

| Team            | Final Standing   |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Liberals        | 1 <sup>st</sup>  |
| Flood           | 2 <sup>nd</sup>  |
| Greeks          | 3 <sup>rd</sup>  |
| Rage            | 4 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Crunch          | 5 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Kevlar          | 6 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Jets            | 7 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Krew            | 8 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Bitches         | 9 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Dynasty         | 10 <sup>th</sup> |
| Lunchbuckateers | 11 <sup>th</sup> |
| Crutches        | 12 <sup>th</sup> |
| Godfathers      | 13 <sup>th</sup> |
| Chaos           | 14 <sup>th</sup> |
| Assassins       | 15 <sup>th</sup> |

These predictions are stone cold locks. The shortened season and Covid-19 protocols have all been taken into account. Don't be swayed by early season results. Toffoli won't play against Canucks for 56 games. Sorry James, Kevlar, Crutches and Assassins and any other team not to win title. You will have to wait until next year for your run at HHL glory.

### **Liberals - Champion**

I donut see any glaring weakness with this squad. Will likely need winger and a D man by end of year, but countless hours using the HHL trade simulator should fix this problem.

**Biggest Regret:** That no other HHL owner will view Marino as a future 55 point defenseman at the trade deadline.

### **Flood – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place**

Analytics suggest this roster should give the HHL a three peat winner, but not so fast. With limited a resources a strong draft day showing was needed, unfortunately this did not happen. The Commish himself might have done better work. Too much needs to go right in this shortened season. The inevitable slide to the bottom has begun.

**Biggest Regret:** Mikko Koskinen. I know you had to have a goalie, but really? That made less sense than protecting Jesse Pullujarvi for years.

### **Greeks – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

I think the HHL trophy going to the Sunshine Coast is the 8<sup>th</sup> sign of the apocalypse, but no worry, the world is safe for another year. In some ways this team is like the Rage, strong D and centers. Instead of one crappy goalie, the Greeks have two. Would the Greeks part with LaFreniere if it meant a shot at the title?

**Biggest Regret:** One might think it would be paying \$110 for Morgan Reilly, which is on par with spending \$100 on OEL. Or would it be getting rid of Hall. No, Tristan Jarry will be what the Greeks regret more. Not only will this pick hurt Greeks' chances, he will have jinxed the Pens. Doh!

#### **Rage – 4<sup>th</sup> Place**

Post draft I was ready to declare this team a dud. After a closer look maybe there is something to the spend all your money at draft as fast as possible strategy. Strength at defense and center for the Ragers should compensate for a pedestrian group of wingers. Will also need a good goalie as Bobrosvksy seems have started his retirement a little early. Tarasenko is a trade chip that will be needed. Would anyone be surprised by a pre-redraft Tarasenko for Carey Price or Varlamov deal?

**Biggest Regret:** Protecting Bobrosvky. Stew would have been better off and, as a total closet Flames fan, happier with Markstrom.

#### **Crunch – 5<sup>th</sup> Place**

The team recovered well from their rookie mistake. Jack Eichel is a stud, but he is no McDavid. Hedman is a beast, but not enough to carry a team. Being solid up and down the line up should have this team solidly in the middle of the pack.

**Biggest Regret:** Other than not knowing the rules, looking at Duncan Keith's total each morning will give the feeling of disappointment.

#### **Kevlar – 6<sup>th</sup> Place**

The numbers and eye test have this team doing better, but it was Tyfing that drafted it, so that is worth an automatic minimum drop of two places. Perhaps not being stressed about Buzz getting jelly donut on the carpet helped with his draft selections. It looks like Kevin's quest of turning Malkin and Crosby into the Marcel Dionne of the HHL will be a success.

**Biggest Regret:** Rickard Rakell. Why? Everyone regrets have Rakell. But really, I don't think Tyfing really gives a fork. He is more of a spooner really.

#### **Jets – 7<sup>th</sup> Place**

The Jets deviated a little from their all Jets all the time strategy. After the Couturier injury their owner probably thought that he should have taken a Jet. Hellebuyck has carried this team in the past and will carry them again into the playoffs.

**Biggest Regret:** Alex Goligoski. Has anyone drafted this player and been happy about it?

#### **Krew – 8<sup>th</sup> Place**

Not a bad line up, not a great one either. Should be enough to make these perennial never beens happy with the year.

**Biggest Regret:** Zach Parise. Has anyone in HHL/NHL got more underserved credit than this overpaid pile of averageness?

#### **Bitches – 9<sup>th</sup> Place**

Take John Carlson off this team and they would look a lot worse. Another team that went with the two average goalie strategy. If the Kucherov injury didn't kickstart the rebuild, putting this lineup together will. Ryan Strome being your number one center is not a recipe for success.

**Biggest Regret:** Spending \$105 total on Strome, Marchessault, and Keller. A lot of money spent to be stuck in the middle.

### **Dynasty – 10<sup>th</sup> Place**

Once the most despised franchise in the HHL, now it garners more pity than anything. Newer owners in the league just assume the team name is ironic. It feels that the Dynasty gave up on Nico Hischer a little early. Jack Hughes is now on notice. Don't worry, the climb out of the basement has begun, and we can go ahead and sports hate this team once again. They are just not ready for prime time yet.

**Biggest Regret:** Not disobeying Bonnie Henry and observing HHL draft lottery in person. I am not saying draft lottery is rigged, but if it was biased against Rick I don't think others would mind.

### **Lunchbuckateers – 11<sup>th</sup> Place**

The southernmost franchise is adopting the slogan "Maybe Next Year". Predraft and draft went poorly. Rebuild is going like their owner's plan to lose 10 lbs. of Covid weight. Only 15 lbs. to go. At least they didn't spend \$30 on a backup goalie.

**Biggest Regret:** Protecting Sam Reinhart. Felt wrong at time and feels worse now. 2<sup>nd</sup> biggest regret is letting Comtois go.

### **Crutches – 12<sup>th</sup> Place**

I expect Eric looked at the current team owners when he joined the league and thought winning will be easier than selling donuts at Liberals' team meeting. What is with teams that want two bad goalies? Maybe Blackwood will end up being surprisingly good pick. Maybe Stamkos can stay healthy and carry this team. Maybe Spurgeon will get more than 20 points. Or just Maybe the Crutches can take home the Homer Cup.

**Biggest Regret:** Rounds one through five. Hard to pick just one regret.

### **Godfathers – 13<sup>th</sup> Place**

Draft night started poorly with the Fleury pick and they never recovered. One benefit of Zoom call format was seeing their owner's expression when no one else bid on Fleury. A D core of Weber, Yandle and Petry won't get it done. Not a good sign when Tkachuk may be your top winger. At least you have Aho.

**Biggest Regret:** Fleury.

### **Chaos – 14<sup>th</sup> Place**

Without looking at owner, this team would have been ranked higher, but... A very good set of wingers and goalie. Looks like your patience with Yamamoto will pay off. Just not enough there. Your spending at the draft indicates you realized what your team was this year. Just make Stew pay when he comes calling about Price.

**Biggest Regret:** Strome. Just like Rakell, it just seems like he should do better.

### Assassins – Homer Cup Champ

It looks like TK didn't want to wait until the redraft and decided to tank before the season began. I think only getting \$2 in match money for their RFAs while not spending any match money to keep a player should tell you all you need to know how they came into the season. The draft rounds were decent, but it is hard to win pool with better than average late round picks. One positive to this team is you are solid in goal.

**Biggest Regret:** Nate Schmidt. In the past the Assassins have shied away from taking Canucks, and should have continued the trend this year.