



Chicago Blackhawks
2019-20

Notes: I thought the Blackhawks had a chance at a Wild Card spot last year but I was wrong. They finished only 6 points out however. Their biggest problem was their defense. They gave up a West leading 292 goals during the season and still finished at only a -22 on the year meaning their offense put up a top 8 finish in goals scored. We may have missed here last year but I don't feel I missed by much. This team lost a lot when they traded Artemi Panarin a few years ago. It was a bad trade and they've struggled to make the playoffs over the last two years since. I personally believe that trade doomed this team. This team is the San Francisco Giants of the NHL. A team that won multiple championships in a short span and instead of trying to build off that roster by getting younger and developing, they tried to keep bringing guys back from those championship teams to try and replicate what once was.

Notes: This year could be different. The Hawks made some big moves in the offseason bringing in Calvin DeHaan and Robin Lehner. This should help them significantly on the back end. I touched on Lehner in my article on the Islanders and while I don't view him as a Vezina type goaltender, especially on this team, he should be a significant improvement for the Hawks defensive totals compared to last season. Chicago, Like Pitt, always has a chance when you dress Jonathan Toews and Patrick Kane in your lineup. I thought trading for Dylan Strome last year was a great deal for them and would give Strome a fresh chance to live up to the expectations that Arizona had of him from the draft. This team has depth and could be a surprise team of the West this year. I think Nashville, Vegas, Dallas, and San Jose are the big four but if there's going to be one team to shake that up it's going to be Chicago. They're a team that is hard not to like as well. I have them making the playoffs and we're being offered +145 on it so I think that's a great play. Their team total is 89.5 right now at -145 and I'm going to play that as well based on their improvements on D. They finished with 84 last season and see the difference of DeHaan and Lehner being able to be worth a six point swing to hit that total. I'm also going to splash their division, conference, and cup finals props VERY lightly. The one thing I don't like here is Jeremy Colliton. This is a kid, who played in the Islanders organization, that I don't think is close to being that type of caliber coach or if he ever will be. But at the odds being offered, I'm playing .1 - .2 units on it.

Plays: Blackhawks to make the playoffs +145: 1 unit
Blackhawk team total over 89.5 -145: 1.5 unit
Blackhawks to win the West +1700: .2 unit
Blackhawks to win the Cup +3600: .2 unit



Colorado Avalanche
2019-20

Notes: I didn't like this team last year because I didn't think they had any depth. MacKinnon, Landeskog, and Rantanen are who they are but besides them there isn't much that I like. I didn't have this team as a playoff team last year and had Chicago instead but I just touched on that. They wound up being the team that grabbed the second wild card over Chicago and Arizona by four points and even after they got in I didn't see much from them. We did take them over Calgary in the first round which was a great call being we took the 8 seed over the 1 seed but the difference maker there for me was the goaltending. We then went on to hammer the Sharks against the Av's in the second round.

Notes: I still feel the same way about this team. The only difference being there's a lot of hype around Cale Maker who will be a big play maker for this team. Varlamov is gone however, leaving to play for the Islanders so the Av's come in with Philip Grubauer as their number 1 goalie. Their defense should be alright but their goaltending and lack of offensive depth I believe will hinder this team. Their team total is 97.5 at -130 on my book which is a 7 point increase from last season. If they get there, it'll be due to a lack of strength from their schedule as opposed to the strength of their own team. I like the under here so I'm going to play a little on it.

Plays: Under 97.5: .5 unit



Dallas Stars
2019-20

Notes: I never liked this team last year because they couldn't score. I can't trust a team that can't score. We bet against them against Nashville (crushing our first night playoff sweep when we went 4 or 5, also costing me a 12k parlay at the book with Tommy) and lost but won it back when we bet against them against St. Louis. Ben Bishop should have won the Vezina last year. They were second in the league last year in goals against (only behind the Islanders) and with a healthier defense this year those numbers should stay solid. The, problem was that they were third to last in the league in scoring. They went out and signed Corey Perry and Joe Pavelski this year and I think it could be a difference maker for them. This team in my eyes should be a cup contender but will fall short. Their team total is 97.5 which is a 4.5 point increase from their last season win total and I'm staying away. Too much would have to go right and I don't feel there's value in the play. They are +1400 however to win the cup and +750 to win the West so I am going to play both of those.

Plays: Dallas to win the West +750: .3 units
Dallas to win the Cup +1400: .5 units



Nashville Predators
2019-20

Notes: This is my team. This is the team I have loved every year in the West and want to see win the Cup the most. They've come close but they always fall short. Peter Laviolette is the guy you want behind the bench to do it too. The Preds have been there recently before as well so the team has the experience it needs. Pekka Rinne tends to struggle in the playoffs and there was talk of Nashville looking to turn to Juse Saros but he's not the answer. P.K Subban is out and I'm fine with the move. Nashville has always done a helluva job developing defensive talent and I don't think the loss of Subban will hurt them enough to hinder their chances. The big play here is that the Preds brought in Matt Duchene. Why Duchene chose the Preds was a surprise to me but I FUCKING LOVE IT. This team has a Championship roster if everyone can pull their weight. General Manager Dave Poile is someone who resembles that guy in your fantasy league who just loves to trade no matter how good or bad it is for the team. I believe that the in season trades were what doomed this team last year. While Poile has made some of the greatest trades in the league while with Nashville (their only GM in team history), he's made some ill timed mid season deals that I believe disrupted the chemistry and locker room of this team. Mikael Granlund, Wayne Simmonds, and Brian Boyle were all brought in before the deadline last year but they came in at the cost of Ryan Hartman and Kevin Fiala. Ryan Hartman is another guy that Poile acquired the year before at the deadline for a first round pick. Ryan Hartman is not a first round pick. He fucking sucks in my opinion and I don't know why he keeps getting chances. Wayne Simmonds came in and produced three points for the

team in 17 games. Mikael Granlund produced five points in 16 games. Nashville lost in the first round to the Dallas Stars in 6 games getting three points out of both players combined. With Simmonds gone this year Granlund needs to find who he was with Minnesota. Giving up Kevin Fiala pissed me off because he was a young guy with energy that this team fed off of. The team also dealt with a lot of injuries last year. The Preds started the season winning 20 of their first 30 games and going 8-0 on the road. The team soon hit some roadblocks and lost their next 10 road games and hit a six game losing streak. They lost Filip Forsberg, Viktor Arvidsson, Kevin Fiala, P.K. Subban, and Kyle Turris to significant injury time and it hurt. This is a new year, and I truly think this should be Nashville's year. We will be watching this team a lot and playing them a lot throughout the season. I can't stress how much I fucking love this team and I think we may see a Vegas Nashville Western Conference finals. Last year I had two Conference teams right in my preseason predictions and this year I'm hoping that Nashville is at least one of the teams I'm right about this year. I'm going all in on them this year so here it is:

This season's projected points total: 97.5

Plays: Predators over 97.5: .75 unit

Predators to make the playoffs -300: 1 unit

Predators to win the Central +400: 1 unit

Predators to win the West +900: 1 unit

Predators to win the Cup +1800: 1 unit



Minnesota Wild
2019-20

Notes: No Thanks. This team is young, and I loved the Ryan Donato trade last season (wish Boston didn't let him go but they did) and I HATED that the Preds gave up Kevin Fiala. This team will be a team playing for pride this year. Their team total is 87.5 right now and it's not a play I want to make. This team has some veterans who may be moved this year but they also have a lot of young guns that could redeem this franchise in the next 2-4 years. Mike Yeo cost this team a Championship the last few years and was why we didn't play the Blues to win the Cup pre season last season so there's a bit of a rebuild going on here but I like the way it's going. We most likely won't have much action on this team all year and will be a team we screen for the following year.

Plays: None

Plays:



St. Louis Blues
2019-20



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They hit a real bad stretch last year where they lost 9 of 10 but then went on a run that won 9 of 10.. They missed the playoffs in an elimination game with Colorado where we smashed the over in that game. They couldn't score. I don't see that happening again. I love the team they have, they added Tyler Bozak who I loved in Toronto and think hell do better here, they brought back Perron from Vegas, Ryan O'Reilly from buffalo, and Patrick Maroon. All of these guys I think will either replicate if not do better than they did where they were last year especially O'Reilly. My only concern is Mike Yeo. They put up 94 points last year with all the issues they had an im expecting a lot of regression from some other Western teams. I think Minnesota will slip a few points and St. Louie will increase. If Minnesota falls only 4 points from their total from last year at 101 which included 11 OTL points compared to the Blues 6, and the Blues win 2 more games, that puts them right in third of the division. @Drew (edited)

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This is what I said about this team last season before the season started. I'm not going to touch much on this team this season too much so I'll make it short and to the point. I don't like teams to repeat. It's happened once since '97/'98 and it was the Penguins. When you have a lineup like the Pens did those years it's almost expected to repeat. But it was also why we bet against the Pens against the Caps in the second round the following year. The Blues were in dead last of the league last year and had to grind their way back into contention, into the playoffs, then into the cup. They played in 26 out of a possible 28 games in the playoffs winning their series in 6, 7, 6, and 7 games. This is just like the Caps last year where I think the fatigue, and a young Jordan Binnginton will catch up to them. They're +1400 right now so if we want to put a half unit on them to win the cup to win 7 units it's not the worst play you could make but I think the season will be too long for them to get there. They'll make the playoffs and finish second or third in the division and wouldn't even

feel bad laying -220 for their to make the playoffs line but like last season, there could still be plenty of money to be made on this team when the playoffs start and throughout the course of the season.

Plays: Blues to make the playoffs -220: 1 unit



Winnipeg Jets
2019-20

Notes: I predicted the top 3 of this division perfectly last season with Nash, Winnipeg, then St. Louis. I don't see it happening the same way there year. This team lost A LOT in free agency with Brandon Tanev, Tyler Myers, Byfuglien taking a leave of absence, and Jacob Trouba being traded to the Rangers. They shouldn't have a problem putting the puck in the net finally getting Laine signed, and bringing back Kyle Connor but they will have a problem on the backend. I've expressed my disdain with Connor Hellebuyck as their netminder so we may see ourselves playing a lot of overs for this team. I think there's a chance the Jets miss the playoffs as well. They are -145 to make the playoffs and I think making a play of them to miss the playoffs at +115 is worth it. They're at a 94.5 points total projection for this season with the under being -175. It's expensive but I see it being the right play so we'll play it for .75 unit here.

This season's projected points total: Jets to miss the playoffs +115: .5 unit
Jets Under 94.5 -175: .75 unit

Plays:

Bets Recap:

Team	Points Total	Over/Under	Make/Miss Playoffs	Division Bets	Conference Bets	Stanley Cup	Units
Blackhawks	89.5	OVER -145					1.5
Avalanche	97.5	UNDER -115					.5
Winnipeg	94.5	UNDER -175					.75

Nashville	97.5	OVER -115					.75
Blackhawks			MAKE +145				1
Blues			MAKE -220				1
Winnipeg			MISS +115				.5
Nashville			MAKE -300				1
Nashville				YES +400			1
Blackhawks					Yes (+1700)		.2
Nashville					Yes (+900)		1
Dallas					Yes (+750)		.3
Blackhawks						Yes (+3600)	.2
Dallas						Yes (+1400)	.5
Nashville						Yes (+1800)	1

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