

BOSTON BRUINS vs. NEW JERSEY DEVILS

Thursday, January 29, 2009

TD Banknorth Garden; Boston MA

Game Time: 7:00 p.m. ET

NESN and WBZ Radio

Tonight's Game

The Bruins host the Devils tonight in the second of four games between these teams this season and the first of two visits by New Jersey to TD Banknorth Garden this season. The Bruins lead the Eastern Conference and are tied for the NHL overall lead in points at 35-8-5 overall this season with an 18-3-2 record on home ice. The Devils are 30-15-3 overall this season with 16-7-2 record on the road. The Bruins are 5-0-2 vs. Atlantic Division opponents this season and they are 28-5-4 overall vs. Eastern Conference foes. The Devils are 7-3-2 vs. Northeast Division teams this season and they are 24-11-3 overall vs. Eastern Conference opponents.

Lifetime Series

The Bruins are 62-33-19-8 lifetime vs. the New Jersey franchise (includes Kansas City and Colorado) with a 423-349 scoring edge in those 122 games. The Bruins are 33-17-8-4 lifetime vs. the Devils franchise on home ice with a 235-193 scoring edge in those 62 contests. The Bruins are 2-0-0-1 in their last three games vs. the Devils, including a 2-0 win in New Jersey on Dec. 23 in the first game of this season's series. Their last regulation loss to the Devils was a 3-1 setback in Boston on Dec. 13, 2007.

Fun Facts vs. New Jersey: Patrice Bergeron played his first NHL game vs. the Devils on Oct. 8, 2003 ... Stephane Yelle was drafted by New Jersey as their eighth pick, 186th overall, in the 1992 NHL Entry Draft but never played in the Devils organization.

Recent Bruins Games

The Bruins have taken points out of their last three games at 2-0-1 with a 5-4 shootout loss to St. Louis on Jan. 19, a 4-3 shootout victory in Toronto on Jan. 21 and a 3-2 overtime win vs. Washington on Jan. 27. They are 6-1-1 in their last eight games, are 16-3-1 in their last 20 games and are 21-4-1 in their last 26 contests.

Recent Devils Games

The Devils have won their last six games with wins over Vancouver, Columbus, NY Islanders, Nashville, Montreal and Ottawa (4-1 on Jan. 27 in their last game). Their last loss was a 4-0 setback to Atlanta on Jan. 8. They are 10-4-0 in their last 14 games overall.

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 conclude their current three-game home stand by hosting NY Rangers on Jan. 31 (1:00 p.m.). They will then face the Canadiens in Montreal on Feb. 1 (2:00 p.m.).

Upcoming Devils Games

The Devils next return home to host Pittsburgh on Jan. 30 and Washington on Feb. 3.

Bruins Injuries

Manny Fernandez: General soreness.

Phil Kessel: Mononucleosis.

Marco Sturm: Knee injury suffered Dec. 18 vs. Toronto with Jan. 13 surgery.

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

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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.
Jan. 23: Martin St. Pierre, Matt Lashoff and Vladimir Sobotka returned to Providence/AHL.
Jan. 26: Tuukka Rask 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)
Jan. 21: Boston 4 at Toronto 3/SO ... Boston Goal: Tim Thomas ... Toronto Goal: Vesa Toskala
Boston Shooters: Blake Wheeler (Yes), David Krejci (No), Martin St. Pierre (Yes), Michael Ryder (Yes)
Toronto Shooters: Lee Stempniak (Yes), Niklas Hagman (No), Jason Blake (Yes), Nikolai Kulemin (No)
Jan. 27: Washington 2 at Boston 3/OT ... David Krejci scored on Jose Theodore at 1:55 of OT.

Bruins Fun Facts

Five Bruins were integral parts of the 2009 NHL All-Star festivities on Jan. 24-25 ... Claude Julien was the coach of the winning Eastern Conference squad ... Tim Thomas earned the win in goal for the East, becoming just the fifth goaltender in Game history to win consecutive All-Star contests Marc Savard had three assists in the Game Zdeno Chara set a new Hardest Shot record in the Skills Competition with a 105.4 mph blast ... Blake Wheeler earned MVP honors in the YoungStars game with three goals in that contest.

With a 35-8-5 record and 75 points through their first 48 games this season, the Bruins are off to their best 48-game start in team history ... Their previous high mark through 48 games was 74 points, which they have amassed on three occasions, most recently in 1971-72.

The 75 points are also more than they have amassed in 45 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.

Marc Savard has a five-game point streak in progress with 3-2=5 totals in that span and he has 4-4=8 totals in his last eight games and 6-12=18 totals in his last 14 contests.

Zdeno Chara has 2-3=5 totals in his last four straight games with 4-4=8 totals in his last seven games.

David Krejci has 1-4=5 totals in his last three straight games with 4-8=12 totals in his last eight games and 10-19=29 totals in his last 20 contests ... Krejci scored the overtime goal vs. Washington on Jan. 27.

P. J. Axelsson has 1-2=3 totals in his last three games.

Michael Ryder leads the NHL with seven game-winning goals, not including a deciding shootout goal in a 4-3 win in Toronto on Jan. 21 ... He has 4-3=7 totals in his last seven games including 1-1=2 totals in his last two straight games played.

Dennis Wideman has 2-11=13 totals in his last 14 contests.

Tim Thomas is 5-1-1 in his last seven games and is 12-2-1 in his last 15 games, including a career-best seven-game win streak ... He has three shutouts on the season - ten career - with a 2-0 victory in New Jersey on Dec. 23 following 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 24 players on the current Bruins roster (including players on injured reserve), nine were acquired by the team via trade, eight 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 1-2=3 totals in his last three straight games with an assist Jan. 19 vs. St. Louis, a goal Jan. 21 in Toronto and an assist on the overtime score Jan. 27 vs. Washington.
- Has 2-11=13 totals in his last 14 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 1-2=3 totals in his last three games with a 1-1=2 effort Jan. 19 vs. St. Louis and an assist Jan. 21 in Toronto.
- 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 six 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 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 17 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 29 games to injury (12-concussion-like symptoms, Nov. 19-Dec. 13; 17-knee, Dec. 20-Jan. 27).

17–Milan Lucic–LW

- Returned to the lineup Jan. 27 vs. Washington after missing seven games with an injury suffered Jan. 6 vs. Minnesota.
- Has 1-1=2 totals in his last four games with the game-winning goal Jan. 1 vs. Pittsburgh and an assist Jan. 3 vs. Buffalo.
- 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 missed seven games to injury (7-Jan. 8-21).

18–Stephane Yelle–C

- His last point was 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

- Returned to the lineup Jan. 27 vs. Washington after missing 31 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 31 games to injury (31-Leg, Nov. 15-Jan. 21).

22–Shawn Thornton–LW

- Has 1-1=2 totals in his last 5 games with an assist Jan. 15 at NY Islanders and a goal Jan. 27 vs. Washington.
- 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 1-5=6 totals in his last eight games with an assist Jan. 8 vs. Ottawa, two assists Jan. 10 vs. Carolina, single assists each Jan. 13 vs. Montreal and Jan. 19 vs. St. Louis and a goal Jan. 21 in Toronto.
- 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 nine 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 5-1-1 in his last seven 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, a 5-4 shootout loss to St. Louis on Jan. 19, a 4-3 shootout win in Toronto on Jan. 21 and a 3-2 overtime win vs. Washington on Jan. 27.
- Is 12-2-1 in his last 15 games, including a career-best seven-game win streak from Dec. 4-30.
- 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.
- 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 4-4=8 totals in his last seven 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; a 1-1=2 night Jan. 19 vs. St. Louis; a goal Jan. 21 in Toronto; and an assist on the overtime score Jan. 27 vs. Washington.
- 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 six games after missing two games with an eye injury.
- His last point was 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 three games to injury (2-Jan. 10-13; 1-Jan. 27).

37-Patrice Bergeron-C

- Returned to the lineup with an assist Jan. 27 vs. Washington after missing 15 games with a concussion suffered Dec. 20 vs. Carolina.
- Has 1-8=9 totals in his last 15 games played.
- Has three multiple-point games.
- Reached the 200th NHL/Bruins point milestone with the first of two assists Nov. 19 vs. Buffalo.
- Has missed 15 games to injury (15-concussion, Dec. 21-Jan. 21).

40-Tuukka Rask-G

- Dressed as backup Jan. 27 vs. Washington.
- Recalled Jan. 26 from Providence/AHL for the third time this season ... Was 19-15-0 with a 2.46 GAA and .918 save percentage in 34 Providence games ... Ranked third overall in the AHL in wins.
- His first two recalls were on Jan. 10 and Jan. 12-13, dressing as backup for two games during those Boston stints.

44-Aaron Ward-D

- Has played the last two games, with an assist Jan. 21 in Toronto, after missing three games with a charleyhorse suffered Jan. 13 vs. Montreal.
- Scored his first goal of the season Jan. 8 vs. Ottawa and has 1-2=3 totals in his last four games.
- 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 seven 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 1-4=5 totals in his last three straight games with 4-8=12 totals in his last seven contests ... Has 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, two assists each Jan. 19 vs. St. Louis and Jan. 21 in Toronto and the overtime goal Jan. 27 vs. Washington.
- Has 10-19=29 totals in his last 20 games with 15-29=44 totals in his last 30 games.
- Has 17 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).

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).

61–Byron Bitz–RW

- Has played the last seven 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

- Missed the Jan. 27 game with flu-like symptoms.
- Has 4-3=7 totals in his last seven games with 1-1=2 totals Jan. 8 vs. Ottawa, two goals Jan. 10 vs. Carolina, an assist Jan. 13 vs. Montreal, a goal Jan. 19 vs. St. Louis and an assist Jan. 21 in Toronto.
- Has a league-leading seven game-winners on the season and also scored the deciding shootout goal (not counted in the game-winning goal stats) Jan. 21 in Toronto.
- 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.
- Has missed one game to illness (1-flu like symptoms, Jan. 27).

81–Phil Kessel–RW

- Has missed six 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 six games to injury/illness (5-monomucleosis, Jan. 13-21).

91–Marc Savard–C

- Has a five-game point streak in progress with 3-2=5 totals with single goals each Jan. 15 at NY Islanders and Jan. 17 in Washington; single assists each Jan. 19 vs. St. Louis and Jan. 21 in Toronto; and a goal Jan. 27 vs. Washington.
- Has 6-11=17 totals in his last 14 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.