

## **BOSTON BRUINS vs. TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING**

Tuesday, March 31, 2009

TD Banknorth Garden; Boston MA

Game Time: 7:00 p.m. ET

NESN and WBZ Radio

### **Tonight's Game**

The Bruins host the Lightning tonight in the fourth and final game between these teams this season and the second of two games of this season's series at TD Banknorth Garden. The Bruins are 48-17-10 overall this season with a 25-6-6 record on home ice. The Lightning are 24-35-17 overall this season with a 12-19-6 record on the road. The Bruins are 14-4-1 vs. Southeast Division teams this season and they are 39-11-7 overall vs. Eastern Conference foes. The Lightning are 9-6-4 vs. Northeast Division teams this season and they are 18-26-14 overall vs. Eastern Conference opponents.

### **Lifetime Series**

The Bruins are 37-15-9-0 lifetime vs. Tampa Bay with a 208-162 scoring advantage in those 61 games. The Bruins are 21-3-6-0 lifetime vs. the Lightning on home ice with a 115-73 scoring edge in those 30 contests. The Bruins won the first two games of this season's series with a 3-1 win in Tampa on Dec. 4 and a 5-3 victory in Boston on Dec. 8 but the Lightning took the last game with a 4-3 win in Tampa on Feb. 22.

Fun Facts vs. Tampa Bay: The Northeast Division is the only Eastern Conference division against whom Tampa Bay has a winning record this season ... The Lightning have never defeated the Bruins in overtime (0-7-8) or shootout (0-1) ... There has not been a shutout between these teams since the Bruins' Robbie Tallas and John Grahame shared a 4-0 win in Boston on Mar. 21, 2000 ... The last shutout of this lifetime series in Tampa Bay was a 3-0 win shared by the Lightning's Kevin Hodson and Corey Schwab on Apr. 8, 1999 ... Mark Recchi was acquired by Boston from Tampa Bay at this year's trading deadline on Mar. 4 and had 13-32=45 totals with 20 PIM in 62 games with the Lightning this season ... Phil Kessel recorded his first NHL point with an assist in Tampa Bay on Oct. 7, 2006 ... All of the members of the Lightning's coaching staff have Bruins ties - interim head coach Rick Tocchet (1995-1997) and assistant coach Wes Walz (1989-1991) are former players, associate coach Mike Sullivan is a former player and head coach (2003-2006) and assistant coach Cap Raeder is a former assistant coach (1995-1997).

### **Recent Bruins Games**

The Bruins have won their last three games and are 5-1-1 in their last seven 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, a 4-1 victory vs. New Jersey on Mar. 22, a 7-5 victory in Toronto on Mar. 28 and a 4-3 win in Philadelphia on Mar. 29. They are 6-3-1 in their last ten games overall and are 4-0-1 in their last four games on home ice.

### **Recent Lightning Games**

The Lightning are 0-2-1 in their last three games with a 3-2 overtime loss in Montreal on Mar. 26, a 5-3 loss in Washington on Mar. 27 and a 3-0 setback to Ottawa on Mar. 29. They are 1-3-3 in their last seven games with their lone win in that span a 2-1 overtime victory vs. Columbus on Mar. 24.

### **Upcoming Bruins Games**

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

The Bruins open a three-game home stand tonight, continuing by hosting Ottawa on Apr. 2 and NY Rangers on Apr. 4 (1:00 p.m.). They will then play the Senators in Ottawa on Apr. 7, host Montreal in their regular season home finale on Apr. 9 and finish the season with consecutive road games in Buffalo on Apr. 11 and at NY Islanders on Apr. 12.

### **Upcoming Lightning Games**

The Lightning have five games remaining in their season following tonight as they continue their current three-game road trip in New Jersey on Apr. 3 and at NY Islanders on Apr. 4, return home to host Pittsburgh on Apr. 7 and Washington on Apr. 9, and finish the year at Atlanta on Apr. 11.

### **Bruins Injuries**

Phil Kessel: Undisclosed injury.

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 are wearing their Reebok Third Jersey System (jersey and socks) tonight for the 14th of 16 games this season ... They enter tonight's game with a 7-4-2 record in games in which they wear their third sweater.

The Bruins will tonight complete the 24th 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; 2-1-1 vs. Philadelphia; 0-1-0 vs. Phoenix; 2-1-1 vs. Pittsburgh; 1-0-1 vs. St. Louis; 0-1-0 vs. San Jose; 5-1-0 vs. Toronto; 1-0-0 vs. Vancouver; and 1-2-1 vs. Washington.

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 15 of these sets and have a 12-2-1 record in the first game of these series and 10-3-2 mark in the second game.

The Bruins have played 14 of 16 games vs. opponents that have played day/night before ... They have a 13-1-0 record in these contests thus far.

The Bruins have played 17 of 19 games this season vs. an Original Six opponent and they are 13-2-2 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; 5-1-0 vs. Toronto).

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 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.

Their 106 points on the season is tied for the seventh highest point total in team history and their current 48 wins are the seventh-most in club annals as well ... Both figures are the best by the Bruins since they had 109 points and 51 wins in 1992-93.

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, which is his second career 30-win season ... His 32 current wins are the most by a Boston goaltender since Byron Dafoe had 35 in 2001-02.

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).

New Bruins Steve Montador and Mark Recchi played their first games as Bruins Mar. 5 vs. Phoenix ... Recchi currently ranks third among active players in games played, sixth in goals and second in both assists and points.

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

- Has 1-3=4 totals in his last two straight games with three assists Mar. 28 in Toronto and a goal Mar. 29 in Philadelphia.
- Has eight 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 2-4=6 totals in his last 11 games.
- 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 a five-game point streak in progress with 2-3=5 totals in that span and has 7-4=11 totals in his last 14 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 44 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 56 games to injury (12-concussion-like symptoms, Nov. 19-Dec. 13; 44-knee, Dec. 20-Mar. 29).

### 17–Milan Lucic–LW

- Has 3-2=5 totals in his last three straight games including two assists Mar. 28 in Toronto and two goals Mar. 29 in Philadelphia.
- Has five 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 four 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

- Snapped a 12-game scoreless stretch with a goal Mar. 28 in Toronto his first point since 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

- Has played the last two games at forward.
- 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**

- Has 2-1=3 totals in his last five games with a 1-1=2 effort Mar. 15 in Pittsburgh with the goal his second shorthanded effort of the season and a goal Mar. 28 in Toronto.
- 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. Montreal on Dec. 20, 2001.
- Changed his number from 42 to 26 on Nov. 6.

### **28–Mark Recchi–RW**

- Has a five-game point streak in progress with 5-2=7 totals in that span, including two assists Mar. 22 vs. New Jersey, two power play goals Mar. 28 in Toronto and the game-winning goal Mar. 29 in Philadelphia ... The goal in Philadelphia was his 20th of the season and he has now reached that mark for the 16th season of his NHL career.
- 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 541-891=1432 in 1481 games played, ranking third among active players in games, sixth in goals and second in both assists and points.

### **30–Tim Thomas–G**

- Is 7-3-2 in his last 12 games with his last start a 4-3 victory in Philadelphia on Mar. 29.
- 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 25 games.

### **33–Zdeno Chara–D**

- Has 1-6=7 totals in his last nine games, including a 1-1=2 effort Mar. 8 at NY Rangers and two assists Mar. 29 in Philadelphia.
- Has nine multiple-point games, all two-point efforts.
- 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 nine 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**

- Snapped an 0-3-2 stretch with a 7-5 win in Toronto on Mar. 28 ... That was his first win since a 6-4 victory vs. Ottawa on Jan. 8.
- Is 7-4-2 in his last 13 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 45 games.
- Has missed six games to injury (2-Jan. 10-13; 4-Jan. 27-Feb. 1).

### **37–Patrice Bergeron–C**

- Has 1-9=10 totals in his last 13 games including an assist on the game-winning goal Mar. 29 in Philadelphia.
- 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 four of his last seven games.
- Has had points in consecutive games twice for just the second and third time of his career.
- 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 two straight games with a 1-1=2 effort Mar. 28 in Toronto and three assists Mar. 29 in Philadelphia.
- Has 2-7=9 totals in his last ten games.
- Has 20 multiple-point games, including seven 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 1-4=5 totals in three of his last four games, including three assists Mar. 28 in Toronto, and has 3-6=9 totals in his last eight games played.
- 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 six multiple-point games with his season-highs career-high three assists Dec. 12 in Atlanta and Mar. 28 in Toronto.
- 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 six games (coach's decision).

### **73–Michael Ryder–RW**

- Has played the last 15 games with 7-7=14 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 12 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 missed the last two games with an injury.
- 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 eight games to injury/illness (5-mononucleosis, Jan. 13-21; 2-Mar. 28-29).

#### **91—Marc Savard—C**

- Has 1-3=4 totals in his last three games with 1-1=2 totals Mar. 22 vs. New Jersey and two assists Mar. 28 in Toronto.
- Has 2-15=17 totals in his last 17 games.
- Has 23 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.