

NHL DAILY PROJECTIONS

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Hello fellow NHL fans from around the world!

There are 10 games Thursday night and I have 4 value bets for you. Nothing exceptional, but still profitable so let's hope we can hit 3 out of 4. At this time of writing, the line on Ottawa-Arizona has not opened yet so I will give you some guidelines below. Let's have a look at the full projections!

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	MONEY LINE					
	Pinnacle	PROFESSOR MJ	Pinnacle	PROFESSOR MJ	PICK	ROI
Rangers	-129	-147	1,78	1,68	X	5,6%
Hurricanes	+117	+147	2,17	2,47		-12,1%
Tip: Bet the Rangers.						
	Pinnacle	PROFESSOR MJ	Pinnacle	PROFESSOR MJ	PICK	ROI
Flyers	+127	+122	2,27	2,22		2,3%
Maple Leafs	-140	-122	1,71	1,82		-5,8%
Tip: No value bet.						

	Pinnacle	PROFESSOR MJ	Pinnacle	PROFESSOR MJ	PICK	ROI
Wild	-113	-143	1,88	1,70	X	10,9%
Lightning	+102	+143	2,02	2,43		-16,9%
Tip: Bet the Wild.						
	Pinnacle	PROFESSOR MJ	Pinnacle	PROFESSOR MJ	PICK	ROI
Ducks	+147	+186	2,47	2,86		-13,6%
Blackhawks	-163	-186	1,61	1,54		4,9%
Tip: No value bet.						
	Pinnacle	PROFESSOR MJ	Pinnacle	PROFESSOR MJ	PICK	ROI
Devils	-116	-109	1,86	1,92		-2,9%
Avalanche	+105	+109	2,05	2,09		-1,9%
Tip: No value bet.						
	Pinnacle	PROFESSOR MJ	Pinnacle	PROFESSOR MJ	PICK	ROI
Canadiens	+102	+104	2,02	2,04		-1,0%
Flames	-113	-104	1,88	1,96		-3,9%
Tip: No value bet.						
	Pinnacle	PROFESSOR MJ	Pinnacle	PROFESSOR MJ	PICK	ROI
Senators		-113		1,88		
Coyotes		+113		2,13		
Tip: No line yet (bet the Senators if line 2.00+, bet Coyotes if 2.24+).						
	Pinnacle	PROFESSOR MJ	Pinnacle	PROFESSOR MJ	PICK	ROI
Islanders	-140	-123	1,71	1,81		-5,4%
Canucks	+127	+123	2,27	2,23		1,8%
Tip: No value bet.						
	Pinnacle	PROFESSOR MJ	Pinnacle	PROFESSOR MJ	PICK	ROI
Predators	+118	+104	2,18	2,04	X	6,9%
Kings	-130	-104	1,77	1,96		-9,8%
Tip: Bet the Predators.						
	Pinnacle	PROFESSOR MJ	Pinnacle	PROFESSOR MJ	PICK	ROI
Capitals	-108	-123	1,93	1,81	X	6,2%
Sharks	-102	+123	1,98	2,23		-11,2%
Tip: Bet the Capitals.						

I'm betting the **Wild -113 (decimal 1.88) at Tampa Bay**, despite some factors going against them. The home team has won the last 8 meetings between these two teams. The Wild beat Tampa 2-1 in Minnesota last October. I have deducted 5% to the Wild's estimated win probability to account for the goalie situation: most of the time Devan Dubnyk starts 3 games before letting Kuemper get the nod. Since Dubnyk has started the last 3 games and they are playing the first leg of back-to-back games, I believe Kuemper has a 75% chance of starting this game. This isn't good news if you are betting Minnesota because he hasn't been nearly as good as Dubnyk. I also adjusted for the recent trades: the Wild obtained Martin Hanzal and Ryan White, while Tampa lost Boyle and Filppula.

I like the **Predators +118 (decimal 2.18) in Los Angeles**. The Kings have had 4 days' rest, which I don't believe is good news for them. We saw how teams coming off their bye week did poorly this season. The Kings have a 4-9 record over their last 13 games, but they won both meetings against the Preds this year. Nashville went on a 4-game winning streak before losing 3 straight.

I am also taking **Washington -108 (decimal 1.93) in San Jose**. The Caps had won 5 of their last 6 games before unexpectedly losing 4-2 at home against a mediocre Dallas Stars team. We'll see how they respond. The Sharks have won 4 of their last 5 games. They also won the only meeting between the two teams this year by a 3-0 score in Washington. As a matter of fact, San Jose has won 8 of the last 10 meetings against the Caps, but both losses came in San Jose. I fully expect Braden Holtby and Martin Jones to be the starters.

Finally, I'm picking the **Rangers (again!) -129 (decimal 1.78) in Carolina**. Much like the Wild pick, some factors are playing against them but the numbers are still telling me to back them up. First, New York will be playing a 3rd game in 4 nights. Second, the home team has won 6 of the past 7 meetings and all 3 this year have been very close games (4-2, 3-2 and 3-2). Cam Ward should be back in net since Eddie Lack lost the game (Paul Maurice has been alternating following losses). Still, the Rangers have a much superior team so I see value in this line.

As mentioned in the introduction, the line has not opened yet on the Senators-Coyotes game. Bet Ottawa if you can get +100 or better (decimal: 2.00 or more). Bet Arizona if the line is +124 or better (decimal: 2.24 or more). My feeling is we will get some value with Arizona. Several things are going against Ottawa: second game in two nights (3rd in 4 nights, 4th in 6 nights), Condon should get the start since Anderson has been confirmed for tonight, Mike Smith is very likely to be in net since Domingue started the next-to-last game, and injuries to Bobby Ryan, Chris Neil and now Kyle Turris (3rd best scorer for Ottawa). I wouldn't be surprised if the general public underestimates those factors.

Good luck!

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