

# Meet a New R Package: scrapeR

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## Indirectly

- only requires three lines of code
- can be automated
- dynamic reports
- improved replicability


# Why I Like It

- huge amounts of data
- new data being released
- can stop static reports
- eases replication

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## NHL Team Fighting Majors Leaders

2012-2013 Regular Season




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As of Apr 28, 2013

Rank	Team	Fight Totals
1	<a href="#">Toronto Maple Leafs</a>	44
2	<a href="#">Columbus Blue Jackets</a>	34
3	<a href="#">Philadelphia Flyers</a>	33
4	<a href="#">Boston Bruins</a>	32
5	<a href="#">Tampa Bay Lightning</a>	31
6	<a href="#">Vancouver Canucks</a>	28
7	<a href="#">Dallas Stars</a>	26
8	<a href="#">Ottawa Senators</a>	26
9	<a href="#">Winnipeg Jets</a>	26
10	<a href="#">Buffalo Sabres</a>	25
11	<a href="#">Montreal Canadiens</a>	25
12	<a href="#">Minnesota Wild</a>	24
13	<a href="#">Anaheim Ducks</a>	23
14	<a href="#">Carolina Hurricanes</a>	23

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TUESDAY 4/30  
Minnesota  
Chicago  
8:00 PM  
NBCSN

TUESDAY 4/30  
Los Angeles  
St. Louis  
8:00 PM  
CNBC

TUESDAY 4/30  
Detroit  
Anaheim  
10:30 PM  
NBCSN

WEDNESDAY 5/1  
Toronto  
Boston  
7:00 PM  
CNBC

WEDNESDAY 5/1  
NY Islanders  
Pittsburgh  
7:30 PM  
NBCSN

WEDNESDAY 5/1  
San Jose  
Vancouver  
10:30 PM  
NBCSN

THURSDAY 5/2  
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Montreal  
7:00 PM  
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ROUND 1

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Standings

2012-2013 STANDINGS

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DIVISION

CONFERENCE


LEAGUE







VS. EAST

VS. WEST

PLAYOFFS

PRINT >



		DIV	GP	W	L	OT	P	ROW	GF	GA	DIFF	HOME	AWAY	S/O	L10	STREAK
1	 P - CHICAGO	CEN	48	36	7	5	77	30	155	102	+53	18-3-3	18-4-2	6-5	7-2-1	LOST 1
2	 Z - PITTSBURGH	ATL	48	36	12	0	72	33	165	119	+46	18-6-0	18-6-0	3-0	8-2-0	WON 1
3	 Y - ANAHEIM	PAC	48	30	12	6	66	24	140	118	+22	16-7-1	14-5-5	6-3	5-4-1	LOST 1
4	 Y - MONTRÉAL	NE	48	29	14	5	63	26	149	126	+23	14-7-3	15-7-2	3-2	4-6-0	WON 2
5	 X - BOSTON	NE	48	28	14	6	62	24	131	109	+22	16-5-3	12-9-3	4-3	3-5-2	LOST 1
6	 X - ST. LOUIS	CEN	48	29	17	2	60	24	129	115	+14	15-8-1	14-9-1	5-1	7-3-0	WON 3

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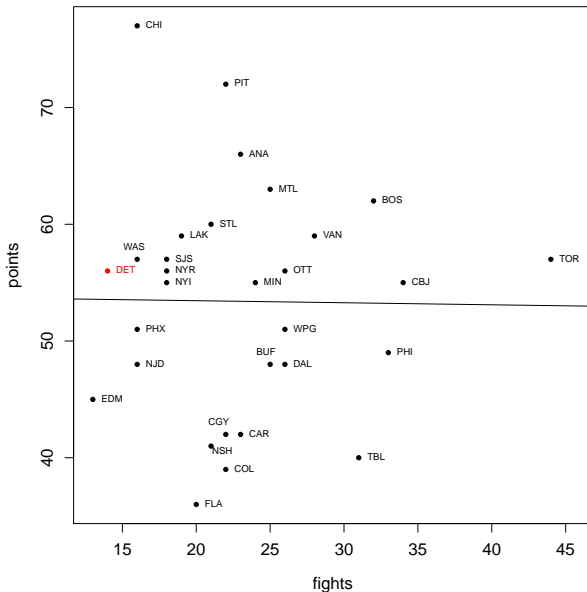
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# get two tables with info we need
NHL.tables <- readHTMLTable(pageSource[[1]])
team.records <- NHL.tables[[3]]
HockeyFights.tables <- readHTMLTable(pageSource[[2]])
team.fights <- HockeyFights.tables[[1]]
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# Questions?

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