a bit. Good for the W column though
- Vancouver Canucks:
 - I still don't trust Brock Boeser (see busts episode). Probably has value, but nowhere near his ADP. Let someone else get him.

- Don't expect J.T. Miller to outpoint Pettersson again. Still good value, but probably will be just below point per game with relatively weak shot numbers and relative strong hit numbers. ADP of 47.8 feels roughly right
- Elias Pettersson should have his best year ever, but even that will around a point per game or a little higher with bad peripherals. He's being drafted too early. (17.2)
- Hughes should continue strong while posting up awful peripherals, which makes him dangerous. I actually like him more than Makar this season, but because no periph's I prob won't ever draft him
- Alexander Edler still works as discount Darnell Nurse, draft accordingly late.
- Bo Horvat's 178 shots in 69 games were the most on the team (Boeser had higher pace), which is just crazy. Good in faceoff leagues, meh in everything else
- I'd have Demko over Holtby. Not in love with drafting either one

- Winnipeg Jets:

- I never know what to make of this crazy team
- Stastny should help both Laine and Ehlers even numbers, but he himself should not be drafted
- Laine (if he doesn't get traded) is up for a very good season. Big shots and likely point per game+ with decent hits.
- If he does get traded, Ehlers is an absolute steal. You're looking at a big shooter who will start to convert on the PP and turn into a ~50 point guy or more this season
- Kyle Connor (71.7) feels like a steal, but for some reason internally I think it's a trap. Nothing was off about his numbers last season and he was > point per game with decent PP numbers. Probably worth a grab there tbh.

- o Neal Pionk is the only D worth taking and he's excellent for cats leagues
- o Hellebuyck is likely to get volume, but I wouldn't be surprised to see WPG drop games. Great for points and cumulative cats, maybe not great for sv%, GAA stuff