

BOSTON BRUINS vs. CAROLINA HURRICANES

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RBC Center; Raleigh NC

Game Time: 7:00 p.m. ET

NESN and WBZ Radio

Tonight's Game

The Bruins visit the Hurricanes tonight in the fourth and final game between these teams this season and the second of two games of this season's series at RBC Center. The Bruins lead the NHL in points at 39-10-8 overall this season with the league's best road record at 20-6-4. The Hurricanes are 28-24-5 overall this season with a 14-12-1 record on home ice. The Bruins are 12-2-0 vs. Southeast Division opponents this season and they are 32-6-6 overall vs. Eastern Conference foes. The Hurricanes are 8-6-1 vs. Northeast Division teams this season and they are 22-17-4 overall vs. Eastern Conference opponents.

Lifetime Series

The Bruins are 88-63-16-2 lifetime vs. the Carolina franchise (includes Hartford) with a 579-506 scoring edge in those 169 games. The Bruins are 39-34-9-1 lifetime vs. the Hurricanes franchise on the road with a 284-276 scoring advantage in those 83 contests. The Bruins have won the last four games between these teams, including the first three games of this season's series with a 4-2 win in Boston on Dec. 20, a 4-2 victory in Carolina on Dec. 27 and a 5-1 win in Boston on Jan. 10. Their last loss to the Hurricanes was a 3-2 setback in Boston on Feb. 12, 2008.

Fun Facts vs. Carolina: The Bruins are looking to sweep their season series vs. the Hurricanes tonight, a feat neither of these teams have ever accomplished from the other ... Shawn Thornton scored his first NHL goal vs. Carolina on Oct. 26, 2002 and he has scored four of his 13 career goals vs. the Hurricanes ... Aaron Ward played four seasons with the Hurricanes with 15-41=56 totals and 263 PIM in 276 career Carolina games and he won a Stanley Cup with the Hurricanes in 2006.

Glen Wesley Fun Fact: The Hurricanes are retiring the number 2 of Glen Wesley in pre-game ceremonies tonight ... The Bruins drafted Wesley (first pick, third overall, in the 1987 Entry Draft) with a draft choice they received from Vancouver with Cam Neely for Barry Pederson ... Wesley was traded to the Hurricanes for three first round draft picks (1995, 1996 and 1997) and two current Bruins can trace their Boston legacy back to that trade: Kyle McLaren was the 1995 first round pick and was traded to San Jose in a deal that included Jeff Jillson. Jillson was later traded back to San Jose for Brad Boyes, who was sent to St. Louis for Dennis Wideman ... Sergei Samsonov was the 1997 first round pick and he was traded to Edmonton in a deal that included the second round draft pick that became Milan Lucic.

Recent Bruins Games

The Bruins have lost their last four games at 0-2-2 with a 4-3 overtime setback to Philadelphia on Feb. 7, a 5-2 loss to San Jose on Feb. 10, a 1-0 setback in New Jersey on Feb. 13 and a 3-2 shootout loss in Nashville on Feb. 14. It is the first time the Bruins have lost four straight games since a six-game stretch (0-5-1) from Dec. 18-29, 2007. They are now 6-2-4 in their last 12 games, are 10-3-4 in their last 17 games and are 20-5-4 in their last 29 contests. They are 11-2-1 in their last 14 road games.

Recent Hurricanes Games

The Hurricanes are 3-2-0 in their last five games with a 4-3 win in San Jose on Feb. 5, a 7-2 victory in Phoenix on Feb. 7, a 5-0 loss to Florida on Feb. 12, a 5-1 setback to Columbus on Feb. 14 and a 3-0 win in Buffalo on Feb. 15. They are 7-4-0 in their last 11 games following a five-game losing streak from Jan. 8-17.

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 continue their stretch of five straight road games (0-1-1 thus far) in Florida on Feb. 21 and Tampa Bay on Feb. 22 (5:00 p.m.). They will next return home on Feb. 24 hosting Florida.

Upcoming Hurricanes Games

The Hurricanes next face the Islanders on New York on Feb. 19 before returning home to host Tampa Bay on Feb. 20 and Colorado on Feb. 22.

Bruins Injuries

Chuck Kobasew: Injury suffered Feb. 10 vs. San Jose.

Petteri Nokelainen: Eye injury suffered Feb. 10 vs. San Jose.

Michael Ryder: Fractured facial bone suffered Feb. 5 in Ottawa; Feb. 9 surgery.
Marco Sturm: Out for season with knee injury suffered Dec. 18 vs. Toronto; Jan. 13 surgery.

Bruins Recent Transactions (Last 30 Days)

Jan. 23: Martin St. Pierre, Matt Lashoff and Vladimir Sobotka returned to Providence/AHL.
Jan. 26: Tuukka Rask recalled from Providence/AHL.
Feb. 2: Tuukka Rask returned to Providence/AHL.
Feb. 12: Martins Karsums and Vladimir Sobotka recalled from Providence/AHL.

2008-09 Overtime (2-2) and Shootouts (4-6):

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.
Jan. 29: New Jersey 4 at Boston 3/OT ... Jamie Langenbrunner scored on Tim Thomas at 1:11 of OT.
Feb. 5: Boston 4 at Ottawa 3/SO ... Boston Goal: Tim Thomas ... Ottawa Goal: Brian Elliott
Boston Shooters: Blake Wheeler (No), Phil Kessel (No), Patrice Bergeron (No), Marc Savard (No), P. J. Axelsson (Yes)
Ottawa Shooters: Jason Spezza (No), Daniel Alfredsson (No), Brendan Bell (No), Antoine Vermette (No), Dany Heatley (No)
Feb. 7: Philadelphia 4 at Boston 3/OT ... Randy Jones scored on Manny Fernandez at 3:00 of OT.
Feb. 14: Boston 2 at Nashville 3/SO ... Boston Goal: Manny Fernandez ... Nashville Goal: Pekka Rinne
Boston Shooters: Blake Wheeler (Yes), Patrice Bergeron (No), P. J. Axelsson (No), Phil Kessel (No)
Nashville Shooters: Vernon Fiddler (No), Steve Sullivan (No), Martin Erat (Yes), David Legwand (Yes)

Bruins Fun Facts

Tim Thomas is 5-2-2 in his last nine games with an 8-3-2 record in his last 13 and a 15-4-2 mark in his last 21 contests, 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 6-1-2 in his last nine games and he is 14-2-3 in his last 19 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.

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.

Tuukka Rask played his first Boston game of the season on Jan. 31 vs. NY Rangers and notched his first career shutout with the 1-0 victory ... He became the third Boston goaltender this season to post a shutout, joining Tim Thomas (3) and Manny Fernandez (1).

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.

Wheeler is one of three Bruins with hat tricks this season, as Milan Lucic (Oct. 25 vs. Atlanta) and David Krejci (Dec. 18 vs. Toronto) also recorded their first career three-goal games as well.

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.

Of the 25 players on the current Bruins roster (including players on injured reserve), eight 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 11 of these sets thus far and have compiled a 9-1-1 record in the first game of these series and a 9-0-2 record in the second games of these sets.

The Bruins will tonight complete the 12th 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; 0-0-1 vs. Nashville; 1-0-1 vs. St. Louis; 0-1-0 vs. San Jose; and 1-0-0 vs. Vancouver.

With a 39-10-8 record and 86 points through their first 57 games this season, the Bruins are off to their best 57-game start since they had 89 points on a 41-9-7 record in 1973-74.

The 86 points are also more than they have amassed in 52 of their 83 full previous seasons played and they had 86 total points in one other season.

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

They are attempting tonight to become the first team in the league to hit the 40-win mark and if so, it will occur in their 58th game which is the fastest they will have reached 40 wins since 1973-74 (55 games; also reached in 55 games in 1970-71).

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 played four straight games to overtime from Jan. 19-29 ... That matched their modern record (post-1983 when the NHL reinstated overtime) and they have now done that in four straight games on five occasions overall ... Their longest stretch of consecutive overtime games was five straight from Jan. 3-12, 1932 (0-1-4), when overtime featured a non-sudden death ten-minute extra session.

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 each in two of his last three games with 4-6=10 totals in his last 12 contests.

- Has seven multiple-point games.
- Had a seven-game point streak, matching his career-best, from Jan. 19-Feb. 4 (4-4=8 totals).
- Has missed one game to injury (1-muscle strain, Dec. 4).

11–P. J. Axelsson–LW

- His last point was an assist Jan. 21 at Toronto.
- Has scored two deciding shootout goals - in the 2-1 victory in Chicago on Nov. 12 and the 4-3 win in Ottawa on Feb. 5.
- 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 missed two games with an injury suffered Feb. 10 vs. San Jose.
- Has goals in two of his last three games with 4-3=7 totals in his last 13 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 14 games to injury (12-Leg, Oct. 11-Nov. 6; 2-Feb. 13-14).

16–Marco Sturm–LW

- Has missed 26 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 38 games to injury (12-concussion-like symptoms, Nov. 19-Dec. 13; 26-knee, Dec. 20-Feb. 14).

17–Milan Lucic–LW

- Has 2-3=5 totals in his last nine games, including a two-goal effort Feb. 10 vs. San Jose.
- Has three 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 eight games to injury (7-Jan. 8-21; 1-Feb. 5).

18–Stephane Yelle–C

- His last point was an assist on the game-winning goal Feb. 1 in Montreal.
- 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 played the last ten games, with three assists in those games, 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

- His last point was the game-winning goal Feb. 1 in Montreal.
- 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 six games.
- Has eight 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 two games with an eye injury suffered Feb. 10 vs. San Jose.
- Has assists in each of his last two games played, Feb. 7 vs. Philadelphia and Feb. 10 vs. San Jose.
- Has not dressed for 12 games (coach's decision).
- Has missed 12 games to injury (10-upper body, Dec. 13-Jan. 3; 2-eye, Feb. 13-14).

30–Tim Thomas–G

- Is 5-2-2 in his last nine games, 8-3-2 in his last 13 and has a 15-4-2 record in his last 21 contests, 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.
- Played his 200th NHL game Feb. 10 vs. San Jose (5-2 loss).
- 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 21 games.

33–Zdeno Chara–D

- Has 2-1=3 totals in his last five games.
- 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 eight games, with assists in two of his last six contests, after not dressing Jan. 29 vs. New Jersey.
- Has not dressed for two games (coach's decision).
- Has missed five games to injury (3-lower body, Nov. 6-12; 2-eye, Jan. 8-10).

35–Manny Fernandez–G

- Is 6-1-2 in his last nine games and is 14-2-3 in his last 19 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 30 games.
- Has missed six games to injury (2-Jan. 10-13; 4-Jan. 27-Feb. 1).

37–Patrice Bergeron–C

- Has played the last ten games after missing 15 games with a concussion suffered Dec. 20 vs. Carolina ... Has assists in four of those 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 15 games to injury (15-concussion, Dec. 21-Jan. 21).

43–Martins Karsums–RW

- Has played the last two games after being recalled Feb. 12 from Providence/AHL for the fourth time this season.
- Had 17-24=41 totals with 20 PIM in 43 AHL Bruins games, third in that team's scoring race.
- Has one assist in four Boston games this season, playing his first NHL game Dec. 13 vs. Atlanta and recording his first NHL point with an assist Jan. 10 vs. Carolina.
- His previous recalls were Dec. 13 (0-0=0 in one game); Jan. 8 (did not dress one game); and Jan. 10-14 (0-1=1 totals in two games).

44–Aaron Ward–D

- Scored his first goal of the season Jan. 8 vs. Ottawa and has 1-2=3 totals in his last eight 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

- Snapped a nine-game scoreless stretch with two assists Feb. 7 vs. Philadelphia.
- 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 1-3=4 totals in his last six 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

- Did not dress for the last three games.
- 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 14 games (coach's decision).
- Has missed three games to illness (3-flu-like symptoms, Feb. 1-5).

60–Vladimir Sobotka–C

- Has played the last two games, with an assist Feb. 14 in Nashville, after being recalled Feb. 12 from Providence/AHL for the fourth time this season.
- Had 12-15=27 totals with 32 PIM in 25 AHL Bruins games.
- Has 1-3=4 totals in 21 Boston games this season with the goal scored Dec. 21 at St. Louis.
- His previous recalls were Oct. 14-Nov. 4 (0-0=0 in five games; DND for five games); Dec. 9-Jan. 9 (1-1=2 totals in ten games; DND for four games); and Jan. 14-22 (0-1=1 in four games).

61–Byron Bitz–RW

- Scored his first NHL goal Feb. 7 vs. Philadelphia.
- Has played the last 16 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 missed four games with a fractured facial bone suffered Feb. 5 in Ottawa ... Underwent Feb. 9 surgery to repair the frontal sinus.
- Has 5-4=9 totals in his last 12 games.
- Is among the league leaders with 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 five games to injury (1-flu like symptoms, Jan. 27; 4-fractured facial bone, Feb. 7-14).

81–Phil Kessel–RW

- Has played the last nine games, with three assists in that span, after missing six games with mononucleosis.
- 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-mononucleosis, Jan. 13-21).

91–Marc Savard–C

- Has 1-1=2 totals in his last four games with 7-4=11 totals in his last 14 contests.
- Has 18 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.