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READ THIS BEFORE KEN HITCHCOCK EATS IT

So, were you racing to a message board to post something to the effect of, "Good teams find a way to win when they don't play well?" That's the best way to describe Friday's effort on the mush puddle that was the ice surface at Pepsi Arena. The Hawks weren't very good, had a hard time completing consecutive passes (though the '77 Canadiens would have struggled to complete passes on whatever that surface was) and didn't seem to play with a whole lot of urgency. Thankfully, a game against the Avalanche doesn't require much.

The defensive effort came to the fore last night, as Colorado managed 9 shots in the last two periods. Just as they have been for the past two weeks, the Hawks' third line of Ladd-Bolland-Havlat was the best one on the ice. Paul Stastny and the mysteriously-annoying Milan Hejduk didn't sniff much of a chance. To top that off, Bolland and Ladd combined for the equalizer, and then Havlat set up the winner for Buff at the end of a power play. This was after Wednesday's performance from that trio that saw Ottawa's stars, Spezza, Heatley, and Alfredsson, blanketed out of the game so hardcore they were questioning their sexuality. Some point soon, the Hawks will need one of their top two lines to catch fire, but it's heartening to know the third unit has got their back until they do.

However, that doesn't mean there aren't warts. The Hawks are going to have to figure something out about face-offs. They were donkey-punched in the cirlces last night. They weren't much better the game before. When playing a subpar team, you can get away with losing 62% of the draws. That does not make it a good idea. Perhaps this is part of Bolland's learning curve, and also a result of Patrick Sharp being at his best on the wing. Whatever it is, they're going to have to fix it, because when the games really start to matter later in the year, that's how games are lost.

Stick You Like a Hurri-Kane

You may have missed Kane's quotes in Sassone's wrap of Wednesday's game. In them, Kaner was defending his eight minutes in high-sticking penalties as the only way he can defend himself, and perhaps it would deter future opponents from running at him. Patrick, don't you know hockey players live to get hit in the face with something? Keep your stick down, we'll find you a teammate to protect you (our lips to God's ears.) and if teams continue to charge you, bury them on the ensuing power play. We promise they'll be more careful after that.

Ohio-Land Goes Blue

Tonight, the Hawks come up against the waste of hockey players that is Columbus. The BJs are coming off a 3-1 win against the Islanders last night, and that and two dollars will get you on the bus. Games against Columbus always tend to be chippy affairs. That's probably because coach Ken Hitchcock (plenty more on Shamu inside) knows that his team is much bigger than the Hawks, and will try and prove it at every stop.

However, for once, there's more than one interesting player on the Blue Jackets. Rick Nash is joined by Derick Brassard -- who's averaging almost a point per game -- and Jakub Voracek, who broke a five-game pointless streak last night. There's also Kristian Huselius, who's been a thorn in our ass for a while. Columbus has always been a little dodgy on the blueline, and isn't helped by knee-lover Rusty Klesla being out. Columbus tried to solve some of these problems by acquiring Mike Commodore and Fedor Tyutin in the summer, which is like trying to solve your women problems by drinking more booze (though we keep trying that ploy.) Only Kris Russel shows any speed back there, and he's got a long way to go.

But as always with Columbus, it all comes down to Rick Nash. He's having his usual productive-but-shouldn't-it-be-more season. There isn't a more lethal combination of speed, size, and skill in one player than Nash, and yet post-lockout he hasn't cracked 40 goals. For his size, he uses his reach well, but doesn't play with a mean-streak that would make him unstoppable. Nash is a free agent after next season, and though all the right songs are being sung, we can't see him staying there unless the BJ's fortunes change greatly. What would you do if you were he? Stay in Columbus and always be less known than the QB for the Buckeyes? Or head to Toronto and become a god? Think LeBron and the Knicks. We're sure Brian Burke is.

Why Do You Exist?

Whenever the Hawks bring their "A" game against Columbus, they win easily, as judged by three 3+ goal wins last year. They have to stay focused, as Columbus will try and outmuscle and hit them all night, to the delight of a slobbering Hitchcock. But there doesn't seem to be a puck-mover on the BJ backend (don't you hate it when you can't puck move on the back end of a BJ? We have no idea what that means, either) so a heavy forecheck should reap rewards. As will the power play, as the BJs aren't shy about checking out the view from the box, and they're not terribly good at killing them off. It's a recipe for another two points.

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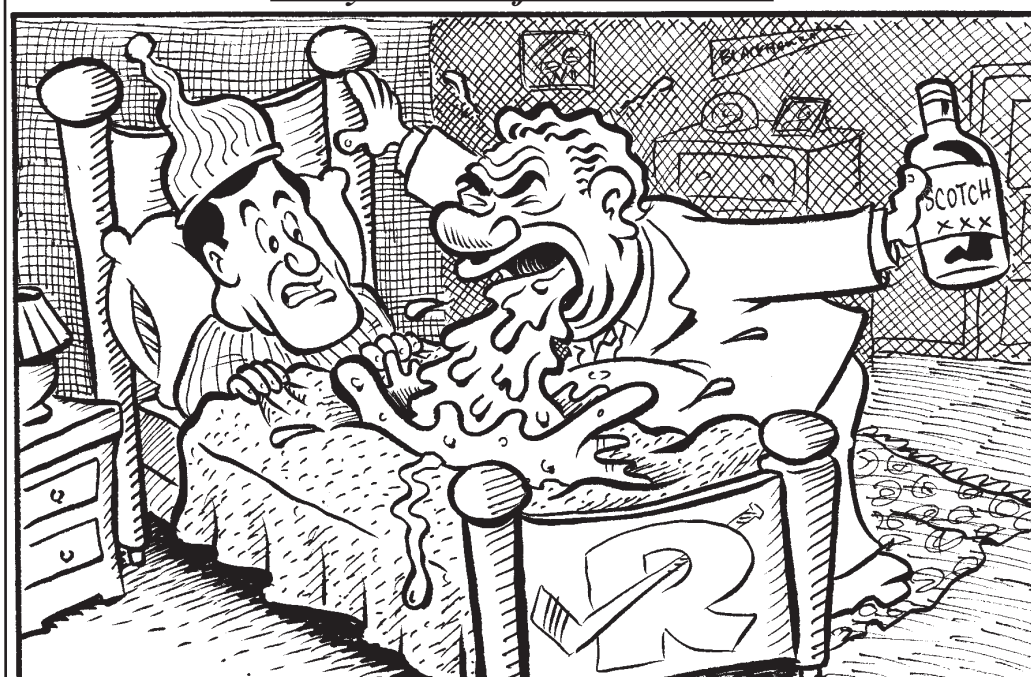
Rocky's Ghost of Christmas Past



MUSINGS FROM THE EDITOR

Sam Fels

The Case For Cris: The Amazing Cristobal hasn't gotten off to the best start here in Chicago. Though for the most part he's been solid, he hasn't played as well as a reinvigorated Khabby. Fans seem to be holding that against him, as well as the size of Huet's contract. That doesn't seem fair. I highly doubt Huet walked into Tallon's office with a gun and made Tallon put that offer on the table. Huet got what he got, and we all have done the same -- though undoubtedly on a smaller scale -- in our lives.

But there's more to it than that. As I stated in the last issue, there have been rumblings that Huet, along with Campbell, were McDonough signings as part of a marketing strategy. This just adds to the difficult situation Cris finds himself in. Firstly, it's a given that when he signed he was told he would be the #1 goalie here. Maybe he wasn't given the details, but you have to believe Tallon told him Khabby would be moved along somehow. Then that doesn't come to be. You can't say Huet was lied to, but he certainly wasn't given the truth, either. So now he's competing for a job that he was told was his, and this after -- to some -- proving he was a NHL #1 goalie last season in Washington.

Additionally, he hears that he was signed just as much for the headlines it would generate than his ability. It must feel uncomfortable to hear that about yourself. I know what you're going to say. "He's got $5 mil a year to make himself feel better." But athletes don't think like that. They're competitors, especially hockey players, and especially goalies. They all want to believe they've been acquired because they're needed on-ice, not to create a buzz.

Huet's had some obstacles thrown in his path that are no faults of his own. I, for one, hopes he overcomes them. Not just because the Hawks will need him, but because he's handled this unfair situation well, and deserves it.

Good, We Didn't Want Ya Anyway Some of you may have seen yesterday that Tallon has pretty much pronounced the Hawks out of the Mats Sundin Derby due to a lack of cap space (surprise, surprise). I'm happy about this. Though Sundin is a wonderful player, if he were really committed to playing hockey he'd be playing already. Steve Rosenbloom pointed this out earlier this week, but the Leafs were desperate to unload Mats last season to a contender. But he wouldn't go. So how much desire does he really have? Most of all, when has one of these "mid-season heroes" actually worked out? Selanne last year in Anaeheim played in a daze. Scott Niedermayer was a -2. Peter Forsberg pulled it off once, but the other two times he's tried it has been a complete non-factor. Mats Sundin is no Peter Forsberg. There's a move to be made to improve the Hawks, but it's not there now. There's plenty of time. Enjoy Vancouver, Mats.

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Saturday, December 13
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$10 inscriptions

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NHL STANDINGS

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY
NY Rangers	20	11	2	42	88	88	12-6-1	8-5-1
Philadelphia	16	7	6	38	100	89	9-4-3	7-3-3
Pittsburgh	16	10	4	36	100	87	8-4-2	8-6-2
New Jersey	16	9	2	34	84	73	9-5-1	7-4-1
NY Islanders	10	18	2	22	76	110	5-8-1	5-10-1

NORTHEAST	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY
Boston	21	5	4	46	106	67	11-1-1	10-4-3
Montreal	16	8	5	37	85	75	9-4-3	7-4-2
Buffalo	15	12	3	33	83	85	8-7-1	7-5-2
Toronto	11	12	6	28	86	99	5-5-4	6-7-2
Ottawa	11	12	5	27	66	70	8-5-3	3-7-2

SOUTHEAST	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY
Washington	18	10	3	39	98	89	12-1-1	6-9-2
Florida	14	12	3	31	72	78	6-4-2	8-8-1
Carolina	13	12	5	31	78	92	7-8-1	6-4-4
Atlanta	9	16	4	22	84	107	5-7-2	4-9-2
Tampa Bay	7	15	8	22	68	95	3-6-5	4-9-3

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY
Sister-Chasers*	19	5	4	42	100	86	9-2-2	10-3-2
HAWKS	**14**	**6**	**7**	**35**	**96**	**76**	**9-1-4**	**5-5-3**
Nashville	15	12	3	33	82	90	8-4-1	7-8-2
Columbus	13	13	3	29	81	88	9-5-1	4-8-2
St. Louis *	12	13	3	27	80	91	7-5-2	5-8-1

NORTHWEST	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY
Vancouver *	16	10	3	35	89	75	7-3-1	9-7-2
Calgary	16	11	3	35	86	91	9-4-2	7-7-1
Minnesota	15	12	1	31	74	62	8-6-1	7-6-0
Colorado	14	14	1	29	81	85	8-6-0	6-8-1
Edmonton *	13	12	2	28	74	80	3-4-2	10-8-0

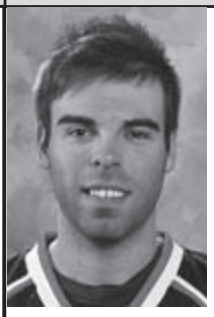
PACIFIC	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY
San Jose*	23	3	2	48	104	64	15-0-2	8-3-0
Anaheim	16	11	3	35	86	83	9-6-2	7-5-1
Phoenix *	14	13	2	30	77	83	9-4-1	5-9-1
Los Angeles	13	12	4	30	79	81	10-6-4	3-6-0
Dallas	11	14	4	26	78		5-5-3	6-9-1

TOP 10 LIST

Top 10 Things The Hawks Want For Christmas

10. Jonathan Toews- The Hollywood girlfriend we all know he's getting one day
9. Brian Campbell- A compass for use in his own end
8. Duncan Keith- 25% of Seabrook's contract that Keith got him
7. James Wisniewski- A new knee, made from the flesh of Jordan Tootoo
6. Joel Quenneville- The ability to stop giggling in excitement at the situation he's found himself parachuted into
5. Dale Tallon- A new abacus
4. Dale Tallon again- Mats Sundin with a sign around his neck stating, "Will play for beer."
3. Patrick Sharp- Let's see, handsome, lethal scorer, leader...he'll get back to you on that
2. Kris Versteeg- To never wake up
1. Patrick Kane- Pubes

PUCK DROP



Pascal LeClaire- Millstone Around Neck, Columbus: Last year, LeClaire burst onto the scene with 9 shutouts and a glittering .919 SV% for a bad Columbus team. They immediately signed him to a backloaded extention, culminating with a salary of $4.8 million in the '10-11 season. If you want to look up the definition of "buyer's remorse", just see the expression on GM Scott Howson's face. LeClaire has been vomiting-stomach-acid bad. His last three starts have seen him turn his head 16 times. Steve Mason has been gobbling up more and more starts. You think Huet's contract is stupid? At least he's passable at his worst. How will Columbus move this contract if Pascal doesn't turn it around?

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CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS 14-6-7

Hmmm, $7+ million for a d-man Coach Q won't play during the penalty kill, eh? Phantom had 3 seconds on ice shorthanded Friday, and none Wednesday.

Our man-crush for Dave Bolland is only getting bigger, and we say that with a staunch record of heterosexuality (witness the pending lawsuits after our "Ask The Ice Crew" section). After completely eliminating Jason Spezza and Paul Stastny, he then chips in with an assist to Ladd for the tying goal against the Avs that hurt your teeth it was so sweet.

Buff has now fired 20 shots in his last 4 games. Just like Dark Helmet ordered in Spaceballs, "KEEP FIRING, ASSHOLE!"

#	Pos	Player	Ht	WT	AGE	GP	G	A	P	+/-	PIM	PP	SH	GW	S	S%	Salary
88	R	*Patrick Kane*	5'10"	187	19	25	13	20	33	2	18	6	0	2	82	15.9	$3,725,000
10	L	*The Sharp-Shooter*	6'1"	197	26	27	16	10	26	1	28	6	0	2	87	18.4	$3,900,000
32	L	*VerStud*	5'10"	180	22	25	7	16	23	12	37	2	1	1	47	14.9	$491,667
19	C	*Captain Marvel*	6'2"	209	20	27	8	15	23	4	21	3	0	2	74	10.8	$2,800,000
~~24~~	R	*Martin Havlat*	6'2"	217	27	27	7	14	21	10	12	3	0	0	64	10.9	$6,000,000
51	D	*51 Phantom*	6'0"	188	29	25	4	16	20	3	2	1	0	0	40	10	$7,142,875
36	C	*Dave Bolland*	6'0"	188	22	25	5	12	17	5	12	0	1	1	33	15.2	$845,833
16	L	*Andrew Ladd*	6'2"	198	22	27	6	10	16	12	12	0	0	0	54	11.1	$1,550,000
25	D	*Cam Barker*	6'3"	213	22	19	3	9	12	-5	15	3	0	1	26	11.5	$2,768,587
2	D	*Duncan Keith*	6'1"	194	25	27	2	10	12	12	16	0	0	0	57	3.5	$1,475,000
33	R	*Dustin Byfuglien*	6'3"	247	23	22	5	5	10	3	27	0	0	1	67	7.5	$3,000,000
22	R	*Troy Brouwer*	6'2"	213	23	21	3	7	10	6	25	1	0	0	39	7.7	$675,000
7	D	*Brent Seabrook*	6'3"	220	23	27	3	5	8	6	35	1	1	0	41	7.3	$600,000
46	C	*Colin Fraser*	6'1"	188	23	25	1	6	7	-2	35	0	0	0	16	6.3	$500,000
23	D	*Aaron Johnson**	6'1"	211	25	18	3	4	7	13	12	0	0	1	10	30	$3,500,000
55	L	*Ben Eager*	6'2"	220	24	21	5	1	6	0	52	0	0	0	16	31.3	$568,000
28	R	*Craig Adams*	6'0"	197	31	12	1	1	2	-3	7	0	0	0	13	7.7	$600,000
8	D	*Matt Walker*	6'3"	214	28	15	0	2	2	7	22	0	0	0	14	0	$600,000
5	D	*Brent Sopel*	6'1"	211	31	21	1	1	2	-4	8	0	0	1	15	6.7	$2,333,333
37	R	*Adam Burish**	6'1"	189	25	19	0	0	0	-5	49	0	0	0	21	0	$712,500
		Totals/Averages	*6'1"*	*203.6*	*24.17*		94	164			454	26	3		830	11.33%	$43,850,295

**injured*

#	Goalie	HT	WT	AGE	GPI	Min	GAA	W	L	OT	SO	SA	GA	Sv%	G	A	PIM	Salary
39	*Nikolai Khabibulin*	6'1"	209	35	14	839	2.5	8	1	4	1	434	35	0.919	0	2	4	$6,750,000
38	*Cristobal Huet*	6'1"	205	33	14	811	2.59	6	5	3	1	378	35	0.907	0	0	0	$5,625,000
	Totals/Averages	*6'1"*	*207*	*34*	28	1650	2.55	14	6	7	2	812	70	0.913	0	2	4	$12,375,000

TOTAL CAP NUMBER:	**$56,119,795**
CAP SPACE:	**$257,000***

Probable Lines

Left Wing	Center	Right Wing
D. Byfuglien	Patrick Sharp	Patrick Kane
Kris Versteeg	Jonathan Toews	Troy Brouwer
Andrew Ladd	Dave Bolland	Martin Havlat
Ben Eager	Colin Fraser	Craig Adams

Probable Pairings

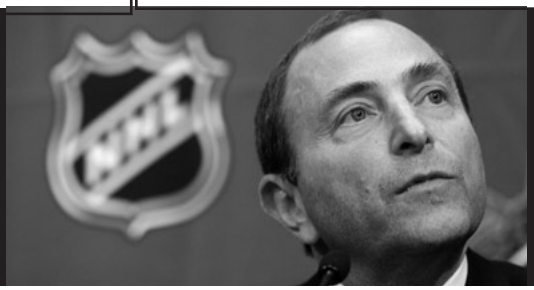
Brian Campbell	Cam Barker
Duncan Keith	Brent Seabrook
Brent Sopel	Matt Walker

*space also affected by buyouts and injured players

Injury List

Adam Burish- Out (Broken Toe-2 weeks)
Aaron Johnson- Out (Shoulder-1 month)
James Wisniewski- Out (Knee-Return Tue.)

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….

COLUMBUS BLUE MEANIES 13-13-3

And you thought Tallon handed out some silly contracts. Umberger makes the same as Sharp, and Commodore is paid more than Seabrook. Who would you rather have? That being said, Columbus has plenty of space to resign Nash, and others, if they're interested.

This guy's gonna be a problem for a while. Probably will be the center Nash has lacked for his entire career.

#	Pos	Player	Ht	WT	AGE	GP	G	A	P	+/-	PIM	PP	SH	GW	S	S%	Salary
61	L	*Rick Nash*	6' 4"	218	24	29	13	12	25	2	26	3	1	3	97	13.4	$5,400,000
16	C	*Derick Brassard*	6' 1"	190	21	28	9	14	23	11	10	2	0	1	55	16.4	$1,247,000
20	L	*Kristian Huselius*	6' 1"	179	30	28	9	10	19	-7	14	3	0	1	91	9.9	$4,750,000
25	L	*Jason Chimera*	6' 2"	216	29	29	7	11	18	8	31	1	0	1	73	9.6	$1,875,000
51	D	*Fedor Tyutin*	6' 3"	216	25	29	3	11	14	-3	18	0	1	0	58	5.2	$2,844,000
18	C	*R.J. Umberger*	6' 2"	215	26	29	8	6	14	-1	8	2	0	0	89	9	$3,750,000
93	R	*Jakub Voracek*	6' 1"	205	19	28	4	9	13	8	22	0	0	0	37	10.8	$1,271,000
33	L	*Fredrik Modin*	6' 4"	218	34	23	6	7	13	-7	12	2	0	0	58	10.3	$3,250,000
22	D	*Mike Commodore*	6' 5"	228	29	29	1	11	12	3	36	0	0	0	37	2.7	$3,750,000
3	D	*Marc Methot*	6' 3"	225	23	23	3	5	8	8	16	0	0	0	30	10	$522,000
27	C	*Manny Malhotra*	6' 2"	217	28	24	3	3	6	6	6	0	0	1	32	9.4	$1,200,000
19	C	*Michael Peca*	5' 11"	183	34	24	1	5	6	-6	36	0	0	1	19	5.3	$1,237,000
17	C	*Andrew Murray*	6' 2"	216	27	25	4	2	6	-5	4	0	0	1	30	13.3	$625,000
10	D	*Kris Russell*	5' 10"	180	21	13	1	4	5	-2	0	0	0	0	16	6.3	$629,000
8	D	*Jan Hejda*	6' 3"	218	30	29	1	4	5	6	10	0	0	0	22	4.5	$2,000,000
97	D	*Rostislav Klesla* *	6' 3"	220	26	13	1	3	4	2	10	0	0	0	15	6.7	$1,600,000
14	L	*Raffi Torres* *	6' 0"	223	27	14	1	3	4	-1	8	0	0	1	23	4.3	$2,250,000
12	C	*Jiri Novotny*	6' 3"	204	25	18	1	3	4	3	4	0	1	0	21	4.8	$750,000
5	D	*Christian Backman*	6' 4"	210	28	27	1	3	4	1	16	1	0	0	30	3.3	$2,300,000
40	R	*Jared Boll*	6' 2"	210	22	23	0	3	3	-3	72	0	0	0	17	0	$735,000
15	R	*Derek Dorsett* *	5' 11"	187	21	12	1	1	2	-1	63	0	0	1	9	11.1	$515,000
55	D	*Ole-Kristian Tollefsen*	6' 2"	211	24	12	0	1	1	-1	31	0	0	0	9	0	$675,000
4	D	*Clay Wilson*	6' 0"	195	25	3	0	1	1	-2	0	0	0	0	7	0	$451,000
		Totals/Averages	***6' 2"***	***208***	***26***		**79**	**132**			**475**	**14**	**3**		**882**	**8.96%**	**$43,626,000**

#	Goalie	HT	WT	AGE	GPI	Min	GAA	W	L	OT	SO	SA	GA	Sv%	G	A	PIM	Salary
31	*Pascal Leclaire*	6' 2"	200	26	11	609	3.74	4	6	0	0	307	38	0.876	0	0	0	$3,800,000
1	*Steve Mason*	6' 4"	212	20	13	790	1.97	8	4	1	2	333	26	0.922	0	0	0	$847,000
30	*Fredrik Norrena*	6' 0"	190	35	8	323	3.16	1	3	2	0	133	17	0.872	0	0	0	$850,000
	Totals/Averages	***6' 2"***	***200.6***	***27***		**1722**		**13**	**13**	**3**	**2**	**773**	**81**	**0.895**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**$5,497,000**

**injured*

Woof.

TOTAL CAP NUMBER:	**$49,862,000**
CAP SPACE:	**$6,818,000**

*space also affected by buyouts and injured players

Probable Lines

Left Wing	Center	Right Wing
Rick Nash	R.J. Umberger	Kristian Huselius
Jason Chimera	Derick Brassard	Fredrik Modin
Andrew Murray	Manny Malhotra	Jakub Voracek
Jared Boll	Michael Peca	Clay Wilson

Probable Pairings

M. Commodore	Jan Hejda
Fedor Tyutin	Marc Methot
C. Backman	Kris Russel

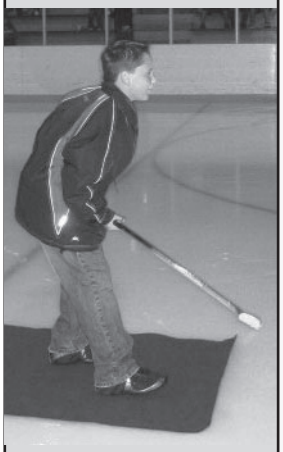
Injury List

Raffi Torres–Out (Knee)
Derek Dorsett–Questionable (Finger)
Rusty Klesla–Out (Ankle)

...IS THIS THE YEAR?

John McDonough's Guide to Intermission Shoot-the-Puck Contestants

Hi folks, I'm John McDonough. One of the long-standing Blackhawks traditions is the shoot-the-puck competition after the 2nd period. The fans really seem to love it, or at least the 18 fans who don't head out for a cigarette do. A lot of people want to know how we pick who gets to shoot, so I'm here to show you what qualitites we're looking for in our contestants! Let's get started!



The kid: *Well, the kid's gotta be somewhat cute. Not Disney-cute, you'd still like to laugh at him when he can't get the puck past the circles, but not so ugly that he makes women cry, either. This one's probably the easiest, actually. We get them out of the 100 level, and most of the kids down there are the spoiled, annoying Highland Park types. They're all whining to their parents about wanting something. Be it a pretzel, a jersey, or their dad to stop harassing the Ice Crew, it's never enough for these fuckers. So we just wait for one, and generally there's only one, who isn't complaining, or crying, and whose mom has a decent rack. That generally decides everything. Oh, and he's got to be somewhat athletic too. We don't want to send some geek out there who's just going to fall on his ass or embarrass himself and have his parents sue us for his mental anguish. Remember, the Highland Park crowd have really good lawyers, and they love to sue. It's like a fucking pastime for them. I once rear ended a guy from Deerfield, and he ended up with my son.*

The Guy: *This one's kind of hard. There isn't any one certain quality we're looking for, because generally this guy's going to get booed, have beer thrown at him, or urinated on. Now, back in the old days, they looked for the most macho asshole they could find, to make it all the better when he kept sending pucks into the corner or slipped and fell on his $120 jeans. But the hair-product crew must've caught on, they're less accessible these days. So now generally we just try and find some DePaul frat boy from Sigma Alpha Douchebag or something, the one whose ass most people assume they could kick -- like the treasurer of the house or something He's got to be a little squirmy, so you can laugh at him if he fails, but aren't too upset if he scores either. Basically, he's got to be plain, nothing to him, kinda like Rene Bourque, though chances are he'll hit more people. He should be the type who'll flirt with the Ice Crew when he's not shooting, but get shot down hard enough that even the people in the nosebleeds can see.*

The Chick: *This is obviously the most fun, though not as easy as you'd think. Obviously, she's gotta be hot. No one wants a 3 out there. We all get enough of that at home, right? But she can't be too trashy, she's got to have some dignity, so you can root for her but also laugh at her. She's gotta look like she'd blow you for a promotion at work, but not for coke. Have some class, y'know? She should also have a real macho boyfriend who's steaming at the ears that 19,000 people are ogling his girlfriend and there's nothing he can do about it. That's high comedy. I like them to have long nails to, because generally they'll snap one and the players find it the next period. They assume its Barrett Jackman's anyway. We get some grief for this one. We hear it's chauvinist and all that. But you know who tells us that? Ugly chicks. So we don't sweat it much. If it makes them feel better, generally the chick-shooter will cause a few fights between couples when the dude gets caught gawking.*

The Fight Card

HAWKS vs. BLUE JACKETS

Fight Stats provided by Hockeyfights.com

GAME	FIGHT	TIME	Bloody Nose	Black Eye	Bruised Ego	Just Dancing	Analysis
11-1-08	**Fraser vs. Tollefson**	**1st. 3:14**			√		Fraser challenges Scandanavian much larger than he, and takes the worst of it. We must conclude Fraser hates Scandanavians, simply because it's fun to do so.
3-26-08	**Seabrook vs. Rome**	**3rd. 18:40**				√	Rome bumps Biscuit on the way back to the bench, linesmen get in but #7 is able to land an upper-cut between them
2-13-08	**Ruutu vs. Hainsey**	**1st. 18:52**				√	Hainsey objects to one of Ruti's customary flying body-block hits, and thinks hugging him will teach him a lesson.
11-14-07	**Vandermeer vs. Nash**	**3rd. 20:00**		√	√		Our favorite Nash moment ever. After taking several shots from Vandy, calls for referees to stop the fight. All heart, Nash.

What To Watch For: These teams know each other well, and it's pretty clear they don't like each other. Columbus is big, and plays a grind-it-out, hold-em-up style, which sometimes leaves the Hawks frustrated and on a short temper. Jared Boll and Derek Dorsett, if healthy, are your most likely to go with someone, and Rusty Klesla is the most likely to pick a fight with some Hawk's knees. Hitch loves his guys to be dirty, we'll get one or two passionate discussions tonight.

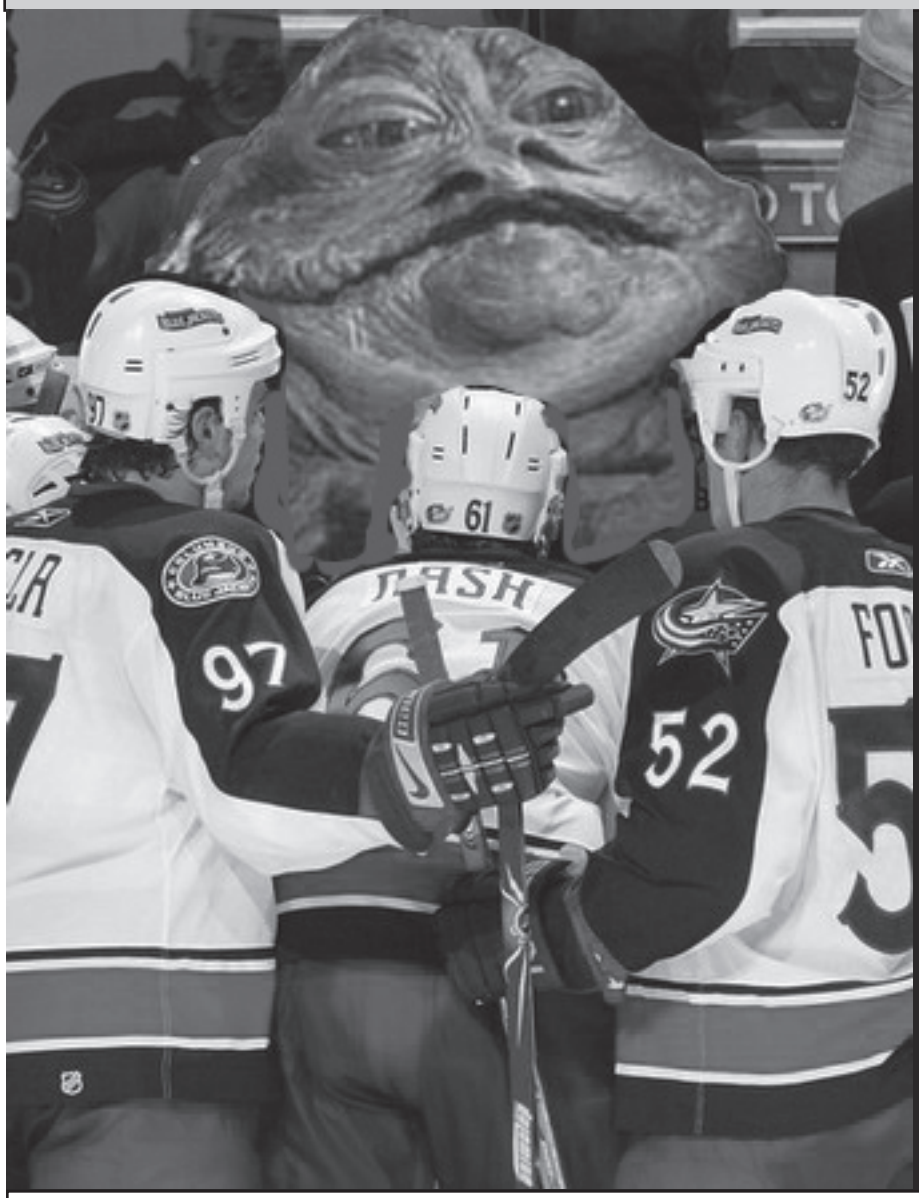
Power Play

Team	Opp	PPG	PP%	Team	OPP	PPG	PP%
DET	117	33	28.2	PIT	142	26	18.3
PHI	121	32	26.4	NYI	139	25	18
BOS	109	27	24.8	ATL	123	22	17.9
MIN	123	30	24.4	OTT	122	21	17.2
WSH	130	31	23.8	COL	126	20	15.9
STL	124	29	23.4	FLA	106	16	15.1
SJS	142	32	22.5	NYR	155	22	14.2
CHI	**121**	**26**	**21.5**	TBL	136	19	14
TOR	133	27	20.3	NSH	139	19	13.9
ANA	114	23	20.2	PHX	130	18	13.8
LAK	138	27	19.6	NJD	94	13	13.8
EDM	114	22	19.3	DAL	131	17	13.4
CGY	147	28	19	CAR	144	19	13.2
BUF	138	26	18.8	MTL	139	18	13
VAN	130	24	18.5	**CBJ**	**137**	**14**	**10.2**

Penalty Kill

Team	TS	PPGA	PK%	Team	TS	PPGA	PK%
NYR	129	12	90.7	VAN	141	26	81.6
BUF	125	14	88.8	STL	127	24	81.1
MIN	107	13	87.8	NSH	158	30	81
OTT	122	18	85.2	WSH	152	29	80.9
CGY	135	20	85.2	DET	120	23	80.8
SJS	110	17	84.6	**CBJ**	**132**	**26**	**80.3**
PHI	148	23	84.5	COL	120	24	80
CHI	**120**	**19**	**84.2**	TBL	159	32	79.9
LAK	130	21	83.8	NYI	148	30	79.7
FLA	123	21	82.9	CAR	130	27	79.2
BOS	113	20	82.3	NJD	112	24	78.6
MTL	134	24	82.1	TOR	108	24	77.8
PHX	117	21	82	DAL	121	28	76.9
PIT	122	22	82	EDM	118	30	74.6
ANA	160	29	81.9	ATL	123	35	71.5

Spotlight



Ken Hitchcock

Ken Hitchcock is a great coach, and if you don't believe it, just ask him. Well, we don't believe it, and we have no plans to share any airspace with him any time soon. How would we fit in the same room, anyway? In a market that's struggling to survive, how can it be acceptable to not make the playoffs and be boring as all hell while you're at it? We can't possbily see how Hitchcock is the proper coach for a growing team. I'm sure BJ fans will point to his Stanley Cup ring and say he must be. Look at that Cup-winning Stars team: Modano, Hull, Lehtinen, Nieuwendyk, Langenbrunner, Carbonneau, Zubov, Hatcher, and Belfour in his prime. How much coaching did it take? Not only were all of these players talented, but responsible. They basically ran themselves. When he was behind the bench of the Flyers after the lockout, Philly crashed home the last part of the season and flamed out spectacularly in the playoffs. The next year he got shit-canned. Hitchcock's style couldn't adjust to a game where locking down opponents was no longer rewarded. Which brings us to his Columbus stint. The past two seasons the Jackets haven't come within 10 points of a playoff spot, and are currently 13th in the conference this year. Maybe Hitch hasn't been given the talent to succeed, but is his self-congratulatory, hard-ass style what young players need? Nikolai Zherdev certainly didn't think so. Now he's lighting it up in New York. With Nash, Voracek, and Brassard already in Ohio, and Nikita Filatov on the way, this team could succeed by pushing the pace. But that's not Fatass's way. If he instills such discipline, why is Columbus 6th worst in penalties? After being 5th worst last year? Expect Hitch to get the boot if Columbus doesn't compete yet again this season.

KNOW THY ENEMY

Tonight, Bethany from Bethany's Hockey Rants on the Kukla's Corner (www.kuklaskorner.com) chimes in to tell us everything we need to know about the Blue Jackets. Which ain't much, but we're glad she's around anyway.

Q: What do Blue Jackets fans think of Ken Hitchcock? We find it hard to believe that his style of coaching is what a young developing team needs. Not to mention his teams are generally boring as all hell..
A: I know you may think that they're boring, but considering our record since Hitch has come on, I will take it. Hitchcock is one of the best coaches in the league so I don't think you can deny his talent, and the cheers he gets when his name is announced are second to Rick Nash, and well, maybe Mason.

Hitch also brings an identity, something the Jackets never had when Doug MacLean was running the team.

Q: Is Nash really captain material? Or is this a case of slapping the "C" on your best player?
Unlike Adam Foote, Nash is definitely captain material. He is still young so he is growing into the position. Nash is this organization. He is this team. He leads on the ice, and is slowly becoming a great captain, he also has Michael Peca and Freddy Modin to help him lead the way so to speak.

Q: Nash's deal is up after next season. Is there any worry that if things don't turn around he may start looking longingly at the Exit Door? In the same way he looks longingly at other men?
Uhm, wow. I don't even know how to answer that. I don't think that there is a chance in hell that Nash leaves. *Sorry Leafs fans* Like I said before he is the franchise. He has said on multiple occasions that he is not leaving, he is signing a deal as long as everything works out. So, in other words, he is a Jacket for life. And, he can't be re-signed until July 1.

Q: We know your a big Derek Dorsett fan. Tell us why.
Oh my gosh, where to begin?! Derek Dorsett is my style of player. He can do anything, fight, score, hit, you name it, he does it. He gives his all night in and night out. He also has that unsuspecting look about him. He doesn't look like he should be a fighter, or a tough guy in the NHL, and I think that's something that makes me like him.

And, for the record, I haven't always been a Dorsett fan. I was rooting against him and Russell in the Memorial Cup a few years ago.

Q: Which Pascal LeClaire is the real one? The star of last year or the mediocre disappointment of this one?
I hate to say it but Pazzy is a HUGE question mark for me. There are times he shows those moments of greatness, I'm sure you know what I'm talking about, those quick legs, a glove save there, you know, the guy who had 8238923982 shutouts last season. And, then, there are times where he is simply mediocre... so...can I just say your guess is as good as mine?

Q: What is Columbus like as a hockey market? We never hear it as one that's in trouble, but we never hear it described as a success either.
Columbus is a great hockey town. The fans are passionate, they love this team. The problem is Columbus loves a winner. That's something the Jackets have obviously struggled with. We can draw the fans in as long as we are winning, and when we are losing there are still the hard core fans, like myself who keep cheering them on.

HAWKS-BJ'S: THE LAST 4

Nov. 1st, 2008: Hawks 4, BJ's 3 (SO)
Hawks break their shootout duck. A ho-hum effort, Hawks never get going really, and Huet bails them out with 48 saves. Sharp-shooter, Havlat, and Biscuit dent twine for the Men of Four Feathers.

Mar. 30th, 2008: BJ's 4, Hawks 5 (SO)
Hawks comeback from 3-1 and 4-3 deficits, with a tying goal from Yanic Perreault (yes, you read that right). Kane scores in skills-competition and Khabby stones Nash to end it. Wonderful.

Mar. 26th, 2008: Hawks 0, BJ's 4
Puke of an effort as Freddy Norrena barely lifts a finger in making 17 saves to shutout the Hawks. Even world-class pussy Peca scores. A few hours of our lives we won't be getting back any time soon.

Mar. 14th, 2008: Hawks 6, BJ's 3
More like it. Hawks pecker-slap Columbus around for 1st, don't even bother with the 2nd, then put Blue Jackets away in the 3rd. We thought it was cute the BJs tried, though.

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	2	9	14	11.5	4.5	7.0	2	0	0
3 Leggo, Mike	1997	1	2	1	3.0	2.0	1.0	0	0	1
4 McCauley, Wes	2003	4	10	11	5.3	2.5	2.8	2	1	0
5 Rooney, Chris	2000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6 Marouelli, Dan	1984	2	8	5	6.5	4.0	2.5	1	1	0
7 McCreary, Bill	1984	2	8	7	7.5	4.0	3.5	2	1	0
8 Jackson, Dave	1990	2	10	11	10.5	5.0	5.5	1	1	0
10 Devorski, Paul	1989	1	5	6	11.0	5.0	6.0	0	1	0
11 Sutherland, Kelly	2000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12 Koharski, Don	1981	1	6	7	13.0	6.0	7.0	1	0	0
13 O'Halloran, Dan	1995	2	12	10	11.0	6.0	5.0	1	0	1
14 LaRue, Dennis	1991	2	10	6	8.0	5.0	3.0	0	0	1
15 Auger, Stephane	2000	3	12	10	7.3	4.0	3.3	2	0	1
16 Shick, Rob	1986	1	2	2	4.0	2.0	2.0	0	0	1
18 Kimmerly, Greg	1996	3	14	15	9.7	4.7	5.0	3	0	0
20 Peel, Tim	1999	1	7	8	15.0	7.0	8.0	1	0	0
21 VanMassenhoven, Don	1993	1	3	3	6.0	3.0	3.0	0	0	1
23 Watson, Brad	1996	1	2	1	3.0	2.0	1.0	0	0	1
25 Joannette, Marc	1999	1	5	3	8.0	5.0	3.0	0	0	1
26 Martell, Rob	1996	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
27 Furlatt, Eric	2001	1	3	4	7.0	3.0	4.0	0	0	1
28 Lee, Chris	2001	1	5	4	9.0	5.0	4.0	1	0	0
29 Walsh, Ian	2000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30 Hasenfratz, Mike	2000	2	11	7	9.0	5.5	3.5	0	1	1
32 Kowal, Tom	2000	3	11	76	29.0	3.7	25.3	3	0	0
33 Pollock, Kevin	2000	2	7	9	8.0	3.5	4.5	1	0	1
34 Meier, Brad	1999	2	9	10	9.5	4.5	5.0	2	0	0
35 Warren, Dean	1999	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
36 Morton, Dean	2000	1	5	4	9.0	5.0	4.0	0	1	0
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	2	10	10	10.0	5.0	5.0	1	1	0
42 O'Rourke, Dan	1999	1	7	7	14.0	7.0	7.0	0	0	1
43 Pochmara, Brian	2006	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 St. Pierre, Justin	2003	2	10	10	10.0	5.0	5.0	0	0	2

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The best toilet reading around

Hockey-Ball

We expanded to 16 pages partly so we could provide you with the Behind The Net numbers every night. So here they are for both teams. These are at even strength, 5-on-5. ***Key: QUALCOMP-*** *A measure of the quality of competition each player faces on the ice. Calculated by averaging +/-/60 for opponents on the ice against player. Example: Kane has faced the toughest opppostion at +.12* ***QUALTEAM-*** *A measure of the quality of teammates each player plays with. Calculated by averaging +/-/60 for teammates on ice with player.* ***TOI/60-*** *Time on ice, per 60 minutes, that player spends on ice at full-strength.* ***TOF/60-*** *Time spent off-ice, per 60 minutes, at full strength.* ***+/-ON/60-*** *Team's Plus/minus, per 60 minutes, while player is on ice.* ***+/-OFF/60-*** *Plus/minus of team while player is off ice, per 60 minutes.* ***RATING-*** *+/-ON/60 subtracted by +/-OFF/60.*

Chicago

not including last game

NAME	GP	QUALCOMP	QUALTEAM	TOI/60	TOF/60	+-ON/60	+-OFF/60	RATING
Matt Walker	14	-0.17	-0.22	10.22	36.22	2.93	0.12	2.82
Aaron Johnson	18	-0.07	-0.06	11.06	33.11	3.01	0.5	2.51
Andrew Ladd	26	0.08	-0.06	12.48	32.85	2.03	0.14	1.89
Troy Brouwer	20	-0.04	-0.16	11.9	33.58	2.02	0.63	1.39
Kris Versteeg	25	0.06	-0.13	13.14	32.47	1.46	0.3	1.17
Martin Havlat	26	-0.02	0.07	13.56	31.78	1.19	0.44	0.76
Duncan Keith	26	0.1	0.18	19.55	25.79	0.94	0.45	0.5
Brent Seabrook	26	0.12	0.23	17.66	27.68	0.91	0.5	0.41
Dave Bolland	26	0.08	0.3	11.64	33.7	0.79	0.62	0.18
Dustin Byfuglien	23	-0.03	0.23	12.48	32.13	0.63	0.65	-0.02
Patrick Kane	26	0.07	0.05	14.55	30.79	0.63	0.67	-0.04
Jonathan Toews	26	0.04	0.16	13.53	31.81	0.51	0.73	-0.21
Brian Campbell	26	-0.02	-0.23	18.72	26.62	0.37	0.87	-0.5
Patrick Sharp	26	-0.04	0.19	13.71	31.62	0.17	0.88	-0.71
Ben Eager	22	-0.1	-0.5	7.36	38.04	0	1.15	-1.15
Colin Fraser	26	-0.1	-0.76	7.11	38.23	-0.32	0.85	-1.17
Brent Sopel	20	-0.13	0.08	10.94	34.86	-1.1	0.77	-1.87
Craig Adams	13	-0.15	-0.6	6.7	41.36	-2.07	0.45	-2.51
Cam Barker	18	-0.04	-0.05	15.31	30.42	-1.09	2.08	-3.17
Adam Burish	19	-0.04	-0.4	6.29	37.65	-2.01	1.26	-3.27

Columbus

not including last game

NAME	GP	QUALCOMP	QUALTEAM	TOI/60	TOF/60	+-ON/60	+-OFF/60	RATING
Derick Brassard	27	-0.05	0.42	10.45	33.23	2.55	-0.33	2.89
Jakub Voracek	27	-0.1	0.64	8.96	34.77	2.23	0.06	2.17
Jason Chimera	28	-0.06	0.58	11.29	32.41	1.9	-0.2	2.1
Rostislav Klesla	13	0.04	0.07	15.94	28.02	1.16	-0.33	1.49
Manny Malhotra	23	-0.05	-0.16	11.25	32.59	1.62	0.24	1.38
Marc Methot	22	-0.04	-0.12	15.04	28.91	1.45	0.47	0.98
R.J. Umberger	28	0.05	-0.13	13.63	30.07	0.63	0.21	0.41
Rick Nash	28	0.11	-0.03	13.98	29.72	0.61	0.22	0.4
Kris Russel	12	-0.12	0.04	10.49	33.23	0	-0.3	0.3
Jiri Novotny	18	0	-0.12	10.94	33.51	0.3	0.3	0.01
Derek Dorsett	12	-0.05	-0.12	7.74	36.2	0	0	0
Mike Commodore	28	0.04	-0.11	17.04	26.66	0.25	0.4	-0.15
Fedor Tyutin	28	0.01	0.21	15.72	27.98	0.14	0.46	-0.32
Jan Hejda	28	0.05	-0.11	16.28	27.42	0.13	0.47	-0.34
Christian Backman	26	-0.12	0.14	11.4	32.33	0.2	0.71	-0.51
Ole-Kristian Tollefson	12	-0.12	-0.17	9.3	33.6	-1.08	-0.3	-0.78
Kristian Huselius	27	0.1	0.35	14.17	29.82	-0.78	0.67	-1.45
Andrew Murray	24	-0.02	-0.01	9.93	33.48	-1.26	0.22	-1.48
Jared Boll	22	-0.13	-0.4	7.77	36.04	-1.05	0.91	-1.96
Fredrik Modin	22	-0.01	-0.36	12.02	31.44	-1.13	0.87	-2
Raffi Torres	14	-0.04	-0.82	11.36	31.22	-0.38	1.65	-2.02
Michael Peca	23	-0.02	-0.62	10.34	33.19	-1.51	1.18	-2.69

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Corsi Rating

Here's how the teams match up in Corsi Rating, which measure 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.

Chicago

NAME	CORSI
Brian Campbell	10.6
Martin Havlat	10
Duncan Keith	8.1
Matt Walker	8
Patrick Kane	7.5
Andrew Ladd	7.4
Patrick Sharp	7.4
Troy Brouwer	7.1
Dustin Byfuglien	5.9
Brent Seabrook	5.8
Kris Versteeg	5.1
Dave Bolland	4.4
Aaron Johnson	3.9
Craig Adams	3.4
Jonathan Toews	3.2
Ben Eager	3
Cam Barker	1.3
Colin Fraser	1
Adam Burish	1
Brent Sopel	-1.9

Columbus

NAME	CORSI
O.k. Tollefson	17.2
Marc Methot	15.6
Kristian Huselius	15.2
Christian Backman	14.6
Derick Brassard	14.3
Rick Nash	13.8
Kris Russel	11.4
Jakub Voracek	9.4
R.J. Umberger	8.2
Fedor Tyutin	7.4
Jiri Novotny	6.1
Rostislav Klesla	3.2
Manny Malhotra	2.6
Derek Dorsett	2.6
Jason Chimera	-0.2
Raffi Torres	-0.8
Andrew Murray	-1
Jan Hejda	-3
Fredrik Modin	-3.2
Michael Peca	-4
Mike Commodore	-7.2

Penalties Drawn vs. Taken

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

Chicago

NAME	PDRAW/60	PTAKE/60
Fraser	2.3	1
Adams	2.1	0.7
Burish	2	1
Brouwer	1.8	1
Versteeg	1.6	0.9
Bolland	1.6	0.6
Sharp	1.5	1.3
Eager	1.1	2.6
Toews	1	0.9
Walker	0.8	0.4
Byfuglien	0.8	1
Kane	0.8	1.1
Ladd	0.7	0.9
Johnson	0.6	1.5
Havlat	0.5	0.9
Campbell	0.5	0.1
Seabrook	0.3	1.2
Sopel	0.3	1.1
Keith	0.2	0.4
Barker	0	0.7

Columbus

NAME	PDRAW/60	PTAKE/60
Dorsett	3.9	2.6
Tollefson	2.2	1.6
Boll	2.1	1.4
Brassard	1.7	0.6
Torres	1.5	1.1
Umberger	1.4	0.3
Modin	1.4	1.4
Huselius	1.3	0.9
Nash	1.2	1.5
Backman	1.2	0.6
Russel	1	0
Tyutin	1	0.8
Chimera	0.9	1.1
Malhotra	0.9	0.2
Methot	0.9	1.1
Novotny	0.9	0.6
Murray	0.8	0.5
Klesla	0.6	0.6
Voracek	0.5	1.5
Hejda	0.3	0.4
Peca	0.3	1.3
Commodore	0	1.5

Face-Offs

Chicago

Player	Face-Offs Taken	FO%
Jonathan Toews	434	53.9
Colin Fraser	266	48.1
Kris Versteeg	37	45.9
Dave Bolland	380	45.5
Adam Burish	36	44.4
Patrick Sharp	344	43.7
Total:	**Rank: 27th**	**47.3**

Columbus

Player	Face-Offs Taken	FO%
Manny Malhotra	339	56.9
Michael Peca	335	51.6
Jiri Novotny	115	48.7
Derick Brassard	303	48.2
R.J. Umberger	372	47
Total	**Rank: 19th**	**49.4**

NHL LEADERS

Goals

	Player	Team	G
1	Thomas Vanek	Buf	24
2	Jeff Carter	PHI	21
3	Phil Kessel	BOS	19
4	A. Ovechkin	WAS	17
5	Zach Parise	NJ	16
6	***Patrick Sharp***	***CHI***	***16***

Points

	Player	Team	P
1	Evgeni Malkin	PIT	49
2	Sidney Crosby	PIT	44
3	Alex Ovechkin	WAS	40
4	Ryan Getzlaf	ANA	35
5	Simon Gagne	PHI	34
10	***Patrick Kane***	***CHI***	***33***

GAA

	Player	Team	GAA
1	Craig Anderson	FLA	1.94
2	Tim Thomas	BOS	1.96
3	Steve Mason	CBJ	1.97
4	M. Fernandez	BOS	2.07
5	Jonas Hiller	ANA	2.10
16	***N. Khabibulin***	***CHI***	***2.50***

SV%

	Player	Team	SV%
1	Craig Anderson	FLA	.946
2	Tim Thomas	BOS	.938
3	Jonas Hiller	ANA	.932
4	Roberto Luongo	VAN	0.928
5	N. Backstrom	MIN	.925
13	***N. Khabibulin***	***CHI***	***.919***

From the Outer Reaches

Conversations At The Bar With A Very Loud Person

Chicago, it must be said, has the best bars in America -- and thus probably the world. I'll let you know when I finally get to Australia or the Ukraine, but I'll go ahead and say Chicago's are the best. The reason for this, I believe, is that all the city's eccentric people love sports. Thus you get really colorful conversations on everyday topics such as sports.

Here's an example: I was sitting in Rainbo in Chicago's Ukrainian Village. Rockefeller himself couldn't paint a more picture-perfect moment. The bartender and I are discussing which girl from a song could beat up which girl from another song. I was telling him that Rod Stewart's Maggie Mae would meet her demise if she ever ran into Aerosmith's Janie because Janie did, in fact, have a gun. Then the loud guy walked in:

"FUCKING TALLON! FUCKING TALLON! FUCKING TALLON! Hey Jimmy, how 'ya doin? I'll take a Budweiser.....FUCKING TALLON! FUCKING TALLON!"

"FUCKING TALLON" is a reference to Dale Tallon, the Blackhawks' general manager,who despite improving the club every year he's been in charge, has drawn the ire and down right hate of many Blackhawk fans.

"HE DIDN'T MAKE THE NYLANDER TRADE. HE HASN'T GOTTEN US A SECOND LINE CENTER.HE OVERSPENT OUR BUDGET. WE'RE CAPPED OUT. AND HE'S A FUCKING DOUCHEBAG AND I'M GONNA KILL HIM!!!!", the loud guy screams just inches from my face. His breath suggests a heavy diet of Menthol Cigarettes, the aforementioned Budweiser, and the aroma of a breakfast Burrito now circulating around my nauseated head.

Isn't our current #2 center, Patrick Sharp, leading the Hawks in goals?

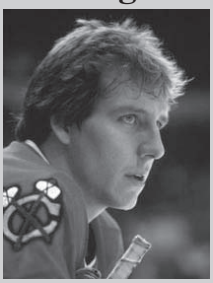
"YEAH!!!! BUT HE SHOULD BE A WING!"

A Red wing?

"NO, SMARTASS! NOT A RED WING!!!! A LEFT WING! FUCK YOU AND FUCK DETROIT!"

To this, we all raised our glasses.

One Fan's Thoughts



by Yahoodi

But isn't Blackhawk life going well? Team is exciting. Playoff bound. Every player is like 25 or younger so we should be good fora long time. Winter Classic right around the corner...

"FUCK THE WINTER CLASSIC! FUCKING MCDONOUGH AND HIS FUCKING CUB PROMOTIONS."

I thought we were fucking Tallon?

"WE WERE."

But now were' fucking McDonough.

"FUCKIN' EH WE ARE."

Even though McDonough is probably going to do exactly what you want and fire Tallon after the season...

"I CAN"T FUCKING WAIT!"

See this just makes no sense. Why would you .....

"YOU KNOW WHAT? FUCK YOU! YOU DON'T GET IT."

I don't. The Hawks are playing well. It sounds like Tallon is trying to add a veteran or two, and he has until March to do it. So why complain now? Why not just enjoy this incredibly entertaining team? One you claim to love and support.

"AHH GO FUCK YOURSELF.", he yells before politely asking if I'll cover for that second beer he just bought. To which I gladly said yes. After all, two Budweisers, 47 F-bombs, and zero sense from one person in less than seven minutes is not something you see every day. Like that he's gone. As Warden Gordon so elegantly put it, "Up n' vanished like a fart in the wind."

The point is, even though the Rod Stewart song is clearly a superior song, a hooker with a heart of gold is going to get her brains beaten in by some methed up, teenage runaway who has daddy's 38 in her ever twitchy and trembling hands.

I do love Chicago bars.

Yahoodi was born and raised in the standing room at The Stadium, and now lives in New York City, and is trying to prove that all Rangers fans live under MSG.

During the holiday season, let f-bombs and dirty jokes bring your family together.

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The Making of The Chicago Blackhawks

YEAR	DRAFT	TRADE	FREE AGENT
2008-2009			**Brian Campbell** (BUF 6th round 1997) **Cristobal Huet** (LA 7th round 2001) **Matt Walker** (STL 3rd round 1998) **Aaron Johnson** (CLB 3rd round 2001)
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		**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) **Corey Crawford** (2nd 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) **James Wisniewski** (5th round) **Adam Burish** (9th round)		

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GM HISTORY

Dale Tallon (2005-Present)
Bob Pulford (Too Fucking Long, Too Many Fucking Times)
Mike Smith (2001-2004)
Bob Murray (1999-2000)

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 Columbus Blue Jackets

YEAR	DRAFT	TRADE	FREE AGENT
2008-2009		**Raffi Torres** (NYI 1st round 2000) from EDM for Gilbert Brule (CBJ 1st round 2005)	**Kristian Huselius** (FLA 2nd round 1997) **R.J. Umberger** (VAN 1st round 2001) **Mike Commodore** (NJ 2nd round 1999)
2007-2008	**Jakub Voracek** (1st round)	**Fedor Tyutin** (NYR 2nd round 2001) and **Christian Backman** (STL 1st round 1996) from NYR for Nikolai Zherdev (CBJ 1st round 2003) and Dan Fristche (CBJ 2nd round 2003) **Clay Wilson** (ANA Undrafted FA 2006) with Aaron Rome (LAK 4th round 2002) from ANA for Geoff Platt (CBJ Undrafted FA 2005)	**Jiri Novotny** (BUF 1st round 2001) **Michael Peca** (VAN 2nd round 1992) **Jan Hejda** (BUF 4th round 2003)
2006-2007	**Derick Brassard** (1st round) **Steve Mason** (3rd round) **Derek Dorsett** (7th round)	**Fredrik Modin** (TB 3rd round 1994) and **Fredrik Norrena** (TB 7th round 2001) from TB for Marc Denis (COL 1st round 1995)	
2005-2006	**Kris Russell** (3rd round) **Jared Boll** (4th round)	**Jason Chimera** (EDM 5th round 1997), Cale Hulse (NJ 3rd round 1992, and Mike Rupp (NJ 3rd round 2000) from PHX for Geoff Sanderson (HAR 2nd round 1990) and Tim Jackman (CBJ 2nd round 2001)	
2004-2005			
2003-2004	**Marc Methot** (6th round)		**Manny Malhotra** (NYR 1st round 1997)
2002-2003	**Rick Nash** (1st round) **Ole Tollefson** (3rd round)		
2001-2002	**Pascal LeClaire** (1st round) **Andrew Murray** (8th round)		
2000-2001	**Rostislav Klesla** (1st round)		

GM HISTORY

2007-Present: Scott Howson
2007: Jim Clark (interim)
1998-2007: Doug MacLean

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COACHES

Head Coach-Ken Hitchcock
Asst. Coach- Gary Agnew
Asst. Coach- Gord Murphy
Asst. Coach- Claude Noel
Goaltending Coach- Clint Malarchuk

The Hawks Record When...

Playing at home.....	9-1-4	Allowing a short-handed goal.....	1-1-1	Eddie O tells crew to "stop it right here!"....	14-6-7
Playing on road.....	5-5-3	Taking 30 or more shots.....	10-3-4	Eddie O tells us D have the forwards and forwards have the D	
Scoring first.....	7-2-2	Taking less than 30 shots.....	4-3-1	during 4-on-4.....	14-6-7
Opponent scores first.....	6-4-5	Allowing 30 shots or more.....	6-2-5	We fantasize about shooting Eddie O....	14-6-7
Shoot the puck bimbo scores.....	3-0-1	Allowing 30 shots or less.....	8-4-2	We're ecstatic Pat Foley is back.....	13-5-7
Shoot the puck bimbo doesn't score.....	6-1-3	100 Level doesn't cheer for anthem.	9-1-4	Ice-girls wear skirts.....	2-0-3
Shoot the puck bimbo blows editors of Commited Indian.....	0-0-0	1st of a back-to-back.....	1-2-2	Ice-girls wear pants.....	3-1-0
ANYONE blows editors of Committed Indian	0-0-0	2nd of a back-to-back.....	3-2-0	ice-girls wear shorts....	4-0-1
Playing on a Monday.....	1-1-1	Opponent played night before....	3-1-1	Ice-girls wear hideous pink outfit.....	1-0-0
Playing on a Tuesday.....	1-0-0	Seabrook gets a flat-footed penalty....	5-2-3	Leading after 2 periods.....	10-1-3
Playing on a Wednesday.....	4-0-2	Burish takes a penalty.....	4-3-2	Losing after 2 periods.....	1-3-2
Playing on a Thursday.....	0-0-0	Keith takes a penalty.....	4-1-2	Tied after 2 periods.....	2-2-2
Playing on a Friday.....	2-2-1	Sharp takes a penalty.....	7-2-2	In overtime.....	1-2
Playing on a Saturday.....	2-2-3	Toews takes a penalty.....	4-1-2	In shootout.....	2-5
Playing on a Sunday.....	3-1-0	Havlat takes a penalty....	4-0-0	Cam Barker plays.....	10-4-4
Savard changes lines during game...	1-2-1	Sopel takes a penalty.....	3-2-1	Cam Barker is in Rockford due to GM incompetence.....	3-2-3
Coach Q keeps lines as they are.....	13-4-6	Sopel looks 6 steps slow.....	6-5-5	Lacking a #2 center.....	14-6-7
Are out-muscled by opponent....	4-6-3	51 Phantom blows a coverage.....	10-4-6	In 1-goal games.....	4-3-7
Outshoot opponent.....	9-4-2	Toews is trying too hard.....	3-4-2	In 2-goal games.....	3-2-0
Are outshot by opponenet....	4-2-5	At least 1 fight in 300 Level...	0-0-2	In 3-goal games.....	3-1-0
Havlat shies from contact.....	14-5-6	No fights in 300 Level.....	9-1-2	In 4+ goal games.....	3-0-0
Patrick Kane scores.....	5-3-2	Playing Eastern Conference.....	2-2-1	Scoring 3+ goals.....	10-1-4
Jonathan Toews scores.....	2-0-3	Playing Western Conference.....	12-4-6	Scoring less than 3 goals.....	0-5-3
Martin Havlat scores.....	4-0-1	Playing Central Division.....	1-0-5	PA plays Ministry.....	0-0-0
Patrick Sharp scores.....	9-2-2	Playing Northwest Division....	5-1-0	PA plays Modern Cock-Rock.....	9-1-4
Dustin Byfuglien scores.....	3-0-1	Playing Pacific Division	6-3-1	PA plays Classic Cock-Rock.....	5-1-4
Dustin Byfuglien turns down a hit.....	11-5-5	Playing Atlantic Division	0-1-0	PA plays P.J. Harvey.....	0-0-0
Andrew Ladd scores.....	4-0-1	Playing NASCAR Division	0-1-0	Frasier fights.....	5-2-1
Dave Bolland scores.....	3-0-1	Playing Northeast Division	2-0-1	Burish fights.....	4-1-0
Adam Burish scores.....	HA!	Playing in October....	4-3-3	Seabrook fights.....	0-0-0
51 Phantom scores.....	1-1-1	Playing in November....	6-3-3	Barker fights.....	0-0-1
Duncan Keith scores.....	0-2-0	Playing in December.....	4-0-1	Buff fights.....	0-0-2
Brent Seabrook scores.....	3-0-0	Playing in January.....	0-0-0	Sharp fights.....	0-0-0
Aaron Johnson scores....	2-0-1	Playing in February.....	0-0-0	Eager fights.....	5-0-1
Troy Brouwer scores....	3-0-0	Playing in March.....	0-0-0	On Comcast.....	11-2-4
Scoring a Power Play goal.....	10-2-6	Playing in April.....	0-0-0	On WGN.....	2-3-3
Not scoring a Power Play goal...	3-4-1	UC plays really stupid goal song.....	9-1-4	On Vs.....	0-1-0
Allowing a Power Play goal.....	6-3-7	Huet's five-hole open like Lindsay Lohan's.....	2-4-2	Judd Sirott swears a lot off-air	14-6-7
Not Allowing a Power Play goal.....	8-3-0	Getting obliterated on face-offs.....	4-5-3	Committed Indian is sold outside...	5-1-2
Scoring a short-handed goal.....	1-1-0	Are even close on face-offs.....	9-1-3	Editor of Committed Indian bleeds on programs.....	1-0-0

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