

**BOSTON BRUINS vs. TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS**  
**Saturday, March 28, 2009**  
**Air Canada Centre; Toronto ONT**  
**Game Time: 7:00 p.m. ET**  
**NESN and WBZ Radio**

### **Tonight's Game**

The Bruins visit the Maple Leafs tonight in the sixth and final game between these teams this season and the third of three games of this season's series at Air Canada Centre. The Bruins are 46-17-10 overall this season with a 21-11-4 record on the road. The Maple Leafs are 31-31-13 overall this season with a 14-13-9 record on home ice. The Bruins are 14-3-2 vs. Northeast Division teams this season and they are 37-11-7 overall vs. Eastern Conference foes. The Maple Leafs are 8-10-2 vs. Northeast Division teams this season and they are 26-23-8 overall vs. Eastern Conference opponents.

### **Lifetime Series**

The Bruins are 273-252-98-5 lifetime vs. Toronto with the Maple Leafs holding a 1,876-1,832 scoring edge in those 626 games. The Bruins are 101-158-51-3 lifetime vs. the Maple Leafs in Toronto with the Maple Leafs having a 1,039-816 scoring edge in those 313 contests. The Bruins have won their last four games vs. the Maple Leafs with a 5-2 win in Boston on Nov. 6, a 3-2 victory in Toronto on Nov. 17, an 8-5 win in Boston on Dec. 18 and a 4-3 shootout victory in Toronto on Jan. 21. The Maple Leafs won the first game of this season's series with a 4-2 victory in Boston on Oct. 23.

Fun Facts vs. Toronto: The Bruins and Maple Leafs are facing each other for the 627th time in their histories tonight ... The only team the Bruins have seen more of is Montreal (698 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 fourth game between these teams this season.

### **Recent Bruins Games**

The Bruins are 3-1-1 in their last five games with a 5-3 win over Ottawa on Mar. 12, a 2-1 victory vs. NY Islanders on Mar. 14, a 6-4 setback in Pittsburgh on Mar. 15, a 3-2 overtime loss to Los Angeles on Mar. 19 and a 4-1 victory vs. New Jersey on Mar. 22. They are 4-3-1 in their last eight games overall, but have lost their last five road contests with their last road win a 5-1 victory in Carolina on Feb. 17.

### **Recent Maple Leafs Games**

The Maple Leafs are 4-2-0 in their last six games with an 8-6 win vs. Calgary on Mar. 14, a 4-3 win in Tampa on Mar. 17, a 3-1 loss in Florida on Mar. 19, a 5-2 win in Montreal on Mar. 21, a 3-2 victory vs. Washington on Mar. 24 and a 5-3 loss in Buffalo on Mar. 27. They are 5-5-0 in their last ten games after an eight-game point streak at 5-0-3 from Feb. 19-Mar. 5.

### **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 played just two games in their previous 13 days and tonight begin their stretch run of nine games in 16 days to conclude their regular season. They will face the Flyers in Philadelphia on Mar. 29 and will close out the month hosting Tampa Bay on Mar. 31.

### **Upcoming Maple Leafs Games**

The Maple Leafs have seven games remaining in their regular season schedule, and they next face a home-and-home series with Philadelphia, hosting the Flyers on Apr. 1 and playing in Philadelphia on Apr. 3.

### **Bruins Injuries**

Phil Kessel: Undisclosed injury; Not on trip.

Marco Sturm: Out for season with knee injury suffered Dec. 18 vs. Toronto; Jan. 13 surgery.

### **Bruins Recent Transactions (Last 30 Days)**

Mar. 4: Steve Montador acquired from Anaheim for Petteri Nokelainen.

Mar. 4: Mark Recchi acquired with 2010 second round draft pick from Tampa Bay for Matt Lashoff and Martins Karsums.

## 2008-09 Overtime (2-4) 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)

*Feb. 28: Washington 4 at Boston 3/OT ... Alexander Semin scored on Tim Thomas at 0:22 of OT.*

*Mar. 19: Los Angeles 3 at Boston 2/OT ... Dustin Brown scored on Tim Thomas at 4:25 of OT.*

## Bruins Fun Facts

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 are playing the 15th of these sets tonight in Toronto and tomorrow in Philadelphia and enter the weekend with a 11-2-1 record in the first game of these series and 9-3-2 mark in the second games of these sets.

The Bruins are playing tonight their 13th of 16 opponents this season that have played day/night before ... They enter tonight's game with an 11-1-0 record in these contests thus far.

The Bruins have played 13 of 16 games this season in their Reebok Third Jersey System (jersey and socks) ... They have a 7-4-2 record in games in which they wear their third sweater.

The Bruins have played 16 of 19 afternoon games this season (start times prior to 6:00 pm) ... They are 9-4-3 thus far in afternoon contests.

The Bruins are tonight playing their 17th of 19 games this season vs. an Original Six opponent and they are 12-2-2 vs. Original Six teams (2-0-0 vs. Chicago; 1-0-0 vs. Detroit; 4-0-1 vs. Montreal; 1-1-1 vs. NY Rangers; 4-1-0 vs. Toronto).

The Bruins will tonight complete the 22nd of their 29 season series ... They are 1-0-0 vs. Anaheim; 4-0-0 vs. Atlanta (their first series sweep in the lifetime history between the clubs); 0-1-0 vs. Calgary; 4-0-0 vs. Carolina (the first series sweep by either team in the lifetime history between the clubs); 2-0-0 vs. Chicago; 1-0-0 vs. Colorado; 0-1-0 vs. Columbus; 1-0-0 vs. Dallas; 1-0-0 vs. Detroit; 1-0-0 vs. Edmonton; 3-1-0 vs. Florida; 0-1-0 vs. Los Angeles; 0-2-0 vs. Minnesota; 0-0-1 vs. Nashville; 2-1-1 vs. New Jersey; 0-1-0 vs. Phoenix; 2-1-1 vs. Pittsburgh; 1-0-1 vs. St. Louis; 0-1-0 vs. San Jose; 1-0-0 vs. Vancouver; and 1-2-1 vs. Washington.

The Bruins have hit the 100 point mark for the 18th time in their team history and first time since they had 104 in 2003-04 ... It is the most 100-or-more point seasons by any NHL team.

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 hit the 40-win mark in their 58th game, becoming the first team in the league to hit the 40-win mark and reaching that milestone in the fewest number of games since 1973-74 (55 games; also reached in 55 games in 1970-71).

Phil Kessel scored his 30th goal of the season Mar. 14 vs. NY Islanders, becoming Boston's first 30-goal scorer since Patrice Bergeron netted 31 in 2005-06.

Tim Thomas earned his 30th win with a 2-1 victory over NY Islanders on Mar. 14 ... That matches his career season-high in wins with his second career 30-win season and first by a Bruin since he notched 30 in 2006-07.

New Bruins Steve Montador and Mark Recchi played their first games as Bruins Mar. 5 vs. Phoenix ... With 539-891=1430 totals in 1480 career NHL games, Recchi ranks third among active players in games played, sixth in goals and second in both assists and points.

Tim Thomas has a career-best four shutouts on the season - 11 career - with a 2-0 victory in New Jersey on Dec. 23 and 6-0 win over Anaheim on Feb. 26 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).

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 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' 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 Players

### 6–Dennis Wideman–D

- His last points came with a two-assist effort Mar. 7 vs. Chicago.
- 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

- Has 2-3=5 totals in his last nine games, including a 1-1=2 effort Mar. 12 vs. Ottawa.
- 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 6-3=9 totals in his last 12 games.
- Has six 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 42 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 54 games to injury (12-concussion-like symptoms, Nov. 19-Dec. 13; 42-knee, Dec. 20-Mar. 22).

### 17–Milan Lucic–LW

- Has 1-4=5 totals in his last 14 games played with the goal scored Mar. 22 vs. New Jersey.
- 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 ten games to injury (7-Jan. 8-21; 1-Feb. 5; 2-Feb. 28-Mar. 3).

### 18–Stephane Yelle–C

- Has played the last two games after missing five games with an injury suffered Mar. 7 vs. Chicago and his last point was a goal scored Mar. 3 vs. Philadelphia.
- Played his first game as a Bruin Oct. 9 in Colorado ... Scored his first goal & point as a Bruin Oct. 25 vs. Atlanta.
- Has missed five games to injury (4-Mar. 8-15).

### 21–Andrew Ference–D

- His last point was an assist Mar. 14 vs. NY Islanders.
- Recorded his first multiple-point game of the season with two assists Nov. 6 vs. Toronto, including his 100th career NHL assist.
- Played his 500th NHL game Feb. 21 at Florida.
- Has missed 31 games to injury (31-Leg, Nov. 15-Jan. 21).

### 22–Shawn Thornton–LW

- His last point was an assist Feb. 24 vs. Florida.
- 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.

### 23–Steve Montador–D

- Played his first game as a Bruin Mar. 5 vs. Phoenix after being acquired Mar. 4 from Anaheim for Petteri Nokelainen and recorded his first point as a Bruin with an assist Mar. 14 vs. NY Islanders.
- Had 4-16=20 totals with 125 PIM in 65 games with the Ducks and led Anaheim in plus/minus at +14 this season ... Ranks second among defensemen in penalty minutes this season.
- Has not dressed for two Boston games (coach's decision).
- Has missed two Boston games to illness (2-flu-like symptoms, Mar. 7-8).

### 26–Blake Wheeler–LW

- Snapped an eight-game scoreless stretch with a 1-1=2 effort Mar. 15 in Pittsburgh with the goal his second shorthanded effort of the season.
- Has ten 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.

### **28—Mark Recchi—RW**

- Has 2-2=4 totals in his last three straight games with single goals each Mar. 15 in Pittsburgh and Mar. 19 vs. Los Angeles and two assists Mar. 22 vs. New Jersey.
- Played his first game as a Bruin Mar. 5 vs. Phoenix after being acquired Mar. 4 from Tampa Bay with 2010 second round draft pick for Matt Lashoff and Martins Karsums ... Recorded his first goals and points as a Bruin with a two-goal effort Mar. 7 vs. Chicago.
- Was third in the Lightning's scoring race with 13-32=45 totals and 20 PIM in 62 games, including a five-assist effort Mar. 1 in Calgary.
- Has career NHL totals of 539-891=1430 in 1480 games played, ranking third among active players in games, sixth in goals and second in both assists and points.

### **30—Tim Thomas—G**

- Is 6-3-2 in his last 11 games with his last start a 4-1 victory vs. New Jersey on Mar. 22.
- 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 and his fourth with a 6-0 victory vs. Anaheim on Feb. 26 ... The win over Anaheim was his fourth shutout of the season, a new NHL career season-high, was his 11th career shutout and was also his 100th NHL victory.
- Played his 200th NHL game Feb. 10 vs. San Jose (5-2 loss) and his 100th NHL victory was a 6-0 victory vs. Anaheim on Feb. 26.
- 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 24 games.

### **33—Zdeno Chara—D**

- Has 2-6=8 totals in his last 13 games, including a 1-1=2 effort Mar. 8 at NY Rangers.
- Had a four-game point streak from Dec. 6-12 (2-2=4 totals).
- Played his 700th NHL game Nov. 6 vs. Toronto ... Scored his 100th NHL goal Feb. 28 vs. Washington.

### **34—Shane Hnidy—D**

- His last point was the game-winning goal Feb. 17 in Carolina.
- Has not dressed for seven 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**

- Has lost his last five games at 0-3-2 with his last win a 6-4 victory vs. Ottawa on Jan. 8 ... Is 6-4-2 in his last 12 games.
- 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 44 games.
- Has missed six games to injury (2-Jan. 10-13; 4-Jan. 27-Feb. 1).

### **37—Patrice Bergeron—C**

- Has 1-8=9 totals in his last 11 games.
- Has five multiple-point games.
- Had a five-game point streak from Feb. 28-Mar. 8 (1-5=6 totals).
- 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).

### **44—Aaron Ward—D**

- His last point was his first career shorthanded goal scored Mar. 12 vs. Ottawa.
- Played his 700th NHL game Oct. 15 in Montreal.
- Has missed 16 games to injury (4-lower body, Dec. 4-10; 6-lower body, Dec. 13-27; 1-charleyhorse, Jan. 6; 3-charleyhorse, Jan. 15-19; 1-flu-like symptoms, Feb. 7; 1-flu-like symptoms, Feb. 26).

#### **45–Mark Stuart–D**

- Has single assists each in three of his last five games.
- 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 eight games.
- Has 18 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**

- Has 3-3=6 totals in his last six games played, including a goal Mar. 19 vs. Los Angeles as he returned to the lineup after not dressing for five games and an assist Mar. 22 vs. New Jersey.
- Had been recalled Feb. 25 from Providence/AHL where he had been assigned on Feb. 24 for one game and had not dressed for the previous six Boston games prior to the assignment.
- Has five 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).
- Has played four games as a forward this season.
- Has three assists in three AHL Bruins games this season.
- Has not dressed for 23 games (coach's decision).
- Has missed three games to illness (3-flu-like symptoms, Feb. 1-5).

#### **61–Byron Bitz–RW**

- Has 3-1=4 totals in his last nine games, with his first career multiple-point game with two goals Feb. 24 vs. Florida.
- Played his first NHL game Jan. 10 vs. Carolina in which he recorded his first NHL point with an assist and scored his first NHL goal Feb. 7 vs. Philadelphia.
- Recalled Jan. 10 from Providence/AHL where he had 3-7=10 totals with 68 PIM in 37 AHL games.
- Has not dressed for four games (coach's decision).

#### **73–Michael Ryder–RW**

- Has played the last 13 games with 6-5=11 totals in that span after missing seven games with a fractured facial bone suffered Feb. 5 in Ottawa ... Underwent Feb. 9 surgery to repair the frontal sinus.
- Has 11 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 eight games to injury (1-flu like symptoms, Jan. 27; 7-fractured facial bone, Feb. 7-22).

#### **81–Phil Kessel–RW**

- Has 4-2=6 totals in four of his last five games, including his 30th goal of the season Mar. 14 vs. NY Islanders as he became the first Bruin to hit that mark since 2005-06 (Patrice Bergeron, 31).
- Has ten 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 2-13=15 totals in his last 15 games.
- Has 22 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.