

Mock Expansion Draft

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Overview

- .Background
- .Setting Realistic and Ideal Protection Lists
- .Roster-Picking Strategies
- .Team Projection Models
- .What to Expect in Real Life
- .Q&A

Background

- .Vegas Golden Knights granted a franchise June 22, 2016
- .George McPhee named GM June 13, 2016
- .Expansion draft will occur June 20
- .Official protection lists are published June 17
- .Will draft 3rd* in the NHL Draft June 23-24
- .Team will begin play in the 2017-18 season in the Pacific division

Protection Lists

- Protect 7 forwards, 3 defensemen, 1 goalie or 8 skaters and 1 goalie
- Must protect players with (unwaived) NMCs
- Don't need to protect 1st and 2nd year players
- Long-term injured players not included at all
- Must expose at least one defenseman, two forwards with minimum games, plus a goalie who are all under contract
- Used Cap Friendly to facilitate this

Protection Lists

- Wanted choices to be ideal, but realistic
- Lists reviewed by TSN's Frank Seravalli, and former NHL front office execs Frank Provenzano and Bob Teofilo
- Made some judgments about NMCs
- A lot can happen between now and then with trades

Protection Lists

.Atlantic: Derek Braid, David Johnson, Grace Harrison, Derrick Simpson

.Metropolitan: Sydney Stype, David Wilson, Alex Diaz-Papkovich, Steve May

.Central: Carolyn Wilke, Will Scouch, Sean Tierney, Mitch Cole

.Pacific: Josh Lutz, Andrew Kerrison, Shirley Mills, Ben Saltiel

Interesting Choices

- Waived: Kevin Bieksa, Marc-Andre Fleury
- Exposed: Brouwer, Brown, Cammalleri, Jack Johnson, Steen
- Exposed UFAs: Bishop, Oshie, Thornton
- Protected: Plekanec
- Judgment Calls: Pickard over Varlamov, Brodin over Dumba, De Haan over Hamonic, Martin over Braun

Roster Selection

- Select exactly one player per team
- 14 forwards, 9 defensemen, 3 goalies, 4 open
- At least 20 players already under contract
- Sum of contracts must be between 60% and 100% of the salary cap
- Not allowed to buy out players

Mock Rosters

- .Used Cap Friendly, which added a feature to auto-load our selections
- .No instructions, pick whichever team is best.
- .One roster per division group, plus Vollman, Schuckers
- .Pundits like Darren Pang, Steve Kouleas, Scott Cullen, Steve Simmons

Popular Choices

- Josh Manson, Anaheim
- Trevor van Riemsdyk, Chicago
- Matt Dumba, Minnesota
- Paul Byron, Montreal
- Vladimir Namestnikov, Tampa Bay
- No agreement in Arizona, Boston, Buffalo, Calgary, Edmonton, Los Angeles, NY Islanders, St. Louis, Toronto, Vancouver

Lots of Cap Space

- Average cap space of over \$23M
 - Range of \$12.8M to \$35.1M
 - Average of 7.6 unsigned players
 - Range of 6 to 12
- Also, several players who can be traded prior to the draft or at the NHL trade deadline

Projection Models

- .How good will these teams be in year 1 and going forward?
- .What will their strengths and weaknesses be?
- .What is the impact of various roster selection strategies?
- .Models by Micah Blake McCurdy, Matt Cane, Emmanuel Perry, Don't Tell Me About Heart, Mark McConnell and Jordan Peck. Thanks!
- .How are projection models built?

Forecast

- .Vegas will probably not finish last
- .The team will have great difficulty scoring
- .Vegas should be solid defensively
- .Goaltending could make the difference, and there is potential for excellence
- .Add in the impact of draft picks, free agents (like Shipychov), and trades
- .The playoffs are a slim possibility

Vegas in the Standings

| Team | Perry | Heart | Mc/P | Cane | Average |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| Perry | 91.4 | 94.9 | | 86.8 | 91.0 |
| Schuckers | 84.3 | 97.1 | 86.0 | 85.5 | 88.2 |
| Atlantic | 82.2 | 96.2 | 90.0 | 83.5 | 88.0 |
| Metro | 80.8 | 94.6 | 89.0 | 84.9 | 87.3 |
| Provenzano | 78.5 | 95.0 | 88.0 | 85.7 | 86.8 |
| Central | 78.5 | 91.8 | 93.0 | 84.0 | 86.8 |
| Cullen | 82.7 | 95.5 | 84.0 | 83.7 | 86.4 |
| Pacific | 83.2 | 94.7 | 84.0 | 83.8 | 86.4 |
| Vollman | 79.4 | 94.2 | 83.0 | 84.7 | 85.3 |
| Simmons | 78.8 | 89.8 | 82.0 | 84.5 | 83.8 |
| Pang | 76.0 | 92.0 | 79.0 | 83.4 | 82.6 |
| Kouleas | 74.8 | 89.0 | 73.0 | 82.9 | 79.9 |

Thank you

Questions?

Comments?