

The 2008 Trade Deadline is set for Wednesday July 2nd. Teams will have up until midnight to get any deals done in order to look to improve their teams before we head into the 2008 CRHL Playoffs.

There is no secret that the All Black team has been offering deals to teams since Game 1. They have been trying to fill that void left when they lost their highest rated player in the draft Grant Davies. However, they would find some new young talent in Kyle Chaney who has fit in very nicely with the oldest team in the league. Now with veteran defenseman Chad Johnson forced to call it a season its back to working the phones for the All Blacks to see if they can get a deal done! Its no secret that this team lives for the playoffs and the big upset.

The first place Gold Rush who are undefeated have a rookie captain in Sam Goodfellow. Sam knows not to mess with a good thing and has found great chemistry reuniting a group of players that played many years of ice hockey together. It's a fair bet to say Goodfellow will not be looking to make any deals at this point to disrupt what is thus far an undefeated season.

White Lightning came thundering out of the gates with what some may consider a sleeper line-up with some unproven rookies in Jay Chanthavong and Kevin Murphy. These two have been a welcome addition to the Lightning team and are only just getting the feel for this high tempo league. Watch out for Bobby Lee and the rest of the White Lightning team as we enter game five this coming Wednesday the 21st.

Teal Steel saw the return of Justin Read this coming season after being out for the past two seasons with an injury. This team has quite the mix of players and has still yet to field their entire team for a game this season. Do not let the mix of grinders on Teal Steel fool you. This team is capable of running the score up on any given night. Teal may be one move away from an undefeated second half!

The Orangemen are coming off back to back championships and looking to be the first team in league history to three-peat. When this team is on they are capable of beating any team in the league. The question will be can they bring everyone together to make CRHL history or will they need to look for a trade to accomplish this feat? Keep your eye out for rookie Milan Mesich and veteran goalie Todd Gallant. Milan has what I believe is the hardest shot in the league and could be the difference in a close game. Gallant has proven in the past that if you believe in him he is capable of winning you games!

The Silver Bullets are off to a tough 0 and 4 record but we have not seen this team play anywhere near their full potential as of yet. They could be a couple trades away from bringing it all together or it might just be that they are still getting a feel for one another and waiting for that first win to start rolling through all the teams. At this point anything is possible with Silver. Stay tuned for the second half of the season as this will determine where this team is headed!

It may be trades that are necessary to carry these teams into the playoffs or it might just be more time needed for the team chemistry to come together. For now we will sit back and see what happens first. Let's keep on rollin' ...