These veteran signings just do not seem like they are going to stop.

The Blues, who are still without an owner, made another dive into the unrestricted free-agent pool today. Jamie Langenbrunner, 35, and Jason Arnott, 36, both agreed to one-year contracts worth $2.5 million each (possible to be $2.8 million after incentives). This comes just one day after the Blues agreed to a one-year, $600,000 contract with 36-year old center Scott Nichol.

“We talked about wanting to add depth,” Blues GM Doug Armstrong said. “We feel that we've done that. We've done it through the middle with Arnott and Nichol. We've done it with Langenbrunner as a guy who can play in a number of different roles. They're guys who understand what it takes.”

Armstrong also told Jeremy Rutherford of stltoday that the Blues’ centers heading into the pre-season would be David Backes, Patrik Berglund, Arnott and Nichol. This means that Andy McDonald and T.J. Oshie will officially move to the wing positions.

Langenbrunner has played in 15 NHL seasons with the Dallas Stars and New Jersey Devils. He has scored 237 goals, 401 assists and 638 points in 1,035 NHL games.
Langenbrunner is mostly considered a right-wing, but has been known to move to the left side.
He is a penalty-kill specialist who can provide a little offense if put in the right situation.

“We’re excited to add a veteran forward with two Stanley Cup rings to our roster,” said Armstrong. “Jamie is a solid player who will bring years of NHL experience on and off the ice for our hockey club.”

Arnott, an 18-NHL season veteran, is more of a journeyman than Langenbrunner. He has played with five NHL clubs, including the Edmonton Oilers, New Jersey Devils, Dallas Stars, Nashville Predators and Washington Capitals.
Arnott has scored 400 NHL goals, along with 504 assists and 904 points.
Arnott is an 11-time 20-goal scorer, as well as a 3-time 30-goal scorer.
Arnott adds a big frame to the Blues’ roster, standing at 6’5” and weighing in at 220 lbs.

“Jason is a veteran forward and a Stanley Cup Champion who will be a valuable addition to our club,” Armstrong said. “He’s a proven leader and we are excited that he has decided to wear the Bluenote.”

Taking a look at the Blues’ offensive lines, it may go something like this:

McDonald – Backes – Stewart

Oshie – Berglund – Perron (if healthy)

Sobotka – Arnott – Langenbrunner

Steen – Nichol – D’Agostini

Of course, the Blues still have B.J. Crombeen, Philip McRae and Chris Porter all expected to make the lineup. This means one of two things; the Blues are looking to make some trades or management is really wanting there to be some healthy competition in training camp.

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