

FRANKCASTER 2009

Frankcaster returns for the second year of sumtado stats during the dead summer months. First things first these are not my predictions. These are forecasters. I am simply putting together the best possible line-up to make more sense of what the magazine is predicting. If you do not have enough players, or your players are either prospects, enormous bums or just players for some reason didn't get a prediction you will receive auto 45pts per forward and 20pts per d-man. Pretty straight forward so enjoy a taste of things to come.

1] JOHNSTON TYCOONS - 724PTS

The Tycoons enter the 2009/2010 season as the favourites to win the WG. With a solid up and coming core on D and in the forward slot the Tycoons should make a seamless change of players without missing a beat. Start of a dynasty?

Ovechkin, Alexander - (61, 51) - 112pts

Backstrom, Nicklas - (25, 74) - 99pts

Hemsky, Ales - (29, 47) - 76pts

Whitney, Ray - (19, 40) - 59pts

Booth, David - (33, 26) - 59pts

Selanne, Teemu - (32, 36) 58pts

Frolik, Michael - (28, 30) - 58pts

Markov, Andrei - (16, 49) - 65pts

Souray, Sheldon - (17, 33) - 50pts

Kronwall, Niklas - (7, 42) - 49pts

Pronger, Chris - (10, 35) - 45pts

Kiprusoff, Mikka - (44w, 3so) - 97pts

2] WILSON BULLETS - 689PTS

The Bullets are a team that have battled through misfortune and injuries. Bullets got tougher with Kane becoming more physical defeating a 70 year old. This is a solid team from top to bottom. Veteran superstar, young superstar clouded with more stars.

The original tankster still has been the best tank story told. The tank sequels have not matched the original.

Kane, Patrick - (34, 55) - 89pts

Iginla, Jarome - (41, 46) - 87pts

Toews, Jonathan - (42, 44) - 86pts

Kopitar, Anze - (35, 44) - 79pts

Kovalev, Alexei - (32, 40) - 72pts

Smyth, Ryan - (29, 29) - 58pts

Suter, Ryan - (11, 37) - 48pts

Johnson, Erik - (11, 33) - 44pts
Tyutin - (11, 28) - 39pts
Johnson, Jack - (9, 12) - 21pts

Fleury, Marc-Andre - (39w, 3so) - 87pts

3] NORTH SHORE SCREAMING JAWAS - 676PTS

Top 3 player in the game, two of the most stable and consistent producers in the NHL, a solid D core so where the hell are the forwards? 5th slot is weak and 6th slot is MIA and that isn't considering injuries. Of course Jawas will address this via trade or draft but even then they will be considered very thin depthwise. For averaging just under 50pts for forwards 5 and 6 the Jawas will barely sit outside the 2nd spot. Life is tough for the closet Davies fanatic.

Malkin, EVgeni - (42, 67) - 109pts
Sedin, Daniel - (33, 54) - 87pts
Sedin, Henrik - (25, 60) - 85pts
Ribeiro, Mike - (21, 58) - 79pts
O'Sullivan, Patrik - (21, 33) - 54pts
6th forward - - 45pts

Streit, Mark - (14, 38) - 52pts
Goligoski, Alex - (9, 35) - 44pts
Visnovsky, Lubomir - (11, 28) - 39pts
Hainsey, Ron - (8, 27) - 35pts
Yandle, Keith - (6, 23) - 29pts

Turco, Marty - (35w, 4so) - 82pts

4] MITCHELL VANGUARD - 664PTS

Such a core and so close to something special. Virtually a staple the past couple of seasons the Vanguard boast such a incredible top 3 to some extent anyone here would be jealous of. To boot you have a top offensive D-man (top 3) and Lecavs projected for third in points. Backstrom panning out after signing a big deal proving he was no fluke as he was atop the fantasy leaders for majority of last season. Vanguard must have huge expectations.

Getzlaf, Ryan - (30, 71) - 101pts
Staal, Ryan - (39, 50) - 89pts
Lecavlier, Vincent - (35, 45) - 80pts
Frolov, Alexander - (30, 39) - 69pts
Kessel, Phil - (26, 22) 48pts (60 pro-rate)
Penner, Dustin - (19, 27) - 46pts

Phaneuf, Dion - (19, 41) - 60pts
Jovanovski, Ed - (13, 29) - 42pts

Carle, Matt - (6, 24) - 30

Backstrom, Niklas - (33w, 7so) - 87pts

Harding, Josh - (10w, 2so) - 26pts

5] STEIER 79ERS - 659PTS

Bet you didn't see coming. With all the mould that was starting to grow on Crosby, Thornton, Lundqvist the 79ers did well at the drop date Cole and Drury are both upgrades to well umm nothing that was there before. Of course the 79ers are here because of the monstrous expectations of Crosby and Thornton. While the numbers may be slightly high combining both of them the message is the same. Success relies on both being healthy. The D is expected to take a dive and could end up in a horrible position if Whitney does not produce well.

Crosby, Sidney - (38, 79) - 117pts

Thornton, Joe - (28, 79) - 107pts

Gagne, Simon - (30, 36) - 66pts

Michalek, Milan - (28, 37) - 65pts

Kozlov, Slava - (23, 38) - 61pts

Drury, Chris - (26, 35) - 61pts

Cole, Erik - (25, 31) - 56pts

Guerin, Bill - (24, 25) - 49pts

Whitney, Ryan - (14, 31) - 45pts

Michalek, Zybnek - (7, 21) - 28pts

Aucoin, Adrian - (7, 20) - 27pts

Lundqvist, Henrik - (38w, 2so) - 82pts

6] FRANSON SHRUBDOGS - 643PTS

Shrubdogs get a solid hole patched dumping the back-up with pretty eyes and exchanging it for an established veteran number one goalie. Khabby has the potential to produce but overall very realistic expectations here. Of course hold your breath when you mention the name Connolly. You can never quite pinpoint the shift that knocks him out for a month. Return of Kariya should help err maybe not. Must think after the injury he won't keep up the 95pt pace from last year.

Spezza, Jason - (27, 64) - 91pts

St. Louis, Martin - (28, 48) - 76pts

Pominville, Jason - (25, 44) - 69pts

Connolly, Tim - (21, 45) - 66pts

Kariya, Paul - (23, 35) - 58pts

Berglund, Patrik - (26, 30) - 56pts

Backes, David - (25, 26) - 51pts

Rafalski, Brian - (11, 46) - 57pts
Campbell, Brian - (8, 39) - 47pts
Brebeshkov, Denis - (6, 30) - 36pts

Khabibulin, Nikolai - (36w, 5so) - 87pts

7] GROSSMAN FLASH - 642PTS

The Flash overall see a slight decline in expectations based on what I feel. Gomez, Marleau and Keith I think are a little low. Not low enough to launch Jon into the top 3 but easily enough to get him realistically in fourth. I do not expect Jon to crack the top 3 this season. Teams ahead are too deep and more talented. That said, Flash are not a 7th place team, are legit contenders, and Jon does log in. He's nocturnal and lurks on generally when he cannot be seen.

Kovalchuk, Ilya - (52, 41) - 93pts
Roy, Derek - (30, 47) - 77pts
Morrow, Brendan - (31, 39) - 70pts
Marleau, Patrick - (32, 33) - 65pts
Gomez, Scott - (19, 45) - 64pts
Filppula, Valtteri - (16, 33) - 49pts
Okposo, Kyle - (24, 25) - 49pts
Bailey, Joshua - (12, 25) - 37pts

Lidstrom, Nicklas - (14, 47) - 61pts
Keith, Duncan - (6, 30) - 36pts
Vlasic, Marc-Edward - (4, 29) - 33pts

Nabokov, Evgeni - (39w, 5so) - 94pts

8] BELLAMY BARRACUDAS - 630PTS

8th place is bold. Bold statement made by none other the 8th ranked team in this year's frankcaster. Gonchar is back and booming. Darkhorse here is the next Brodeur figuring his life out and producing an expectation of higher than 61pts. Perry becomes the Barracudas top scorer edging Vanek out. A well rounded, deep team really needs to get Price rolling and back on track.

Perry, Corey - (37, 45) - 82pts
Vanek, Thomas - (44, 36) - 80pts
Richards, Brad - (26, 50) - 76pts
Elias, Patrik - (28, 44) - 72pts
Zajac, Tavis - (23, 40) - 63pts
Horton, Nathan - (32, 26) - 58pts
Hartnell, Scott - (26, 27) - 53pts

Gonchar, Sergei - (15, 41) - 56pts

Ehrhoff, Christian - (6, 37) 43pts
Kubina, Pavel - (13, 26) - 39pts
Corvo, Joe - (12, 25) - 37pts

Price, Carey - (26w, 3so) - 61pts

9] HESKETH GOLDMINERS - 623PTS

Goldminers slide into the 9th slot in a tie with the Triads(again I believe) but I gave myself 9th as I did the write-up. Theres the tie breaker. The big spalsh here is...Mikko Koivu?! While I expected 75-80 as a certain possibility I never expected Koivu to have a prediction that high. However, I feel Briere and Cammlleri are slightly low. So hopefully forecaster is right about Koivu and wrong on Camms and Briere! The D looks good, Miller is a stud and Karlsson was ranked higher than Pietrangelo in Calder candidates. What I am most satisfied with is that the team appears to be just over the fringe playoff point and on the back end of the normal playoff teams. Personally I can have ugly stats all year long, just do not want to go to DNQU this year.

Koivu, Mikko - (29, 58) - 87pts
Cammalleri, Mike - (33, 35) - 68pts
Brown, Dustin - (35, 33) - 68pts
Briere, Daniel - (27, 37) - 64pts
Pavelski, Joe - (26, 37) - 63pts
Kostitsyn, Andrei - (29, 25) - 54pts
Erat, Martin - (19, 35) - 54pts

Burns, Brent - (14, 32) - 46pts
Bouwmeester, Jay - (12, 30) - 42pts
Blake, Rob - (8, 29) - 37pts
Karlsson, Erik - (5, 14) - 19pts

Miller, Ryan - (38w, 6so) - 94pts

10] LEE TRIADS - 623PTS

Lee Triads are always a thorn in my side. First getting Alfie and coming somewhat close to nabbing Savard for a second year Goldminers and Triads are predicted to go head to head in the WG standings. Of course while the Triads are at a disadvantage losing Hossa. There is a stable minimum and expected return point but any further delay could really damage the Triads bid at a post season run going as far as them not making the playoffs. Also shoring up on a solid goalie gives them a break from that headache for a couple years.

Nash, Rick - (46, 42) - 88pts
Alfredsson, Daniel - (31, 38) - 79pts
Doan, Shane - (25, 40) - 65pts
Dumont, J.P - (23, 41) - 64pts
Gagner, Sam - (24, 37) - 61pts

Hossa, Marian - (38, 39) - 77pts (Pro-rated to 60)
Langenbrunner, Jamie - (26, 33) - 59pts
Voracek, Jakub - (21, 36) - 57pts

Biekša, Kevin - (13, 29) - 42pts
McCabe, Bryan - (16, 26) - 42pts
Liles, John-Michael - (13, 28) - 41pts

Thomas, Tim - (36w, 3so) - 81pts

11] RATTRAY ROWDY KILTS - 615PTS

The Kilts get the expected production from all the usual suspects as well as the unknowns suspects and lower suspects. Really there is a stiff drop to the Kilts. They are not the same team they once were but they are trying to quickly piece the puzzle together with a youth transition. Unfortunately no picks and limited movable assets the Kilts are going to have to continue playing pin the career on the prospect.

Datsyuk, Pavol - (31, 64) - 95pts
Zetterberg, Henrik - (37, 47) - 84pts
Eriksson, Loui - (35, 31) - 66pts
Gionta, Brian - (26, 39) - 65pts
Malone, Ryan - (24, 24) - 48pts
Nilsson, Robert - (17, 21) - 38pts

Boyle, Dan - (15, 44) 59pts
Timmonen, Kimmo - (8, 37) - 45pts
Lee, Brian - (6, 17) - 23pts

Brodeur, Martin - (34w, 8so) - 92pts

12] DIAMANTAKOS SPARTANS - 595PTS

The Spartans bolted up the Wg standings and I mean that as an understatement. Prior to the Savard deal they were pegged for 19th but with a couple totals a little higher than expected the Spartans were basically looking at another year of being the Spartans. Until they added roughly 70 points to their starting line-up. This puts them right on the fringe for now. Assuming the Jackets don't botch the Filatov growth hopefully for the Spartans he can make that transition immediately. They still lack depth and a responsible 6th forward. I do think Letang's totals are a little high. Not every D-man on the Pens can put home 50. Regardless, Pete is in the playoff picture. However, their biggest mistake this offseason won't be revealed until post draft.

Savard, Marc - (23, 70) - 93pts
Weiss, Stephen - (19, 49) - 68pts
Hejduk, Milan - (32, 31) - 63pts
Kesler, Ryan - (27, 29) 56pts
Horcoff, Shawn - (21, 34) - 55pts

Wilson, Colin - (15, 28) - 43pts

Letang, Kris - (13, 38) - 51pts

Ballard, Keith - (8, 30) - 38pts

Martin, Paul - (7, 30) - 37pts

Ranger, Paul - (5, 22) - 27pts

Ward, Cam - (38w, 5so) - 91pts

13] UPTOWN HEARTBREAKERS - 586PTS

Heartbreakers actually are in a tough spot here. Parise should def see a drop in point totals with Lemaire around and I don't see 80+ for Jokinen. It doesn't add up or make sense. Tanguay is still in limbo without a team and even then is a risky proposition unsigned and coming off injury whcih really hurts a team with no top picks and no depth. They don't have a third D-man either. This si what the HB will most likely end up as. A team scraping for every point to stay close.

Jokinen, Olli - (37, 45) - 82pts

Parise, Jach - (36, 43) - 79pts

Franzen, Johan - (32, 29) - 61pts

Huselius, Kristian - (24, 37) - 61pts

Kunitz, Chris - (26, 35) - 61pts

Tanguay, ALex - - 60pts

Hensick, T.J - (9, 22) - 31pts

Chara, Zdeno - (17, 35) - 52pts

Spacek, Jaroslav - (8, 25) - 33pts

3rd DMAN - - 20pts

Hiller, Jonas - (28w, 7so) - 77pts

Giguere, Jean-Sebastian - (10w, 3so) - 29pts

14] PAIK GRYPHONS - 577PTS

Paik is a talented drafter and also has a eye for lovable injury type players (Semin, Stastny, Gaborik) and indecisive assholes (Heatley and Niedermayer). If they all wake up on the right side of the bed the Gryphons can really make a push. However with the risk spread the risk is still somewhat high for something to go wrong. Vokoun probably isn't going to cut it for very long. Ah well there is always third overall, I don't see the Gryphons making the post season this year. One d-man who has a year or two left then a crop worst in the league.

Heatley, Dany - (44, 41) - 85pts

Semin, Alex - (37, 39) - 76pts

Stastny, Paul - (26, 50) - 76pts

Gaborik, Marian - (36, 34) - 70pts

Boyes, Brad - (29, 40) - 69pts

Giroux, Claude - (18, 35) - 53pts
Cullen, Matt - (24, 23) 47pts

Niedermayer, Scott - (10, 40) - 50pts
Hamhuis, Dan - (5, 20) - 25pts
3rd Dman - - 20pts

Vokoun, Thomas - (22w, 3so) - 53pts

15] DAY EXPRESS - 546PTS

Nice strides for Oshie and somewhat better strides for the Express. Not nearly as good as given credit for regardless of how many firsts in that range. Also looks like the intent of Dereks first pick is getting snaked. Still 60pts out from a fringe playoff team. More work to be done. Quick success has come from JR in a familiar source involving some reported very dirty pool. Potential is there...the firsts sound nice. Soon it will be time to turn those picks into production and in this pool prospects are coveted then tossed in the garbage almost as quick. Derek controls the destiny of the team but I don't frankcast them into the postseason.

Ryan, Bobby - (36, 44) - 80pts
Havlat, Martin - (27, 39) - 66pts
Grabovski, Mikhail - (23, 35) - 58pts
Antropov, Nik - (25, 32) - 57pts
Vermette, Antoine - (25, 31) - 56pts
Oshie, T.J - (27, 29) 56pts
Sullivan, Steve - (22, 27) - 49pts

Zidlicky, Marek - (15, 33) - 48pts
Pitkanen, Joni - (13, 30) - 43pts
3rd D-man - - 20pts

Huet, Cristobal - (25w, 4so) - 62pts

16] MA TORNADOES - 540PTS

Some nice progressions here for a few of the players. Little looking to take over and challenge 70 points but the real surprise is Jordan Staal. Tough to imagine him putting up close to 70 with the scenario in Pittsburgh. Hodgson is expected to see a scoring role and Cheechoo polishes up his resume after next season he should be a SCHL drop. Tick, tock on the prospect clock. When will the fairytale begin? Will Luongo be a waste? This is a great time to get a taste of what Kev has been cooking for three years.

Little, Bryan - (36, 32) - 68pts
Staal, Jordan - (28, 37) - 65pts
Brassard, Derrick - (24, 36) - 60pts
Hodgson, Cody - (19, 27) - 46pts
Laich, Brooks - (19, 26) - 45pts

Cheechoo, Jonathan - (20, 22) - 42pts
Backlund, Mikael - (12, 24) - 36pts

Edler, Alex - (14, 32) - 46pts
Redden, Wade - (6, 29) - 35pts
Russell, Kris - (7, 25) - 32pts
Bogosian, Zach - (7, 22) - 29pts

Luongo, Roberto - (40w, 7so) - 101pts

17] VANCOUVER MILLIONAIRES - 539PTS

So far the Millionaires have waited for the stock piled drafts but they weren't able to do a full tank. They clearly don't want to get stuck waiting years for prospects to pan out evident by their moves surrounding their picks the past couple drafts. The Millionaires are better on paper than they suggest. That said they are a year or two away still from being a true playoff team. The issue still lies in goal. Rick D is on his last legs at the beginning of winning the contract lottery. Bryzgalov is a quality goalie on the worst team top to bottom now. Not good.

Carter, Jeff - (41, 36) - 77pts
Setoguchi, Devin - (34, 37) - 71pts
Williams, Justin - (27, 31) - 58pts
McDonald, Andy - (19, 37) - 56pts
Ponikarovsky, Alex - (21, 33) - 54pts
Plekanec, Tomas - (26, 25) - 51pts
Dubinsky, Brandon - (17, 29) - 46pts
Boedkker, Mikhael - (18, 26) - 44pts

Barker, Cam - (9, 38) - 47pts
Niskanen, Matt - (9, 30) - 39pts
Enstrom, Tobias - (4, 32) - 36pts

Bryzgalov, Ilya - (22w, 2so) - 50pts
DiPietro, Rick - (14w, 2so) - 34pts

18] TARPAN HORSES - 529PTS

No generic talk for Tarpan here. Just a what the fuck happened here? Matthias expected to do shit and Van Riemsdyk is the least talked about 'awesome' prospect out there that I don't see sticking and playing really anytime in the NHL this season in a producing role. Basically three starting forwards, consistant crimp, underachiving young kid and the anchor up front and on D. Weak Tarps. I expect better from you...christ.

Richards, Mike - (29, 49) - 78pts
Mueller, Peter - (26, 35) - 61pts
Krejci, Dave - (12, 36) 48pts (60pt pro rate)
Stillman, Cory - (18, 26) - 44pts

5th forward - 45pts
6th forward - 45pts

Weber, Shea - (25, 33) - 58pts
Kaberle, Tomas - (7, 45) - 55pts
Alzner, Karl - (3, 12) - 15pts

Lehtonen, Kari - (25w, 6so) - 68pts
Pavelec, Andrej - (4w, 3so) - 14pts

19] MORAN ASSASSINS - 515PTS

18th-22nd is basically the same mess of crap. The backend is solid with three young players that will be solid producers throughout their careers but are still on the journey of development. Three players. After that it is rough as can be. The only team off the top of my head that has worse forwards now is your brother in law. Perron is the best of the bunch. A guy that on average would be an expendable asset and an average forward with some potential. Assassins need a poor mans Crosby. To boot the ceiling has pretty well been set for Mason. A high ceiling obviously but the 5 teams around the Assassins have had roughly 35 goalie points less. Once that stabilizes the Assassins will have a big struggle finding top end talent up front

Perron, Dave - (25, 40) - 65pts
Wolski, Wojtek - (24, 37) - 61pts
Stafford, Drew - (25, 32) - 57pts
Lucic, Milan - (21, 26) - 47pts
Brunnstrom, Fabian - (24, 21) - 45pts
Bernier, Steve - (19, 24) - 43pts

Meszaros, Andrej - (11, 26) - 37pts
Doughty, Drew - (9, 26) - 35pts
Campoli, Chris - (12, 22) - 34pts
Pietrangelo, Alex - (4, 19) - 23pts

Mason, Steve - (35w, 7so) - 91pts

20] DEDRICK DEVILS - 499PTS

Everyone is between 50-60 and the goalie situation is cloudy as hell. Trading Seto for 4th and not handcuffing Thomas last year the Devils would have lurked in the last playoff spot. That said they hopefully have something up their sleeve with that pick. It is very important as they are in a tough spot to find something equal to or better than what they lost. The Spartans have replaced the Devils as the other expansion team hunting for the playoffs.

Stamkos, Stephen - (27, 29) - 56pts
Ryder, Michael - (29, 27) - 56pts
Bergeron, Patrice - (14, 42) - 56pts

Koivu, Saku - (16, 38) - 54pts
Lupul, Joffrey - (26, 25) - 51pts
Ladd, Andrew - (16, 28) - 44pts

Green, Mike - (29, 46) - 75pts
Gilbert, Tom - (9, 43) - 52pts
Bergeron, Marc-Andre - - 20pts

Rask, Tuuka - (16w, 1so) - 35pts

21] SAMPSON BRAHMAS - 474PTS

Me oh my. The Brahmas decent from a third place finish in the SC will not be seen for a very long time. After trading Savard the Brahmas almost certainly are going to pull the plug on the remaining 'assets' and begin the full rebuild. Dangerously close to being the bottom ranked team with very little prospects. Tough and very long road for the Brahmas. Long as in 5 years. As stated before Daryl, don't botch these picks. Your team can't afford you to.

Arnott, Jason - (26, 39) - 65pts
Sharp, Patrick - (32, 31) - 63pts
Blake, Jason - (27, 32) - 59pts
Umberger, R.J - (19, 24) - 43pts
Hanzal, Martin - (13, 23) - 36pts
6th forward - - 45pts

Wideman, Dennis - (11, 36) - 47pts
Kuba, Filip - (6, 30) - 36pts
Coburn, Braydon - (7, 25) - 32pts
O'Duya, Johnny - (6, 20) - 26pts

Theodore, Jose - (21w, 2so) - 48pts

22] DENROCHE REGIME - 465PTS

Anyone surprised? I tried to include Tavares in a bid to get the Regime out the basement for just one ranking. I couldn't. The bright side is that the forward crop doesn't look Assassinlike any longer and Leclaire is expected to rebound. I would not be surprised to see the Regime crack the top 20 in wg points. Woo hoo. The brightest note is that the Regime should get a win!!!! I really mean the should part.

Bouchard, Pierre-marc - (24, 38) - 62pts
Bolland, Dave - (24, 35) - 59pts
Tavares, John - (32, 25) - 57pts
Ruutu, Tuomo - (24, 24) - 48pts
Clowe, Ryane - (24, 24) - 48pts
COgliano, Andrew - (21, 26) - 47pts
Kulemin, Nikolai - (23, 24) - 47pts

Turriss, Kyle - (16, 25) - 41pts

Seabrook, Brent - (9, 23) - 32pts

Staal, Marc - (4, 15) - 19pts

3rd D-man - 20pts

Toskala, Vesa - (19w, 2so) - 44pts

Leclaire, Pascal - (29w, 5so) - 73pts

Another year of Frankcaster successfully in the books.

For the SCHL...I'm Ryan Hesketh