

## **BOSTON BRUINS vs. BUFFALO SABRES**

**Saturday, January 3, 2009**

**TD Banknorth Garden; Boston MA**

**Game Time: 1:00 p.m. ET**

**NESN and WBZ Radio**

### **Today's Game**

The Bruins host the Sabres today in the fifth of six games between these teams this season and the third and final game of this season's series at TD Banknorth Garden. The Bruins head into today's game with the league's best record at 29-5-4 overall this season and are 14-1-1 on home ice. The Sabres are 18-15-5 overall this season with an 8-6-3 record on the road. The Bruins are 8-2-2 vs. Northeast Division opponents this season and they are 22-3-4 overall vs. Eastern Conference foes. The Sabres are 4-5-1 vs. Northeast Division teams this season and they are 14-13-4 overall vs. Eastern Conference opponents.

### **Lifetime Series**

The Bruins are 110-99-29-5 lifetime vs. Buffalo with Buffalo holding a 793-792 scoring edge in those 243 games. The Bruins are 67-39-14-1 lifetime vs. the Sabres in Boston with a 440-357 scoring advantage in those 121 contests. The Bruins are 2-1-1 vs. Buffalo in this season's series thus far with a 3-2 shootout loss in Buffalo on Oct. 21, a 3-1 win in Boston on Nov. 8, a 7-4 victory in Boston on Nov. 19 and a 3-2 setback in Buffalo on Nov. 26.

Fun Facts vs. Buffalo: The Sabres have taken the most points from the Bruins this season (four) of any team ... These teams have never made a trade between the two organizations ... Five of the last 12 games between these teams have been decided in overtime or shootout ... Shane Hnidy (seventh pick, 173rd overall, 1994 NHL Entry Draft) and Dennis Wideman (ninth pick, 241st overall, 2002 NHL Entry Draft) were both drafted by Buffalo but neither played for the Sabres ... Matt Hunwick (Nov. 10, 2007), David Krejci (Jan. 30, 2007) and Petteri Nokelainen (Oct. 5, 2005) all played their first NHL games vs. Buffalo ... Phil Kessel scored his first NHL goal vs. the Sabres on Oct. 21, 2006 ... Shawn Thornton recorded his first NHL point with an assist vs. Buffalo on Oct. 13, 2002.

### **Recent Bruins Games**

The Bruins have won their last ten games, their longest such streak since they won ten straight from Mar. 9-28, 1973, and tied for the fourth longest such streak in team history behind streaks of 11 (1929-30), 13 (Feb. 23-Mar. 20, 1971) and a club record 14 (Dec. 3, 1929-Jan. 9, 1930). They took a home-and-home series victory against Atlanta on Dec. 12 (7-3) and Dec. 13 (4-2), an 8-5 victory over Toronto on Dec. 18, a 4-2 win vs. Carolina on Dec. 20, a 6-3 win in St. Louis on Dec. 21, a 2-0 victory in New Jersey on Dec. 23, a 4-2 win in Carolina on Dec. 27, a 2-1 victory in Atlanta on Dec. 28 and a home-and-home series vs. Pittsburgh on Dec. 30 (5-2) and Jan. 1 (4-2). They are 15-1-0 in their last 16 games, have won 19 of their last 21 games and are 24-2-1 in their last 27 contests.

The Bruins have won their last 14 straight home games dating back to a 4-2 loss to Toronto on Oct. 23, which is their longest home win streak since a 16-game stretch from Jan. 10-Mar. 25, 1976 and is the fifth longest home win streak in team history. They have won their last six road games, tied for the third-longest road win streak, and are 11-2-1 in their last 14 road contests.

### **Recent Sabres Games**

The Sabres have won two of their last three games with a 4-3 shootout victory over NY Islanders on Dec. 27, a 4-2 loss to Washington on Dec. 30 and a 4-1 victory in Toronto on Jan. 1. They are 7-4-2 in their last 13 games with an 8-12-2 mark in their last 22 contests.

### **Upcoming Bruins Games**

All games are televised on NESN and broadcast on WBZ Radio unless otherwise noted. All start times are 7:00 p.m. Eastern unless otherwise noted.

The Bruins open 2009 with a six-game home stand (1-0-0 thus far), continuing by hosting Minnesota on Jan. 6 (VERSUS), Ottawa on Jan. 8, Carolina on Jan. 10 (1:00 p.m.) and Montreal on Jan. 13 (VERSUS).

### **Upcoming Sabres Games**

The Sabres will next return home to host Ottawa on Jan. 6 and NY Rangers on Jan. 9.

### **Bruins Injuries**

Patrice Bergeron: Concussion suffered Dec. 20 vs. Carolina - on injured reserve.

Andrew Ference: Fractured right tibia suffered Nov. 13 vs. Montreal - on injured reserve.

Petteri Nokelainen: Upper body injury suffered Dec. 12 in Atlanta.

Marco Sturm: Lower body injury suffered Dec. 18 vs. Toronto - on injured reserve.

## Bruins Recent Transactions (Last 30 Days)

Dec. 7: Johnny Boychuk returned to Providence/AHL.  
Dec. 9: Vladimir Sobotka recalled from Providence/AHL.  
Dec. 13: Martins Karsums recalled from Providence/AHL and returned to Providence/AHL following the game.  
Dec. 20: Martin St. Pierre recalled from Providence/AHL.  
Dec. 31: Martin St. Pierre returned to Providence/AHL.  
Jan. 1: Martin St. Pierre recalled from Providence/AHL.

## 2008-09 Overtime (1-0) and Shootouts (2-4):

Oct. 15: Boston 3 at Montreal 4/SO ... Boston Goal: Tim Thomas ... Montreal Goal: Carey Price  
Boston Shooters: Phil Kessel (No), Patrice Bergeron (No), Michael Ryder (No)  
Montreal Shooters: Andrei Markov (No), Alex Tanguay (Yes)  
Oct. 20: Pittsburgh 2 at Boston 1/SO ... Boston Goal: Tim Thomas ... Pittsburgh Goal: Dany Sabourin  
Boston Shooters: Phil Kessel (Yes), Patrice Bergeron (No), Michael Ryder (No), David Krejci (No), Marc Savard (No)  
Pittsburgh Shooters: Kris Letang (No), Petr Sykora (Yes), Sidney Crosby (No), Miroslav Satan (No), Evgeni Malkin (Yes)  
Oct. 21: Boston 2 at Buffalo 3/SO ... Boston Goal: Manny Fernandez ... Buffalo Goal: Ryan Miller  
Boston Shooters: Phil Kessel (No), Patrice Bergeron (No), David Krejci (Yes), Zdeno Chara (No), Marc Savard (No)  
Buffalo Shooters: Ales Kotalik (No), Drew Stafford (Yes), Derek Roy (No), Jason Pominville (No), Thomas Vanek (Yes)  
*Oct. 27: Boston 1 at Edmonton 0/OT ... Dennis Wideman scored on Dwayne Roloson at 3:18 of OT*  
Nov. 12: Boston 2 at Chicago 1/SO ... Boston Goal: Tim Thomas ... Chicago Goal: Nikolai Khabibulin  
Boston Shooters: Blake Wheeler (Yes), Phil Kessel (No), P. J. Axelsson (Yes)  
Chicago Shooters: Jonathan Toews (No), Patrick Kane (Yes), Dave Bolland (No)  
Nov. 15: Boston 2 at NY Rangers 3/SO ... Boston Goal: Tim Thomas ... New York Goal: Henrik Lundqvist  
Boston Shooters: Blake Wheeler (No), Phil Kessel (No), P. J. Axelsson (No), Patrice Bergeron (No)  
New York Shooters: Nigel Dawes (No), Nikolai Zherdev (No), Fredrik Sjoström (No), Chris Drury (Yes)  
Nov. 22: Boston 3 at Montreal 2/SO ... Boston Goal: Tim Thomas ... Montreal Goal: Carey Price  
Boston Shooters: Blake Wheeler (Yes), Phil Kessel (No), Patrice Bergeron (No)  
Montreal Shooters: Alexei Kovalev (No), Andrei Markov (No), Saku Koivu (No)

## Bruins Fun Facts

P. J. Axelsson is one goal short of his 100th NHL/Bruins goal milestone.  
Zdeno Chara is one assist shy of his 200th NHL assist milestone.

With a 29-5-4 record and 62 points through their first 38 games this season, the Bruins are off to their best 38-game start since 1929-30 when they had a club-record start of 67 points on a 33-4-1 record.

The Bruins have won their last 14 straight home games, their longest such streak since a 16-game span from Jan. 10-Mar. 25, 1976, the longest such streak in the league this season and the fifth longest in team history.

The Bruins have won their last six road games dating back to a 4-2 loss in Washington on Dec. 10 and are 11-2-1 in their last 14 road contests.

David Krejci has a ten-game point streak in progress with 6-11=17 totals in that stretch and he has 11-21=32 totals in 19 of his last 20 games ... That includes three career-high three assist-nights (Dec. 6 in Florida, Dec. 13 vs. Atlanta and Dec. 21 in St. Louis) and his first career hat trick scored Dec. 18 vs. Toronto.

Marc Savard has a four-game point streak in progress with 2-6=8 totals in that span with 5-9=14 totals in seven of his last eight games.

Dennis Wideman has a four-game point streak in progress with 1-6=7 totals in that span.

Michael Ryder has scored the game-winning goal in five of the team's last 12 victories ... His seven game-winners lead the NHL ... He has 7-3=10 totals in his last ten games with 11-5=16 in his last 16 contests.

Phil Kessel has 16-14=30 totals in 20 of his last 23 games, including a career-best 18-game point streak from Nov. 13-Dec. 21 with 14-14=28 totals in that span ... It was the longest such streak overall this season, is the longest point streak by a Bruin since Adam Oates registered points in 20 straight games in 1997 and is the fifth-longest streak in team history.

P. J. Axelsson has 1-7=8 totals in his last eight games.

Blake Wheeler has 4-2=6 totals in his last six games.

Tim Thomas has a seven-game win streak in progress with a 13-1-1 record in his last 15 starts, including his third shutout of the season and tenth of his career with a 2-0 victory in New Jersey on Dec. 23 ... Thomas had consecutive 1-0 shutouts (at Edmonton on Oct. 27 and at Vancouver on Oct. 28), the first Boston goaltender with consecutive shutouts since Byron Dabo.

on April 3-5, 1999 ... It was just the second time in NHL history that a goaltender posted 1-0 shutouts in consecutive road games (Florida's Craig Anderson, March 2-4, 2008) ... The last Boston goaltender with a streak longer than seven games was a ten-game streak by Andy Moog from Feb. 27-Mar. 25, 1993.

Manny Fernandez has won his last five straight games and he is 13-1-1 in his last 15 decisions ... That included a seven-game win streak, the longest such streak by a Boston goaltender since Jon Casey in 1993-94 and currently matched by Thomas, and a nine-game point streak (8-0-1), which was the longest such Bruins streak since John Grahame in 2002-03.

The Bruins have faced two penalty shots this season ... Tim Thomas stopped the Patrick Sharp on Nov. 12 in Chicago in the first overtime penalty shot in Boston history and Thomas made the save at the 2:44 mark of OT ... Thomas is now three for six in career penalty shots. Manny Fernandez faced the second shot vs. Alexandre Giroux on Dec. 10 in Washington and made his fourth save out of five career penalty shots faced.

P. J. Axelsson took the Bruins first penalty shot of the season on Dec. 8 vs. Tampa Bay's Mike Smith (no goal) ... Axelsson has now been unsuccessful on three career penalty shots.

Blake Wheeler scored his first career hat trick in just his 13th career NHL game on Nov. 6 vs. Toronto ... That was the fastest hat trick by a Bruins rookie since Craig Janney netted three in his fifth NHL game on Mar. 12, 1988 vs. Quebec ... Wheeler had changed his number from 42 to 26 effective that day.

Matt Hunwick had a six-game point streak from Nov. 17-28 which tied Ray Bourque's six-game streak from Mar. 12-19, 1980 as the longest point streaks by a rookie defenseman in team history.

Of the 25 players on the current Bruins roster (including players on injured reserve), nine were acquired by the team via trade, nine were drafted by the team and seven were signed by the Bruins as free agents.

P. J. Axelsson is the longest-tenured Bruin as he enters his 11th season with the team since playing his first NHL game with Boston on Oct. 2, 1997.

Phil Kessel carries the team's longest current iron-man streak into today's game at 163 regular season games, dating back to Jan. 9, 2007 at Ottawa. His last regular season game missed was Jan. 6, 2007, the final game of 11 he missed following a testicular cancer diagnosis and surgery.

The Bruins have 16 sets of back-to-back games this season - six each home-road and road-road, three road-home and one home-home. They have completed eight of these sets thus far with identical 7-0-1 records in both the first and second games of these series.

The Bruins have completed seven of their 29 season series ... They are 4-0-0 vs. Atlanta (their first series sweep in the lifetime history between the clubs); 0-1-0 vs. Calgary; 1-0-0 vs. Colorado; 1-0-0 vs. Dallas; 1-0-0 vs. Detroit; 1-0-0 vs. Edmonton; and 1-0-0 vs. Vancouver.

The Bruins finished the month of November with an 11-1-1 record and 23 points ... It was their best monthly point total since they had 24 points on an 11-2-2 record in December of 1978 and they matched that 24 point total with a 12-1-0 record in this past December.

## **The Players**

### **6—Dennis Wideman—D**

- Has 1-6=7 totals in his last four straight games with 2-8=10 totals in his last ten games ,, Had an assist Dec. 12 in Atlanta, the game-winning goal Dec. 13 vs. Atlanta, an assist Dec. 18 vs. Toronto, two assists Dec. 27 in Carolina, an assist Dec. 28 in Atlanta, 1-2=3 totals Dec. 30 in Pittsburgh and an assist Jan. 1 vs. Pittsburgh.
- Has 3-13=16 totals in his last 15 games.
- Has six multiple-point games, all two-point efforts.
- Has missed one game to injury (1-muscle strain, Dec. 4).

### **11—P. J. Axelsson—LW**

- Is one goal shy of his 100th NHL/Bruins goal milestone.
- Has 1-7=8 totals in his last eight games with two assists Dec. 18 vs. Toronto, single assists each Dec. 20 vs. Carolina and Dec. 21 vs. St. Louis, two assists Dec. 30 in Pittsburgh and a 1-1=2 effort Jan. 1 vs. Pittsburgh.
- Scored the deciding shootout goal in the 2-1 victory in Chicago on Nov. 12.
- Took an unsuccessful penalty shot vs. Tampa Bay's Mike Smith on Dec. 8 in Boston ... He is now 0-3 in career penalty shots taken.
- Has missed three games to injury (3-muscle spasms, Oct. 18-21).

### **12—Chuck Kobasew—RW**

- Has 1-1=2 totals in his last four games with a goal Dec. 27 in Carolina and an assist Jan. 1 vs. Pittsburgh.
- Has 5-6=11 totals in his last 20 games.
- Has four multiple-point games.

- Had a six-game point streak from Nov. 19-29 with 4-3=7 totals in that span.
- Played his 300th NHL game Nov. 19 vs. Buffalo.
- Has missed 12 games to injury (12-Leg, Oct. 11-Nov. 6).

#### **16–Marco Sturm–LW**

- Has missed seven games with a lower body injury suffered Dec. 18 vs. Toronto.
- Had returned to the lineup with the game's first goal that night after missing 12 games with concussion-like symptoms.
- Has 6-3=9 totals in his last ten games.
- Has four multiple-point games, all two-point efforts including two two-goal contests.
- Has missed 19 games to injury (12-concussion-like symptoms, Nov. 19-Dec. 13; 7-lower body, Dec. 20-Jan. 1).

#### **17–Milan Lucic–LW**

- Has 5-4=9 totals in nine of his last 12 games ... Had single goals each Dec. 8 vs. Tampa, Dec. 10 in Washington and Dec. 12 in Atlanta; single assists each Dec. 13 vs. Atlanta, Dec. 18 vs. Toronto, Dec. 20 vs. Carolina and Dec. 21 in St. Louis; and the game-winning goals each Dec. 23 in New Jersey and Jan. 1 vs. Pittsburgh.
- Has 6-7=13 totals in his last 19 games.
- Has two multiple-point games, including his first career hat trick in a career-high 3-1=4 effort Oct. 25 vs. Atlanta.
- Had a career-best eight-game point streak from Dec. 8-23 (4-4=8 totals).
- Played his 100th NHL/Bruins game Nov. 28 vs. NY Islanders.
- Has set a new season-high in goals and is five points shy of his season-high of 27 set in his rookie year of 2007-08.

#### **18–Stephane Yelle–C**

- Has 2-2=4 totals in his last ten games with single goals each Dec. 12 in Atlanta and Dec. 20 vs. Carolina and a two-assist night Jan. 1 vs. Pittsburgh.
- Played his first game as a Bruin Oct. 9 in Colorado ... Scored his first goal & point as a Bruin Oct. 25 vs. Atlanta.

#### **21–Andrew Ference–D**

- Has missed 22 games with a fractured right tibia suffered Nov. 13 vs. Montreal.
- Recorded his first multiple-point game of the season with two assists Nov. 6 vs. Toronto, including his 100th career NHL assist.
- Has missed 22 games to injury (22-Leg, Nov. 15-Dec. Jan. 1).

#### **22–Shawn Thornton–LW**

- Snapped a 13-game scoreless stretch with the game-winning goal Dec. 20 vs. Carolina ... He has now scored four of his ten career goals vs. the Hurricanes.
- Matched his career-high for points in a game with a 1-1=2 effort Nov. 13 vs. Montreal, his first goal of the season.

#### **26–Blake Wheeler–LW**

- Has 2-2=4 totals in his last four games with 4-5=9 totals in his last ten contests ... Had single assists each Dec. 12 in Atlanta;, Dec. 13 vs. the Thrashers and Dec. 18 vs. Toronto; two-goal efforts each Dec. 21 in St. Louis and Dec. 27 in Carolina; and single assists each Dec. 28 in Atlanta and Jan. 1 vs. Pittsburgh.
- Has 7-8=15 totals in his last 16 games.
- Has six multiple-point games.
- Had a three-game point streak from Oct. 30-Nov. 6 (4-2=6 totals).
- Had a four-game point streak from Nov. 28-Dec. 6 (3-3=6 totals).
- Scored his first career hat trick in just his 13th NHL game Nov. 6 vs. Toronto ... It was the fastest hat trick by a Bruin rookie since Craig Janney scored three in his fifth career game on Mar. 12, 1988 vs. Quebec.
- Scored his first NHL goal in his first NHL game Oct. 9 in Colorado ... Was the first Bruin to accomplish that feat since Andy Hilbert vs. Toronto on Dec. 20, 2001.
- Changed his number from 42 to 26 on Nov. 6.

#### **29–Petteri Nokelainen–C**

- Has missed nine games with an upper body injury suffered Dec. 12 in Atlanta.
- Recorded his first point of the season with an assist Dec. 12 in Atlanta.
- Has not dressed for eight games (coach's decision).
- Has missed nine games to injury (9-upper body, Dec. 13-Jan. 1).

#### **30–Tim Thomas–G**

- Has a seven-game win streak in progress with a 3-1 victory in Tampa on Dec. 4; a 5-3 win vs. the Lightning on Dec. 8; a 7-3 victory in Atlanta on Dec. 12; an 8-5 win over Toronto on Dec. 18; a 2-0 victory in New Jersey on Dec. 23, his third shutout of the season and tenth of his career; a 4-2 win at Carolina on Dec. 27; and a 5-2 victory in Pittsburgh on Dec. 30 ... That matches Manny Fernandez's seven-game streak from earlier this season.
- Is 13-1-1 in his last 15 games and has taken points out of 19 of his 22 starts this season at 16-3-3.
- Faced his sixth career penalty shot Nov. 12 in Chicago, stopping Patrick Sharp in overtime ... He is now three for six in career penalty shots faced.

- Had consecutive 1-0 victories Oct. 27 in Edmonton and Oct. 28 in Vancouver, becoming the first Boston goaltender with consecutive shutouts since Byron Dafoe on April 3-5, 1999 .. It was just the second time in NHL history that a goaltender has posted 1-0 shutouts in consecutive road games (Florida's Craig Anderson, March 2-4, 2008).
- 2008-09 Shootouts: 2-3 (5 goals/17 shots).
- Was named the NHL's Second Star for the week of Oct. 27-Nov. 1 with a 3-1-0 record, 0.99 GAA and .970 save percentage in four games that week.
- Has dressed as backup for 17 games.

### **33–Zdeno Chara–D**

- Has 3-8=11 totals in his last 13 games with an assist Dec. 6 in Florida, a goal Dec. 8 vs. Tampa Bay, an assist Dec. 10 in Washington, a goal Dec. 12 in Atlanta, two assist efforts each Dec. 18 vs. Toronto and Dec. 21 in St. Louis; an assist on the game-winning goal Dec. 23 in New Jersey; and 1-1=2 totals Dec. 30 in Pittsburgh.
- Had a four-game point streak from Dec. 6-12 (2-2=4 totals).
- Played his 700th NHL game Nov. 6 vs. Toronto.

### **34–Shane Hnidy–D**

- Has 1-2=3 totals in his last seven games with an assist Dec. 20 vs. Carolina, a goal Dec.21 in St. Louis and an assist on the game-winning goal Dec. 23 in New Jersey.
- Did not dress Oct. 15 in Montreal (coach's decision).
- Has missed three games to injury (3-lower body, Nov. 6-12).

### **35–Manny Fernandez–G**

- Has won his last five starts with a 4-2 win over Atlanta on Dec. 13, a 4-2 win vs. Carolina on Dec. 20, a 6-3 victory in St. Louis on Dec. 21, a 2-1 win in Atlanta on Dec. 28 and a 4-2 victory over Pittsburgh on Jan. 1.
- Is 13-1-1 in his last 15 decisions.
- Earned his 15th NHL shutout with a 4-0 win in Florida on Dec. 6.
- Had a seven-game win streak, the longest such streak by a Boston goaltender since Jon Casey in 1993-94 and currently matched by Tim Thomas, from Oct. 25-Dec. 6, and a nine-game point streak (8-0-1) from Oct. 15-Dec. 6, which was the longest such Bruins streak since John Grahame in 2002-03.
- Played his 300th NHL game with a 3-2 shootout loss in Buffalo on Oct. 21.
- Has dressed as backup for 21 games.

### **37–Patrice Bergeron–C**

- Has missed six games with a concussion suffered Dec. 20 vs. Carolina.
- Has 1-7=8 totals in his last 14 games with two assists Nov. 19 vs. Buffalo, 1-1=2 totals Nov. 21 vs. Florida and single assists each Nov. 29 vs. Detroit, Dec. 6 vs. Tampa Bay, Dec. 12 in Atlanta and Dec. 18 vs. Toronto.
- Has 3-9=12 totals in his last 22 games.
- Has three multiple-point games.
- Reached the 200th NHL/Bruins point milestone with the first of two assists Nov. 19 vs. Buffalo.
- Has missed six games to injury (6-concussion, Dec. 21-Jan. 1).

### **44–Aaron Ward–D**

- Has played the last three games after missing ten of the previous 11 games with a lower body injury originally suffered Nov. 29 vs. Detroit.
- His last point was an assist Nov. 17 in Toronto.
- Played his 700th NHL game Oct. 15 in Montreal.
- Has missed ten games to injury (4-lower body, Dec. 4-10; 6-lower body, Dec. 13-27).

### **45–Mark Stuart–D**

- Had points in consecutive games for just the second time in his career with a career-high two goals Dec. 12 in Atlanta, his first career multiple-point game, and an assist Dec. 13 vs. Atlanta.
- Had an assist on the game-winning goal Nov. 28 vs. NY Islanders, his first point since scoring a goal Nov. 1 vs. Dallas.

### **46–David Krejci–C**

- Has a career-best ten-game point streak in progress with 6-11=17 totals in that span ... Had two assists Dec. 12 in Atlanta; three assists Dec. 13 vs. the Thrashers; his first career hat trick scored Dec. 18 vs. Toronto; a goal Dec. 20 vs. Carolina; three assists Dec. 21 in St. Louis; a goal Dec. 23 in New Jersey; single assists each Dec. 27 in Carolina, Dec. 28 in Atlanta and Dec. 30 in Pittsburgh; and a goal Jan. 1 vs. Pittsburgh.
- Has 11-21=32 totals in 19 of his last 20 games.
- Has 11 multiple-point games, including four three-point nights.
- Had a career-best nine-game point streak from Nov. 19-Dec. 8 with 5-10=15 totals in that span.
- Passed his previous season-high in goals scored (2007-08) with his seventh of the season on Nov. 29 vs. Detroit ... Is one points shy of his season-high of 27 (2007-08).

### **47–Martin St. Pierre–C**

- Has played the last six games with 1-1=2 totals over two recalls from Providence/AHL (Dec. 20-30 and Jan. 1-present).

- Played his first game as a Bruin Dec. 21 in St. Louis with his first point as a Bruin an assist in that game ... Scored his first goal as a Bruin with a shorthanded tally Dec. 30 in Pittsburgh.
- Led Providence in scoring at the time of the recall with 10-25=35 totals in 30 AHL Bruins games.

#### **48–Matt Hunwick–D**

- Has five assists in his last ten games with a career-high three assists Dec. 12 in Atlanta and single assists each Dec. 13 vs. the Thrashers and Dec. 27 in Carolina.
- Has 3-12=15 totals in his last 21 games, including a six-game point streak from Nov. 17-28 which tied a club record for point streak by a rookie defenseman (Ray Bourque, 2-7=9 totals in six straight games from Mar. 12-19, 1980).
- Has three multiple-point games with his season-high a career-high three assists Dec. 12 in Atlanta.
- Played his first Boston game of the season Oct. 15 in Montreal after his Oct. 14 recall from Providence/AHL where he had two assists in two AHL Bruins games.
- Has not dressed for ten games (coach's decision).

#### **49–Matt Lashoff–D**

- Has not dressed for the last three games after playing in ten of the previous 11 contests ... Played his first Boston game of the season Dec. 4 in Tampa ... His last NHL points came in a two-assist effort Mar. 25 at Toronto.
- Recalled from Providence/AHL on Dec. 1 for the second time this season ... Had 4-12=16 totals with 23 PIM in 18 AHL Bruins games, ranking third overall among AHL defensemen in scoring.
- Had been recalled to Boston from Nov. 19-27 but was a coach's scratch in three games during that span.
- Has not dressed for seven games (coach's decision).

#### **60–Vladimir Sobotka–C**

- Has played the last seven games with 1-1=2 totals in that span ... Had an assist Dec. 20 vs. Carolina and a goal Dec. 21 in St. Louis.
- Recalled Dec. 9 from Providence/AHL for his second stint of the season in Boston ... Had 10-11=21 totals in 17 AHL Bruins games at the time of the recall.
- Played five scoreless games in Boston from Oct. 14-Nov. 4 during his first recall and did not dress for five games in that span as well ... His last Boston game was Oct. 23 vs. Toronto and his last NHL points came in a two-assist effort Apr. 4, 2008 at Ottawa.
- Has not dressed for seven games (coach's decision).

#### **73–Michael Ryder–RW**

- Has scored the game-winning goal in five of Boston's last 12 games and now has a league-leading seven game-winners on the season ... Has 7-3=10 totals in his last ten games with a 1-1=2 night Dec. 12 in Atlanta; two goals Dec. 13 vs. the Thrashers; a goal Dec. 18 vs. Toronto; 1-1=2 totals Dec. 21 in St. Louis; single goals each Dec. 27 in Carolina and Dec. 28 in Atlanta; and an assist Jan. 1 vs. Pittsburgh.
- Has 11-4=15 totals in his last 16 games.
- Has six multiple-point games.
- Opened the season with a four-game point streak with 1-4=5 totals in that span ... Had a goal Oct. 9 in Colorado, two assists Oct. 11 in Minnesota and single assists each Oct. 15 in Montreal and Oct. 18 in Ottawa.
- Scored his first goal as a Bruin in his first game as a Bruin Oct. 9 in Colorado ... The goal was the 100th of his NHL career.

#### **81–Phil Kessel–RW**

- Has goals in two of his last three games with 16-14=30 totals in 20 of his last 23 games, including a career-best 18-game point streak from Nov. 13-Dec. 21 with 14-14=28 totals in that stretch ... That is the longest such streak in the league this season, is the fifth-longest streak in team history and is the longest such streak since Adam Oates had points in 20 straight games in 1997 ... He also had a seven-game assist streak during that stretch.
- Had a six-game goal streak from Nov. 26-Dec. 8 with seven goals in that stretch, which tied for the longest such streak in the league this season ... It was the longest goal streak by a Bruin since Glen Murray tallied in six straight from Jan. 27-Feb. 5, 2004 (nine goals).
- Has eight multiple-point games with his season-high a 2-1=3 effort Oct. 18 in Ottawa.
- Had a three-game goal/point streak from Oct. 18-21 with 4-1=5 totals in that span.
- Was named the NHL's "First Star" for the week of Dec. 8-14 with 3-5=8 totals in four games on the week.

#### **91–Marc Savard–C**

- Has 2-6=8 totals in his last four straight games with 5-9=14 totals in his last eight games ... Had a 1-3=4 effort Dec. 18 vs. Toronto, single goals each Dec. 20 vs. Carolina and Dec. 21 in St. Louis, two assists Dec. 27 in Carolina, an assist Dec. 28 in Atlanta, 1-2=3 totals Dec. 30 in Pittsburgh and a 1-1=2 night Jan. 1 vs. Pittsburgh.
- Has 7-25=32 totals in his last 23 games with 8-31=39 totals in his last 32 games.
- Has 16 multiple-point games with his season-high a 1-3=4 night Nov. 19 vs. Buffalo.
- Has had two five-game assist/point streaks - from Oct. 25-Nov. 1 (0-6=6 totals) and Nov. 13-21 (2-9=11 totals).
- Opened the season with a four-game point streak with 5-4=9 totals from Oct. 9-18.
- Recorded his 600th NHL point in a 1-3=4 effort Nov. 19 vs. Buffalo.