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Goalie Hyperbole, Part 1,542

Damien Cox, who has been known in the past to massively overrate the impact of goalies in hockey (which may explain his enthusiastic support of Marty Brodeur as the best ever), is at it again.

Here is the money quote:

"There have been many who have suggested the sport shouldn't be called hockey, but rather, goalie. The identity of the player who fills the crease, after all, is the major determining factor when it comes to the success or failure of a hockey club."

That must be great news, then, for the Tampa Bay Lightning, who currently sit 4th in the NHL in save percentage behind Mike Smith's goaltending. With that kind of production at such an overwhelmingly important position, they must be having a great season. Oh, wait.

Other top-10 save percentage teams languishing at the bottom of the standings include Phoenix, Ottawa and Florida. Meanwhile, the two best teams in the league are San Jose and Detroit, with their scintillating .906 and .892 save percentages respectively. I guess there must be other factors at work in NHL games other than goaltending! Who knew?

Correlation of goals for and winning percentage in 2008: .611

Correlation of save percentage and winning percentage in 2008: .374

If we are going to rename hockey, I think "scoring" should rank a lot higher on the list than "goalie".

POSTED BY THE CONTRARIAN GOALTENDER AT 10:44 AM 

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Anonymous said...

Yeah, since so much of sports evaluation rests on math (or should,

anyway), it would be nice if [paid] sports analysts knew something behind grade 6 math.

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Bruce said...

Correlation of save percentage and winning percentage in 2008: .374

Correlation of Wins and winning percentage in 2008: 1.000. :D

NOVEMBER 21, 2008 AT 7:14 PM

Anonymous said...

sounds like someones a little jealous of mr. cox

NOVEMBER 22, 2008 AT 3:29 PM

Anonymous said...

Yeah, I love the Grade Six arguments: "you're just jealous of Brodeur/Damian Cox!!!"

Errr.... yeahhh.....

NOVEMBER 23, 2008 AT 1:26 PM

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THE CONTRARIAN GOALTENDER

I'm Philip Myrland, goalie stats blogger since 2007 and former writer for Hockey Prospectus. I call myself a contrarian because I rely mainly on stats-based analysis, think large sample sizes are more important than "big saves" and prefer to rank goalies based on save percentage rather than team success. In other words, pretty much the mainstream views of the hockey analytics community, but I've grown attached to the handle and plan to keep it as long as broadcasters everywhere keep bringing up GAA and wins. If you have any questions or comments contact me by email (contrariangoaltender@gmail.com). You can also follow me on Twitter ([@tcghockey](https://twitter.com/tcghockey)).

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