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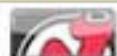


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With the 2010-11 NHL season just around the corner, it's time to prepare for your fantasy drafts. NHL.com's Fantasy Hockey Top 150 will help guide you through which players are prepared to take their game to the next level. We pulled together our list from a panel of NHL.com experts to help you lead your league this season.

From the scorers to the playmakers and goaltenders, we've got everything you need for your 2010-11 Fantasy Draft.

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-  **Alex Ovechkin, LW** [Washington Capitals](#)
Outlook: 50+ goals, 100+ points and 50+ PIMs in four of his five NHL seasons, and has led NHL in shots on goal in all five years.
-  **Sidney Crosby, C** [Pittsburgh Penguins](#)
Outlook: 100+ points in every healthy season of career; 50+ goals may not be likely again, but Sid will rake in every category across the board.
-  **Evgeni Malkin, C** [Pittsburgh Penguins](#)
Outlook: 77 points and 100 PIMs in 67 games last year; likely to bounce back to his usual 100+ point seasons from previous two years.
-  **Nicklas Backstrom, C** [Washington Capitals](#)
Outlook: Approaching 23 years old, Backstrom has increased goals, assists, points, plus/minus, PIMs and shots in each of his three NHL seasons.
-  **Zach Parise, LW** [New Jersey Devils](#)
Outlook: Top three in shots on goal last two seasons, consistently high plus/minus rating; just a year removed from a 45-goal, 94-point season.
-  **Dany Heatley, LW,RW** [San Jose Sharks](#)
Outlook: Could easily eclipse 40 goals while becoming more comfortable in second season with Sharks; has scored 39+ goals in five-straight years and has eligibility at both wing positions.
-  **Ilya Kovalchuk, LW** [New Jersey Devils](#)
Outlook: Six consecutive 40+ goals, 50+ PIMs seasons; a full year with Devils should result in close to 50 goals and 100 points.

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7  **Ilya Kovalchuk, LW** [New Jersey Devils](#)

Outlook: Six consecutive 40+ goals, 50+ PIMs seasons; a full year with Devils should result in close to 50 goals and 100 points.

8  **Martin Brodeur, G** [New Jersey Devils](#)

Outlook: With exception to injury-plagued '08-09 season, the 38-year-old has averaged 77 starts, 46 wins and a 2.20 GAA in three most recent healthy seasons.

9  **Ryan Miller, G** [Buffalo Sabres](#)

Outlook: Only thing keeping him behind Marty is that he isn't entirely proven; career year in '09-10, but prior to last season Miller's best GAA was 2.53 with a.918 SV%.

10  **Pavel Datsyuk, C** [Detroit Red Wings](#)

Outlook: Best playmaker in game had back-to-back 97-point seasons before regressing last year with 70 points; expect a bounce-back season.

11  **Steven Stamkos, C** [Tampa Bay Lightning](#)

Outlook: After disappointing rookie year, "Stammer" tied for league lead with 51 goals and finished fifth with 95 points; likely to regress a bit in third NHL season.

12  **Daniel Sedin, LW** [Vancouver Canucks](#)

Outlook: The scorer of the Sedin brothers, Daniel recorded an absurd 85 points in just 63 games last year; if healthy, he could tally 40 goals this season.

13  **Ryan Getzlaf, C** [Anaheim Ducks](#)

Outlook: Under-the-radar center won't score a ton of goals, but is easily a point-per-game player and with plenty of PIMs; had 69 points and 79 PIMs in just 66 games last season.

14  **Henrik Sedin, C** [Vancouver Canucks](#)

Outlook: Last year's Hart Memorial Trophy winner will have his brother healthy for the full season, which should result in a second straight 100+ point season.

15  **Mike Green, D** [Washington Capitals](#)

Outlook: Only defenseman to record more than a point-per-game and 70+ points in last two seasons, and he will continue to man Washington's top PP unit.

16  **Rick Nash, LW, RW** [Columbus Blue Jackets](#)

Outlook: Scored 33 goals on a "down" season; the only reliable Columbus scorer should reclaim 40-goal status while giving you dual eligibility at both left and right wing.

17  **Henrik Zetterberg, LW** [Detroit Red Wings](#)

Outlook: 300+ shots last three years and consistently great plus/minus; has regressed a bit in last two seasons, but expect closer to an 80-point year this season.

18  **Patrick Kane, RW** [Chicago Blackhawks](#)

Outlook: League's top right wing broke out in a big way last season with 30 goals and 88 points; should continue to improve approaching just 22 years old.


19  **Marian Gaborik, RW** [New York Rangers](#)

Outlook: Notched 42 goals and 44 assists while remaining healthy in first year with Rangers; if Gabby avoids injury bug, he'll be good for similar numbers.

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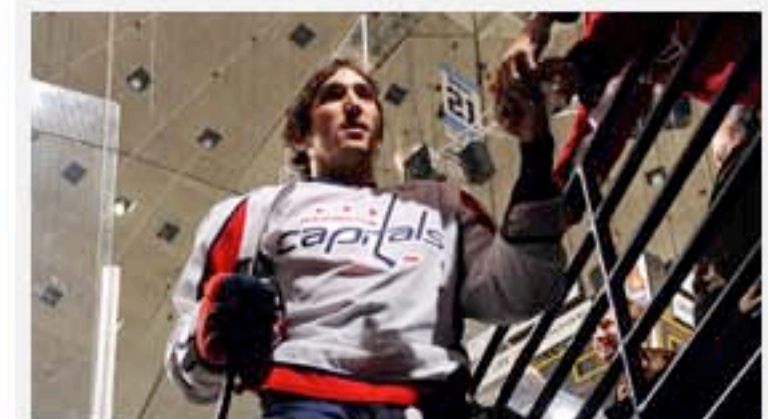
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20  **Alexander Semin, LW** [Washington Capitals](#)

Outlook: Recorded first career 40-goal season last year with +36 rating and 66 PIMs in 73 contests; elite talent but continues to be major injury risk.

21  **Corey Perry, RW** [Anaheim Ducks](#)


Outlook: Has increased points and PIMs every year since '05-06 rookie season, capped off by a 27-goal, 76-point and 111 PIM '09-10 campaign.

22  **Henrik Lundqvist, G** [New York Rangers](#)


Outlook: As consistent as they come; five-straight seasons with at least 30 wins while posting a GAA below 2.43 in every year.

23  **Eric Staal, C** [Carolina Hurricanes](#)

Outlook: Production has decreased after a 100-point '05-06 season, but has upside to score 40+ goals and will consistently contribute 70-80 points and 300+ shots.

24  **Joe Thornton, C** [San Jose Sharks](#)

Outlook: Not a reliable goal scorer or shots producer, but will easily give you 85+ points, a solid plus/minus and 50+ PIMs.

25  **Roberto Luongo, G** [Vancouver Canucks](#)

Outlook: Plays for an elite team, so coming close to 40 wins again shouldn't be a problem, but the 2.57 GAA last year matches his career average, which isn't exactly elite.

26  **Martin St. Louis, RW** [Tampa Bay Lightning](#)

Outlook: At 35, St. Louis hasn't missed a game in four years and neared 100 points last year alongside [Steven Stamkos](#), his likely linemate in '10-11.

27  **Duncan Keith, D** [Chicago Blackhawks](#)

Outlook: Second only to Green among D-men, Keith has increased his points total in all five NHL seasons, topping out with 14 goals and 69 points last year.

28  **Miikka Kiprusoff, G** [Calgary Flames](#)

Outlook: Like Lundqvist, "Kipper" is extremely reliable and consistent; five straight seasons with 72+ starts, 30+ wins and an average GAA of 2.47.

29  **Marian Hossa, RW** [Chicago Blackhawks](#)

Outlook: After recording 24 goals, 51 points and a plus-24 rating in just 57 games last year, look for close to 40 goals from Hossa in his second season in Chicago.

30  **Dan Boyle, D** [San Jose Sharks](#)

Outlook: Sharks' power-play quarterback will continue to produce as an elite D-man; had 57 points in first year in SJ, then notched 58 points last season.

31  **Jarome Iginla, RW** [Calgary Flames](#)

Outlook: Points, goals, power-play points and shots have decreased in each of the past three seasons, but being reunited with [Alex Tanguay](#) might be just what Jarome needs.

32  **Vincent Lecavalier, C** [Tampa Bay Lightning](#)

Outlook: Notched 70 points last season in what many people considered a disappointing year for the 30-year-old; expect better production as the Lightning are likely to improve.

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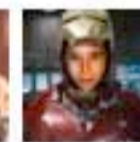
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33  **Patrick Marleau, C, LW** [San Jose Sharks](#)

Outlook: Not likely to approach the career-high 44 goals he had last year, but could still reach 80 points if playing alongside Thornton and Heatley.

34  **Drew Doughty, D** [Los Angeles Kings](#)

Outlook: Power-play specialist ranked second in goals and third in points last year among defensemen; emerging superstar has potential to reach [Mike Green](#)-caliber stats this season.

35  **Bobby Ryan, RW** [Anaheim Ducks](#)

Outlook: Had 258 shots last year and 81 PIM's while leading Anaheim with 35 goals; could eclipse 40 goals if playing on top line with Getzlaf and Perry.

36  **Jeff Carter, C** [Philadelphia Flyers](#)

Outlook: Regressed last season with 33 goals and 61 points after scoring 46 goals two years ago, but still finished third in NHL with 319 shots while playing in 74 games last year.

37  **Johan Franzen, RW** [Detroit Red Wings](#)


Outlook: After posting 10 goals and 21 points in just 27 games due to injury last season, Franzen erupted in playoffs with 18 points in 12 contests; expect 30+ goals this year.

38  **Jimmy Howard, G** [Detroit Red Wings](#)

Outlook: Finished second in Calder Trophy voting last year after posting 37 wins and a 2.26 GAA in just 61 games; expect more starts in goal and similar statistics going forward.

39  **Ilya Bryzgalov, G** [Phoenix Coyotes](#)


Outlook: Slight regression likely coming after posting an unbelievable 42-win, 2.29-GAA season and finishing second only to Brodeur with 8 shutouts last year.

40  **Mike Richards, C** [Philadelphia Flyers](#)

Outlook: Gritty forward will contribute in every category; should be good for 30+ goals, 70+ points, 30+ PP points, 70+ PIMs, 225+ shots and a solid plus/minus.

41  **Alexandre Burrows, LW** [Vancouver Canucks](#)

Outlook: Increased all offensive categories over last three seasons and finished last year with 35 goals, 67 points, a plus-34 rating and 121 PIMs.

42  **Anze Kopitar, C** [Los Angeles Kings](#)

Outlook: Coming off a 34-goal, 81-point career year last season, Kopitar will contribute in every category except PIMs this year.

43  **Jaroslav Halak, G** [St. Louis Blues](#)


Outlook: Will finally have opportunity to start every day with the move to St. Louis; while the increased workload could scare people, Halak could be in line for a big year on an improving squad.

44  **Shea Weber, D** [Nashville Predators](#)

Outlook: Regressed in every category last season, but with his heavy shot, Weber has the potential to be among the elite defensemen and score 20+ goals.

45  **Michael Cammalleri, LW** [Montreal Canadiens](#)

Outlook: Tremendous talent with potential to score 40 goals this season; notched 26 goals, 50 points and 218 shots in 65 games in his first season with Montreal last year.

46  **Jonathan Toews, C** [Chicago Blackhawks](#)

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Outlook: Should reach 70+ points this year and return to 30-goal form from two years ago, but Toews is a much better real-life player than a fantasy contributor.

47  **Nicklas Lidstrom, D** [Detroit Red Wings](#)

Outlook: Took a step back in points for third straight season, but after posting 4 goals and 10 points in 12 playoff contests, Lidstrom could still easily eclipse 50 points from the blue line.

48  **Jason Spezza, C** [Ottawa Senators](#)

Outlook: Injury-plagued season cost him 22 games last year, but the talented center still put up 57 points in 60 contests, and should definitely produce at a point-per-game level this year.

49  **Brad Richards, C** [Dallas Stars](#)

Outlook: Minus rating in each of the last five seasons and has never scored more than 26 goals, but the Dallas playmaker did finish seventh in NHL with 91 points last season.

50  **Phil Kessel, RW** [Toronto Maple Leafs](#)

Outlook: Won't help in plus/minus or PIMs, but the shooting machine will likely top 30 goals in second season with Maple Leafs.

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