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Ducks' Beauchemin Undergoes Successful Knee Surgery

Nov 20, 2008 2:30 PM EST



Anaheim Ducks' defenseman Francois Beauchemin underwent successful surgery to repair a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee today at the Kerlan-Jobe Surgery Center in Los Angeles. The surgery was performed by Ducks' Team Physician Dr. Ronald Glousman. Beauchemin is expected to be sidelined for approximately six months.

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Anaheim Ducks

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NHL Ready To Build Wrigley Wrink

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Dan Craig is ready to start turning Wrigley Field into hockey's frozen gem for the Winter Classic 2009 on Jan. 1.

The hometown Chicago Blackhawks will square up against the Stanley Cup champion Detroit Red Wings, with the puck to drop somewhere between the pitcher's mound and second base.

Craig is ready to build the rink, which might be nicknamed Wrigley Wrink.

"We have some snow on the ground and it has been sitting at my place from 28 to 30 degrees," said Craig, the NHL's ice guru, who is more formally known as the NHL's Facilities Operations Manager. "I just wish all the equipment is together now. It's an anxious feeling. I wish I could put this thing together now. I know a couple of guys I talked to are ready to put it together now."

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Chicago Blackhawks, Detroit Red Wings

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Stamkos Thriving Under New Coach

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When interim coach Rick Tocchet replaced Barry Melrose last Friday, one of the things Tocchet wanted to do was get Steven Stamkos more ice time. Under Barry Melrose, Stamkos never played more than 15 minutes in a game, was averaging a little less than 12 minutes a game and failed to reach the 10-minute mark of ice time in five games, including Melrose's last on Nov. 13.

Many felt the inconsistent amount of ice time was affecting the rookie's performance. In 16 games under Melrose, Stamkos had 2 goals, 4 points and was a minus-7.

Sunday night, Tocchet sent a message to the youngster when he had Stamkos take the opening faceoff against Rod Brind'Amour, one of the best face-off men in the League.

Tuesday, he had Stamkos start the game on the wing on a line with All-Stars Vincent Lecavalier and Martin St. Louis.

"I definitely felt really good out there, and starting the game playing with Vinny Lecavalier and Marty St. Louis helped me to get my confidence going," Stamkos told reporters. "Interim coach Rick Tocchet has been great with me, giving me an opportunity out there, and you definitely feel like you are in the game. I had tons of shots and was making some plays offensively and I felt great."

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Trade Rumors Surround Future Top Pick Tavares

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John Tavares, who was not surprisingly named the top OHL prospect for the 2009 Entry Draft when Central Scouting released its Preliminary Rankings earlier this week, may not be with the Oshawa Generals much longer.

According to published reports, Oshawa management is looking to shop the superstar center for a package of assets that would ensure the long-term health of the franchise; a deal structured along the lines of the trade late last season that saw London trade goalie Steve Mason to Kitchener for center Phil Varone, defenseman Steve Tarasuk along with second-, third- and fourth-round draft picks in 2011 and a second round pick in 2012.

Windsor GM Warren Rychel told Mike Brophy of Sportsnet.ca that he was contacted by the Generals on Wednesday to be informed that Tavares was on the block.

"I got a call five minutes ago," Rychel said Wednesday afternoon. "Obviously our team is interested in him, but I'm not about to mortgage the future of this franchise to get him. Our strength is down the middle."

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Flyers Recall Kalinski From Phantoms

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The Flyers on Thursday recalled left wing Jonathon Kalinski from the Phantoms of the AHL, as reported by Yahoo.com.

Kalinski has two goals and three assists in 16 games for the Phantoms this season.

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Bruins Recall Lashoff From Providence

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The Bruins on Thursday recalled defenseman Matt Lashoff from Providence of the AHL, as reported by Yahoo.com.

Lashoff has scored three goals and 10 assists in 15 games with Providence this season.

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Jackets Recall Dorsett From Syracuse

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The Columbus Blue Jackets have recalled right wing Derek Dorsett from the Syracuse Crunch, the club's American Hockey League affiliate, Blue Jackets' General Manager Scott Howson announced today.

Dorsett, 21, has one goal and one assist for two points and 56 penalty minutes in 10 games with the Blue Jackets this season. He ranks third in the NHL in penalty minutes and scored his first NHL goal ? the game-winner ? against Vancouver on October 21. In seven games with the Crunch, he has 1-5-6, 35 penalty minutes and a plus/minus rating of +2. Columbus' ninth pick, 189th overall, in the 2006 Entry Draft, he has registered 11-13-24 with 324 penalty minutes and a cumulative plus/minus rating of +7 in 71 career AHL games.

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Senators Lose Fisher And Neil To Injuries

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Forwards Mike Fisher and Chris Neil each will be out of the Senators lineup for several weeks because of injuries, according to an Associated Press report on Wednesday.

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Ottawa Senators

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Jackets Place Klesla On IR

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The Columbus Blue Jackets have placed defenseman Rostislav Klesla on Injured Reserve, club General Manager Scott Howson announced today. Klesla was injured in last Friday's 6-1 win at Buffalo and is expected to be sidelined at least one week.

Klesla has tallied one goal and two assists for three points with eight penalty minutes and an even plus/minus rating in 11 games with the Blue Jackets this season. The club's first pick, fourth overall, in the 2000 Entry Draft has registered 36-73-109 and 426 penalty minutes in 421 career games with Columbus.

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Retro Third Jerseys Proving Popular

Nov 18, 2008 6:00 PM EST



Tradition is at play in a lot of the third jerseys being unveiled this season across the NHL. Tuesday night, the Flyers will become the latest to show off an old-school third jersey, which is a version that harkens back to the days of the Broad Street Bullies.

The Islanders, Buffalo Sabres, Edmonton Oilers, Pittsburgh Penguins, Toronto Maple Leafs and Vancouver Canucks also are wearing threads that represent the old school in a handful of games this season.

"It brings you back to guys like Gilbert Perreault, Rick Martin and Rene Robert," Sabres center Derek Roy said of the famed "French Connection" line and its association with the team's new third jersey. "It brings the legacy of the Sabres back."

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