Much has gone on with the Canes to start the new year; the team has been going in a very positive direction, but here we are closing in on the NHL Trade Deadline. Much is being speculated about what happens next, here on the boards , there are plenty of people and pundits who will weigh in on what will happen at the deadline. We don't know yet if GM Jim Rutherford will opt to trade Tuomo Ruutu, or if an extension like Tim Gleason's is in the works. Ruutu now sidelined with an upper body injury after the game in Montreal, is still being looked at as a hot commodity. We'll know more on the injury soon. Other decisions will need to be made before the deadline will the Canes keep Spacek & Allen? Stay tuned!

Meanwhile, the Canes return to the RBC Center to take on a Western Conference opponent and playoff contender, The San Jose Sharks on Friday in what is expected to be a full house. The Canes have been on a long roadie, so it will be good to see the team back on home ice.

As always, come chat with the LGC crew here . Plenty to discuss as we close in on the last 20 or so games of the season!

Canes Upcoming HOME Games:

Friday 2/17 vs San Jose Sharks 7pm

Monday 2/20 vs Washington 7pm

Thursday 2/23 vs Anaheim 7pm

Saturday 2/25 vs Florida 7pm

Tuesday 2/28 vs Nashville 7pm

Player Appearances Around the Triangle:

Head to Backyard Bistro on Wednesday 2/15 at 7pm for Canes Corner w/Tim Gleason as special guest.

Also, Justin Faulk will participate in the Paper Hearts Campaign and appear at Carolina Ale House in Cary, PHC is a Kids & Community annual fundraiser, he'll be there from 5:30 to 6:30pm

See you around the rink Caniacs!