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Flyers' 14-year, \$110M offer matched

Broad Street didn't bully enough: Weber stays with Predators

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The Nashville Predators retained perhaps their most important free agent in franchise history Tuesday when they made the decision to match the Philadelphia Flyers' offer sheet for captain Shea Weber.

The 26-year-old Weber signed an offer sheet last week with the Flyers, nicknamed the "Broad Street Bullies," for a 14-year, \$110 million contract that the Predators could match since Weber was a restricted free agent.

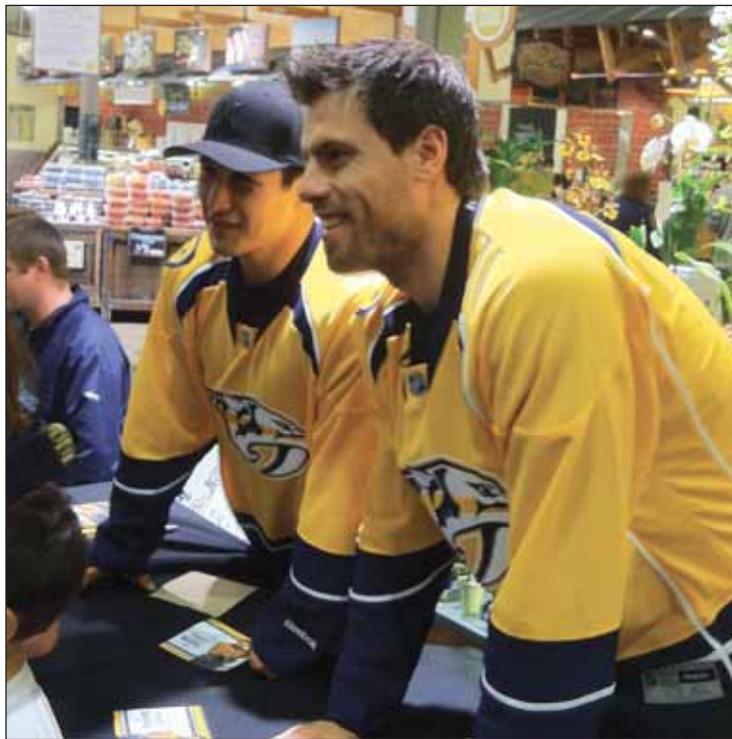
The contract's average annu-

al value is just more than \$7.8 million, however, the Flyers' offer front-loaded the deal with signing bonuses in an attempt to discourage the Predators from matching the offer.

Marc Torrence, contributing writer for Predators blog On The Forecheck, said Weber's signing is a massive deal for the Predators, possibly the biggest in the franchise's history.

"The matching of this offer sheet shows the Predators' commitment to winning and that includes locking up their star players to long-term contracts,"

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Nashville Predators defenseman Shea Weber (right), shown with former teammate Jordin Tootoo, was resigned Tuesday after the team matched the Philadelphia Flyers' offer sheet.
- photo by Chris Brooks

Metro schools roll out new grading scale

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With the school year fast approaching, Nashville's public high schools have adopted a weighted 5.0 grading scale to reward students in advanced courses and to increase the number of students signing up for those courses. Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools announced the new policy Monday at Hillsboro High School.

While a 4.0 was the highest attainable grade point average (GPA) under the previous unweighted system, students now will be able to achieve a 4.5 and even a 5.0 depending the number and level of advanced courses they are in.

High school students, except for incoming seniors who will not be affected, now will earn a half of a point for each Honors class or dual-enrollment course successfully completed and a whole point for each Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) course completed. Freshmen, sophomores and juniors will have their GPAs retroactively changed to meet the new policy.

As part of Metro's efforts to develop a "college culture" in their public high schools, the new 5.0 grade point average will act as a "safety net" to persuade otherwise reluctant students to sign up for advanced classes, associate superintendent for high schools Jay Steel said.

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Hermitage bank robbed Tuesday afternoon, suspect at large

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Hermitage Precinct detectives and the FBI's Violent Crimes Task Force are trying to identify the gunman who fired his pistol at a Pinnacle Bank employee at the 4715 Andrew Jackson Parkway branch during a robbery Tuesday afternoon.

According to police reports, the gunman entered the bank through the front door just before 2 p.m. He demanded money and yelled "no police." A 41-year-old female employee who was eating lunch in a conference room adjacent to the lobby got up and looked out.

The gunman saw her and she shut the conference room door. As she did so, the gunman fired one round into the door. The bullet lodged in the conference room wall. The employee suffered an injury to her hand which may have come from hitting it on the conference room table as she took cover. She was transported to Summit Medical Center for treatment.

After firing the shot, the gunman robbed one of the teller windows and fled the bank. He is believed to have run to an older model white Pontiac Grand Prix in a strip mall park-

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Surveillance footage of the suspect during Tuesday's robbery at Pinnacle Bank in Hermitage.

4-DAY FORECAST

Thu. 7/26 97°F
Rain 30% 75°F



Fri. 7/27 89°F
Rain 40% 72°F



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Loews Vanderbilt Hotel rolled out the red carpet for dozens of canines and their people for the fourth annual Glitter and Glam fashion show, auction and wine tasting to benefit Agape Animal Rescue.

The fashion show was for dogs, although the people walking them looked wonderful, too. All wore designs by Manuel.

A variety of hors d'oeuvres were passed on silver trays and there were silent and live auctions of more than \$10,000 worth of items.

The host was actress and recording artist Jana Kramer, and other supporters included: Frank Ortega, Sherrie Austin, Kori Jean Olsen, Haeley Vaughn, Anthony Allen, Breanna Houston, Brad Rempel, Gene Johnson, Allison Chilton, Jenna Steffen, Taylor Thompson, Heather Pearson, Lisa Panknin, Liana Sawyers, and Madeleine Durkee.

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Social

Glitter and Glam



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