



Columbus Blue Jackets
2019-20

Notes:

This team made the biggest trades at the deadline last year but still managed to struggle. People thought they were a bust and some felt they blew their future trading the draft picks they did for them to fall short and to miss the playoffs. We on the other hand still believed in them. I told you guys that this team just needed some time to click and get use to playing with each other. We lost a few games in the beginning playing the overs but we continued to press and we rode them out until the last day of the regular season. Not only did we keep faith in them during the last week of the season, but we played them to beat the Lightning in the first round of the playoffs. We played the lowest Wild Card team, who just struggled and barely got in the playoffs, to beat the record setting number 1 team in the league in the first round of the playoffs. That's what you get here with me. That's what you get sticking with me. Not only did we win by cashing the first round series prop taking the biggest underdog of the playoffs, but we knew when their time was up. We ended our season with Columbus by hammering the Boston series prop, WCF prop, and Stanley Cup prop. We also bet against Columbus every game except for one.

This year will be different though. Panarin is gone and so is Bobrovsky. The biggest piece in Duchene also left for Nashville. It's unfortunate because if they could have somehow kept this team together they would be the front runners to win the cup this year. Even Ryan Dzingel is gone who we will touch on later. Columbus somehow convinced Gustav Nyquist to come in and while this team is not the worst there is, they're a far cry from where they've been. I love Pierre-Luc-Dubois and love seeing Oliver Bjorkstrand's name on the box score but this team won't have what it takes this year. On paper the team doesn't look so bad. Columbus still has Dubois, Atkinson, Wennberg, Nyquist, Bjorkstrand, Jenner, and Foligno, and it looks even better with Werenski, Seth Jones, Ryan Murray, and Savard on the back end. The problem is when you lose that star power up front, and then lose a Vezina Trophy winner in Sergei Bobrovsky, winning becomes very difficult. John Tortorella could work some magic for this team but when Joonas Korpisalo is your netminder, you're not going to go far. AT BEST, and I mean AT BEST, this team will need the last full two weeks of the season to stand a chance at an outside wild card birth and I just don't see it. They'll compete some games, and we'll bet on them at times, but there's no long term for them this season. Not only did they lose all the Free Agents they traded for at the deadline this year, but they gave up a sizeable portion of their future draft classes in doing so. If this team can't start the first half of the season by being relevant, we will see them start to flip some pieces to recoup their some draft picks at the deadline. I do like this team here, as an above average mediocre team so we will bet on them to exceed their points total and pick and choose some games during the season.

This season's projected points total: 83.5

Notes: Right now their points total sits at 83.5.. They finished last season with 98. With all of the help they got at the trade deadline you'd think that was the reason for their finish but it wasn't. I think 83.5 is too low here because they also dealt a struggling Sergei Bobrovsky. I'm going to take a chance here and play a unit on the Blue Jackets over. I'd rather be wrong about this play and lose a unit then be right about the analysis and miss out on the play. Columbus could very well be buyers at the market as well because I believe the Metro division will be pretty weak outside my top two teams but they won't have much to give. Let's roll the dice here.

Plays: OVER 83.5: 1 unit



Carolina Hurricanes
2019-20

Notes:

I've been looking forward to writing this clip all offseason. It won't be some long drawn out 8 page article like the Islanders one but it will be important. I've been following Carolina for a while now not because they've already won a cup, but because our best friends are BIG Rod Brind'amour fans. I followed them when he played there to help them win their first ever cup and I retweeted out last year the minute I saw they brought him on to coach. This guy is a fucking winner and will continue to be. Who knows, maybe he's our generations Canadian Peter Laviolette. All I do know now is that this team is primed, poised, and ready to go this year. Last year we made a lot of money betting against them once they got to the Conference Finals. Like I told you, the Islanders had 0 shot making the cup, I told you Carolina had 0 shot getting past Boston. We played 5 units on Boston to win the series and we played Boston every game individually on the series. The Hurricanes were very good to us at the end. So how will they treat us this year? Well for one, getting Nino Neiderreiter at the trade deadline was a fucking joke and if that trade happened if your fantasy football league the trade would have been vetoed. It would be like trading Julien Edelman for the Broncos D. How they managed to pull the trade off was magic. Nino was plateauing in Minnesota and he needed change. I told you all he would fit here with a fresh beginning and in 36 games for Carolina he had 30 points.

So what are the drawbacks to this team this year? Mikael Ferland is gone and moved onto Vancouver but that's okay, that may help our Vancouver plays more than it hurts Carolina. Petr Mrazek resigned which won't be enough for Carolina between the pipes and you all know how I feel about James Reimer. NEVER James Reimer. SO what is the good here? Carolina has a strong top 4 on the blueline. Dougie Hamilton came over in the Noah Hanifan trade which will be too early to dissect on who won that deal but we'll take it. Between Hamilton, Slavin, Pesce, and the newly signed Jake Gardiner, this team should be able to help protect Mrazek in net, Erik Haula was a great pick up for Carolina to play on the 3rd or 4th lines with guys like Jordan Martinook or Lucas Wallmark but it's the Hurricanes top 6 guys that are going to make these post game celebrations so much more enjoyable. Sebastian Aho is one of the

best scorers in the league right now and there was no chance Carolina could see him get offer sheeted by Montreal. He is the face of this franchise and this team could win a cup within the next 4-5 years, Andrei Svechnikov should be healthy after his KO fight with Ovechkin in the playoffs last year but sometime it takes a sacrifice like that to spark your team and it did. Teravainen and Stall return but Carolina now adds the Blue Jackets departed Ryan Dzingel. I expect a lot of of this team especially in the Metro. This is my pick to win the division and We may see them rematch Boston or Philly/NYR in the first round of the playoffs where I think they win either one. This team is going to be a slow griding team winning low scoring games at times. They're not going to be flashy outside of their post game celebrations but theyre going to climb the standings night after night and were going to love every minute of it. If Y'all want to thank me for ever making you money in the past.. Buy me a Red Rod Brinda'mour jersey (half kidding) lol. I am going to make a few plays on this team now and honestly, we may not make too many on them during the regular season so the preseason one's will be a little heavier.

Notes: There is so much to look forward to with this team and this team is going to be my boldest plays so far so here they are:

Plays: Hurricanes 94.5 OVER 3 unit

Hurricanes to win the Cup +2700 (.5 units)

Hurricanes to win the East +1600 (.4 unit)

Carolina to win the Metro +330: .1.5 unit



New Jersey Devils
2019-20

Notes:

There is going to be so much hype around this team coming in with the addition of P.K Subban, Wayne Simmons, Taylor Hall being healthy, and the number one overall pick Jack Hughes. But that is all it will be. Hype. I think it will be a regret for Hall if he decides to resign in New Jersey and I think he's best suited elsewhere. There's talks' now that the Devils and Hall may be getting close to a deal but I am going to say it doesn't happen. If I'm wrong then so be it but I still don't see this team being anywhere ready for a playoff run. Personally I think Columbus has more depth and skill than this team does. It's like a fantasy trade.. One team is getting the best start player (Hall), but the other team is getting the depth they need to make that playoff run. I've always been a Palmieri and Hischier guy but theyre B level players. This team will struggle to win night after night. I felt bad for Cory Schneider last season. He's a better goalie than we saw but he's not going to lead the Devils anywhere this year. I hope to see Andy Greene or Sami

Vatanan traded and like I mentioned I hope one of them could wind up in Florida but we'll see. It's an exciting time for Devils fans with Hall being back and Hughes being drafted but it won't be long before they realize that the hype won't turn into winning results. Hall will become frustrated and fans may start to boo him knowing he'll be leaving. John Tavares x2? (even though they were gifted him in the first place). The Devils finished last in the division in goals scored last season and while Hall being back and Hughes coming in will help lift that, it won't get them to where they need to be. They also finished second to worst in the division in goals against and that won't change much either. If you are new to hockey and looking for a team to follow, don't pick the Devils. You'll never want to watch hockey again.

This season's projected points total: 90.5

Notes: I'm going under here. This team isn't a playoff team and they're going to hit some real losing streaks throughout the season. I'm not buying into the hype so I am playing against them.

Plays: Under 90.5 1 unit

Devils to Miss the playoffs -110: 1 unit



New York Rangers
2019-20

Notes:

This team is going to be exciting this year, and I know they will be more exciting than the Devils. I'm disappointed that Panarin took less money to play for the Rangers than he was being offered for the Islanders but this is a business and we'll make money off of it. The Rangers to me are going to be this year's Islanders. Going second overall in the draft will be a motivator for Kaapo. Especially with Hughes being right across the Hudson. The Zibanejad for Brassard trade a few years back was a steal for the Rangers and I see it paying big dividends for them this year. Mika had a career year for the Rangers last year with 30 goals and 44 assists on a team that I came in thinking had no hope. Now the Rangers have a team built around him and I think his production will replicate if not do better this year. Filip Chytil showed some flashes for the Rangers last season playing in his first full season and should continue to break out this year. Kreider put up another 28 goals for them last year as well but it is his secondary scoring that has held his game back. I am hoping to see more from him there this season. The Rangers are strong up front and I'm a believer in Vladislav Namestnikov and Ryan Strome. This is a do or die year for Strome. He was drafted in the first round by the Islanders and could never put it together. If he fails this year this could be the end of his pro career. I'd like to see him score 15-20 goals playing on the 3rd/4th line for this team.

Last year was a tough year for Hank but the team was too much of a mess to put all the blame on him. He had a career worst 3.07 GAA but the Rangers were able to go out and get Jacob Trouba from Winnipeg to help on the blue line. If there is going to be a downfall for the Rangers it will be their blue line. This team is one of two pieces away from making a cup run and that's why we played the Rangers over the summer at +6000 to win the cup. The odds there were too good to pass up and if you didn't get it then but can get it around +3000 then I would still play it.

This season's projected points total: 88.5 -130

Notes: I think this team has a chance at 3rd in the division or a wild card birth at worst. I will be playing the Rangers over here for 1 unit plus our other plays.

Plays: Rangers over 88.5 -130 (1.5 unit)

Rangers to win the cup +6000 (1 unit) (if you can get +3000 or more play it)

Rangers to make this playoffs (+196) 1 unit



Philadelphia Flyers
2019-20

Notes:

This team is going to be last years Penguins. I had them slated to finish third in the division last season and they didn't come close. This year however will be different and will be promising. I don't see them getting out of the first round but I do see them getting there. They even had a chance last year but they blew it. Carter Hart came up mid season and was the talk of the league. He was a 20 year old kid who came up due to injuries and put the Flyers back on the map by winning 10 of 11 games during a December/January stretch. What went wrong though? Every single person who was in chat with me last year heard me say this. The Flyers rode Hart until they broke him. On February 16th and 17th the Flyers had a home and home series against the Red Wings. These should have been two easy wins for the Flyers with Hart in net and they were. He played both games back to back, won both, and the Flyers picked up their four points. Two wins in a row to get the Flyers within 6 points of a playoff spot with 23 games to go. So what does Scott Gordon do next? He put Hart back in net two days later against the best team in the league in Tampa Bay. The kid needed a FUCKING BREAK. Gordon needed to realize that the Tampa Bay game was most likely going to be a loss the way Tampa was playing and with 23 games less it was more important for the team to keep Hart healthy and ready. Instead Hart got the start and gave up 3 goals on 9 shots in the first period and didn't make it through the first 10 minutes of the game. We bet the over this game because I knew this was wrong. After Hart got pulled the Flyers went on to lose 5-3. What does Gordon do next? He suits Hart up against Montreal another two days later and again

Hart gives up 3 goals in the first 10 minutes of the game. Hart gets pulled again for the second game in a row not lasting more than 10 minutes of the first in either game. What does Gordon do next?!?! He benches Hart for the outdoor game against the Penguins. Scott Gordon is a piece of shit, was with the Islanders, and completely fucked up this kid's psyche after he was becoming the star of the league. Hart didn't play again until March 14th where he gave up 4 goals in a loss. What's my point to all of this? The point is that Carter Hart was ridden until they broke hi. There is ABSOLUTELY NO REASON WHY HART SHOULD HAVE BEEN IN NET AGAINST TAMPA BAY AFTER WINNING BACK TO BACK GAMES AGAINST DETROIT ON BACK TO BACK NIGHTS IN A HOME AND HOME... ok. Rant over.

So what does that do for this year? Well for one his psyche should be back. Hart should come into the season knowing he's the number 1 and playing like he's the number 1. For two, Alain Vigneault will be behind the bench and know how to manage this team (Dave Hakstol and Scott Gordon did not). Three, there's some dead weight gone from this team. Andrew MacDonald sucks he was a garbage signing and his signing is almost comparable to the Kevin Hayes signing this year. Difference is Hayes may actually contribute, he just won't be worth the money. Their backup goaltending situation has sucked and while they got rid of some guys (I'll miss you Anthony Stolarz), they're still lacking a second piece for when Hart needs to sit.

James Van Riemsdyk staying healthy will be big for them as well. He missed almost 20 games for them last season and he was a big reason why I was high on the Flyers and why I was low on Toronto. You all remember me saying that bringing in Tavares for Toronto was big, but losing Bozak (who went on to win the cup) and JVR would negate a fair share of Toronto's signing of Tavares. The Flyers look good right now and I believe that this year finishing third in the division will be a very real target for them. I have them and the Rangers fighting for the 3rd division spot and final wild card spot (Boston being the other). I think Pitt gets passed by Philly this year and I don't think I am going to have a lot to say about them. This team is going to need to add a backup goalie at the deadline because if Hart goes down their season is over. Philly has a lot of young talent in Provorov, and Shayne Gostisbehere needs to have a comeback player of the year type season but it's possible. Here are my plays for the Flyers:

This season's projected points total: 89.5

Plays: Flyers over 89.5 Points: 2 unit
Flyers to make playoffs +108: .5 unit
Flyers to win the East +2300: .2 unit (just taking a stab)



2019-20
Pittsburgh Penguins

Notes: I really don't want to spend much time on this team. Kessel is out, Galchenyuk is in. This team hurt us a lot last year and this team is transitioning. I'm making 3 plays on this team this preseason and they will be conflicting. If anyone has questions about them we can discuss them in chat but there are too many question marks for me here and Washington and Carolina are more important for me to assess. This is a team we will play as the season goes on.

Plays: Under 96.5 points 1 unit

Pitt to miss the playoffs +136: .5 unit

Pitt to win the cup +2500: .25 unit (Anytime you have Crosby and Malkin on your team there's always a chance)



Washington Capitals
2019-20

Notes:

Washington is still Washington. When you have Ovechkin on your team, Holtby in net, and the depth in Backstrom, Oshie, Vrana, Kuznetsov, Hagelin, and Carlson on the back end, you're going to be relevant. We'll play this team a lot. I'm more intrigued here about my predictions on where this team ends up than actually analyzing the team itself. I think this is a year we see them not win the division. Last year I was down on them because of the long Cup run, the partying, and the strength of other teams in the East, but with the longer layoff and not many changes to the team this team finishes second in the

Hurricanes					+1600		.4
Flyers					+2300		.2

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