

BOSTON BRUINS vs. TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS

Wednesday, January 21, 2009

Air Canada Centre; Toronto ONT

Game Time: 7:30 p.m. ET

NESN and WBZ Radio

Tonight's Game

The Bruins visit the Maple Leafs tonight in the fifth of six games between these teams this season and the second of three visits by Boston to Air Canada Centre. The Bruins lead the Eastern Conference in points at 33-8-5 overall this season with a 16-5-3 record on the road. The Maple Leafs are 17-22-7 overall this season with a 8-10-4 record on home ice. The Bruins are 10-3-2 vs. Northeast Division opponents this season and they are 26-5-4 overall vs. Eastern Conference foes. The Maple Leafs are 5-6-1 vs. Northeast Division teams this season and they are 14-16-4 overall vs. Eastern Conference opponents.

Lifetime Series

The Bruins are 272-252-98-5 lifetime vs. Toronto with the Maple Leafs holding a 1,873-1,828 scoring edge in those 625 games. The Bruins are 100-158-51-3 lifetime vs. the Maple Leafs in Toronto with the Maple Leafs having a 1,036-812 scoring edge in those 312 contests. The Bruins have won their last three games vs. the Maple Leafs with a 5-2 win in Boston on Nov. 6, a 3-2 victory in Toronto on Nov. 17 and an 8-5 win in Boston on Dec. 18. The Maple Leafs won the first game of this season's series with a 4-2 victory on Oct. 23.

Fun Facts vs. Toronto: The Bruins and Maple Leafs are facing each other for the 626th time in their histories tonight ... The only team the Bruins have seen more of is Montreal (697 lifetime games) ... Shawn Thornton was originally drafted by Toronto as their sixth pick, 190th overall, in the 1997 NHL Entry Draft and played his first four pro seasons in the Maple Leafs organization with St. John's/AHL ... Shane Hnidy (assist on Nov. 25, 2000), Matt Hunwick (assist on Dec. 8, 2007) and Michael Ryder (goal on Oct. 11, 2003) all recorded his first NHL points vs. Toronto ... Blake Wheeler netted his first career hat trick on Nov. 6 in the second game of this season's series and David Krejci scored his first career hat trick on Dec. 18 in the last game between these teams.

Recent Bruins Games

The Bruins are winless in their last two games at 0-1-1 with a 2-1 loss in Washington on Jan. 17 and a 5-4 shootout loss to St. Louis on Jan. 19. That followed a four-game win streak with a 6-4 victory over Ottawa on Jan. 8, a 5-1 victory vs. Carolina on Jan. 10, a 3-1 victory over Montreal on Jan. 13 and a 2-1 win at NY Islanders on Jan. 15. The Bruins are 14-3-1 in their last 18 games, are 19-4-1 in their last 24 contests and are 28-5-2 in their last 35 games. The loss in Washington also snapped a seven-game road win streak, which tied for the second-longest road win streak in team history, and they are now 7-1-0 in their last eight road games.

Recent Maple Leafs Games

The Maple Leafs are also winless in their last two games at 0-1-1 with a 4-3 overtime loss in Atlanta on Jan. 16 and a 2-0 setback to Carolina on Jan. 19. That followed a 6-4 win in Carolina on Jan. 15. The Maple Leafs are 1-5-1 in their last seven games and are 3-9-1 in their last 13 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 return from the NHL's All-Star break to close out January on a three-game home stand, hosting Washington on Jan. 27, New Jersey on Jan. 29 and NY Rangers on Jan. 31 (1:00 p.m.).

Upcoming Maple Leafs Games

The Maple Leafs return from the NHL's All-Star break to face a two-game road trip to Minnesota on Jan. 27 and Colorado on Jan. 29 before returning home to close out January hosting Pittsburgh on Jan. 31.

Bruins Injuries

Patrice Bergeron: Concussion suffered Dec. 20 vs. Carolina.

Andrew Ference: Fractured right tibia suffered Nov. 13 vs. Montreal.

Phil Kessel: Mononucleosis - on injured reserve.

Milan Lucic: Injury suffered Jan. 8 vs. Minnesota.

Marco Sturm: Knee injury suffered Dec. 18 vs. Toronto with Jan. 13 surgery - on injured reserve.

Aaron Ward: Charleyhorse suffered Jan. 13 vs. Montreal.

Bruins Recent Transactions (Last 30 Days)

Dec. 31: Martin St. Pierre returned to Providence/AHL.
Jan. 1: Martin St. Pierre recalled from Providence/AHL.
Jan. 8: Martins Karsums recalled from Providence/AHL and returned to Providence/AHL after the game.
Jan. 9: Martin St. Pierre and Vladimir Sobotka returned to Providence/AHL.
Jan. 10: Martins Karsums and Byron Bitz recalled from Providence/AHL.
Jan. 10: Tuukka Rask recalled from Providence/AHL and returned to Providence/AHL after the game.
Jan. 12: Kevin Regan recalled from Providence/AHL and returned to Providence/AHL after practice.
Jan. 12: Tuukka Rask and Martin St. Pierre recalled from Providence/AHL
Jan. 12: Matt Lashoff returned to Providence/AHL.
Jan. 13: Tuukka Rask returned to Providence/AHL.
Jan. 13: Matt Lashoff recalled from Providence/AHL.
Jan. 14: Martins Karsums returned to Providence/AHL.
Jan. 14: Vladimir Sobotka 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 Sjostrom (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)
Jan. 19: St. Louis 5 at Boston 4/SO ... Boston Goal: Tim Thomas ... St. Louis Goal: Chris Mason
Boston Shooters: Blake Wheeler (No), P. J. Axelsson (No)
St. Louis Shooters: T. J. Oshie (Yes), Brad Boyes (Yes)

Bruins Fun Facts

With a 33-8-5 record and 71 points through their first 46 games this season, the Bruins are off to their best 46-game start since 1970-71 when they also had 71 points in 46 games on a 33-8-5 record.

The 71 points are also more than they have amassed in 40 of their 83 full previous seasons played.

The Bruins hit the 30-win mark in their 41st game, which is the fastest they have hit that mark since 1929-39, when they were 30-4-1 at the 35-game mark.

Chuck Kobasew has a four-game point streak in progress with 1-3=4 totals in that span and has 2-4=6 totals in his last six contests.

Marc Savard has a three-game point streak in progress with 2-1=3 totals in that span and he has 3-3=6 totals in his last six games and 5-10=15 totals in his last 12 contests.

David Krejci has 3-6=9 totals in his last six games with 9-17=27 totals in his last 18 games and 14-27=41 totals in his last 28 contests.

Zdeno Chara has 3-3=6 totals in his last five games.

Michael Ryder leads the NHL with seven game-winning goals ... He has 4-2=6 totals in his last six games.

Dennis Wideman has 1-10=11 totals in his last 12 contests.

Blake Wheeler has five assists in his last six games.

Tim Thomas is 3-1-1 in his last five games and is 10-2-1 in his last 13 games, including a career-best seven-game win streak ... He is 16-2-2 in his last 20 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 Dafoe 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).

Manny Fernandez is 6-1-0 in his last seven games, including a 6-4 win vs. Ottawa on Jan. 8 in his last start ... He is now 14-2-1 in his last 17 decisions ... That included a seven-game win streak, the longest such streak by a Boston goaltender since Jon Casey in 1993-94 and recently matched by Tim Thomas, and a nine-game point streak (8-0-1), which was the longest such Bruins streak since John Grahame in 2002-03.

Thomas and Fernandez shared the honors of NHL "First Star" for the month of December with a shared 12-1-0 record between them on the month.

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.

Phil Kessel had 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.

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.

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.

Of the 26 players on the current Bruins roster (including players on injured reserve), nine were acquired by the team via trade, ten 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.

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 already completed nine 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; 0-2-0 vs. Minnesota; 1-0-1 vs. St. Louis; and 1-0-0 vs. Vancouver.

The Bruins' 14-game home win streak from Oct. 25-Jan. 1 was 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.

Their ten-game overall win streak from Dec. 12-Jan. 1 was their longest such streak since a ten-game span from Mar. 9-28, 1973, and was tied for the fourth longest such streak in team history.

Their seven-game road win streak from Dec. 12-Jan. 15 is their longest such streak since they won the final eight road games of their 1992-93 season (Mar. 15-Apr. 14, 1993) and is tied for the second-longest such streak in team history.

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 in December of 1978 and they matched that 24 point total when they finished December with a 12-1-0 record.

The Players

6-Dennis Wideman-D

- Has single assists in four of his last six games, recorded Jan. 8 vs. Ottawa, Jan. 10 vs. Carolina, Jan. 13 vs. Montreal and Jan. 19 vs. St. Louis.
- Has 1-10=11 totals in his last 12 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

- Has 3-8=11 totals in his last 16 games with his last points a 1-1=2 effort Jan. 19 vs. St. Louis.
- 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.
- Scored his 100th NHL/Bruins goal Jan. 8 vs. Ottawa.
- Has missed three games to injury (3-muscle spasms, Oct. 18-21).

12–Chuck Kobasew–RW

- Has 1-3=4 totals in his last four straight games with single assists each Jan. 13 vs. Montreal, Jan. 15 at NY Islanders and Jan. 17 in Washington, and a goal Jan. 19 vs. St. Louis.
- Has 2-5=7 totals in his last nine games.
- Has five 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 15 games with a knee injury suffered Dec. 18 vs. Toronto that required Jan. 13 surgery.
- Had returned to the lineup with the game's first goal that night after missing 12 games with concussion-like symptoms.
- Has four multiple-point games, all two-point efforts including two two-goal contests.
- Has missed 27 games to injury (12-concussion-like symptoms, Nov. 19-Dec. 13; 15-knee, Dec. 20-Jan. 19).

17–Milan Lucic–LW

- Has missed six games with an injury suffered Jan. 6 vs. Minnesota.
- Has 1-1=2 totals in his last three games with the game-winning goal Jan. 1 vs. Pittsburgh and an assist Jan. 3 vs. Buffalo.
- Has 5-5=10 totals in his last 14 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.
- Has missed six games to injury (6-Jan. 8-19).

18–Stephane Yelle–C

- Has 1-2=3 totals in his last nine games with a two-assist night Jan. 1 vs. Pittsburgh and the game-winning goal Jan. 10 vs. Carolina.
- 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 30 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 30 games to injury (30-Leg, Nov. 15-Jan. 19).

22–Shawn Thornton–LW

- His last point was a goal Jan. 3 vs. Buffalo.
- 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 five assists in his last six games with an assist Jan. 8 vs. Ottawa, two assists Jan. 10 vs. Carolina and single assists each Jan. 13 vs. Montreal and Jan. 19 vs. St. Louis.
- Has seven 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 played the last seven games after missing ten 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 ten games to injury (10-upper body, Dec. 13-Jan. 3).

30–Tim Thomas–G

- Is 3-1-1 in his last five games with a 5-1 victory over Carolina on Jan. 10, a 3-1 win vs. Montreal on Jan. 13, a 2-1 win at NY Islanders on Jan. 15, a 2-1 loss in Washington on Jan. 17 and a 5-4 shootout loss to St. Louis on Jan. 19.
- Is 10-2-1 in his last 13 games, including a career-best seven-game win streak from Dec. 4-30, and is 16-3-2 in his last 21 games.
- 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) ... Recorded his third shutout of the season with a 2-0 win at New Jersey on Dec. 23.
- 2008-09 Shootouts: 2-4 (7 goals/19 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 19 games.

33—Zdeno Chara—D

- Has 3-3=6 totals in his last five games ... Recorded his 200th NHL assist Jan. 10 vs. Carolina; matched his career-high for goals in a game with a two-goal effort, including the game-winning goal, Jan. 13 vs. Montreal; an assist Jan. 17 in Washington; and a 1-1=2 night Jan. 19 vs. St. Louis.
- 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 played the last four games after missing two games with an eye injury.
- Has 1-3=4 totals in his last 11 games with an assist Dec. 20 vs. Carolina, a goal Dec.21 in St. Louis, an assist on the game-winning goal Dec. 23 in New Jersey and an assist Jan. 3 vs. Buffalo.
- Did not dress Oct. 15 in Montreal (coach's decision).
- Has missed five games to injury (3-lower body, Nov. 6-12; 2-eye, Jan. 8-10).

35—Manny Fernandez—G

- Has split his last two starts with a 1-0 loss to Minnesota on Jan. 6 and a 6-4 win over Ottawa on Jan. 8 ... That followed a five-game win streak with wins over Atlanta (twice), Carolina, St. Louis and Pittsburgh.
- Is 14-2-1 in his last 17 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 25 games.
- Has missed two games to injury (2-Jan. 10-13).

37—Patrice Bergeron—C

- Has missed 14 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 14 games to injury (14-concussion, Dec. 21-Jan. 19).

44—Aaron Ward—D

- Has missed three games with a charleyhorse suffered Jan. 13 vs. Montreal.
- Scored his first goal of the season Jan. 8 vs. Ottawa as he returned to the lineup after missing one game with a slight injury.
- Has played in six of the last seven games after missing ten of the previous 11 games with a lower body injury originally suffered Nov. 29 vs. Detroit.
- Played his 700th NHL game Oct. 15 in Montreal.
- Has missed 14 games to injury (4-lower body, Dec. 4-10; 6-lower body, Dec. 13-27; 1-charleyhorse, Jan. 6; 3-charleyhorse, Jan. 15-19).

45—Mark Stuart—D

- Has 1-2=3 totals in his last five games, matching his career-high for points in a game with a 1-1=2 effort Jan. 10 vs. Carolina and adding an assist Jan. 15 at NY Islanders.
- 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 3-6=9 totals in his last six games with 1-1=2 totals Jan. 8 vs. Ottawa, a 1-2=3 effort Jan. 10 vs. Carolina, a 1-1=2 night Jan. 13 vs. Montreal and two assists Jan. 19 vs. St. Louis.
- Has 9-17=26 totals in his last 18 games with 14-27=41 totals in his last 28 games.
- Has 16 multiple-point games, including six three-point nights.
- Had a nine-game point streak from Nov. 19-Dec. 8 (5-10=15 totals).
- Had a career-best ten-game point streak from Dec. 12-Jan. 1 (6-11=17 totals).
- 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 2-1=3 totals in his last nine Boston games, scoring his first goal as a Bruin with a shorthanded tally Dec. 30 in Pittsburgh, adding an assist Jan. 3 vs. Buffalo and netting the game-winning goal Jan. 15 at NY Islanders.
- Has played the last three games after being recalled from Providence/AHL on Jan. 12 for the third time this season ... Was second in the Providence scoring race with 10-28=38 totals and 26 PIM in 32 AHL Bruins games.
- Played nine Boston games during his first two recalls from Dec. 20-31 and Jan. 1-9, including his first game as a Bruin Dec. 21 in St. Louis with his first point as a Bruin an assist in that game.

48—Matt Hunwick—D

- His last point was an assist Dec. 27 in Carolina.
- Has three multiple-point games with his season-high a career-high three assists Dec. 12 in Atlanta.
- Had a six-game point streak from Nov. 17-28 (3-5=8 totals), 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).
- 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

- Recalled Jan. 13 from Providence/AHL for the third time this season ... Had 4-12=16 totals with 23 PIM in 18 AHL Bruins games.
- Has played 16 Boston games during the three recalls (Nov. 19-27, Dec. 1-Jan. 12 and Jan. 13-present) with one assist recorded Jan. 10 vs. Carolina.
- Has not dressed for eight games (coach's decision).

60—Vladimir Sobotka—C

- Had an assist on the game-winning goal Jan. 15 at NY Islanders.
- Recalled Jan. 14 from Providence/AHL for the third time this season ... Had 11-12=23 totals in 19 AHL Bruins games at the time of the recall.
- Played 15 Boston games during his first two recalls from Oct. 14-Nov. 4 and Dec. 9-Jan. 9 with 1-1=2 totals ... He had an assist on Dec. 20 vs. Carolina and a goal Dec. 21 in St. Louis.
- Has not dressed for eight games (coach's decision).

61—Byron Bitz—RW

- Has played the last five games, including his first NHL game Jan. 10 vs. Carolina in which he recorded his first NHL point with an assist.
- Recalled Jan. 10 from Providence/AHL where he had 3-7=10 totals with 68 PIM in 37 AHL games.

73—Michael Ryder—RW

- Has 4-2=6 totals in his last six games with 1-1=2 totals Jan. 8 vs. Ottawa, two goals Jan. 10 vs. Carolina, an assist Jan. 13 vs. Montreal and a goal Jan. 19 vs. St. Louis.
- Has a league-leading seven game-winners on the season.
- Has eight 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 Ottawa 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 missed four games with mononucleosis.
- Has 3-1=4 totals in his last seven games with single goals each Dec. 28 in Atlanta, Dec. 30 in Pittsburgh and Jan. 3 vs. Buffalo and an assist Jan. 8 vs. Ottawa.
- Has 17-15=32 totals in his last 27 games
- Has eight multiple-point games with his season-high a 2-1=3 effort Oct. 18 in Ottawa.
- 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).
- Had 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.

- 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.
- Has missed four games to injury/illness (4-mono-nucleosis, Jan. 13-19).

91—Marc Savard—C

- Has a three-game point streak in progress with 2-1=3 totals with single goals each Jan. 15 at NY Islanders and Jan. 17 in Washington and an assist Jan. 19 vs. St. Louis.
- Has 5-10=15 totals in his last 12 games.
- Has 17 multiple-point games with his season-high a 1-3=4 night Nov. 19 vs. Buffalo.
- Has had three five-game assist/point streaks - from Oct. 25-Nov. 1 (0-6=6 totals), Nov. 13-21 (2-9=11 totals) and Dec. 27-Jan. 3 (2-7=9 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.