FANTASY HOCKEY DRAFTOLOGY 2020

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FANTASY HOCKEY – AND SO MUCH MORE

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* The "Stat" column shows how each player performed on our standard deviation from the mean statistic in 2018-19 (stat details on Page 2).

* Relevant 2018-19 statistical categories are listed, along with rankings for each, the number of games played and rankings in the aforementioned "Stat" category.

* NOTE: To better reflect how leagues are now conducted, all forwards are rated together, albeit with positional notations.

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Top 50 Players Regardless Of Position

#	Player		#	Player
1	Nikita Kucherov		26	Evgeni Malkin
2	Nathan MacKinnon		27	Patrice Bergeron
3	Connor McDavid		28	Sebastian Aho
4	Leon Draisaitl		29	Mitch Marner
5	David Pastrnak		30	Jack Eichel
6	Alex Ovechkin		31	Erik Karlsson
7	Patrick Kane		32	Zach Werenski
8	Victor Hedman		33	Kris Letang
9	Andrei Vasilevskiy		34	Seth Jones
10	Connor Hellebuyck		35	Brent Burns
11	John Carlson		36	Miro Heiskanen
12	Cale Makar		37	John Klingberg
13	Tuukka Rask		38	Rasmus Dahlin
14	Quinn Hughes		39	Morgan Rielly
15	Carter Hart		40	Steven Stamkos
16	Brad Marchand		41	Elias Pettersson
17	Artemi Panarin		42	Aleksander Barkov
18	Roman Josi		43	Mark Stone
19	Auston Matthews		44	Jonathan Huberdeau
20	Mikko Rantanen		45	Gabriel Landeskog
21	Dougie Hamilton		46	Brayden Point
22	Torey Krug		47	John Tavares
23	Alex Pietrangelo		48	Andrei Svechnikov
24	Sidney Crosby		49	Matthew Tkachuk
25	Mika Zibanejad		50	J.T. Miller

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	Goalies	Exp	GP	UQB	Rk	W	Rk	SV%	Rk	GAA	Rk	SO	Rk	QS%
1	Andrei Vasilevskiy	1	52	375	1T	35	1	0.917	19T	2.56	14T	3	8T	0.596
2	Connor Hellebuyck	2	58	375	1T	31	2	0.922	9T	2.57	16	6	1	0.643
3	Tuukka Rask	3	41	375	1T	26	7T	0.929	4	2.12	2	5	2T	0.683
4	Carter Hart 1X	5	43	164	18	24	9T	0.914		2.42	9	1		0.625
5	Robin Lehner	4	36	27		19		0.92	13T	2.89		1		0.559
6	Ilya Samsonov	10	26	23		16		0.913		2.55	13	1		0.591
7	Jordan Binnington	14	50	344	10	30	3	0.912		2.56	14T	3	8T	0.56
8	Igor Shesterkin	6	12	196	16	10		0.932	2	2.52	12	0		0.75
9	Frederik Andersen	7	52	286	12	29	4	0.909		2.85		3	8T	0.519
10	Braden Holtby	11	48	0		25	7T	0.897		3.11		0		0.468
11	Philipp Grubauer	8	36	31		18		0.916		2.63	20T	2		0.472
12	Carey Price	9	58	310	11	27	5T	0.909		2.79		4	5T	0.534
13	Anton Khudobin	15	30	375	1T	16		0.93	3	2.22	4T	0		0.731
14	Semyon Varlamov 2X	13	45	29		19		0.914		2.62	18T	2		0.538
15	Sergei Bobrovsky		50	0		23	11T	0.9		3.23		1		0.417
16	Joonas Korpisalo	20	37	31		19		0.911		2.6	17	2		0.6
17	Tristan Jarry	17	33	213	13	20	17T	0.921	11T	2.43	10	3	8T	0.613
18	Marc-Andre Fleury	12	49	375	1T	27	5T	0.905		2.77		5	2T	0.5
19	Jaroslav Halak	18	31	200	15	18		0.919	15T	2.39	7	3	8T	0.621
20	Jacob Markstrom	16	43	88		23	11T	0.918	17T	2.75		2		0.581
21	Darcy Kuemper		29	375	1T	16		0.928	5	2.22	4T	2		0.759
22	Pavel Francouz 3X	19	34	206	14	21	14T	0.923	7T	2.41	8	1		0.567

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We publish a series of guides such as this through the year as a partnership between Sportsology, The FDH Lounge, Fantasy Drafthelp.com and other entities under the banner of The 21st Century Media Alliance. Fantasy Racing (mid-February), Fantasy Baseball (mid-March), NFL Draft (mid-April), NHL Entry Draft (mid-June), NBA Draft (mid-June), Fantasy Football (late July), Fantasy Hockey (mid-September), Fantasy Hoops (mid-October).

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Overvalued Players of 2020-21

Goalies: Marc-Andre Fleury, Pavel Francouz
Defensemen: Drew Doughty, Morgan Rielly
Forward: Alex DeBrincat, Taylor Hall, Alexander Radulov, Mark Scheifele, Jonathan Toews, Blake Wheeler

Undervalued Players of 2020-21

Goalies: Jordan Binnington, Jordan Korpisalo, Ilya Samsonov
Defensemen: Anthony DeAngelo, Filip Hronek, Erik Karlsson
Forward: Mathew Barzal, Travis Kovecny, Patrik Laine, Evgeni Malkin, William Nylander, Brayden Point, Bryan Rust, Andrei Svechnikov, Kailer Yamamoto

Players Most Disproportionately Important In Forward-Position-Distinct Leagues

Jonathan Huberdeau, Gabriel Landeskog, Brad Marchant, Alex Ovechkin, Artemi Panarin

Evaluating Production Across a Spectrum: Lessons Of Our Proprietary Ultimate Quantitative Baseline Stat

Our "UQB" category (Ultimate Quantitative Baseline) on our draft board calculates the standard deviation from the mean in all relevant hockey categories. In simple English, imagine a spectrum going across from left to right, with negative numbers on the left side, a "zero" in the middle and positive numbers on the right side. We utilize this statistic for football, baseball, basketball, hoops and NASCAR as well as hockey. For hockey, we use all of the standard fantasy categories listed on the draft board to factor in for this statistical compilation.   A player's performance in each category is plotted on one of these spectrums, with the most valuable players putting up most of their numbers on the most of their numbers on the positive side. Then, we add up the totals of every category, positive and negative. By using this tool, we can identify not merely how they performed, but how valuable their performances were in each category.   Truly, this statistic serves as the ultimate baseline for the previous season's production.

	Forwards	Pos	Exp	UQB	Rk	GP	G	Rk	A	Rk	PTS	Rk	Pl/Min	Rk	PIM	Rk	PS	S%
1	Nikita Kucherov	RW	1T	375	1T	68	33	11T	52	7	85	7	26	4T	38		10.5	15.7
2	Nathan MacKinnon	C	3	375	1T	69	35	9	58	5	93	5	13	29T	12		10.8	11
3	Connor McDavid	C	1T	375	1T	64	34	10	63	2T	97	2	-6		28		10.9	16
4	Leon Draisaitl	C	4	375	1T	71	43	4	67	1	110	1	-7		18		12.8	19.7
5	David Pastrnak	RW	11	375	1T	70	48	1T	47	13	95	3T	21	9T	40		13.2	17.2
6	Alex Ovechkin	LW	5T	375	1T	68	48	1T	19		67	17T	-12		30		8.7	15.4
7	Patrick Kane 1X	RW	5T	375	1T	70	33	11T	51	8T	84	8	8		40		9.6	12
8	Brad Marchand	LW	10	375	1T	70	28	22T	59	4	87	6	25	6T	82	8	10.4	15.1
9	Artemi Panarin	LW	16	375	1T	69	32	13T	63	2T	95	3T	36	1	20		11.4	15.3
10	Auston Matthews	C	7	375	1T	70	47	3	33	47T	80	9	19	13T	8		10.8	16.2
11	Mikko Rantanen	RW	8	151	34T	42	19		22		41		-2		14		4.6	17.8
12	Sidney Crosby	C	9	312	20	41	16		31		47		-8		15		4.7	14.7
13	Mika Zibanejad	C	18T	375	1T	57	41	5	34	41T	75	12	9	43T	14		9.7	19.7
14	Evgeni Malkin	C	20T	375	1T	55	25	35T	49	10T	74	13	7		58	21T	8.5	14.6
15	Patrice Bergeron	C	12T	181	30	61	31	15T	25		56	48T	23	8	28		7.9	15.3
16	Sebastian Aho	C	14T	230	25	68	38	6T	28		66	19T	10	41T	26		8.6	18.4
17	Mitch Marner	RW	12T	375	1T	59	16		51	8T	67	17T	6		16		6.2	10.4
18	Jack Eichel 2X	C	14T	332	18	68	36	8	42	18T	78	10T	5		34		9.5	15.9
19	Steven Stamkos	C	24	342	17	57	29	18T	37	32T	66	19T	14	24T	22		8.1	16.5
20	Elias Pettersson	C	20T	132	40	68	27	24T	39	27T	66	19T	16	21T	18		7.7	16.7
21	Aleksander Barkov	C	18T	124	41	66	20		42	18T	62	28T	2		18		5.9	11.6
22	Mark Stone	RW	17	153	33	65	21		42	18T	63	25T	15	23	27		7.1	12.5
23	Jonathan Huberdeau	LW	25	330	19	69	23	48T	55	6	78	10T	5		30		8	15.1
24	Gabriel Landeskog	LW	20T	70		54	21		23		44		-2		47	38T	4.6	14.5
25	Brayden Point	C	32	136	39	66	25	35T	39	27T	64	24	28	2T	11		7.7	17.7
26	John Tavares	C	27T	119	43	63	26	28T	34	41T	60	36T	-7		24		6.1	13.2
27	Andrei Svechnikov	RW	33	114	45	68	24	44T	37	32T	61	30T	9	43T	54	27T	6.9	13.1
28	Matthew Tkachuk	LW	30	166	32	69	23	48T	38	31	61	30T	-5		74	12	6.5	12.2
29	J.T. Miller 3X	C	35	214	27	69	27	24T	45	14	72	16	11	35T	47	38T	7.9	16.4
30	Johnny Gaudreau	LW	31	43		70	18		40	26	58	44T	-10		12		5.4	8.6
31	Jake Guentzel	C	36T	343	16	39	20		23		43		11	35T	14		5.5	15.7
32	Teuvo Teravainen	LW	36T	145	36	68	15		48	12	63	25T	20	12	8		6.4	8.2
33	Ryan O'Reilly	C	34	98		71	12		49	10T	61	30T	11	35T	10		5.4	10.2
34	Patrik Laine 4X	RW	41T	107	47T	68	28	22T	35	37T	63	25T	8		22		7.1	12.4
35	Taylor Hall	LW	26	45		65	16		36	36	52		-14		34		4.6	6.9
36	Mark Scheifele	C	27T	193	29	71	29	18T	44	15T	73	14T	2		45	42T	7.6	17.1
37	Blake Wheeler	RW	29	109	46	71	22		43	17	65	23	1		37		6.4	12.2
38	Max Pacioretty	LW	40	137	38	71	32	13T	34	41T	66	19T	18	15T	44	44T	8.6	10.4
39	Kyle Connor 5X	LW	45T	236	24	71	38	6T	35	37T	73	14T	4		34		8.7	15.9
40	Kailer Yamamoto	RW		375	1T	27	11		15		26		17	18T	12		3.7	25
41	Travis Konecny	C		102	50	66	24	44T	37	32T	61	30T	-1		28		6.7	17
42	William Nylander	C		85		68	31	15T	28		59	40T	-2		12		6.7	15.7
43	Bryan Rust	RW		215	26	55	27	24T	29		56	48T	14	24T	30		7.1	17.9
44	Mathew Barzal	C		107	47T	68	19		41	23T	60	36T	5		44	44T	6	11.1
45	Claude Giroux	C	41T	33		69	21		32		53		7		28		5.5	10.7
46	Evgeny Kuznetsov	C	44	59		63	19		33	47T	52		-2		40		5.1	14.7
47	Nicklas Backstrom	C	47T	121	42	61	12		42	18T	54		-1		14		4.6	9.1
48	Brady Tkachuk	LW	50	269	21	71	21		23		44		-14		106	3	3.9	8.1
49	Sean Couturier	C	49	73		69	22		37	32T	59	40T	21	9T	30		6.6	11.9
50	Dylan Larkin	C	47T	3		71	19		34	41T	53		-21		39		4.5	8.5
51	Alexander Radulov	RW	36T	21		60	15		19		34		8		46	41	3.9	11.4
52	Jonathan Toews	C	39	101		70	18		42	18T	60	36T	-2		48	35T	5.4	10.5
53	Alex DeBrincat 6X	RW	45T	0		70	18		27		45		-10		15		3.9	8.7
54	Nazem Kadri	C		258	22	51	19		17		36		7		97	4T	4.2	14.3

	Forwards	Pos	Exp	UQB	Rk	GP	G	Rk	A	Rk	PTS	Rk	Pl/Min	Rk	PIM	Rk	PS	S%
55	Tom Wilson	RW		202	28	68	21		23		44		-3		93	6	4.2	13.6
56	Ryan Nugent-Hopkins	C		118	44	65	22		39	27T	61	30T	1		33		6.4	12.8
57	Anthony Mantha	RW		83		43	16		22		38		-7		34		4.1	11.7
58	David Perron	LW		80		71	25	35T	35	37T	60	36T	2		52	31	6.6	15.1
59	Ryan Strome	C		101		70	18		41	23T	59	40T	21	9T	48	35T	5.9	11.7
60	Tomas Tatar	C		94		68	22		39	27T	61	30T	5		36		7	13.6
61	Anze Kopitar	C		82		70	21		41	23T	62	28T	6		16		6.5	15.6
62	Nick Ritchie	LW		174	31	48	9		12		21		1		97	4T	2.1	11.5
63	Brendan Lemieux	LW		151	34T	59	6		12		18		-14		111	2	0.4	7
64	Bobby Ryan	LW		143	37	24	5		3		8		3		22		0.9	11.6
65	Oskar Lindblom	LW		104	49	30	11		7		18		4		4		2.2	15.3
66	Zack Kassian	RW		81		59	15		19		34		0		69	15T	3.6	15.2
67	Jakub Voracek	RW		80		69	12		44	15T	56	48T	14	24T	31		5.4	9.1
68	Mike Hoffman	C		75		69	29	18T	30		59	40T	-5		28		6.6	13.6
69	Nikolaj Ehlers	LW		50		71	25	35T	33	47T	58	44T	14	24T	30		6.8	12.3
70	Brayden Schenn	C		56		71	25	35T	33	47T	58	44T	3		44	44T	6.4	18.1
71	Reilly Smith 7X	RW		40		71	27	24T	27		54		17	18T	20		6.8	16
72	Filip Forsberg	C		27		63	21		27		48		-7		29		4.8	10.6
73	Jakub Vrana	LW		28		69	25	35T	27		52		3		18		6.1	13.4
74	Anthony Cirelli	C		30		68	16		28		44		28	2T	30		4.7	14.2
75	Ondrej Palat	LW		19		69	17		24		41		25	6T	22		4.7	13.3
76	Evander Kane	LW		0		64	26	28T	21		47		-12		122	1	5.1	12
77	Jamie Benn	LW		23		69	19		20		39		-4		53	30	4.2	11.7
78	Chris Kreider	LW		78		63	24	44T	21		45		13	29T	58	21T	5.4	15.4
79	Kevin Fiala 8X	LW		65		64	23	48T	31		54		-1		42	48T	6	13.1
80	Zach Hyman	C		71		51	21		16		37		13	29T	23		4.5	19.8
81	Bo Horvat	C		8		69	22		31		53		-15		21		4.6	12.4
82	Tomas Hertl	C		12		48	16		20		36		-18		16		3.3	13.7
83	William Karlsson	C		23		63	15		31		46		11	35T	16		4.6	10.9
84	Logan Couture	C		22		52	16		23		39		0		18		4.2	12.7
85	Brendan Gallagher	RW		41		59	22		21		43		9	43T	29		5.5	9.7
86	David Krejci	C		27		61	13		30		43		14	24T	23		4.5	15.7
87	Jordan Eberle	RW		4		58	16		24		40		1		12		4.1	11.8
88	Sam Reinhart 9X	C		0		69	22		28		50		-15		20		4.5	15.3
89	Cam Atkinson	RW		0		44	12		14		26		2		6		2.9	8.1
90	Patric Hornqvist	RW		26		52	17		15		32		9	43T	36		3.9	10.1
91	Jonathan Marchessault	C		25		66	22		25		47		6		28		5.4	9.4
92	Matt Duchene	C		1		66	13		29		42		-4		24		3.5	9.6
93	Anders Lee	C		30		68	20		23		43		8		47	38T	4.7	10.3
94	Dylan Strome	C		2		58	12		26		38		1		16		3.5	12.4
95	Brock Nelson	C		50		68	26	28T	28		54		6		32		6.3	14.9
96	Jesper Bratt	LW		0		60	16		16		32		-6		6		3.4	15.8
97	Jonathan Drouin	LW		72		27	7		8		15		-6		14		1.4	13.7
98	Jesper Fast	RW		0		69	12		17		29		16	21T	20		2.6	14.3
99	Tyson Jost	C		0		67	8		15		23		11	35T	22		2	7
100	Miles Wood 10X	LW		0		68	11		12		23		-19		57	24	1.4	7.8

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2020-21 Fantasy Overview

^ First-tier defenseman depth is pretty good, even better on the second tier and positively expansive on the third tier. The same is true at forward, with the exception of the third tier being even greater. But overall forward depth is better than last year.

^ Depth at goalie is thin on the top tier and decent on the second and third tiers.

2020-21 Fantasy Sleepers

Goalies: Tristan Jerry
Defensemen: Thomas Chabot, Rasmus Ristolainen
Forward: Dylan Larkin, Jakub Vrana

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2020-21 Fantasy Breakthroughs

Goalies: Igor Shesterkin
Defensemen: Aaron Ekblad, Ivor Provorov, Mikhail Sergachev
Forward: Oskar Lindblom, Anthony Mancha

Defensemen	Exp	UQB	Rk	GP	G	Rk	A	Rk	PTS	Rk	Pl/Min	Rk	PIM	Rk	PS	S%
Adam Boqvist	0			41	4		9		13		-3		6		2	8
Alex Goligoski	19			70	4		28	26T	32		8		24		6.4	4
Ben Chiarot	47			69	9	20T	12		21		5		61	8T	4.9	6.9
Brady Skjei	12			67	8	27T	16		24		-10		45	22T	3.2	5.8
Brendan Smith	0			62	3		5		8		-12		71	5	0.5	6.7
Cam Fowler	49			59	9	20T	20		29		0		20		5.3	7.7
Colton Parayko	28			64	10	17T	18		28		8		16		5.7	6.2
Damon Severson	49			69	8	27T	23		31		-20		52	15	4.4	7
Dennis Gilbert	0			21	1		2		3		-8		38	30T	0	8.3
Devon Toews	3			68	6		22		28		1		16		5	4.9
Dmitry Orlov	20			69	4		23		27		5		36		4	3.8
Duncan Keith	0			61	3		24		27		1		18		4.2	2.7
Erik Cernak	0			67	5		7		12		11	25T	59	11	3.2	4
Erik Gustafsson	29			66	6		23		29		-9		27		3.9	5.8
Hampus Lindholm	0			55	2		20		22		-10		34		3	1.8
Ian Cole	31			65	4		22		26		21	10	36		5.1	4.3
Jake Gardiner	0			68	4		20		24		-24		30		2	4.6
Jakob Chychrun	82			63	12	11T	14		26		4		38	30T	6	8.1
Jared Spurgeon	88			62	12	11T	20		32		-1		18		5.4	10.7
Jarred Tinordi	0			28	1		4		5		-1		34		0.8	5
Jeremy Lauzon	175	18T		19	1		1		2		5		29		0.9	5
Jonas Brodin	0			69	2		26		28		15	13T	24		5.2	1.9
Josh Morrissey	33			65	5		26		31		1		24		4.9	4.2
Justin Faulk	0			69	5		11		16		-3		32		3	3.4
Kurtis MacDermid	0			45	3		5		8		-9		47	18T	1.3	5.9

Did you stay away from players like Drew Doughty, Tyler Seguin and Vladimir Tarasenko, who would have tanked your team last year? You're welcome! Did you end up with players who helped you succeed last year like Patrik Laine, Braydon Point and Blake Wheeler? You're welcome! FantasyDraftHelp.com: Helping you to find tomorrow's success stories — today. Helping you to find tomorrow's success stories — today.

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	Defensemen	Exp	UQB	Rk	GP	G	Rk	A	Rk	PTS	Rk	Pl/Min	Rk	PIM	Rk	PS	S%
1	Victor Hedman	1	375	1T	66	11	15T	44	4	55	3	27	4	31		9.5	7.1
2	John Carlson	2	375	1T	69	15	4T	60	1	75	1	12	19T	26		10.7	7.9
3	Cale Makar	3	375	1T	57	12	11T	38	9T	50	7	12	19T	12		7.7	9.9
4	Quinn Hughes	4	262	14	68	8	27T	45	3	53	4T	-10		22		6.5	6.3
5	Roman Josi	5	375	1T	69	16	2T	49	2	65	2	22	7T	41	26T	10.9	6.2
6	Dougie Hamilton	6	375	1T	47	14	8	26		40	18T	30	2T	32		8.6	8.2
7	Torey Krug	9	316	10	61	9	20T	40	5T	49	8	-4		33		6.7	6.3
8	Alex Pietrangelo 1X	7	279	12	70	16	2T	36	11T	52	6	11	25T	20		9.1	7.1
9	Erik Karlsson	14	159	22	56	6		34	14T	40	18T	-15		16		5.5	5
10	Zach Werenski	13	375	1T	63	20	1	21		41	16T	9		10		9.1	10.7
11	Kris Letang	15	314	11	61	15	4T	29	23T	44	14	0		38	30T	7.4	8.5
12	Seth Jones	12	47		56	6		24		30		10	29T	20		6.5	4.8
13	Brent Burns	10	96		70	12	11T	33	17T	45	11T	-22		34		6.7	5.3
14	Miro Heiskanen	11	7		68	8	27T	27	30T	35	28T	14	17	12		7.8	4.9
15	John Klingberg	16	46		58	6		26		32		-10		22		5	5
16	Rasmus Dahlin	17	175	18T	59	4		36	11T	40	18T	-7		38	30T	5.1	4.4
17	Morgan Rielly 2X	8	76		47	3		24		27		6		24		3.9	2.4
18	Anthony DeAngelo	22	350	9	68	15	4T	38	9T	53	4T	12	19T	47	18T	8.4	10.1
19	Ivan Provorov	19	103		69	13	9T	23		36	25T	11	25T	24		7.1	8.7
20	Shea Weber	18	198	17	65	15	4T	21		36	25T	8		33		7.3	8.1
21	Shea Theodore	21	145	23	71	13	9T	33	17T	46	10	12	19T	25		8.1	5.9
22	Keith Yandle	23	121	27T	69	5		40	5T	45	11T	0		20		5.6	3.9
23	Tyson Barrie	20	20		70	5		34	14T	39	22T	-7		16		4.5	3
24	Ryan Ellis	30	272	13	49	8	27T	30	20T	38	24	16	12	19		6.5	7
25	Charlie McAvoy	25	56		67	5		27	30T	32		24	6	41	26T	6.9	5
26	Neal Pionk	29	131	24	71	6		39	8	45	11T	10	29T	32		7.3	3.4
27	Brenden Dillon		364	8	69	1		13		14		-2		104	1	3.1	1.7
28	Thomas Chabot	27	42		71	6		33	17T	39	22T	-18		42	24T	4.6	3.2
29	Mark Giordano	26	59		60	5		26		31		2		34		5.4	3.2
30	Jeff Petry	28	57		71	11	15T	29	23T	40	18T	-10		26		6	7
31	Drew Doughty 3X	24	34		67	7		28	26T	35	28T	-16		36		5.4	5
32	Filip Hronek		168	20	65	9	20T	22		31		-38		46	20T	3.6	7.2
33	Alexander Edler		164	21	59	5		28	26T	33		13	18	62	7	5.8	4.2
34	Mikhail Sergachev		128	25T	70	10	17T	24		34		15	13T	58	12T	6.3	8.5
35	P.K. Subban		121	27T	68	7		11		18		-21		79	3	2.8	4.6
36	Ryan Suter		114	29	69	8	27T	40	5T	48	9	-6		12		6.4	7.2
37	Aaron Ekblad		106	30	67	5		36	11T	41	16T	12	19T	26		6.2	3.4
38	Erik Gudbranson 4X		244	16	51	4		5		9		0		95	2	2.4	5.1
39	Rasmus Ristolainen		58		69	6		27	30T	33		-2		46	20T	5.4	4.7
40	Kevin Shattenkirk		60		70	8	27T	26		34		22	7T	38	30T	6.6	6.1
41	Jake Muzzin		62		53	6		17		23		12	19T	40	29	4.3	6.1
42	Jacob Trouba		90		70	7		20		27		-12		61	8T	3.3	4.2
43	Ryan Graves		58		69	9	20T	17		26		40	1	45	22T	7.2	6.7
44	Matt Niskanen 5X		55		68	8	27T	25		33		15	13T	29		6.4	6.3
45	Joel Edmundson		128	25T	68	7		13		20		7		72	4	4.3	7.2
46	Darnell Nurse		53		71	5		28	26T	33		-2		48	17	5.5	2.9
47	Adam Fox		99		70	8	27T	34	14T	42	15	22	7T	32		7.4	6.4
48	Mark Borowiecki		65		53	7		11		18		1		58	12T	3.4	11.1
49	Jaccob Slavin		7		68	6		30	20T	36	25T	30	2T	10		7.9	4.1
50	Nate Schmidt		10		59	7		24		31		11	25T	12		5.6	6.3
51	Oliver Ekman-Larsson		52		66	9	20T	21		30		-3		38	30T	5.7	6.7
52	John Marino		42		56	6		20		26		17	11	20		5.6	9.8
53	Mattias Ekholm 6X		49		68	8	27T	25		33		-1		32		4.9	5.2

Suggested League Guidelines

We recommend that you hold your auction or serpentine-style draft with 10 owners, selecting 18 players (6 defensemen, 3 goalies, 3 left wings, 3 centers, 3 right wings). In case of an auction, use a financial system that allots an average of $11 per player.

Our preferred style of play is head-to-head roto, in which teams compete on a week-to-week head-up basis. Recommended categories are points, goals, assists, penalty minutes and plus-minus for forwards and defensemen and wins, least losses, shutouts, goals-against-average and save percentage for goalies. A rotating tiebreaker category should be utilized in the case of a 5-5 category tie. The starting lineup should consist of 2 goalies, 2 left wings, 2 centers, 2 right wings and 4 defensemen.

Surplus Goalies	Exp	GP	UQB	Rk	W	Rk	SV%	Rk	GAA	Rk	SO	Rk	QS%
Aaron Dell		33	0		12		0.907		3.01		0		0.5
Adin Hill		13	0		2		0.918	17T	2.62	18T	0		0.556
Alex Stalock		38	169	17	20	17T	0.91		2.67		4	5T	0.528
Alexandar Georgiev		34	0		17		0.91		3.04		2		0.531
Anders Nilsson		20	0		9		0.908		3.18		0		0.579
Antti Raanta		33	72		15		0.921	11T	2.63	20T	2		0.594
Ben Bishop		44	133	20	21	14T	0.92	13T	2.5	11	2		0.628
Brian Elliott		31	0		16		0.899		2.87		2		0.519
Calvin Petersen		8	0		5		0.922	9T	2.64		0		0.625
Cam Talbot		26	17		12		0.919	15T	2.63	20T	2		0.5
Chris Driedger		12	375	1T	7		0.938	1	2.05	1	1		0.727
Corey Crawford		40	4		16		0.917	19T	2.77		1		0.641
Cory Schneider		13	0		3		0.887		3.53		1		0.273
Craig Anderson		34	0		11		0.902		3.25		0		0.452
Curtis McElhinney		18	0		8		0.906		2.89		1		0.444
David Rittich		48	61		24	9T	0.907		2.97		2		0.5
Devan Dubnyk		30	0		12		0.89		3.35		1		0.321
Elvis Merzlikins		33	375	1T	13		0.923	7T	2.35		6	2T	0.548
Henrik Lundqvist		30	0		10		0.905		3.16		1		0.5
Jack Campbell		26	0		11		0.904		2.8		0		0.423

Defensemen	Exp	UQB	Rk	GP	G	Rk	A	Rk	PTS	Rk	Pl/Min	Rk	PIM	Rk	PS	S%
Luca Sbisa		0		44	2		8		10		1		37		2	4.1
Luke Schenn		0		25	1		2		3		-8		23		-0.1	3.2
Mathew Dumba		7		69	6		18		24		-7		41	26T	3.6	3.6
Nikita Zadorov		0		64	4		9		13		6		65	6	2.7	6.2
Oscar Klefbom		33		62	5		29	23T	34		-17		24		4.4	3.1
Rasmus Andersson		31		70	5		17		22		-7		57	14	3.8	4
Ryan Pulock		25		68	10	17T	25		35	28T	8		14		6.8	6.1
Sami Niku		249	15	17	0		5		5		-2		12		0.6	0
Sami Vatanen		37		47	5		18		23		-12		22		3.2	5.3
Samuel Girard		0		70	4		30	20T	34		1		17		4.6	4.2
Slater Koekkoek		0		42	1		9		10		3		42	24T	1.9	2.1
Travis Sanheim		18		69	8	27T	17		25		4		32		4.7	7.3
Tyler Myers		0		68	6		15		21		-7		49	16	3.3	4.5
Ville Heinola		375	1T	8	1		4		5		3		4		1	10
Vince Dunn		0		71	9	20T	14		23		15	13T	27		5.3	6.5
Zach Bogosian		0		27	1		6		7		0		22		1.2	3.4
Zdeno Chara		0		68	5		9		14		26	5	60	10	5.1	5.8

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^ Doesn't properly understand his league's scoring system. Have the specific parameters down before you go to select your players.

^ Relies on a publication that doesn't have a draft board. Can you imagine such a thing?

^ Gets caught at the tail end of a run at a position: specifically, #2 defensemen should not be confused with the #1s.

^ Doesn't put enough emphasis on goal-scorers as opposed to assist-talliers. As is always the case in fantasy sports, scarcity leads to value.

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2	Evgeni Malkin	Quinn Hughes	Tuukka Rask	Connor Hellebuyck	Cale Makar
3	Sebastian Aho	Auston Matthews	Roman Josi	Quinn Hughes	Patrice Bergeron
4	Kris Letang	Ilya Samsonov	Johnny Gaudreau	Mitch Marner	Seth Jones
5	Jake Guentzel	Matthew Tkachuk	Mark Stone	Elias Pettersson	Aleksander Barkov
6	Bryan Rust	Rasmus Dahlin	Shea Weber	J.T. Miller	John Klingberg
7	Teuvo Teravainen	Kailer Yamamoto	Claude Giroux	Morgan Rielly	Anthony DeAngelo
8	Tristan Jarry	Travis Konecny	Blake Wheeler	Ivan Provorov	Igor Shesterkin
9	Philipp Grubauer	Shea Theodore	Sergei Bobrovsky	Robin Lehner	Joonas Korpisalo
10	Neal Pionk	Dylan Larkin	Tom Wilson	Mark Scheifele	Anthony Mantha
11	P.K. Subban	Thomas Chabot	Drew Doughty	Tyson Barrie	Sean Couturier
12	Rasmus Ristolainen	Jaroslav Halak	Jeff Petry	David Perron	Jakub Voracek

	6 Dave	7 Jeff	8 Mike V	9 Nate	10 Jason
1	Alex Ovechkin	Patrick Kane	Victor Hedman	Sidney Crosby	Mikko Rantanen
2	John Carlson	Artemi Panarin	Carter Hart	Brad Marchand	Andrei Vasilevskiy
3	Mika Zibanejad	Torey Krug	Jack Eichel	Steven Stamkos	Alex Pietrangelo
4	Dougie Hamilton	John Tavares	Brayden Point	Erik Karlsson	Gabriel Landeskog
5	Jordan Binnington	Brent Burns	Miro Heiskanen	Braden Holtby	Ryan O'Reilly
6	Jonathan Huberdeau	Max Pacioretty	Andrei Svechnikov	Patrik Laine	Zach Werenski
7	Nicklas Backstrom	Carey Price	William Nylander	Taylor Hall	Evgeny Kuznetsov
8	Mathew Barzal	Keith Yandle	Anton Khudobin	Charlie McAvoy	Brady Tkachuk
9	Jonathan Toews	Marc-Andre Fleury	Brenden Dillon	Semyon Varlamov	Ryan Ellis
10	Frederik Andersen	Alexander Radulov	Alex DeBrincat	Nazem Kadri	Darcy Kuemper
11	Mark Giordano	Ryan Nugent-Hopkins	Kyle Connor	Ryan Suter	Anze Kopitar
12	Ryan Graves	Matt Niskanen	Aaron Ekblad	Kevin Shattenkirk	Mikhail Sergachev

2020 FDH Hockey Mock Draft Analysis

Round 1: Sidney Crosby in the first round? What is this, 2017? Everything else was pretty chalky.
Round 2: Scarcity at top-level G & D prompted many owners to snarf up the elite talent.
Round 3: At this point, Samm and Nave have 3 F, but Jon, Rick, Mike V and Jason only have 1.
Round 4: Dave got some of the best value in the draft with Hamilton.
Round 5: Jeff and Mike V got tremendous value at D.
Round 6: Jason, Nate, Mike V and Mike P all went aggressively for youthful upside.
Round 7: Rielly was amazing value for this round.
Round 8: Samm is clearly betting big on Pittsburgh's talent.
Rounds 9-12: Subban, Doughty, Toews, Giordano, Fleury, Suter, Kopitar: how the mighty have fallen!

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1 Connor McDavid (2)
2 Leon Draisaitl (10)
3 Nikita Kucherov (1)
4 David Pastrnak (13)
5 Nathan MacKinnon (5)
6 Artemi Panarin (24)
7 Auston Matthews (9)
8 Brad Marchant (4)
9 Roman Josi (NA)
10 Patrick Kane (14)
11 Sidney Crosby (3)
12 Victor Hedman (17)
13 John Carlson (NA)
14 Evgeni Malkin (23)
15 Dougie Hamilton (NA)
16 Braydon Point (6)
17 Jack Eichel (NA)
18 Mika Zibanejad (NA)
19 Sebastian Aho (20)
20 Mitch Marner (18)
21 Jake Guentzel (26)
22 Jonathan Huberdeau (28)
23 Ryan Ellis (NA)
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24 Steven Stamkos (7)
25 Alex Ovechkin (8)
26 Kyle Connor (NA)
27 Alex Pietrangelo (NA)
28 Mikko Rantanen (21)
29 Cole Makar (NA)
30 Jamie Benn (NA)
31 Miro Heiskanen

NOTE: These players are ranked based not merely on how they have produced this year, but also the past year or two. These are not fantasy rankings, but are based on overall play. Numbers in parentheses indicate where the players ranked on our 2019 rankings.

Forwards	Exp	UQB	Rk	GP	G	Rk	A	Rk	PTS	Rk	Pl/Min	Rk	PIM	Rk	PS	S%
Adam Gaudette		0		59	12		21		33		-7		37		3	16
Adam Henrique		1		71	26	28T	17		43		-3		22		5.2	15.4
Adrian Kempe		0		69	11		21		32		-10		29		2.4	7.4
Alex Iafallo		0		70	17		26		43		1		14		4.2	12
Alex Killorn		39		68	26	28T	23		49		19	13T	20		6	20
Alexander Kerfoot		0		65	9		19		28		-2		32		1.8	10.2
Alexander Nylander		0		65	10		16		26		-2		10		2.2	10.6
Andre Burakovsky		39		58	20		25		45		11	35T	22		5.4	19.4
Andreas Athanasiou		0		55	11		15		26		-46		30		0.8	8.5
Andrew Mangiapane		0		68	17		15		32		4		18		3.8	15.6
Andrew Shaw		23		26	3		7		10		-4		33		0.5	6.5
Anthony Beauvillier		0		68	18		21		39		-11		15		3.5	13.6
Anthony Duclair		0		66	23	48T	17		40		-5		18		4.5	12.5
Antoine Roussel		0		41	7		6		13		0		43	47	1.2	12.7
Artturi Lehkonen		0		70	13		14		27		2		24		2.4	9.3
Austin Watson		0		53	6		8		14		-9		65	19	0.6	12
Blake Coleman		0		66	21		11		32		0		56	25	3.7	10.5
Brandon Saad		0		58	21		12		33		2		16		3.9	15
Brett Connolly		0		69	19		14		33		-3		26		3.3	16.2
Brock Boeser		34		57	16		29		45		4		14		4.4	9.5
Calle Jarnkrok		0		64	15		19		34		4		14		3.3	11
Carl Soderberg		0		70	17		18		35		6		18		4	12.6
Charlie Coyle		0		70	16		21		37		9	43T	21		3.8	11
Chris Tierney		0		71	11		26		37		-6		20		2.6	10.8
Christian Dvorak		0		70	18		20		38		6		12		4.3	13.4
Clayton Keller		6		70	17		27		44		-6		28		4.4	9.2
Connor Brown		0		71	16		27		43		-6		24		3.4	9.2
Conor Garland		0		68	22		17		39		1		20		4.9	13.9
Corey Perry		0		57	5		16		21		-2		70	14	1.5	6.5
Craig Smith		0		69	18		13		31		18	15T	34		4	9.8
David Backes		61		22	1		5		6		-1		22		0.4	2.9
Denis Gurianov		0		64	20		9		29		5		13		4	15.2
Derick Brassard		0		66	10		22		32		-2		16		2.7	9.1
Dominik Kahun		0		56	12		19		31		8		8		3.4	13.8
Dominik Kubalík		38		68	30	17	16		46		2		16		6.1	19.1
Dryden Hunt		28		21	0		4		4		0		24		0	0

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Forwards	Exp	UQB	Rk	GP	G	Rk	A	Rk	PTS	Rk	Pl/Min	Rk	PIM	Rk	PS	S%
Dustin Brown	0			66	17		18		35		-1		22		3.5	10.1
Elias Lindholm	47			70	29	18T	25		54		-8		22		6.1	17.2
Eric Staal	13			66	19		28		47		-9		28		4.4	16.8
Evgenii Dadonov	0			69	25	35T	22		47		-7		10		4.8	15
Filip Zadina	0			28	8		7		15		-13		2		1.3	13.3
Frank Vatrano	0			69	16		18		34		-8		30		2.8	9.9
Garnet Hathaway	0			66	9		7		16		6		79	9	1.5	11.3
Gustav Nyquist	0			70	15		27		42		4		16		4.2	9.9
Ilya Kovalchuk	0			46	10		16		26		-4		18		2.3	8.7
J.T. Compher	0			67	11		20		31		9	43T	18		2.6	10.4
Jack Hughes	0			61	7		14		21		-26		10		0.4	5.7
Jack Roslovic	0			71	12		17		29		4		12		2.5	10.3
Jaden Schwartz	35			71	22		35	37T	57	47	3		18		6	13.6
Jake Debrusk	0			65	19		16		35		-1		14		3.8	11.8
Jake Virtanen	0			69	18		18		36		-4		41	50T	3.7	12
Jakob Silfverberg	0			66	21		18		39		0		14		4.4	13.5
James Neal	0			55	19		12		31		-20		12		3	17
James van Riemsdyk	0			66	19		21		40		5		8		4.5	12.6
Jared McCann	0			66	14		21		35		6		17		3.5	9.3
Jason Zucker	18			60	20		21		41		-4		21		4.3	18
Jean-Gabriel Pageau	36			67	26	28T	16		42		4		49	32T	5	17.2
Jeff Carter	0			60	17		10		27		-21		36		2.2	9.3
Jeff Skinner	0			59	14		9		23		-22		18		1.4	7.7
Joe Pavelski	0			67	14		17		31		6		29		3.2	11.2
Joe Thornton	0			70	7		24		31		-19		34		1.6	9.2
Joel Armia	0			58	16		14		30		2		28		3.2	10.3
Joel Eriksson Ek	0			62	8		21		29		7		22		2.3	7.8
Joel Farabee	0			52	8		13		21		6		39		1.9	9.9
John Hayden	0			43	3		1		4		-2		77	11	0	7.7
Joonas Donskoi	0			65	16		17		33		2		26		3.1	14.4
Jordan Greenway	0			67	8		20		28		2		54	27T	2	8.6
Josh Bailey	0			68	14		29		43		-12		10		3.5	14.9
Josh Leivo	0			36	7		12		19		0		4		1.7	10.1
Kaapo Kakko	0			66	10		13		23		-26		14		0.5	9.2
Kasperi Kapanen	0			69	13		23		36		0		22		2.9	10.7
Kevin Hayes	0			69	23	48T	18		41		-6		34		4.1	13.1
Kevin Labanc	0			70	14		19		33		-33		38		1.9	8
Kyle Clifford	0			69	7		10		17		-7		68	17	1	6.4
Kyle Okposo	0			52	9		10		19		-3		28		1.7	11
Kyle Palmieri	37			65	25	35T	20		45		-4		41	50T	5.3	16.1
Lars Eller	20			69	16		23		39		3		48	35T	3.6	10.6
Lawson Crouse	0			66	15		10		25		0		33		2.8	13.8
Luke Kunin	3			63	15		16		31		-10		55	26	2.6	11.7
Martin Necas	0			64	16		20		36		-6		20		3.5	18.2
Mats Zuccarello	0			65	15		22		37		-9		18		3.1	15.6
Matt Calvert	15			50	12		13		25		13	29T	39		3	13.5
Max Domi	9			71	17		27		44		-3		35		4.2	9.5
Mikael Backlund	12			70	16		29		45		3		26		4.4	10.2
Mikael Granlund	0			63	17		13		30		-4		28		2.6	13.1
Milan Lucic	0			68	8		12		20		-6		54	27T	1.2	9.6
Nick Bonino	0			67	18		17		35		17	18T	16		4.1	17.3
Nick Foligno	0			67	10		21		31		-3		62	20	2.3	7.6

Forwards	Exp	UQB	Rk	GP	G	Rk	A	Rk	PTS	Rk	Pl/Min	Rk	PIM	Rk	PS	S%
Nick Schmaltz		0		70	11		34	41T	45		3		20		4.3	11.6
Nick Suzuki		0		71	13		28		41		-15		6		3.2	9.4
Nico Hischier		0		58	14		22		36		-16		12		2.9	11.4
Nicolas Deslauriers		0		59	7		6		13		-1		92	7	1.1	10.9
Nikita Gusev		0		66	13		31		44		-15		12		3.8	8.2
Oliver Bjorkstrand		60		49	21		15		36		8		12		4.9	13
Ondrej Kase		0		55	7		17		24		-7		14		1.5	4.9
Pat Maroon		0		64	9		14		23		4		71	13	1.9	11.3
Paul Stastny		0		71	17		21		38		6		24		3.8	12.5
Pavel Buchnevich		15		68	16		30		46		2		24		4.1	10.8
Pavel Zacha		0		65	8		24		32		-12		14		2	8.2
Phil Kessel		0		70	14		24		38		-21		22		2.8	9.2
Phillip Danault		11		71	13		34	41T	47		18	15T	32		4.7	9.9
Pierre-Luc Dubois		34		70	18		31		49		-2		49	32T	5	11.4
Rickard Rakell		0		65	15		27		42		-5		12		3.9	8.1
Robby Fabbri		0		61	15		17		32		-33		20		2.2	13.5
Robert Thomas		0		66	10		32		42		9	43T	18		4.1	11.5
Rocco Grimaldi		0		66	10		21		31		10	41T	10		3.1	8.2
Roope Hintz		0		60	19		14		33		3		16		4.2	15.8
Ross Johnston		0		32	3		1		4		1		78	10	0.3	18.8
Ryan Dzingel		0		64	8		21		29		3		30		2.3	8.2
Ryan Getzlaf		15		69	13		29		42		-16		58	21T	3.1	9.1
Ryan Hartman		0		69	9		11		20		4		69	15T	1.6	7.9
Ryan Johansen		0		68	14		22		36		-5		45	42T	2.8	13.9
Sam Bennett		0		52	8		4		12		-1		36		1	9.8
Scott Laughton		30		49	13		14		27		13	29T	26		3.3	17.6
Sean Monahan		0		70	22		26		48		-16		25		4.6	13.3
T.J. Oshie		35		69	26	28T	23		49		4		26		5.5	19.5
Tanner Pearson		12		69	21		24		45		-4		27		4.5	12.8
Timo Meier		0		70	22		27		49		-22		42	48T	4.6	11.1
Tyler Bertuzzi		0		71	21		27		48		-23		40		4.3	16.3
Tyler Ennis		0		70	16		21		37		-6		20		3.5	10.1
Tyler Johnson		0		65	14		17		31		9	43T	16		3.1	12.4
Tyler Seguin	43	21		69	17		33	47T	50		-2		22		4.9	6.9
Tyler Toffoli		13		68	24	44T	20		44		-1		20		5.1	11.8
Valeri Nichushkin		0		65	13		14		27		26	4T	14		3.4	11.5
Victor Olofsson		14		54	20		22		42		-1		6		4.7	15.7
Viktor Arvidsson		0		57	15		13		28		-4		26		2.6	11.8
Vincent Trocheck		9		62	11		27		38		-8		49	32T	2.7	7.8
Warren Foegele		0		68	13		17		30		9	43T	34		3.1	10.1
Wayne Simmonds		0		68	8		17		25		-21		66	18	1	6.7
Zac Rinaldo		246	23	19	3		2		5		-1		34		0.5	15.8
Zach Parise		0		69	25	35T	21		46		-11		8		4.7	16.1
Zach Sanford		0		58	16		14		30		13	29T	28		3.9	17.8
Zack MacEwen		375	1T	17	5		1		6		6		20		1	29.4

FDH NHL 2020-21 Season Predictions

"CANADIAN DIVISION"
X-Edmonton
Y-Calgary
Y-Winnipeg
Y-Vancouver
Toronto
Montreal
Ottawa

"NORTHEAST DIVISION"
X-Philadelphia
Y-Boston
Y-Washington
Y-New York Islanders
New York Rangers
Pittsburgh
Buffalo
New Jersey

"CENTRAL DIVISION"
X-Tampa Bay
Y-Carolina
Y-Nashville
Y-Columbus
Florida
Minnesota
Chicago
Detroit

"WESTERN DIVISION"
X-Colorado
Y-St. Louis
Y-Vegas
Y-Dallas
Arizona
Anaheim
Los Angeles
San Jose

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NOTE: The divisional setup is by educated guess, as is the seeding for the semifinals in terms of the projected records of the respective teams.

DIVISIONAL SEMIFINALS
1 Edmonton over 4 Vancouver in 7
2 Calgary over 3 Winnipeg in 5
1 Philadelphia over 4 New York Islanders in 6
2 Boston over 3 Washington in 7
1 Tampa Bay over 4 Columbus in 5
2 Carolina over 3 Nashville in 6
1 Colorado over 4 Dallas in 6
2 St. Louis over 3 Vegas in 7
DIVISIONAL FINALS
1 Edmonton over 2 Calgary in 7
1 Philadelphia over 2 Boston in 6
1 Tampa Bay over 2 Carolina in 5
1 Colorado over 2 St. Louis in 6
SEMIFINALS
Tampa Bay over Edmonton in 6
Colorado over Philadelphia in 6
STANLEY CUP FINAL
Tampa Bay over Colorado in 7

The NHL's Post-Pandemic Crossroads

By Rick Morris/The FDH Lounge

Reaching the end of a national TV deal that provided poor cable exposure but good money (for the time) 10 years ago and has increasingly provided the opposite of each as the decade elapsed – and three decades into a national expansion that spread awareness of the sport and broadened its talent base in the US but has not resulted in the sport rising beyond niche status in the majority of US markets, the NHL has entered a crossroads as it enters the second of its two COVID-19-affected seasons.

As the league prepares to reach an even 32 teams in 2021-22 with Seattle's addition, it's worth examining the fruits of the 1990s expansion/relocation efforts that applied a genuine national footprint for big-time hockey for the first time ever. In the long run, it's neither the boondoggle forecast by critics nor the panacea providing a path to the mainstream that supporters promised. Instead, it's provided affiliates nationwide that have fair-weather fanbases in the vast majority of markets – similar to the plight that MLB has fallen into over the past few decades. Indeed, there are a great many similarities to be seen, almost none of them positive, when examining the silos that the NHL and MLB now occupy in the national consciousness.

Certainly, the TV situation has not been a major positive in the league's recent history. Departing the ESPN "protection racket" in the mid-2000s ensured that the league would be buried on the country's flagship sports media operation and the early years on Versus were truly painful in terms of the league's footprint. The subsequent growth of NBCSN has eased this factor somewhat.

ESPN gives every sign of saving big money for the next NFL contract – a likely reason for the increasingly brutal rounds of employee cutbacks – which would make resumption of NHL telecasts unlikely, except as a possible expansion of the local simulcasts on ESPN+. There are not many deep-pocketed media entities with cash to burn in the age of coronavirus, which makes a return to Comcast somewhat likely, especially with the chance to put additional games on the new Peacock streaming outlet (which will receive an astronomical raise in public awareness once The Office moves there on January 1). If NBC is willing to bump up their previous contract even a smidge, they could well retain the NHL, although a 10-year deal seems unlikely to be something that the league would want to be locked into in this climate.

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2020-21 Team UQB Rankings

FantasyDrafthelp.com and The FDH Lounge are expanding the UQB concept to team sports. Our rankings are a mashup of the following measures: a strength of schedule metric, power play percentage, penalty kill percentage, Fenwick, shooting percentage, save percentage, ESG percentage and ESGA percentage.

1	Boston
2	Colorado
3	Tampa Bay
4	St. Louis
5	Carolina
6	Pittsburgh
7	Philadelphia
8	Washington
9	Vegas
10T	Edmonton
10T	NY Rangers
12	Toronto
13	Dallas
14	Columbus
15	Winnipeg
16	Calgary
17	Arizona
18	Minnesota
19	Vancouver
20	Nashville
21	Chicago
22	NY Islanders
23	Florida
24	Montreal
25	New Jersey
26	Buffalo
27T	Los Angeles
27T	San Jose
29	Anaheim
30	Ottawa
31	Detroit

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Surplus Goalies	Exp	GP	UQB	Rk	W	Rk	SV%	Rk	GAA	Rk	SO	Rk	QS%
Jake Allen		24	375	1T	12		0.927	6	2.15	3	2		0.667
James Reimer		25	45		14		0.914		2.66		3	8T	0.625
John Gibson		51	0		20	17T	0.904		3		1		0.431
Jonathan Bernier		46	0		15		0.907		2.95		1		0.415
Jonathan Quick		42	0		16		0.904		2.79		1		0.5
Juuse Saros		40	151	19	17		0.914		2.7		4	5T	0.618
Kaapo Kahkonen		5	0		3		0.913		2.96		0		0.6
Linus Ullmark		34	0		17		0.915		2.69		1		0.559
MacKenzie Blackwood		47	94		22	13	0.915		2.77		3	8T	0.512
Marcus Hogberg		24	0		5		0.904		3.12		0		0.476
Martin Jones		41	0		17		0.896		3		2		0.385
Matt Murray		38	0		20	17T	0.899		2.87		1		0.421
Mike Smith		39	0		19		0.902		2.95		1		0.459
Mikko Koskinen		38	7		18		0.917	19T	2.75		1		0.515
Pekka Rinne		36	0		18		0.895		3.17		3	8T	0.457
Petr Mrazek		40	40		21	14T	0.905		2.69		3	8T	0.5
Ryan Miller		23	0		9		0.907		3.1		0		0.579
Thatcher Demko		27	0		13		0.905		3.06		0		0.6
Thomas Greiss		31	0		16		0.913		2.74		0		0.536

Top 10 For The Next 10

By Rick Morris/The FDH Lounge

The FDH Lounge is adding a feature to this year's guide, our Top 10 For The Next 10 – the Top 10 players that you would want on your team for the ENTIRETY of the next decade. It's not a 25-and-under list per se, but since the criteria is centered around players who can help you throughout the next 10 years of their career, youth paired with extreme skill is evident up and down the list.

1 Connor McDavid
2 Leon Draisaitl
3 Nathan MacKinnon
4 David Pastrnak
5 Nikita Kucherov
6 Auston Matthews
7 Braydon Point
8 Sebastian Aho
9 Andrei Vasilevskiy
10 Miro Heiskanen

HONORABLE MENTION
Quinn Hughes
Cale Makar
Mathew Barzal
Elias Pettersson
Patrik Laine

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That said, even a slightly better TV contract with slightly better exposure is just an improvement around the margins for the league – which, let's face it, is generally about as good as it ever gets for the NHL in the States. And that's not something that has to be the case. The league's base of young players is as talented (and charismatic, for media purposes) as any other in North American Big Four sports, if not more so. As such, the possibility continues to exist that the league can transcend its spot in Niche Nation. It's not a great possibility, but at least it hasn't lessened over time.

At the same time, the NHL can't continue to pursue the business-as-usual agenda of the Gary Bettman Era if it is going to rise in American public consciousness. There are a few steps that will be necessary if the league is to occupy a larger and more financially viable place in US society:

^ **Encourage third-party media engagement for NHL players.** This one is low-hanging fruit, because it costs nothing to achieve. The WWE, out of greed and stupidity, acted to quash the independent Twitch and Cameo channels of its "independent contractors" because they could not achieve any financial exploitation out of the deals. The NHL already doesn't get a penny out of such arrangements, so they have no incentive to squash them. The higher the profile that these players can achieve for themselves, especially among the youngest (and financially lucrative) consumers, the better.

^ **Make the marketing of top players your Manhattan Project.** We've beaten this drum for years. Imagine if Joe Montana and Jerry Rice were identical twins – think the NFL could have gotten mileage out of that? Well, Henrik and Daniel Sedin were identical twins who played (ON THE SAME TEAM, NO LESS!) for the better part of two decades and you'd be more likely to find them on the side of a milk carton than in any major commercial. There's a short-sighted mentality afoot that such efforts just accrue financially to the benefit of those featured in commercials, but that's not true. The league as a whole benefits from its superstars becoming celebrities and the fact that they can't see that is very disconcerting.

^ **Go back to the Olympics and stay there!** We've also beaten this drum for years. One of the worst excuses in sports has been the NHL owners deciding not to send players to the Olympics because of their whining about not making any money off of the games. And yet the quadrennial mainstream exposure that the players get dwarfs anything else that the league gets, ever. To admit that this exposure cannot be monetized in any way or exploited for the greater good of the league, frankly, is the height of incompetence. It may not be free advertising given what the league sacrifices out of its season every four years to make it happen, but it's worth so much more than the league "pays" for it and hopefully someday they'll learn that. And speaking of special hockey events: for outdoor games, more is less. The annual Winter Classic is special, notwithstanding the watering-down that the league has done with other stadium games. The short-term, cash-grab mentality attached to these games has to change. One of the first rules of economics is that the more there is of any special element, the less special it is.

The league does have a tremendous on-ice product right now with the kind of offensive production across the board and young talent necessary to hook in new fans. But sports leagues have to meet people where they are and if the NHL embraces this simple concept, they could grow far more than proliferation of their present short-term, cash-grab thinking will ever achieve for them.