THE COMMITTED INDIAN

THE REAL FAN'S PROGRAM

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DRINKIN' LIFE FROM A FOUNTAIN...

Well, wasn't everything the Hawks are on display yesterday? There was some of the good (heart, what can be a lethal power play, enough speed and skill to trouble anyone). However, what was more on display on Causeway St. yesterday were the warts that scare us all come April. Those would be Huet's tendency to let in a soft goal, and Brian Campbell's and Matt Walker's tendency to play defense as if being swarmed by bees.

That's being a little hard on Walker, who for the most part has been a solid soldier. But when his partner is reenacting the Confederate's part of the Battle of Appomattox, Walker doesn't have the speed, poise, or vision to bail him out. Keith and Seabrook can't play the whole game, and every team in the playoffs will have at least two lines that can hurt you. Is Barker going to have to take the minutes oo a second pairing, leaving our $7 miilion Irish Dancer to play the minutes of a 5th d-man? Ick.

As for Huet, yesterday was his perfect outing. Some big saves, mostly solid, and yet one clunker that kills momentum. His last three outings have all contained at least one of those. It cost the Hawks 3 points (1 vs. the Pens, arguably 2 against Boston), and Havlat bailed him out against Anaheim on Tuesday. Those kind of weak goals can kill you in a series. Does anyone trush him for a run in April? Can Khabby's groin hold up on a playoff schedule? Stay tuned, loyal watcher, same bat-time, same bat-place.

The Hawks Have A Pahlsse

Of course, we have thoughts on the Hawks' deadline deal. First, on what we gave up, WizP: Chicago sports fans have a problem separating the idea of a player from the reality of one (Aaron Rowand, Ryan Theriot, and Kyle Orton all come to mind). The perception of Wisniewski is a lovely one. A Pantera-soundtracked hellspawn of a player who runs forwards through the boards, has a booming shot, will fight anyone, and can join the rush, before leaving the arena to pound beers and carry two girls over his shoulders out the bar. The reality of Wiz is that he's a smallish d-man with multiple knee operations, who's lost all of his jam this season. Can you remember one big hit? He's been a Chinese Fire Drill in his own end at times. Additionally, he does have a big shot, but it takes forever for him to release it, and is porn-star splatter accurate, due to opponents being able to close on him during his extended wind-up. Wiz was no more than the #5 defenseman on this team, and his spot on the PP will be easily filled by Seabrook or Keith. When the PP was really humming early in the year, they were the blue-liners on the second unit anyway. As for Kontiola, you know we think he should have gotten a much bigger chance here, but he clearly was never going to, so the Hawks gave up a player they weren't going to use and would leave anyway. Time will tell how shrewd that was.

To what they got: When you look at our Sabermetrics page, make sure you look at Pahlsson's quality of competition and teammates. You'll see he drew the tought opposition, while playing with the biggest collection of dogshit the Ducks had. We thought he was overrated as a checking center, until we saw those. So his numbers should be judged through that prism. However, we're still not sure what his exact role at even-strength will be. The D-Ladd Soul Line has been drawing the checking assignments, and only playing some of the best hockey in the league while doing so. If they're asked to concentrate on scoring, can you form a checking line out of Pahlsson and a mish-mash of wingers like Versteeg, Buff, and Brouwer? Not sure, seems unlikely. But Pahlsson doesn't provide enough offense to be anything else. We'll find out when he gets healthy.

Overall, though, if he does anything in April that resembles April and May of 2007, then the Hawks win this deal. Only Magua from *Last of The Mohicans* ate more hearts than Pahlsson did that spring, and we'll need it again. Ask the Sedins how they'll enjoy another playoff matchup with Pahlsson. We bet there are tears involved. To boot, the Hawks need help in the circle and on the PK, and Pahlsson fills both of those bills. Get well soon, Sami; you've got a lot of fans to win over, but we think you will.

Coming Down The Mountain

Why have we been able to spend so much time on the front page not talking about today's opponent? Because the Colorado Avalanche absolutely blow, and there aren't too many ways to say that. Yes, they've been hit by injuries. Their top two centers, Paul Stastny and Joe Sakic, have missed significant time. But this team was thin on scoring to begin with, and so it's proved. Their blue line looked slow, overpaid, and old at the beginning of the year, and they've been all those things. Granato seemed a strange hiring when he'd flopped before, and he hasn't done anything to dissuade us from that opinion. Most of all, trying to solve your goalie problem with Andrew Raycroft and Peter Budaj is akin to removing the snow from your stairs with a lighter and a can of bug-spray. In theory it could work, but you're much more likely to end up with burns on your face. The Avs have done the latter. After a subpar effort yesterday, we see the Hawks coming out with some vinegar, which should be more than enough to see off the West's worst team. -*Trent Reznor*

"Oh c'mon! He drank way more than I did!"

FROM THE EDITOR

As we mentioned on the cover page, the reaction to James Wisniewski's trade illustrated an odd phenomenon amongst the Chicago sports fans. That is the tendency to fall in love with what fans *think* a player is, instead of seeing what he is in reality. There are so many names to think of.

The first I remember was Bears wide receiver Tom Waddle. Yes, Waddle was tougher than a coffin nail. But he was also slow and small, and the fact that he was the leading Bears receiver just lets you know how incredibly crappy their passing game was at the time (it never got too much better in the years since, except for that goofy year with Jeff Graham and Curtis Conway catching passes from Erik Kramer). But Bears fans loved him because they thought he was scrappy, played with all heart, and quite possibly because he was white. We saw this on a much smaller scale with the glimpse of Brock Forsey a few years ago, even though he ran about as fast a drunken sloth.

Sam Fels

We've all heard White Sox fans blather on about Aaron Rowand, because he made numerous diving catches and would try and eat an outfield wall for dinner. Well, he only had to do that because his jumps on balls off the bat were, and are, so God-awful. Cubs fans wax poetic about Ryan Theriot (I was guilty of this. I even own a Theriot jersey) because he's small and determined, instead of seeing a shortstop who has no range and can't get an extra-base hit if his sister's innocence depended on it. Kyle Orton now seems to have all Bears fans' hearts, even though on evidence he may be only marginally better than Rex Grossman, if that. But hey, he's got a manly beard and likes to drink a bathtub of Jack Daniels, so he must be good. Who cares that he can't throw the ball more than 15 yards accurately?

Bulls fans have always overvalued their players. Remember, this is a group of people who didn't want to trade for Kobe Bryant because it meant giving up Luol Deng. How's that look now?

On the flip side, there seem to be some things that the Chicago sports fans will just never accept. Hawks fans struggle to come to terms with an offensive defenseman, Cubs fans can't wrap their head around defense, Bears fans won't accept what a wide receiver looks like, or a genuine quarterback. Sox fans love to yell from the rooftops about how their team is full of grinders and win through willpower, when in fact they just bash the ball out of the park (it's been that way for years). Part of the problem is that we in Chicago haven't ever been exposed to these things. Name the last great QB the Bears had? Who scored tons of points from the blue line for the Hawks? But still, I wish that Chicago sports fans could see the big picture.

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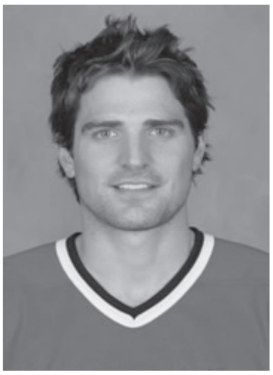
OUR UPCOMING AUTOGRAPH EVENTS

Hawks winger
Patrick Sharp



Thursday,
March 5, 2009
7:00PM-8:30PM
$29 any item
$10 inscriptions

Hawks defenseman
Cam Barker

Monday,
March 9, 2009
7:00PM-8:00PM
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NHL STANDINGS

**late game not included*

EASTERN CONFERENCE

		W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY
1	Boston	43	14	9	95	223	151	22-6-5	21-8-4
2	New Jersey	42	20	3	87	202	162	22-10-1	20-10-2
3	Washington	40	21	5	85	216	195	25-9-1	15-12-4
4	Philadelphia	35	19	10	80	207	186	19-9-4	16-10-6
5	Florida	34	24	8	76	187	185	18-9-5	16-15-3
6	Montreal	34	24	7	75	195	196	20-6-4	14-18-3
7	Carolina	35	27	5	75	189	192	18-13-1	17-14-4
8	NY Rangers	33	24	8	74	163	177	19-10-4	14-14-4
9	Pittsburgh	34	26	6	74	202	198	17-12-2	17-14-4
10	Buffalo	33	26	7	73	195	183	19-12-2	14-14-5
11	Toronto	26	27	13	65	196	235	11-12-9	15-15-4
12	Ottawa	25	29	10	60	165	187	15-12-6	10-17-4
13	Tampa Bay	21	32	13	55	171	220	11-14-9	10-18-4
14	Atlanta	24	35	6	54	193	225	12-18-2	12-17-4
15	NY Islanders	21	37	7	49	163	213	15-14-5	6-23-2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

		W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY
1	San Jose*	42	11	10	94	209	156	26-3-4	16-8-6
2	Assbutts	43	15	8	94	244	197	24-5-3	19-10-5
3	Calgary	39	20	6	84	213	193	22-8-4	17-12-2
4	**HAWKS**	**36**	**18**	**9**	**81**	**211**	**162**	**17-5-6**	**19-13-3**
5	Vancouver*	33	22	8	74	190	177	17-11-4	16-11-4
6	Columbus	33	27	6	72	183	186	20-10-2	13-17-4
7	Edmonton	32	27	6	70	184	199	15-12-4	17-15-2
8	Dallas	31	26	8	70	190	199	17-12-4	14-14-4
9	Nashville	33	29	4	70	170	183	21-11-2	12-18-2
10	Anaheim	31	29	6	68	184	194	15-14-3	16-15-3
11	Minnesota	31	28	5	67	164	155	18-11-5	13-17-0
12	St. Louis	29	28	8	66	180	194	16-12-5	13-16-3
13	Los Angeles	28	28	9	65	173	191	15-13-8	13-15-1
14	Phoenix	28	32	5	61	162	199	17-13-2	11-19-3
15	Colorado	28	36	1	57	173	207	17-15-0	11-21-1

TOP 10 LIST

Top 10 Things We'll Miss About Wiz

10. His fist, Tootoo's face, repeat
9. His oh-so-awkward appearances on morning TV shows
8. His inability to hide how much he wanted the female host on said TV show
7. That gap-toothed smile as he went face first into someone, reminding us why we love hockey in the first place
6. His suspected-love of drinking blood
5. Did we mention the pounding of Tootoo?
4. That metal t-shirt he wore in the ads for the televised home games last season
3. The fact that the producers of those ads were afraid to give him a line
2. That last-minute tying goal vs. St. Louis last spring, and his celebration right in front of their bench
1. Need we say it again?

PUCK DROP

Tyler Arnason, Waste, Colorado Avalanche: We're still in shock that there was a time when the Hawks tried to convince us that this piece of shit would be the heart of a rebuilding effort, and way disappointed there were times we believed it. Arnie is on his third team now, and soon his fourth, if he can find a team that's willing to have their buffet emptied. Avs fans have been clamoring for him to be put in the pressbox for weeks now, except they're worried it might collapse on their heads. He's skating, if you call it that, on the 3rd line, but that's only due to some injury problems for the Avs. Shame, there are, or at least were, a decent set of hands and vision here. But you'll never seem them.

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS 36-18-9

Was that Campbell's worst game this year yesterday? The frightening thing is that for $7 mil, there's a host of contenders for that award! Most annoyingly, the B's 4th goal was the result of a blowout on that fucking spin-o-jackass. Either way, we're stripping him of his nickname. Nicknames are for closers only.

#	Pos	Player	Ht	WT	AGE	GP	G	A	P	+/-	PIM	PP	SH	GW	S	S%	Salary (Cap Hit)
88	R	*Patrick Kane*	5' 10"	187	20	61	21	37	58	1	38	11	0	3	192	10.9	$3,725,000
24	R	*The Perfect Beard*	6' 2"	217	27	63	21	36	57	18	24	5	0	4	197	10.7	$6,000,000
19	C	*Captain Marvel*	6' 2"	209	20	63	27	29	56	11	41	10	0	6	160	16.9	$2,800,000
32	L	*VerStud*	5' 10"	180	22	60	17	28	45	15	49	4	4	2	100	17	$491,667
51	D	*Brian Campbell*	6' 0"	188	29	63	7	36	43	6	18	4	0	1	86	8.1	$7,142,875
36	C	*Dave Bolland*	6' 0"	188	22	63	15	24	39	20	38	1	2	4	88	17	$845,833
16	L	*Nails*	6' 2"	198	23	63	11	27	38	24	24	0	0	1	151	7.3	$1,550,000
10	L	*The Sharp-Shooter*	6' 1"	197	27	54	23	15	38	2	39	8	0	4	163	14.1	$3,900,000
2	D	*Duncan Keith*	6' 1"	194	25	59	8	25	33	30	38	2	1	1	124	6.5	$1,475,000
25	D	*Cam Barker*	6' 3"	213	22	50	4	27	31	-4	49	4	0	1	66	6.1	$2,768,587
33	R	*Dustin Byfuglien*	6' 3"	247	23	58	11	12	23	0	66	3	0	3	154	7.1	$3,000,000
22	R	*Troy Brouwer*	6' 2"	213	23	54	9	14	23	12	46	3	1	0	103	8.7	$675,000
7	D	*Brent Seabrook*	6' 3"	220	23	63	5	11	16	20	47	2	1	0	102	4.9	$3,500,000
46	C	*Colin Fraser*	6' 1"	188	23	63	5	10	15	6	46	0	0	0	48	10.4	$500,000
26	C	*Samuel Pahlsson*	6' 0"	204	31	52	5	10	15	-16	32	1	0	1	74	6.8	$301,000
55	L	*Ben Eager*	6' 2"	220	24	59	10	4	14	7	123	0	0	0	63	15.9	$568,000
8	D	*Matt Walker*	6' 3"	214	28	51	1	12	13	14	62	0	0	0	65	1.5	$600,000
37	R	*Adam Burish*	6' 1"	189	26	47	5	3	8	6	71	0	0	2	67	7.5	$712,500
23	D	*Aaron Johnson*	6' 1"	211	25	29	3	5	8	18	24	0	0	1	20	15	$600,000
5	D	*Brent Sopel*	6' 1"	211	32	23	1	1	2	-4	8	0	0	1	15	6.7	$2,333,333
27	L	*Pascal Pelletier*	5' 11"	185	25	2	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	3	0	$145,000
4	D	*Niklas Hjalmarsson*	6' 2"	200	21	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	$643,000
		Totals/*Averages*	***6' 1"***	***203.1***	***24.4***		**209**	**366**			**14.7/g**	**59**	**9**		**33.2/g**	**10.21%**	**$45,165,000**

**injured*

Kaner, if you can laser a shot top shelf short-side, we'd like a 400-word essay explaining why you don't more often. In the words of Dark Helmet, "Keep firing, asshole!"

#	Goalie	HT	WT	AGE	GPI	Min	GAA	W	L	OT	SO	SA	GA	Sv%	G	A	PIM	Salary
39	*Nikolai Khabibulin*	6' 1"	209	36	29	1673	2.37	17	5	5	1	870	66	0.924	0	2	6	$6,750,000
38	*Cristobal Huet*	6' 1"	205	33	36	2045	2.44	18	13	3	3	951	83	0.913	0	0	2	$5,625,000
31	*Antti Niemi*	6' 2"	204	25	2	82	2.2	1	0	1	0	30	3	0.900	0	0	0	$488,000
	Totals/Averages	***6'1"***	***207***	***31.3***		**3659**	**2.49**	**36**	**18**	**8**	**4**	**29.5/g**	**150**	**0.918**	**0**	**2**	**8**	**$12,375,000**

TOTAL CAP NUMBER:	**$57,283,000**
CAP SPACE:	**$274,000***

**space also affected by buyouts and injured players*

Probable Lines

Left Wing	Center	Right Wing
22 Brouwer	19 Toews	88 Kane
16 Ladd	36 Bolland	24 Havlat
33 Byfuglien	27 Pelletier	32 Versteeg
37 Burish	46 Fraser	55 Eager

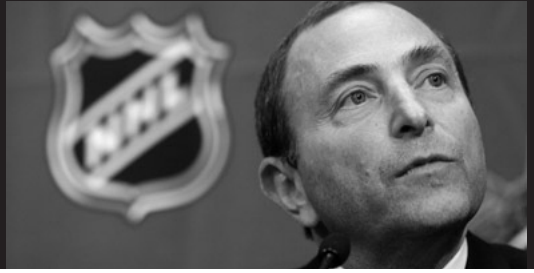
Probable Pairings

2 Keith	7 Seabrook
51 Campbell	8 Walker
23 Johnson	25 Barker

Injury List

Brent Sopel- Out (Talent)
Patrick Sharp- Out (Knee)
Samuel Pahlsson-Out (Kissing wrong girl)
Nikolai Khabibulin-Questionable (groin?)

16 years ago, David Stern sent me to ruin the NHL. I have done everything I can think of to drive the core fan away, strip hockey of all that's great about it, and eliminate any attention by the mainstream media…



I am so close to completing the task Stern charged me with….

NO. 3...THE LANCHE, THE LANCHE 28-36-1

Ah, memories...

#	Pos	Player	Ht	WT	AGE	GP	G	A	P	+/-	PIM	PP	SH	GW	S	S%	Salary (Cap Hit)
94	L	*Ryan Smyth*	6' 1"	190	32	65	23	31	54	-8	52	9	1	3	213	10.8	$6,250,000
23	R	*Milan Hejduk*	6' 0"	190	32	65	24	28	52	-8	12	9	1	2	181	13.3	$3,900,000
8	L	*Wojtek Wolski*	6' 3"	210	22	64	14	22	36	-9	26	2	1	3	130	10.8	$2,800,000
26	C	*Paul Stastny*	6' 0"	205	22	39	10	24	34	-4	18	6	0	2	101	9.9	$850,000
4	D	*John-Michael Liles*	5' 10"	185	27	58	8	22	30	-13	25	4	0	0	111	7.2	$4,200,000
40	R	*Marek Svatos*	5' 10"	185	26	57	13	16	29	-5	32	6	0	1	112	11.6	$2,050,000
39	C	*Tyler Arnason*	5' 11"	204	29	61	5	14	19	-16	14	2	0	1	96	5.2	$1,675,000
24	D	*Ruslan Salei*	6' 1"	212	34	63	4	15	19	-7	62	1	0	0	86	4.7	$3,025,000
37	C	*T.J. Hensick*	5' 10"	183	23	45	4	14	18	-1	12	1	0	0	91	4.4	$727,000
55	L	*Cody McLeod*	6' 2"	210	24	65	12	5	17	-3	132	0	0	3	90	13.3	$522,500
14	R	*Ian Laperriere*	6' 1"	200	34	57	7	10	17	0	117	0	0	0	51	13.7	$1,150,000
42	R	*Chris Stewart*	6' 2"	228	21	40	9	7	16	-16	47	0	1	0	80	11.3	$590,000
54	R	*David Jones***	6' 2"	210	24	40	8	5	13	-8	8	1	0	1	47	17	$550,000
19	C	*Joe Sakic***	5' 11"	195	39	15	2	10	12	-6	6	0	0	0	46	4.3	$6,000,000
16	R	*Darcy Tucker*	5' 10"	178	33	51	6	6	12	-15	61	1	0	1	70	8.6	$2,500,000
5	D	*Brett Clark*	6' 0"	195	31	65	2	10	12	-6	32	0	0	1	79	2.5	$3,500,000
11	C	*Cody McCormick*	6' 3"	215	25	41	1	10	11	1	57	0	0	0	46	2.2	$522,500
28	C	*Ben Guite*	6' 1"	211	30	33	3	5	8	2	10	0	0	0	36	8.3	$475,000
52	D	*Adam Foote*	6' 2"	220	37	39	1	5	6	-12	30	0	0	1	18	5.6	$3,000,000
22	D	*Scott Hannan*	6' 1"	225	29	64	0	6	6	-13	24	0	0	0	48	0	$4,500,000
18	R	*Brian Willsie*	6' 2"	203	30	31	1	3	4	-5	8	0	0	0	40	2.5	$461,000
29	D	*Daniel Tjarnqvist*	6' 1"	207	31	32	2	1	3	-1	6	0	0	0	17	11.8	$750,000
3	D	*Lawrence Nycholat*	6' 0"	200	29	14	0	1	1	3	6	0	0	0	8	0	$118,000
48	D	*Kyle Cumiskey* **	5' 10"	185	23	6	0	0	0	-2	0	0	0	0	2	0	$329,000
		Totals/*Averages*	***6' 0"***	***202***	***29***		**165**	**270**			**12.7/g**	**43**	**4**		**29/g**	**7.16%**	**$51,493,000**

A marvelous signing, don't you think?

It's really surprising how old this team is, especially on the blue line. Liles is the only d-man of use under 30.

#	Goalie	HT	WT	AGE	GPI	Min	GAA	W	L	OT	SO	SA	GA	Sv%	G	A	PIM	Salary
31	*Peter Budaj*	6' 1"	200	26	44	2512	3.03	16	25	1	1	1206	127	0.895	0	1	0	$700,000
1	*Andrew Raycroft*	6' 0"	185	28	25	1406	3.12	12	11	0	0	693	73	0.895	0	0	2	$800,000
	Totals/Averages	***6' 1"***	***199***	***27***			**3.17**	**28**	**36**	**1**	**1**	**29.3/g**	**206**	**0.895**	**0**	**1**	**2**	**$1,500,000**

** *injured*

TOTAL CAP NUMBER:	**$52,933,000**
CAP SPACE:	**$3,707,000**

*space also affected by buyouts and injured players

Probable Lines

Left Wing	Center	Right Wing
94 Smyth	26 Stastny	23 Hejduk
42 Stewart	8 Wolski	16 Tucker
11 McCormick	39 Arnason	40 Svatos
55 McCleod	28 Guite	14 Laperriere

Probable Pairings

4 Liles	22 Hannan
52 Foote	5 Clark
24 Salei	29 Tjarnqvist

Injury List

Joe Sakic-Out (Fingers)
David Jones-Out (Shoulder)
Kyle Cuminskey-Out (Shoulder)

...IS THIS THE YEAR?

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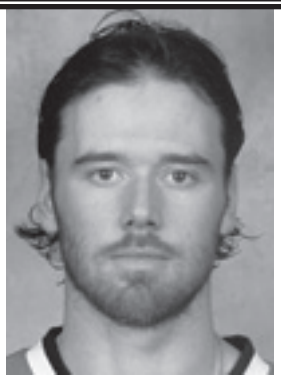
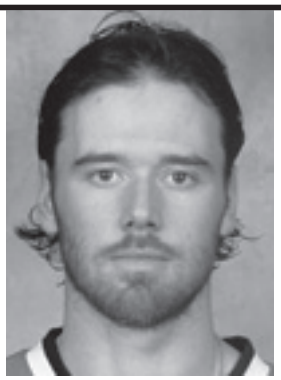


Perfect Beard.

Wouldn't-Fool-A-Blind-Man Beard.



Perfect Beard.

The New Mach-24 From Gillette

"Only For The Most Perfect Beards"

The Fight Card

HAWKS vs. AVS

Fight Stats provided by Hockeyfights.com

GAME	FIGHT	TIME	Bloody Nose	Black Eye	Bruised Ego	Just Dancing	Analysis
11-3-08	**Burish v. McLeod II**	**2nd. 12:56**	√		√		McLeod lands a big right at opening bell, but Burish is able to land enough lefts to open McLeod up. A draw.
11-3-08	**Eager v. Laperriere**	**2nd. 11:28**				√	Eager takes on aged tool, as is his habit. Both swing wildly and miss, so we'll call it a Soriano.
2-17-08	**Burish v. McLeod I**	**1st. 8:58**		√	√		Burish lands many quality shots, TKO for our hero.
1-18-08	**Burish v. Laperriere**	**1st. 3:52**				√	Not much to say about this one, so let's all ponder the place of violence in society silently.

What To Watch For: Frankly, we have no idea. The 'Lanche are middle of the pack when it comes to times engaged. With Laperriere and McLeod around, there's always a chance. They have 13 and 10 scraps, respectively. But this team long ago lost anything to play for, and you wonder how much passion they have left. Still, if the Hawks get up early, frustration may boil over.

Power Play

Team	Opp	PPG	PP%	Team	OPP	PPG	PP%
DET	286	78	27.3	CGY	283	54	19.1
WSH	275	67	24.4	VAN	273	51	18.7
SJS	281	68	24.2	MTL	296	53	17.9
BOS	256	58	22.7	TBL	274	48	17.5
BUF	288	63	21.9	NYI	256	44	17.2
PHI	246	53	21.5	EDM	286	48	16.8
CHI	**274**	**59**	**21.5**	**COL**	**261**	**43**	**16.5**
ANA	248	53	21.4	CAR	304	50	16.4
STL	270	56	20.7	DAL	282	46	16.3
MIN	256	53	20.7	PIT	284	46	16.2
LAK	296	60	20.3	FLA	248	38	15.3
ATL	265	52	19.6	NYR	270	39	14.4
NJD	240	47	19.6	PHX	270	39	14.4
TOR	267	52	19.5	NSH	258	37	14.3
OTT	258	50	19.4	CBJ	272	34	12.5

Penalty Kill

Team	TS	PPGA	PK%	Team	TS	PPGA	PK%
MIN	229	28	87.8	OTT	266	50	81.2
NYR	256	32	87.5	**CHI**	**265**	**50**	**81.1**
CGY	289	44	84.8	PIT	267	53	80.2
NSH	282	44	84.4	ANA	318	64	79.9
BUF	263	42	84.0	DAL	257	52	79.8
SJS	244	41	83.2	WSH	324	66	79.6
FLA	256	44	82.8	**COL**	**249**	**51**	**79.5**
PHI	315	55	82.5	CAR	243	50	79.4
STL	284	50	82.4	VAN	284	59	79.2
MTL	295	52	82.4	TBL	317	66	79.2
BOS	241	43	82.2	DET	265	59	77.7
LAK	277	50	82.0	PHX	238	53	77.7
NYI	282	51	81.9	EDM	272	63	76.8
NJD	253	47	81.4	TOR	247	61	75.3
CBJ	266	50	81.2	ATL	279	69	75.3

Spotlight

Bobby Ryan

Joe Sakic

We understand Sakic is a enough of a down-to-Earth guy that he wouldn't pay someone else to mow his lawn. But isn't that what kids are for? Why else would you have them? Anyway, for those who don't know, Sakic injured himself by trying to fix his lawn-mower and cut up several of his fingers. That is why he is missing what very well may have been his last visit to Chicago. With the Avs in such disarray, and not blessed with the cap room -- barring some miraculous moves over the summer -- to turn it around quickly, it's hard to imagine that #19 will come back to toil for an also-ran. It's downright impossible to picture him playing for anyone but the only organization he's ever known, either. Sakic is a sure-fire first-ballot Hall of Famer, and provided us Hawks fans with enough nightmares to last a lifetime. We always wonder how Game 4 in 1996 would have turned out if the Hawks medical staff hadn't numbed Chelios's leg mistakenly, causing him to miss that game. Sakic didn't seem to care, bagged the double-overtime winner, and kickstarted our descent into hell. Sakic's crowning season came in '00-'01, when he put up 54 goals, 118 points, was a +45, and then another 19 points in the Avs second march to the Cup. He was one of the best players of the past 20 years; his shot-release was something to behold. But his game was so much more, and it's a shame we won't get to see it one more time here in Chicago.

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KNOW THY ENEMY

Today, David from Mile High Hockey (www.milehighhockey.com) answers our queries about the Avs.

Obviously, it's hard to describe what this season has been for you, though we think it rhymes with sabortion. What's gone wrong?
Oh, I see what you're doing here. You want me to say Joe Quenneville, right? Well, I'm not going to do that, buster. The Avs had the exact same issues under Q; they can't score consistently, can't defend consistently, can't get consistent goaltending, can't score on the powerplay, can't kill penalties. This team has been plagued by inconsistency in each of the last three years. You get a good streak, and then the team goes into the crapper for a spell. It's maddening.

Should you guys have tried to move more pieces and money at the deadline? Is Ryan Smyth or Darcy Tucker really something you need? Were there offers?
We would have loved to see Francois Giguere move Tucker, Brett Clark or your old pal Tyler Arnason (we call his line the Donut Line, because there's nothing in the middle). While it's a shame that none of those guys were moved, I'm pretty happy that Smyth, Milan Hejduk, and Ian Laperriere were not moved. As bad as we are playing right now, I don't think we are that far from fielding a competitive team.

Will Sakic be back next season?
I sure would like to see it, but I'm not holding my breath. *sad face*

What are the Avs going to have to do next summer to quickly turn this around?
Obtain a #1 goaltender and hire a new coach.

You've got some young, promising forwards in Stastny, Wolski, and Svatos, but you're blueline looks awfully old and expensive. How big of a problem is this?
This was supposed to be an area of strength, but it's been far from it this year. If the squad was playing to its collective potential, the cost (or the 3 NTCs) wouldn't be that big of a deal. But they aren't, it is, and there may not be a whole lot that can be done outside of "better coaching."

What other youngster might the Avs try to build around that we might not know here?
Probably Chris Stewart. He's a big power forward the Avalanche drafted in the first round in '06. He's not exactly lighting up the league (16 points in 40 games), partly because Tony Granato has been too stingy with the ice time. But he's shown flashes of several tools - speed, hands, toughness - and he looks like he could be a good one.

This will be only the second time the Avs have missed the playoffs since landing in Denver, and the last time they did so with a record points total to miss the postseason. How have the Avs fans, and the denver sports scene as a whole, handled their first truly bad season? We assume they've built a big enough base to handle it smoothly enough....
Fans are frustrated. Smyth and Hannan were added two summers ago on July 1st, but most of the deals since then have been rather lame. Let me put it this way: we re-signed Tyler Arnason! A lot of the team deficiciencies - faceoffs, penalty killing, a point man on the powerplay - have been deficiencies for a couple of seasons now and there hasn't been any effort to fix them either with trades or free agency. The hiring of Tony Granato last summer was not a popular one. We were more than happy to see Quenneville go, but we would have loved to see the Avs go after a guy like Todd McLellan. Instead, Giguere stayed in house, going to a coach that had already failed once. Then, to allow Granato to implement his new "up-tempo" style, Giguere brought in Darcy Tucker (to be fair, Tucker has provided numerous up-tempo scoring chances. It's just that they have been for the other team). Avalanche fans are not used to losing and they aren't used to a GM that prefers the safe and conservative approach. I think there will be a lot of unhappy campers if there is not a major shakeup in the front office this summer.

HAWKS-AVS: THE LAST 4

Jn. 8th, 2009: Hawks 1, Avs 2
A pretty putrid effort, a pretty nothing game. Wolksi wins it with seven minutes to go. And that's all Forrest Gump has to say about that.

Dec. 12th, 2008: Hawks 4, Avs 3
#3 of the December March To The Sea, Hawks battle back from 3-2 down in the 3rd. Havlat, tired of Buff's uselessness, decides to just bank one off him for the winner.

Nov. 3rd, 2008: Avs 2, Hawks 6
A close game entering the 3rd, the Sharp-Shooter blows it open with two goals in the final period. Ladd also scores twice.

Feb. 17th, 2008: Avs 1, Hawks 2
A dominating defensive effort from The Men of Four Feathers, as Patrick Lalime stops 21 of 22 shots faced, losing shutout with 2 minutes to go. Buff and Havlat score on the PP for the Hawks.

Hockey Sabermetrics

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NAME	QUALCOMP	QUALTEAM	TOI/60	GFON/60	GAON/60	+-ON/60	GFOFF/60	GAOFF/60	+-OFF/60	RATING
Aaron Johnson	-0.04	-0.1	11.78	4	1.27	2.73	2.17	1.78	0.4	2.33
Andrew Ladd	0.11	0.14	12.82	3.61	1.92	1.69	2.47	2.02	0.45	1.24
Adam Burish	-0.11	0.07	7.16	2.79	1.12	1.68	2.83	2.09	0.74	0.93
Matt Walker	-0.05	-0.08	13.81	3.02	1.6	1.42	2.57	1.95	0.61	0.81
Dave Bolland	0.12	0.23	12.53	3.46	2.12	1.33	2.54	1.94	0.6	0.74
Duncan Keith	0.09	0.03	18.47	3.13	1.88	1.25	2.81	2.18	0.62	0.63
Martin Havlat	0.06	0.14	13.51	3.5	2.33	1.17	2.5	1.85	0.65	0.52
Ben Eager	-0.13	-0.02	8.07	2.61	1.3	1.3	2.9	2.06	0.84	0.46
Colin Fraser	-0.13	-0.01	7.79	2.53	1.39	1.14	2.85	2.12	0.73	0.4
Troy Brouwer	0.01	-0.19	11.52	2.6	1.5	1.1	2.83	2.02	0.81	0.29
Brent Seabrook	0.1	0.22	16.62	2.55	1.89	0.65	2.94	2.05	0.89	-0.24
Kris Versteeg	0.02	-0.23	12.27	2.78	2.19	0.59	2.85	2	0.84	-0.25
Jonathan Toews	0.02	-0.16	13.19	2.98	2.39	0.6	2.72	1.83	0.88	-0.29
Brian Campbell	-0.04	-0.05	17.5	2.92	2.3	0.62	2.71	1.8	0.92	-0.3
Patrick Kane	0.03	-0.16	13.94	2.7	2.33	0.36	2.67	1.9	0.77	-0.41
Dustin Byfuglien	-0.03	-0.02	11.97	1.97	1.7	0.27	3.2	2.17	1.03	-0.77
Patrick Sharp	-0.03	-0.04	13.25	2.52	2.26	0.25	2.9	1.83	1.07	-0.82
Cam Barker	-0.05	-0.06	13.35	2.34	2.72	-0.37	2.93	1.58	1.35	-1.72
Pascal Pelletier	-0.18	-0.43	7.77	0	0	0	1.95	0	1.95	-1.95
Samuel Pahlsson	0.07	-1.07	12.14	1.65	2.81	-1.16	2.7	1.87	0.83	-1.99

Corsi Rating

Shots attempted for a team vs. how many are attempted against while a given player is on the ice, per 60 min.

NAME	CORSI
Martin Havlat	15.5
Jonathan Toews	15.4
Andrew Ladd	13.6
Brian Campbell	13.4
Troy Brouwer	12.9
Brent Seabrook	12.1
Patrick Sharp	11.9
Patrick Kane	11.7
Adam Burish	11.5
Kris Versteeg	11.4
Duncan Keith	11.3
Dave Bolland	10.7
Dustin Byfuglien	10.7
Cam Barker	9.5
Aaron Johnson	8.9
Matt Walker	8.2
Ben Eager	7.6
Colin Fraser	4.2
Samuel Pahlsson	-12.9

Penalties Drawn vs. Taken

NAME	PDRAW/60	PTAKE/60
Kris Versteeg	1.5	0.7
Patrick Kane	1.5	1.1
Colin Fraser	1.4	0.5
Patrick Sharp	1.4	0.9
Adam Burish	1.3	0.9
Dave Bolland	1.3	0.6
Ben Eager	1.3	2.5
Andrew Ladd	1.2	0.7
Troy Brouwer	1.2	0.9
Martin Havlat	1.1	0.7
Dustin Byfuglien	1.1	1.3
Jonathan Toews	1	0.7
Brian Campbell	0.5	0.4
Samuel Pahlsson	0.5	1.3
Aaron Johnson	0.4	2
Matt Walker	0.4	0.6
Duncan Keith	0.2	0.8
Brent Seabrook	0.2	0.9
Cam Barker	0	0.7
Pascal Pelletier	0	0

Face-offs

Player	Face-Offs Taken	FO%
Samuel Pahlsson	1016	53.5
Jonathan Toews	979	53.4
Colin Fraser	649	47.3
Patrick Sharp	556	46.0
Dave Bolland	916	44.3
Krs Versteeg	215	43.7
Total	**Rank: 28th**	**47.1**

Power Play Ratings

This is a measure of a team's goals-for per 60 minutes of player being on the ice on the power play.

Player	GFON/60
Cam Barker	10.32
Patrick Sharp	8.61
Patrick Kane	7.79
Jonathan Toews	7.51
Dustin Byfuglien	7.33
Troy Brouwer	7.21
Brian Campbell	6.95
Duncan Keith	6.72
Martin Havlat	6.44
Brent Seabrook	6.34
Kris Versteeg	6.03

Penalty Kill Ratings

This measures how many goals a team gives up per 60 minutes the player is on the ice on the PK.

Player	GA/60
Andrew Ladd	4.17
Adam Burish	4.25
Brent Seabrook	5.05
Duncan Keith	5.38
Aaron Johnson	5.42
Colin Fraser	6.73
S. Pahlsson	6.86
Matt Walker	7.14
Kris Versteeg	7.43
Dave Bolland	7.78
Cam Barker	9.16

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NAME	QUALCOMP	QUALTEAM	TOI/60	GFON/60	GAON/60	+-ON/60	GFOFF/60	GAOFF/60	+-OFF/60	RATING
Cody McCormick	-0.07	0.14	8.82	2.55	2.38	0.17	2.11	3.28	-1.17	1.34
Ben Guite	-0.06	0.24	8.84	2.55	2.33	0.21	2.15	3.05	-0.9	1.11
Ian Laperriere	-0.04	0.01	10.15	2.04	2.04	0	2.08	3.14	-1.06	1.06
Cody McLeod	-0.04	0.03	9.94	2.3	2.4	-0.1	2.16	2.86	-0.7	0.61
T.J. Hensick	-0.06	-0.14	10.57	2.38	2.24	0.13	2.09	2.52	-0.43	0.56
Ruslan Salei	-0.01	-0.01	16.04	2.64	2.82	-0.18	1.96	2.71	-0.74	0.56
Marek Svatos	-0.04	-0.09	10.72	2.44	2.54	-0.1	2.22	2.76	-0.55	0.44
Milan Hejduk	0.07	0.03	13.98	2.79	3.07	-0.27	1.93	2.63	-0.7	0.43
Brett Clark	0.06	0.01	16.17	2.12	2.53	-0.41	2.23	2.88	-0.66	0.25
Paul Stastny	0.04	0.09	14.33	2.31	2.98	-0.66	1.9	2.76	-0.85	0.19
Wojtek Wolski	0.03	-0.08	13.47	2.44	2.87	-0.43	2.11	2.73	-0.62	0.18
Ryan Smyth	0.06	0.09	15.01	2.54	3.05	-0.51	2.02	2.63	-0.6	0.1
J.M. Liles	-0.03	-0.01	15.81	2.37	2.98	-0.61	2.05	2.68	-0.63	0.02
D. Tjarnqvist	-0.12	-0.07	13.16	1.77	2.06	-0.29	2.54	2.71	-0.17	-0.13
Adam Foote	0.06	0.07	15.51	1.73	2.75	-1.02	2.2	3.03	-0.84	-0.18
Scott Hannan	0.08	0.06	17.19	2.03	2.76	-0.73	2.3	2.76	-0.46	-0.27
Darcy Tucker	-0.01	-0.05	12.03	1.1	2.39	-1.3	2.38	3	-0.63	-0.67
Tyler Arnason	0.01	0.04	12.32	1.9	2.97	-1.07	2.36	2.68	-0.32	-0.75
Chris Stewart	0	0.06	11.13	2.13	3.97	-1.84	2.27	2.49	-0.22	-1.63

Corsi Rating

This measures how many shots are attempted for a team vs. how many are attempted against while a given player is on the ice, per 60 min.

NAME	CORSI
D. Tjarnqvist	2.9
Paul Stastny	0.4
Ryan Smyth	-2
Marek Svatos	-2.7
Milan Hejduk	-3.3
J.M. Liles	-3.3
Darcy Tucker	-3.3
Tyler Arnason	-5.9
Ruslan Salei	-6.4
Ben Guite	-7
Cody McCormick	-8.3
Wojtek Wolski	-9.6
T.J. Hensick	-10.7
Ian Laperriere	-10.9
Brett Clark	-13.2
Adam Foote	-14.9
Cody McLeod	-15.4
Scott Hannan	-16.8
Chris Stewart	-17.4

Penalties Drawn vs. Taken

Pretty self-explanatory. A measure of penalties drawn vs. taken, per 60 min.

NAME	PDRAW/60	PTAKE/60
Darcy Tucker	1.8	1.5
Ryan Smyth	1.6	0.8
Cody McLeod	1.5	1.7
Paul Stastny	1.5	0.6
Marek Svatos	1.4	0.9
Cody McCormick	1.2	1.9
Ben Guite	1.1	0.8
Milan Hejduk	1	0.3
Tyler Arnason	1	0.6
Wojtek Wolski	0.9	0.6
Chris Stewart	0.9	0.6
Ruslan Salei	0.6	1.4
Scott Hannan	0.5	0.6
T.J. Hensick	0.4	0.5
J.M. Liles	0.3	0.4
Ian Laperriere	0.2	1.1
Brett Clark	0.2	0.6
D. Tjarnqvist	0.1	0.4
Adam Foote	0.1	1.2

Face-offs

Player	Face-Offs Taken	FO%
Paul Stastny	749	52.9
Ben Guite	300	51.7
Ryan Smyth	151	51.1
Wojtek Wolski	372	48.9
T.J. Hensick	377	47.7
Tyler Arnason	690	46.2
Total:	**Rank: 22nd**	**48.3**

Power Play Ratings

This is a measure of a team's goals for per 60 minutes of player being on the ice on the power play.

Player	GFON/60
Marek Svatos	8.88
J.M. Liles	8.38
Paul Stastny	7.5
Ryan Smyth	7.13
Milan Hejduk	6.93
Wojtek Wolski	6.19
Darcy Tucker	4.92
Ruslan Salei	4.63
Brett Clark	4.57
Chris Stewart	3.02
T.J. Hensick	2.86

Penalty Kill Ratings

This measures how many goals a team gives up per 60 minutes the player is on the ice on the

Player	GAON/60
Wojtek Wolski	4.05
Ruslan Salei	5.16
Adam Foote	6
Milan Hejduk	6.02
Ben Guite	6.82
Paul Stastny	6.86
Brian Willsie	7.78
Ian Laperriere	7.86
Scott Hannan	8.2
Brett Clark	8.85

Referee Stats For The Hawks

Referees	1st NHL Game	Hawks Games	Hawks PP's	Hawks PK's	Pens/Game	Hawks PP/Game	Hawks PK/ Game	W	L	OTL
2 Fraser, Kerry	1980	3	14	17	10.3	4.7	5.7	3	0	0
3 Leggo, Mike	1997	4	12	18	7.4	3	4.5	3	0	1
4 McCauley, Wes	2003	5	11	14	5.0	2.2	2.8	2	2	0
5 Rooney, Chris	2000	1	4	1	5.0	4.0	1.0	1	0	0
6 Marouelli, Dan	1984	3	14	11	8.3	4.7	3.7	1	2	0
7 McCreary, Bill	1984	4	17	15	8.0	4.3	3.8	2	3	0
8 Jackson, Dave	1990	6	28	24	8.7	4.7	4.0	4	1	1
10 Devorski, Paul	1989	3	12	16	9.3	4	5.3	1	2	0
11 Sutherland, Kelly	2000	1	5	8	13.0	5.0	8.0	0	1	0
12 Koharski, Don	1981	4	19	20	9.8	4.8	5.0	3	0	1
13 O'Halloran, Dan	1995	4	22	17	9.8	5.5	4.3	2	1	1
14 LaRue, Dennis	1991	5	22	22	8.8	4.4	4.4	3	0	1
15 Auger, Stephane	2000	4	17	13	7.5	4.3	3.3	3	0	1
16 Shick, Rob	1986	1	2	2	4.0	2.0	2.0	0	0	1
18 Kimmerly, Greg	1996	5	26	25	10.2	5.2	5.0	3	2	0
20 Peel, Tim	1999	3	15	16	10.3	3.3	5.3	2	1	0
21 VanMassenhoven, Don	1993	3	10	5	5.0	3.3	1.7	2	0	1
23 Watson, Brad	1996	2	7	4	5.5	3.5	2.0	1	0	1
25 Joannette, Marc	1999	2	13	5	9.0	6.5	2.5	1	0	1
26 Martell, Rob	1996	1	3	1	4.0	3.0	1.0	1	0	0
27 Furlatt, Eric	2001	6	27	26	8.8	4.5	4.3	2	3	1
28 Lee, Chris	2001	1	5	4	9.0	5.0	4.0	1	0	0
29 Walsh, Ian	2000	1	1	3	4.0	1.0	3.0	0	1	0
30 Hasenfratz, Mike	2000	3	22	13	11.7	7.3	4.3	0	1	2
32 Kowal, Tom	2000	4	13	10	5.8	3.3	2.5	4	0	0
33 Pollock, Kevin	2000	3	10	12	7.3	3.3	4.0	1	1	1
34 Meier, Brad	1999	4	14	20	8.5	3.5	5.0	3	1	0
35 Warren, Dean	1999	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
36 Morton, Dean	2000	2	16	10	13.0	8.0	5.0	0	1	1
38 St Laurent, Francois	2006	2	14	15	14.5	7.0	7.5	1	0	1
39 Dwyer, Gord	2003	3	16	15	10.3	5.3	5.0	2	0	1
40 Kozari, Steve	2006	4	26	20	11.5	6.5	5.0	2	2	0
42 O'Rourke, Dan	1999	2	11	13	12.0	5.5	6.5	1	0	1
43 Pochmara, Brian	2006	3	12	14	8.6	4	4.6	2	1	0
45 St. Pierre, Justin	2003	6	29	26	9.2	4.8	4.3	3	1	2

NHL LEADERS

Goals

	Player	Team	G
1	A. Ovechkin	WAS	46
2	Zach Parise	NJ	38
3	Jeff Carter	PHI	36
4	I. Kovalchuk	ATL	35
5	M. Cammalleri	SJ	34
17	***J. Toews***	***CHI***	***27***

Points

	Player	Team	P
1	Evgeni Malkin	PIT	94
2	A. Ovechkin	WAS	83
3	S. Crosby	PIT	80
4	Zach Parise	NJ	78
5	Pavel Datsyuk	DET	78
32	***Patrick Kane***	***CHI***	***58***

GAA

	Player	Team	GAA
1	Tim Thomas	BOS	2.08
2	Steve Mason	CBJ	2.24
3	Pekka Rinne	NSH	2.27
4	N. Backstrom	MIN	2.32
5	M. Fernandez	BOS	2.32
7	***N. Khabibulin***	***CHI***	***2.37***

SV%

	Player	Team	SV%
1	Tim Thomas	BOS	.932
2	T. Vokoun	FLA	.926
3	***N. Khabibulin***	***CHI***	***.924***
4	Craig Anderson	FLA	.923
5	N. Backstrom	MIN	.922

From The 300 Level

Deadline Reaction

We enjoyed having Stuy from the 300 Level so much on Tuesday, we thought we'd do it again today for some reaction to the Trade Deadline.

First of all, thank you for all the great feedback from my first article everyone. Now on to business: The post-Trade Deadline talk has been huge on the 300 Level message board over the last few days. It turns out the Hawks fax machine was working this year, they just forgot to get paper for it.

There was many an upset fan over the acquisition of Sammy Pahlsson and the departure of James "Wiz" Wisniewski. Wiz was for sure a fan favourite, no doubt about it. My initial reaction was anger. I was hoping for an upgrade over Bolland and I liked Wiz as well. After giving it some time and listening to what coach Q had to say about Pahlsson, I've decided to let the trade play it's self out.

In Wiz, we had a pretty good defenseman. He was tough and a stand-up guy in the locker room but let's look at the facts. Wiz had knee problems and some significant knee surgeries over the years. He missed the first half of the season this year due to knee surgery. The Hawks did pretty damn well without him in the lineup during that time as well. Wiz is also a restricted free agent at year's end, and was looking for a raise. The chances are good he would have been traded in the offseason.

A lot of fans are angry that the Hawks didn't get Antoine Vermette from Ottawa and that he went to rival Columbus. Unfortunately for the Hawks, the Sens were looking to sure up their goaltending problem and they believe Pascal Leclaire -- who Vermette was traded for -- will be their #1 goalie for years to come. He's also signed passed this year at a decent salary.

So the Hawks turned to Pahlsson, who has won a Stanley Cup in Anaheim and was a big part of playing on shutdown penalty killing lines during that cup run. That's what the Hawks need badly. The Hawks penalty kill has been horrible lately and Pahlsson should help out. On top of that, Pahlsson brings a winning attitude to a dressing room that has many younger players who have not yet experienced the NHL playoffs.

I know what you're thinking, "Stuy the guy has MONO!" I realize that but he has been cleared to play. His conditioning is probably low due to not playing for a month but he should be 100% by playoff time. This is when we need him most. Most likely, the Hawks will be playing Vancouver in the first round if nothing changes by seasons end. Coach Q is going to have Pahlsson on Matt Sundin game in and game out. His one and only job will be to make sure Matt Sundin has nightmares about him. Teams that have had success in the playoffs and go deep had guys like Pahlsson around, guys like Claude Lemiuex and Esa Tikkanen. These types of players are a necessity in the playoffs, whether it's shadowing the other teams star, winning big face-offs, or wreaking havoc in the corners. These guys are far from offensive dynamos, but that was never a problem with this team. The Hawks are one of the top scoring teams in the league right now. Scoring goals is not a problem.

Listening to Coach Q's comments he sounds pretty happy about filling this glaring hole within the team. I'll defer to him right now that he got the player he wanted but if Pahlsson fails to bring anything to the Hawks some heads are going to role, mainly Dale Tallon's.

Now let's talk about the present. There are less than 20 games remaining but the Hawks are not in the clear at all. Vancouver is hot right now, as is Columbus. This is not the time to have a setback in the season as it could cost the Hawks home ice advantage in the first round. Now's the time to put the hammer down and sprint to the finish.

Patrick Sharp is supposed to start skating again on Monday which is great news.

Stuy is the Head Administator of The 300 Level, the top of the hilt in Hawks messageboards (stuy.proboards51.com).

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YEAR	DRAFT	TRADE	FREE AGENT
2008-2009		**Samuel Pahlsson** (COL 7th round 1996) and Logan Stephenson (PHX 2nd round 2004) from ANA for James Wisniewski (CHI 5th round 2002) and Petri Kontiola (CHI 7th round 2004) **Pascal Pelletier** (BOS Undrafted FA 2006) from BOS for Martin St. Pierre (CHI Undrafted FA 2005)	**Brian Campbell** (BUF 6th round 1997 **Cristobal Huet** (LA 7th round 2001) **Matt Walker** (STL 3rd round 1998) **Aaron Johnson** (CLB 3rd round 2001) **Antti Niemi** (Undrafted FA)
2007-2008	**Patrick Kane** (1st round)	**Ben Eager** (PHO 1st round 2002) from PHI for Jim Vandermeer (FA PHI 2000) **Craig Adams** (HAR 9th round 1996) from CAR for future considerations. **Andrew Ladd** (CAR 1st round 2004) from CAR for Tuomo Ruutu (CHI 1st round 2001)	**Brent Sopel** (VAN 6th round 1995)
2006-2007	**Jonathan Toews** (1st round)	**Martin Havlat** (OTT 1st round 1999) from OTT and Bryan Smolinski (BOS 1st round 1990) for Tom Preissing (FA SJ 2003), Josh Hennessy (SJ 2nd round 2003) and Michael Barinka (CHI 2nd round 2003) **Kris Versteeg** (BOS 5th round 2004) from BOS for Brandon Bochenski (OTT 7th round 2001)	
2005-2006	**Jack Skille** (1st round) **Niklas Hjalmarsson** (4th round)	**Patrick Sharp** (PHI 3rd round 2001) from PHI for Matt Ellison (CHI 4th round 2002) and CHI 3rd round pick 2006	**Nikolai Khabibulin** (WIN 9th round 1992)
2004-2005	**Cam Barker** (1st round) **Dave Bolland** (2nd round) **Troy Brouwer** (7th round)		
2003-2004	**Brent Seabrook** (1st round) **Dustin Byfuglien** (8th round)	**Colin Fraser** (PHI 3rd round 2003), Jim Vandermeer (PHI FA 2000) and 2004 2nd round pick from PHI for Alex Zhamnov and 2004 4th round pick (WIN 4th round 1990)	
2002-2003	**Duncan Keith** (2nd round) **Adam Burish** (9th round)		

GM HISTORY

Dale Tallon (2005-Present)
Bob Pulford (Too Fucking Long, Too Many Fucking Times)
Mike Smith (2001-2004)

COACHES

Head Coach-Joel Quenneville
Assistant Coach-John Torchetti
Assistant Coach-Mike Haviland
Assistant Coach- Marc Bergevin
Goaltending Coach-Stephane Waite

The Making of The Colorado Avalanche

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YEAR	DRAFT	TRADE	FREE AGENT
2008-2009		**Lawrence Nycholat** (MIN Undrafted FA 2000), Ryan Wilson, and 2009 2nd round pick for Jordan Leopold (ANA 2nd round 1989)	**Darcy Tucker** (MON 6th round 1993) **Andrew Raycroft** (BOS 5th round 1998) **Brian Willsie** (COL 6th round 1996) **Daniel Tjarnqvist** (FLA 4th round 1996)
2007-2008		**Adam Foote** (QUE 2nd round 1989) from CLB for 2009 1st and 4th round pick. **Ruslan Salei (**ANA 1st round 1996) from Florida in exchange for Karlis Skrastins (NSH 9th round 1998) and 2008 3rd round pick)	**Ryan Smyth** (EDM 1st round 1994) **Scott Hannan** (SJ 1st round 1997)
2006-2007	**Chris Stewart** (1st round)		**Tyler Arnason** (CHI 7th round 1998) **Ben Guite** (MON 7th round 1997) **Cody McLeod** (undrafted FA)
2005-2006	**Paul Stastny** (2nd round) **T.J. Hensick** (3rd round) **Kyle Cumiskey** (7th round)		
2004-2005	**Wojtek Wolski** (1st round)		**Ian Laperriere** (STL 7th round 1992)
2003-2004	**David Jones** (9th round)		
2001-2002	**Peter Budaj** (2nd round) **Cody McCormick** (5th round) **Marek Svatos** (7th round)	**Brett Clark** (MON 6th round 1996) from ATL for Frederic Cassivi (OTT 9th round 1994)	
2000-2001	**John-Michael Liles** (5th round)		
1994-1995	**Milan Hejduk** (4th round)		

GM HISTORY
2007-Present: Francois Giguere
1995-2007: Pierre LaCroix
1991-1995: Pierre Page

COACHES
Head Coach: Tony Granato
Asst. Coach: Jacques Cloutier
Asst. Coach: Dave Barr
Goaltending Coach: Jeff Hackett

The Hawks Record When...

Playing at home.....	17-5-6
Playing on road.....	19-13-3
Scoring first.....	25-5-3
Opponent scores first.....	11-13-6
Shoot the puck bimbo scores.....	5-1-1
Shoot the puck bimbo doesn't score.....	12-3-5
Shoot the puck bimbo blows editors of Commited Indian.....	0-0-0
ANYONE blows editors of Committed Indian	0-1-0
Playing on a Monday.....	2-2-1
Playing on a Tuesday.....	6-2-0
Playing on a Wednesday.....	7-1-2
Playing on a Thursday.....	2-3-0
Playing on a Friday.....	4-3-3
Playing on a Saturday.....	7-5-3
Playing on a Sunday.....	8-2-0
Savard changes lines during game...	1-2-1
Coach Q keeps lines as they are.....	35-16-8
Are out-muscled by opponent....	10-14-4
Outshoot opponent.....	25-10-4
Are outshot by opponent....	11-8-5
Havlat shies from contact.....	16-6-6
Patrick Kane scores.....	11-5-2
Jonathan Toews scores.....	12-2-5
Martin Havlat scores.....	13-4-1
Patrick Sharp scores.....	15-3-2
Dustin Byfuglien scores.....	7-1-1
Dustin Byfuglien turns down a hit.....	29-14-7
Andrew Ladd scores.....	10-0-1
Dave Bolland scores.....	11-1-2
Adam Burish scores.....	3-2-0, and totally ruins that joke
51 Phantom scores.....	3-2-1
Duncan Keith scores.....	5-3-0
Brent Seabrook scores.....	4-0-1
VerStud scores....	10-5-1
Troy Brouwer scores....	7-0-0
Scoring a Power Play goal.....	26-6-8
Not scoring a Power Play goal...	10-11-1
Allowing a Power Play goal.....	14-14-9
Not Allowing a Power Play goal.....	22-4-0
Scoring a short-handed goal.....	6-2-0
Allowing a short-handed goal.....	2-2-1
Taking 30 or more shots.....	27-13-7
Taking less than 30 shots.....	9-5-2
Allowing 30 shots or more.....	16-7-5
Allowing 30 shots or less.....	20-11-4
100 Level doesn't cheer for anthem.	17-4-6
1st of a back-to-back.....	4-5-3
2nd of a back-to-back.....	7-4-0
Opponent played night before....	8-3-1
Taking more than 5 penalties.....	16-13-4
Taking 5 or less penalties....	20-5-5
Seabrook gets a flat-footed penalty....	8-4-4
Burish takes a penalty.....	7-5-2
Keith takes a penalty.....	11-3-2
Sharp takes a penalty.....	10-2-2
Toews takes a penalty.....	8-4-2
Havlat takes a penalty....	6-3-1
Sopel takes a penalty.....	3-2-1
Sopel looks 6 steps slow.....	7-5-5
51 Phantom blows a coverage.....	25-15-8
Toews is trying too hard.....	3-7-2
At least 1 fight in 300 Level...	3-2-4
No fights in 300 Level.....	14-3-2
Playing Eastern Conference.....	7-3-3
Playing Western Conference.....	29-15-6
Playing Central Division.....	4-6-5
Playing Northwest Division....	12-5-0
Playing Pacific Division	13-4-1
Playing Atlantic Division	1-1-2
Playing NASCAR Division	3-1-0
Playing Northeast Division	3-1-1
Playing in October....	4-3-3
Playing in November....	6-3-3
Playing in December.....	10-1-1
Playing in January.....	7-6-1
Playing in February.....	7-4-1
Playing in March.....	2-1-0
Playing in April.....	0-0-0
UC plays really stupid goal song.....	17-3-6
Huet's five-hole open like Lindsay Lohan's.....	3-10-3
Getting obliterated on face-offs.....	13-10-4
Are even close on face-offs.....	23-8-5
Eddie O tells crew to "stop it right here!"....	31-16-9
Eddie O tells us D have the forwards and forwards have the D during 4-on-4.....	31-15-9
Pat Foley screws up a name.....	34-15-9
Ice Crew wear skirts.....	7-1-3
Ice Crew wear pants.....	3-1-0
Ice Crew wear shorts....	7-3-3
Member of Ice Crew hilariously falls on her shapely ass....	0-1-0
Leading after 2 periods.....	29-2-3
Losing after 2 periods.....	2-11-3
Tied after 2 periods.....	5-5-3
In overtime.....	4-4
In shootout.....	2-5
Cam Barker plays.....	29-14-6
Cam Barker is in Rockford due to GM incompetence.....	5-2-3
Lacking a #2 center.....	36-18-9
In 1-goal games.....	8-6-9
In 2-goal games.....	12-6-0
In 3-goal games.....	7-4-0
In 4+ goal games.....	8-2-0
Scoring 3+ goals.....	33-5-4
Scoring less than 3 goals.....	2-12-4
PA plays Ministry.....	0-0-0
PA plays Modern Cock-Rock.....	17-5-6
PA plays Stranglehold.....	5-2-3
PA plays P.J. Harvey.....	0-0-0
Fraser fights.....	7-2-1
Burish fights.....	5-2-0
Seabrook fights.....	0-0-0
Barker fights.....	0-0-2
Buff fights.....	1-0-2
Sharp fights.....	1-0-0
Eager fights.....	10-1-1
On Comcast.....	27-10-6
On WGN.....	9-5-3
On Vs.....	0-2-0
On NBC....	0-1-0
Judd Sirott hates Adam Creighton	36-17-9

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