



BOSTON BRUINS vs. WASHINGTON CAPITALS



Saturday, September 27, 2008 at Boston MA

TONIGHT'S OFFICIALS

Referees: Don VanMassenhoven (21) & Frederick L'Ecuyer (48)

Linesmen: David Brisebois (96) & Tim Nowak (77)

Video Replay Official: Chuck Napoli

BOSTON BRUINS

#	PLAYER	POS
30	Tim Thomas	G
35	Manny Fernandez	G
40	Tuukka Rask	G
50	Kevin Regan	G
6	Dennis Wideman	D
11	P.J. Axelsson	LW
12	Chuck Kobasew	RW
16	Marco Sturm	LW
17	Milan Lucic	LW
18	Stephane Yelle	C/W
21	Andrew Ference	D
22	Shawn Thornton	RW
27	Peter Schaefer	LW
29	Petteri Nokelainen	C/RW
33	Zdeno Chara	D
34	Shane Hnidy	D
37	Patrice Bergeron	C
41	Andrew Alberts	D
42	Blake Wheeler	RW
43	Martins Karsums	RW
44	Aaron Ward	D
45	Mark Stuart	D
46	David Krejci	C
47	Martin St. Pierre	RW
48	Matt Hunwick	D
49	Matt Lashoff	D
51	Nate Thompson	C
52	Zach Hamill	C
53	Jeremy Reich	LW
54	Adam McQuaid	D
55	Johnny Boychuk	D
56	Mike Egener	D
59	Matt Marquardt	LW
60	Vladimir Sobotka	C
61	Byron Bitz	RW
62	Jeff Penner	D
63	Brad Marchand	LW
65	Andrew Bodnarchuk	D
66	Ryan Stokes	D
67	Jordan Knackstedt	RW
68	Mikko Lehtonen	RW
73	Michael Ryder	RW
81	Phil Kessel	C
91	Marc Savard	C

General Manager: Peter Chiarelli
 Assistant General Manager: Jim Benning
 Head Coach: Claude Julien
 Assistant Coaches: Doug Houda, Craig Ramsay, Geoff Ward

WASHINGTON CAPITALS

#	PLAYER	POS
1	Brent Johnson	G
40	Simeon Varlamov	G
60	Jose Theodore	G
3	Tom Poti	D
4	John Erskine	D
8	Alex Ovechkin	LW
10	Matt Bradley	RW
14	Tomas Fleischmann	LW
15	Boyd Gordon	C
16	Eric Fehr	RW
17	Chris Clark	RW
19	Nicklas Backstrom	C
20	Keith Aucoin	C
21	Brooks Laich	C
23	Milan Jurcina	D
25	Viktor Kozlov	RW/C
26	Shaone Morrisonn	D
28	Alexander Semin	LW
29	Jakub Cutta	D
39	David Steckel	C
42	Sami Lepisto	D
47	Karl Alzner	D
52	Mike Green	D
53	Quintin Laing	LW
55	Jeff Schultz	D
56	Chris Bourque	LW/C
74	John Carlson	D
75	Grant McNeill	D
85	Mathieu Perreault	C
87	Donald Brashear	LW
89	Tyler Sloan	D
91	Sergei Fedorov	C
92	Michael Nylander	C

General Manager: George McPhee
 Head Coach: Bruce Boudreau
 Assistant Coaches: Jay Leach, Dean Evason



BOSTON BRUINS PRE-SEASON SCORING



No	Boston Bruins	Pos	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	PP	SH	GW	OT	SHOTS	SH%	+/-
16	Marco Sturm	LW	2	2	2	4	2	-	-	-	--	2	100.0	+ 1
21	Andrew Ference	D	2	1	3	4	17	1	-	1	-	5	20.0	+ 2
37	Patrice Bergeron	C	2	1	3	4	2	1	-	-	-	4	25.0	- 1
11	P.J.Axelsson	LW	3	3	-	3	-	2	-	-	-	3	66.7	Evn
43	Martins Karsums	RW	2	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	4	0.0	+ 2
41	Andrew Alberts	D	2	-	3	3	4	-	-	-	-	2	0.0	+ 2
46	David Krejci	C	2	-	3	3	4	-	-	-	-	1	0.0	Evn
60	Vladimir Sobotka	C	2	2	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	6	33.3	+ 2
47	Martin St. Pierre	RW	1	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	50.0	+ 2
6	Dennis Wideman	D	2	1	1	2	2	-	-	-	-	6	16.7	Evn
42	Blake Wheeler	RW	2	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	- 1
81	Phil Kessel	C	2	-	2	2	2	-	-	-	-	8	0.0	+ 1
44	Aaron Ward	D	3	1	-	1	4	1	-	-	-	5	20.0	- 3
53	Jeremy Reich	LW	3	1	-	1	7	-	-	-	-	6	16.7	Evn
73	Michael Ryder	RW	3	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	5	0.0	- 1
22	Shawn Thornton	RW	2	-	1	1	7	-	-	-	-	2	0.0	Evn
48	Matt Hunwick	D	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	Evn
17	Milan Lucic	LW	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	Evn
91	Marc Savard	C	3	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	3	0.0	- 1
18	Stephane Yelle	C/W	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	Evn
52	Zach Hamill	C	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0.0	Evn
54	Adam McQuaid	D	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	+ 2
59	Matt Marquardt	LW	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	0.0	+ 1
63	Brad Marchand	LW	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	0.0	Evn
65	Andrew Bodnarchuk	D	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	Evn
66	Ryan Stokes	D	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	- 1
67	Jordan Knackstedt	RW	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0.0	Evn
68	Mikko Lehtonen	RW	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	0.0	Evn
74	Maxime Sauve	C	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0.0	Evn
27	Peter Schaefer	LW	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	Evn
29	Petteri Nokelainen	C	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	0.0	Evn
45	Mark Stuart	D	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	Evn
49	Matt Lashoff	D	2	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	2	0.0	Evn
51	Nate Thompson	C	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	Evn	- 2
55	Johnny Boychuk	D	3	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	3	0.0	Evn
61	Byron Bitz	RW	3	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	4	0.0	- 1
62	Jeff Penner	D	3	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	0.0	- 1
12	Chuck Kobasew	RW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
33	Zdeno Chara	D	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
34	Shane Hnidy	D	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
56	Mike Egener	D	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total			4	14	27	41	84	5	0	2	0	113	12.4	

	GP	MINS	SOG	SVS	SV%	W-L-O	GA	GAA	EN	SO
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40	Tuukka Rask	G	2	122	63	60	.952	1-0-1	3	1.48	-	-
35	Manny Fernandez	G	1	40	12	10	.833	1-0-0	2	3.00	-	-
50	Kevin Regan	G	1	20	7	6	.857	0-0-0	1	3.00	-	-
30	Tim Thomas	G	1	60	40	36	.900	0-1-0	4	4.00	-	-
Total			4	242	122	112	.918	2-1-1	10	2.48	0	0

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OPPONENTS

By Period	1	2	3	OT	Total	1	2	3	OT	Total
Goals	3	6	5	0	14	3	2	4	1	10
Shots	31	41	40	1	113	35	37	49	1	122

Power Play: 23.8% (5 goals for in 21 opportunities)
 Penalty Killing: 91.3% (2 goals against in 23 times short)



WASHINGTON CAPITALS PRE-SEASON SCORING



No	Boston Bruins	Pos	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	PP	SH	GW	OT	SHOTS	SH%	+/-
8	Alex Ovechkin	LW	1	2	1	3	2	2	-	-	-	8	25.0	Evn
92	Michael Nylander	C	2	2	1	3	2	1	-	1	-	2	100.0	+ 2
14	Tomas Fleischmann	LW	1	2	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	4	50.0	Evn
56	Chris Bourque	LW/C	1	1	1	2	2	-	-	-	-	3	33.3	+ 2
25	Viktor Kozlov	RW/C	1	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	0.0	Evn
17	Chris Clark	RW	1	-	2	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	0.0	+ 2
85	Mathieu Perreault	C	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	2	50.0	+ 1
10	Matt Bradley	RW	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	100.0	+ 1
23	Milan Jurcina	D	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	+ 1
52	Mike Green	D	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	0.0	+ 1
74	John Carlson	D	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	0.0	Evn
53	Quintin Laing	LW	1	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	3	0.0	+ 1
4	John Erskine	D	1	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	+ 1
33	Alexandre Giroux	C/LW	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	0.0	+ 1
15	Boyd Gordon	C	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	Evn
42	Sami Lepisto	D	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	0.0	Evn
83	Jay Beagle	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0.0	Evn
38	Graham Mink	C	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	Evn
89	Tyler Sloan	D	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	Evn
28	Alexander Semin	LW	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	0.0	Evn
55	Jeff Schultz	D	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	0.0	+ 1
16	Eric Fehr	RW	1	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	4	0.0	+ 1
29	Jakub Cutta	D	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	+ 1
3	Tom Poti	D	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0.0	+ 2
90	Steven Pinizotto	RW	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	0.0	Evn
47	Karl Alzner	D	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	0.0	+ 1
21	Brooks Laich	C	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0.0	Evn
26	Shaone Morrisonn	D	1	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	+ 1
36	Francois Bouchard	RW	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	0.0	Evn
75	Patrick McNeill	D	1	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	2	0.0	Evn
73	Josh Godfrey	D	1	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	3	0.0	+ 1
63	Andrew Gordon	RW	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	0.0	Evn
39	Dave Steckel	LW	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	+ 1
48	Oskar Osala	LW	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	0.0	Evn
57	Kyle Wilson	C	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	Evn
Totals			2	3	6	9	42	3	0	0	0	60	5.0	

		GP	MINS	SOG	SVS	SV%	W-L-O	GA	GAA	EN	SO
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40	Simeon Varlamov	G	1	20	20	20	1.000	1-0-0	0	0.00	-	-
31	Daren Machesney	G	2	60	14	13	.929	1-0-0	1	1.00	-	-
30	Michal Neuvirth	G	1	40	26	24	.923	0-0-0	2	3.00	-	-
Total			2	120	60	57	.950	2-0-0	3	1.50	0	0



BOSTON BRUINS PRE-SEASON STATISTICS



No	Boston Bruins	Pos	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	Acquired	Pre-Season Notes
6	Dennis Wideman	D	2	1	1	2	2	Trade w/StL (Feb, 2007)	Has pts in each gp, 9/23 (g) & 9/25 (a)
11	P.J.Axelsson	LW	3	3	0	3	0	Draft (7/177/1997)	Tied for NHL pre-season goal lead
12	Chuck Kobasew	RW	-	-	-	-	-	Trade w/Cgy (Feb, 2007)	--
16	Marco Sturm	LW	2	2	2	4	2	Trade w/SJ (Nov, 2005)	Tied for team pre-season scoring lead
17	Milan Lucic	LW	2	0	1	1	0	Draft (3/50/2006)	Had assist 9/26 at Det
18	Stephane Yelle	C/W	1	0	0	0	0	Free Agent (Sept, 2008)	Played 1st gm in B's uniform 9/23 vs NYI
21	Andrew Ference	D	2	1	3	4	17	Trade w/Cgy (Feb, 2007)	Tied for team pre-season scoring lead
22	Shawn Thornton	RW	1	0	1	1	7	Free Agent (July, 2007)	Had assist 9/22 vs Mtl
27	Peter Schaefer	LW	2	0	0	0	0	Trade w/Ott (July, 2007)	Played 9/23 vs NYI & 9/26 at Det
29	Petteri Nokelainen	C	2	0	0	0	2	Trade w/NYI (Sept, 2007)	Played 9/23 vs NYI & 9/26 at Det
33	Zdeno Chara	D	-	-	-	-	-	Free Agent (July, 2006)	--
34	Shane Hnidy	D	-	-	-	-	-	Trade w/Ana (Jan, 2008)	--
37	Patrice Bergeron	C	2	1	3	4	2	Draft (2/45/2003)	9/22 1st gm since 10/27/07 vs Phi
41	Andrew Alberts	D	2	0	3	3	4	Draft (5/179/2001)	Has pts in each gp, 9/22 (2a) & 9/26 (a)
42	Blake Wheeler	RW	2	0	2	2	0	Free Agent (July, 2008)	Assists in each of 2 gp, 9/22 & 9/25
43	Martins Karsums	RW	2	0	3	3	0	Draft (2/64/2004)	Has pts in each gp, 9/23 (a) & 9/25 (2a)
44	Aaron Ward	D	3	1	0	1	4	Trade w/NYR (Feb, 2007)	Scored goal 9/22 vs. Mtl
45	Mark Stuart	D	2	0	0	0	2	Draft (1/21/2003)	Played 9/23 vs NYI & 9/26 at Det
46	David Krejci	C	2	0	3	3	4	Draft (1/63/2004)	Has pts in each gp, 9/22 (2a) & 9/26 (a)
47	Martin St. Pierre	RW	1	1	1	2	0	Trade w/Chi (July, 2008)	Had 1-1=2 totals 9/25 vs Det
48	Matt Hunwick	D	2	0	1	1	0	Draft (6/224/2004)	Had assist 9/23 vs NYI
49	Matt Lashoff	D	2	0	0	0	4	Draft (1/22/2005)	Played 9/23 vs NYI & 9/25 vs Det
51	Nate Thompson	C	3	0	0	0	0	Draft (8/183/2003)	Played 9/22 vs Mtl & 9/25-26 vs Det
52	Zach Hamill	C	1	0	0	0	0	Draft (1/8/2007)	Played 9/23 vs NYI
53	Jeremy Reich	LW	3	1	0	1	7	Free Agent (Aug, 2005)	Scored goal 9/25 vs Det
54	Adam McQuaid	D	1	0	0	0	2	Trade w/Cmb (May, 2007)	Played 1st gm in B's uniform 9/22 vs Mtl
55	Johnny Boychuk	D	3	0	0	0	2	Trade w/Col (June, 2008)	Played 1st gm in B's uniform 9/23 vs NYI
56	Mike Egener	D	-	-	-	-	-	Free Agent (July, 2008)	--
59	Matt Marquardt	LW	1	0	0	0	2	Trade w/Cmb (May, 2008)	Played 1st gm in B's uniform 9/23 vs NYI
60	Vladimir Sobotka	C	2	2	0	2	2	Draft (5/106/2005)	Played 9/22 vs Mtl & 9/26 at Det
61	Byron Bitz	RW	3	0	0	0	7	Draft (4/107/2003)	Played 9/22 vs Mtl & 9/25-26 vs Det
62	Jeff Penner	D	3	0	0	0	2	Free Agent (Mar, 2008)	Played 1st gm in B's uniform 9/22 vs Mtl
63	Brad Marchand	LW	1	0	0	0	0	Draft (4/71/2006)	Played 9/22 vs Mtl
65	Andrew Bodnarchuk	D	1	0	0	0	2	Draft (5/128/2006)	Played 9/23 vs NYI
66	Ryan Stokes	D	1	0	0	0	0	Free Agent (July, 2008)	Played 1st gm in B's uniform 9/22 vs Mtl
67	Jordan Knackstedt	RW	1	0	0	0	0	Draft (6/189/2007)	Played 9/23 vs NYI
68	Mikko Lehtonen	RW	1	0	0	0	2	Draft (3/83/2005)	Played 9/23 vs NYI
73	Michael Ryder	RW	3	1	0	1	0	Free Agent (July, 2008)	Scored GWG 9/26 at Det
74	Maxime Sauve	C	1	0	0	0	0	Draft (2/47/2008)	Played 9/23 vs NYI
81	Phil Kessel	C	2	0	2	2	2	Draft (1/5/2006)	Played 9/22 vs Mtl (2a) & 9/25 vs Det
91	Marc Savard	C	3	0	1	1	2	Free Agent (July, 2006)	Had assist 9/26 at Det

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30	Tim Thomas	G	1	60	0-1-0	4	4.00	Free Agent (Sept, 2005)	Played 9/25 vs Det
35	Manny Fernandez	G	1	40	1-0-0	2	3.00	Trade w/Min (July, 2007)	9/22 1st gm since 10/22/07 at Mtl
40	Tuukka Rask	G	2	122	1-0-1	3	1.48	Trade w/Tor (June, 2006)	Played 9/23 vs NYI & 9/26 at Det
50	Kevin Regan	G	1	20	0-0-0	1	3.00	Draft (10/277/2003)	Played 1st gm in B's uniform 9/22 vs Mtl

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Shots	31	41	40	1	113	35	37	49	1	122

Power Play: 23.8% (5 goals for in 21 opportunities)
 Penalty Killing: 91.3% (2 goals against in 23 times short)



BOSTON BRUINS PRE-SEASON GAME NOTES



TONIGHT'S WIRELESS ACCESS CODE (Note - All are case sensitive):

SSID: EVENTPRESS
 User Name: BRUINS
 Password: 0927wsh

2008 PRE-SEASON NOTES:

P.J.Axelsson is currently tied for the NHL pre-season goal scoring lead ...Axelsson has scored in each of his three exhibition games played ... Patrice Bergeron (1-3=4 totals), Marco Sturm (2-2=4 totals) and Andrew Ference (1-3=4 totals) are the Bruins' pre-season scoring leaders ... Bergeron's first pre-season game on Sept. 22 vs. Montreal was his first game action since suffering a season-ending concussion on Oct. 27, 2007 vs. Philadelphia ... Manny Fernandez earned the 8-3 win on Sept. 22 vs. the Canadiens in his first game played since Oct. 22, 2007 in Montreal, as he missed the remainder of the season following knee surgery.

Game One: Sept. 22: Boston 8 vs. Montreal 3 at Halifax, Nova Scotia ... Patrice Bergeron (1-3=4) and Marco Sturm (2-2=4) paced the Bruins in their first pre-season victory with four points each in the 8-3 win over Montreal ... Andrew Ference (1-2=3), Vladimir Sobotka (2-0=2) and Andrew Alberts, Phil Kessel and David Krejci (0-2=2 totals each) all had multiple-point efforts as well ... Manny Fernandez earned the win in net, allowing two goals in 40 minutes of play before yielding to Kevin Regan, who played 20 minutes with one goal against in the third period ... The Bruins outshot the Canadiens by a 42-19 margin ... The Bruins went 4 for 10 on the power play while going 8 for 9 on the penalty kill.

Game Two: Sept. 23: Boston 1 vs. NY Islanders 2/OT at Moncton, New Brunswick ... Dennis Wideman opened the scoring with the Bruins' lone goal of the game assisted by Matt Hunwick and Martins Karsums ... The teams ended regulation tied at 1-1 before New York's Trevor Smith settled the decision at 2:03 of overtime ... Tuukka Rask played the entire game in goal for Boston ... The Bruins were outshot by a 38-19 margin ... Boston went 0 for 6 on the power play while going 6 for 7 on the penalty kill.

Game Three: Sept. 25: Boston 3 vs. Detroit 4 at Halifax, Nova Scotia ... The Bruins and Red Wings traded goals through a 3-3 score before Detroit's Brad Stuart scored the game-winning tally mid-way through the third period ... Jeremy Reich, Martin St. Pierre and P.J.Axelsson scored the Boston goals, while St. Pierre added an assist and Martins Karsums had two assists for multiple-point nights ... Tim Thomas played the entire game in goal for Boston ... The Bruins were outshot by a 40-33 margin ... Boston went 1 for 2 on the power play while killing off each of their 2 times short.

Game Four: Sept. 26: Boston 2 vs. Detroit 1 at Detroit, Michigan ... The Bruins opened the scoring on P.J.Axelsson's third goal of the pre-season in the first period before Detroit's Darek Meech evened the score at the 2:40 mark of the third ... Michael Ryder answered with the third period game-winner with 14 minutes to play ... Tuukka Rask played his second full game of the pre-season in goal facing 25 shots ... The Bruins were outshot by a 25-19 margin ... All goals came at even strength with the Bruins going 0 for 3 on the power play while killing off all 5 of their times short.

PRE-SEASON SCHEDULE (2-1-1):

Date	Game/Score	Location	Time
Mon. Sept. 22	Boston Bruins 8 vs. Montreal Canadiens 3	Halifax, Nova Scotia	
Tues. Sept. 23	Boston Bruins 1 vs. New York Islanders 2 OT	Moncton, New Brunswick	
Thurs. Sept. 25	Boston Bruins 3 vs. Detroit Red Wings 4	Halifax, Nova Scotia	
Fri. Sept. 26	Boston Bruins 2 vs. Detroit Red Wings 1	Detroit, Michigan	
Sat. Sept. 27	Boston Bruins*/** vs. Washington Capitals	Boston, Massachusetts	4:00 pm
Wed. Oct. 1	Boston Bruins vs. Montreal Canadiens	Montreal, Quebec	7:30 pm
Sat. Oct. 4	Boston Bruins* vs. New York Islanders	Boston, Massachusetts	4:00 pm
Sun. Oct. 5	Boston Bruins* vs. Washington Capitals	Washington, D.C.	5:00 pm

All times listed are local to that city.

* - broadcast on WBZ Radio; ** - televised on NESN



BOSTON BRUINS PRE-SEASON GAME NOTES



UPCOMING PRACTICE SCHEDULE:

(Subject to change. Please call the information line at 617-624-1910 before leaving for practice)

Sun.	Sept.	28		No Practice - Team departs for Stowe VT	
Mon.	Sept.	29	10:30 am	Practice	Ice Center of Washington West, Stowe VT
Tue.	Sept.	30	9:30 am	Practice	Ice Center of Washington West, Stowe VT
Wed.	Oct.	1	10:00 am	Practice	Ice Center of Washington West, Stowe VT
			2:30 pm	Bus to Montreal QBC	
			7:30 pm	Game vs. Montreal Canadiens	Bell Centre, Montreal QBC
			After game	Charter to Boston MA	
Thu.	Oct.	2	11:30 am	Practice	Ristuccia Arena, Wilmington MA

TRANSACTIONS FROM JULY 1 - PRESENT:

July	1:	Michael Ryder signed as a free agent. Blake Wheeler signed as a free agent.
July	2:	Petteri Nokelainen re-signed to a contract.
July	15:	Mike Egener signed as a free agent.
July	22:	Ryan Stokes signed as a free agent.
July	23:	Dennis Wideman re-signed to a contract.
July	24:	Martin St. Pierre acquired from Chicago Blackhawks for Pascal Pelletier.
July	26:	Glen Murray bought out of final year of contract.
July	28:	Martin St. Pierre and Nate Thompson re-signed to contracts.
August	1:	Scott Bradley promoted to Director of Player Personnel. Wayne Smith promoted to Director of Amateur Scouting. John Weisbrod promoted to Director of Collegiate Scouting.
August	21:	Rob Murray named head coach of Providence Bruins.
September	3:	Stephane Yelle signed as a free agent.
September	12:	Bruce Cassidy named assistant coach of Providence Bruins.
September	22:	Jamie Arniel (Sarnia), Denis Reul (Lewiston) and Michael Hutchinson (Barrie) returned to their junior teams. Yuri Cheremetiev, Arthur Fritch and Doug Krantz, invited to camp on Amateur Try-out Agreements, released from training camp. Scott Fletcher, Jeff LoVecchio, Levi Nelson and Wacey Rabbit to report to Providence/AHL training camp.
September	24:	Maxime Sauve returned to his junior team (Val d'Or).



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No	Forwards	Hgt	Wgt	DOB	POB	2007-08 Club	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
11	AXELSSON, P.J.	6-1	188	2-26-75	Kungälv SWE	BOSTON	75	13	16	29	15
37	BERGERON, Patrice	6-2	194	7-24-85	Ancienne-Lorette QBC	BOSTON	10	3	4	7	2
61	BITZ, Byron	6-5	215	7-21-84	Saskatoon SASK	Providence	61	13	14	27	70
52	HAMILL, Zach	5-11	175	9-23-88	Vancouver BC	Everett	67	26	49	75	88
						Providence	7	0	5	5	6
43	KARSUMS, Martins	5-10	198	2-26-86	Riga LAT	Providence	79	20	43	63	57
81	KESSEL, Phil	5-11	180	10-2-87	Madison WI	BOSTON	82	19	18	37	28
67	KNACKSTEDT, Jordan	6-3	191	9-28-88	Saskatoon SASK	Moose Jaw	72	31	54	85	116
						Providence	5	2	0	2	2
12	KOBASEW, Chuck	5-11	192	4-17-82	Vancouver BC	Providence	73	22	17	39	29
46	KREJCI, David	6-0	178	4-28-86	Sternberk CZE REP	BOSTON	56	6	21	27	20
						Providence	25	7	21	28	19
68	LEHTONEN, Mikko	6-5	203	4-1-87	Espoo FIN	Espoo	42	8	12	20	12
17	LUCIC, Milan	6-3	228	6-7-88	Vancouver BC	BOSTON	77	8	19	27	89
63	MARCHAND, Brad	5-9	187	5-11-88	Halifax NS	Val d'Or	33	21	23	44	36
						Halifax	26	10	19	29	40
59	MARQUARDT, Matt	6-3	216	7-19-87	North Bay ONT	Moncton	35	20	13	33	38
						Baie-Comeau	33	23	13	36	33
29	NOKELAINEN, Petteri	6-1	195	1-16-86	Imatra FIN	BOSTON	57	7	3	10	19
						Providence	8	3	5	8	4
53	REICH, Jeremy	6-1	203	2-11-79	Craik SASK	BOSTON	58	2	2	4	78
73	RYDER, Michael	6-0	192	3-31-80	St. John's NFLD	Montreal	70	14	17	31	30
47	ST. PIERRE, Martin	5-9	185	8-11-83	Ottawa ONT	Chicago	5	0	0	0	0
						Rockford	69	21	67	88	80
91	SAVARD, Marc	5-10	191	7-17-77	Ottawa ONT	BOSTON	74	15	63	78	66
27	SCHAEFER, Peter	6-1	200	7-12-77	Regina SASK	BOSTON	63	9	17	26	18
60	SOBOTKA, Vladimir	5-11	193	7-2-87	Trebic CZE REP	BOSTON	48	1	6	7	24
						Providence	18	10	10	20	37
16	STURM, Marco	6-0	194	9-8-78	Dingolfing GER	BOSTON	80	27	29	56	40
51	THOMPSON, Nate	6-0	207	10-5-84	Anchorage AK	Providence	75	19	20	39	83
22	THORNTON, Shawn	6-2	217	7-23-77	Oshawa ONT	BOSTON	58	4	3	7	74
42	WHEELER, Blake	6-5	208	8-31-86	Robbinsdale MN	U. Minnesota	44	15	20	35	72
18	YELLE, Stephane	6-2	183	5-9-74	Ottawa ONT	Calgary	74	3	9	12	20
No	Defense	Hgt	Wgt	DOB	POB	2007-08 Club	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
41	ALBERTS, Andrew	6-5	218	6-30-81	Minneapolis MN	BOSTON	35	0	2	2	39
65	BODNARCHUK, Andrew	5-11	185	7-11-88	Drumheller ALTA	Halifax	65	10	33	43	89
55	BOYCHUK, Johnny	6-2	225	1-19-84	Edmonton ALTA	Colorado	4	0	0	0	0
						Lake Erie	60	8	18	26	63
33	CHARA, Zdeno	6-9	255	3-18-77	Trencin SLO	BOSTON	77	17	34	51	114
56	EGENER, Mike	6-4	216	9-26-84	Lahr, GER	Norfolk	17	1	2	3	28
						Mississippi	9	1	0	1	13
21	FERENCE, Andrew	5-11	189	3-17-79	Edmonton ALTA	BOSTON	59	1	14	15	50
34	HNIDY, Shane	6-2	204	11-8-75	Brandon MAN	Anaheim	33	1	2	3	30
						BOSTON	43	1	4	5	41
48	HUNWICK, Matt	5-11	193	5-21-85	Warren MI	BOSTON	13	0	1	1	4
						Providence	55	2	21	23	49
49	LASHOFF, Matt	6-2	198	9-29-86	Albany NY	BOSTON	18	1	4	5	0
						Providence	60	9	27	36	79
54	McQUAID, Adam	6-5	209	10-12-86	Charlottetown PEI	Providence	68	1	8	9	73
62	PENNER, Jeff	5-10	191	4-13-87	Winnipeg MAN	U. Alaska	35	5	7	12	49
						Providence	2	0	0	0	0
66	STOKES, Ryan	6-4	220	6-23-83	Sarnia ONT	Rockford	55	4	6	10	93
45	STUART, Mark	6-2	213	4-27-84	Rochester MN	BOSTON	82	4	4	8	81
44	WARD, Aaron	6-2	209	1-17-73	Windsor ONT	BOSTON	65	5	8	13	54
6	WIDEMAN, Dennis	6-0	196	3-20-83	Kitchener ONT	BOSTON	81	13	23	36	70
No	Goal	Hgt	Wgt	DOB	POB	2007-08 Club	GP	W-L-O	GAA		
35	FERNANDEZ, Manny	6-1	207	8-27-74	Etobicoke ONT	BOSTON	4	2-2-0	3.93		
40	RASK, Tuukka	6-2	171	3-10-87	Savonlinna FIN	BOSTON	4	2-1-1	3.26		
						Providence	45	27-13-2	2.33		
50	REGAN, Kevin	6-1	190	7-25-84	Boston MA	U. New Hampshire	32	23-8-1	2.21		
						Providence	1	1-0-0	0.00		
30	THOMAS, Tim	5-11	208	4-15-74	Flint MI	BOSTON	57	28-19-6	2.44		



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TODAY'S GAME

Washington seeks to improve to 3-0-0 – which would match last year's preseason win total – as it visits Boston for a 4 p.m. game. It's the first of two preseason meetings between the teams, as Boston will travel to Washington, D.C., to close out the preseason on Sunday, Oct. 5.

2008 WASHINGTON CAPITALS PRESEASON SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Location	Time/Result
Wed., Sept. 24	at Carolina	RBC Center, Raleigh, N.C.	W, 4-1
Thurs., Sept. 25	Carolina	Verizon Center, Washington, D.C.	W, 5-2
Sat., Sept. 27	at Boston	TD Banknorth Garden, Boston, Mass.	4 p.m.
Mon., Sept. 29	at New Jersey	Prudential Center, Newark, N.J.	7 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 1	at Philadelphia	Wachovia Center, Philadelphia, Pa.	7 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 3	Philadelphia	Verizon Center, Washington, D.C.	7 p.m.
Sun, Oct. 5	Boston	Verizon Center, Washington, D.C.	5 p.m.

LAST GAME

Washington 5, Carolina 2 **Thurs., Sept. 25** **Verizon Center, Washington, D.C.**

	Score by Periods	Shots	PP	Pen/Min
CAR	2-0-0-2	29	2-9	15/36
WSH	0-2-3-5	30	3-9	15/36

Washington fell behind, 2-0, but stormed back in the second game of a home-and-home series with Carolina. Michael Nylander and Alex Ovechkin each had a pair of goals, combining for three on the power play, while Chris Bourque had a goal and an assist. The Capitals held a 21-14 shot advantage in the second and third periods.

WASHINGTON CAPITALS PRESEASON NOTES

Welcome back – Michael Nylander (2-2-4 in 2 GP) and Chris Clark (0-2-2 in 1 GP) have both made successful returns from injuries that kept them out of more than half the season last year. In their last full NHL seasons (2006-07), Nylander recorded 83 points and Clark scored 30 goals.

Powerful stuff – The Capitals lead the NHL on the power play through two preseason games, clicking at 41.7% (five-for-12). Washington had the 10th-best power play in the NHL in 2007-08 (18.8%).

Not even at all – Washington has outscored its opponent 4-0 at even strength thus far.

First alert – Thirty-five of the 60 shots Washington has allowed through two games have come in the first period.

Mass. appeal – Four players who remain on the Capitals' training camp roster hail from Massachusetts: Keith Aucoin (Waltham), Chris Bourque (Boston), Brian Pothier (New Bedford) and Tom Poti (Worcester). Defenseman John Carlson was born in Massachusetts (Natick), but resides in New Jersey.

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Sharpshooter – Alex Ovechkin scored his first goal of the preseason on a penalty shot; he is 0-for-3 on regular-season penalty shots in his career.

WASHINGTON CAPITALS TRAINING CAMP STORYLINES

Meet the new boss – Bruce Boudreau enters his first training camp as head coach of the Washington Capitals. A year ago he was on the same ice, but in a different role, as head coach of the AHL's Hershey Bears. Not only is this the Jack Adams Award winner's first training camp as an NHL coach but also the first time in his career that he gets to lead a team into the season with this many familiar faces. In the minor leagues, Boudreau found himself teaching vastly different lineups each season.

How familiar? – The top 18 players in ice time for the Capitals last season all return for this year's training camp. Twenty-five players in camp suited up for the Caps at some point last season, and 18 of the 21 players who played for Washington in the Stanley Cup playoffs are back.

Happy returns – The top 10 Capitals scorers from last season return, but there's even more firepower in this year's lineup. Two players who missed more than half of last year are back at full strength: Chris Clark and Michael Nylander. Clark had 30 goals in his last full NHL season, while Nylander had 83 points. Also expected to be back at full strength is Alexander Semin, who battled an ankle injury during his 26-goal campaign last year but blossomed in the playoffs. Their healthy return bolsters a team that ranked already eighth in the NHL in offense last year.

Can 8 be even more great? – What more can reigning most valuable player Alex Ovechkin accomplish? His 65 goals set a Capitals record last season and helped him become the first player in NHL history to win the Calder Trophy and the Hart Trophy in a three-year span. Ovechkin doesn't identify a goal total he'd like to hit this year, but simply says he'd like to be better than he was a year ago and feels like he's in better shape than he was at this time last year. Look out, NHL.

Building on breakthroughs – Several Capitals enjoyed breakthrough seasons in the team's race to the 2008 Southeast Division title, including rookie Nicklas Backstrom and emerging young stars Mike Green and Brooks Laich. All are 25 or younger; if they can build upon their individual success as they mature it will go a long way toward helping the Capitals improve as a team.

Line up – While there may not be many positions at the NHL level available, how Boudreau fits everyone together is still up in the air. Alex Ovechkin, for example, played with centers Nicklas Backstrom, Sergei Fedorov and Michael Nylander at one point or another last year. Who winds up passing to the league's scoring leader when the 2008-09 season begins remains to be seen.

Welcome to Washington – For the first time since 1997-98, Washington's No. 1 goaltender entering training camp isn't Olie Kolzig – it's free agent acquisition Jose Theodore, a former Hart Trophy winner who returned to form in the second half of last season for Colorado. Theodore and Brent Johnson figure to man the nets for the Capitals in 2008-09.

Gotta have Hart – There are only nine active players who have won a Hart Trophy as the NHL's most valuable player, and three are in camp with the Capitals: Alex Ovechkin (2008), Jose Theodore (2002) and Sergei Fedorov (1994).

Building on the boom – Washington enjoyed tremendous business success as the team's fortunes improved in 2007-08, with sellouts in the last 11 games of the year, 4,000 new full season tickets sold and a spike of more than 100% in merchandise sales. The Capitals enter training camp looking to build upon that momentum and the team's on-ice success.

Who could crack the lineup – For the first time in years Washington enters training camp with very few jobs up for grabs; in fact, it will take a tremendous effort in camp to break into the lineup. The top newcomer could be rookie defenseman Karl Alzner, who became one of the first people to pull on the Capitals' new red, white and blue uniforms when he was the fifth overall selection in the 2007 NHL Entry Draft. Defense may be the toughest position for a first-year pro to make an impact, but the captain of Canada's national junior team may be in position to do so.

Keeping the core – They may not get the headlines of the Ovechkins or Greens, but also key to Washington's maturation has been the improvement of several players who have been with the team since at least the start of the 2005-06 season. Many of

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them got new contracts in the offseason, including Matt Bradley, Boyd Gordon, Brooks Laich, Shaone Morrisonn and David Steckel.

On F Street – Eric Fehr and Tomas Fleischmann got their first tastes of full-time duty in the Capitals lineup in 2007-08. Both will have opportunities to make big impacts in 2008-09, but with a healthy lineup up front, they may need to have strong camps to secure their jobs.

Bearing down on a spot – Several players who spent most or all of last year in Hershey are eyeing full-time NHL jobs this season. Among them are forward Chris Bourque and defenseman Sami Lepisto, both of whom made their NHL debuts last year. A few others, like Andrew Gordon, Andrew Joudrey and Tyler Sloan, will be looking to reach the game's top level for the first time in 2008-09.

Future netminders – The two goaltenders who many consider the future of the Capitals at that position are entering their first North American pro season this year. Russian Simeon Varlamov and Czech Republic native Michal Neuvirth will both play in North America this year, although exactly where will be determined, at least in part, by their play in the next two weeks. Also in the mix is Daren Machesney, who was one of the best rookie netminders in the AHL last season. While less heralded than the other two, he enters camp with the benefit of that year of experience.

Back for more – Three former Capitals – Jakub Cutta, Alexandre Giroux and Graham Mink – return to Capitals camp this fall after spending the last year or two elsewhere. All three have limited experience in Washington, but have enjoyed tremendous success in Hershey under Bruce Boudreau.

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UPDATED TRAINING CAMP ROSTER

FORWARDS

#	Player	Ht.	Wt.	Shoots	Born	Birthplace	2007-08 Club(s)	League(s)
20	AUCOIN, Keith	5'8"	165	Right	11/6/78	Waltham, Massachusetts	Carolina/Albany	NHL/AHL
19	BACKSTROM, Nicklas	6'1"	210	Left	11/23/87	Gavle, Sweden	CAPITALS	NHL
56	BOURQUE, Chris	5'10"	177	Left	1/29/86	Boston, Massachusetts	CAPITALS/Hershey	NHL/AHL
10	BRADLEY, Matt	6'3"	200	Right	6/13/78	Stittsville, Ontario	CAPITALS	NHL
87	BRASHEAR, Donald	6'3"	237	Left	1/7/72	Bedford, Indiana	CAPITALS	NHL
17	CLARK, Chris	6'0"	193	Right	3/8/76	South Windsor, Connecticut	CAPITALS	NHL
91	FEDOROV, Sergei	6'2"	208	Left	12/13/69	Pskov, Russia	CAPITALS/Columbus	NHL
16	FEHR, Eric	6'4"	210	Right	9/7/85	Winkler, Manitoba	CAPITALS/Hershey	NHL/AHL
14	FLEISCHMANN, Tomas	6'1"	190	Left	5/16/84	Koprivnice, Czech Republic	CAPITALS	NHL
63	GORDON, Andrew	6'0"	195	Right	12/13/85	Halifax, Nova Scotia	Hershey/South Carolina	AHL/ECHL
15	GORDON, Boyd	6'1"	200	Right	10/19/83	Unity, Saskatchewan	CAPITALS	NHL
61	JOUDREY, Andrew	5'11"	190	Left	7/15/84	Halifax, Nova Scotia	Hershey	AHL
25	KOZLOV, Viktor	6'5"	237	Right	2/14/75	Togliatti, Russia	CAPITALS	NHL
21	LAICH, Brooks	6'2"	200	Left	6/23/83	Wawota, Saskatchewan	CAPITALS	NHL
53	LAING, Quintin	6'2"	198	Left	6/8/79	Rosetown, Saskatchewan	CAPITALS/Hershey	NHL/AHL
92	NYLANDER, Michael	6'1"	199	Left	10/3/72	Stockholm, Sweden	CAPITALS	NHL
8	OVECHKIN, Alex	6'2"	225	Right	9/17/85	Moscow, Russia	CAPITALS	NHL
85	PERREault, Mathieu	5'10"	165	Left	1/5/88	Drummondville, Quebec	Acadie-Bathurst/Hershey	QMJHL/AHL
28	SEMIN, Alexander	6'2"	204	Right	3/3/84	Krasnoyarsk, Russia	CAPITALS	NHL
39	STECKEL, David	6'5"	217	Left	3/15/82	Westbend, Wisconsin	CAPITALS	NHL

DEFENSEMEN

47	ALZNER, Karl	6'2"	205	Left	9/24/88	Burnaby, British Columbia	Calgary	WHL
74	CARLSON, John	6'2"	218	Right	1/10/90	Natick, Massachusetts	Indiana	USHL
29	CUTTA, Jakub	6'4"	228	Left	12/29/81	Jablonec nad Nisou, Czech Rep.	Nizhnekamsk/Chelyabinsk	Russia
4	ERSKINE, John	6'4"	218	Left	6/26/80	Kingston, Ontario	CAPITALS	NHL
73	GODFREY, Josh	6'0"	202	Right	1/15/88	Collingwood, Ontario	Sault Ste. Marie/Hershey	OHL/AHL
52	GREEN, Mike	6'1"	207	Right	10/12/85	Calgary, Alberta	CAPITALS	NHL
23	JURCINA, Milan	6'4"	240	Right	6/7/83	Liptovsky Mikulas, Slovakia	CAPITALS	NHL
42	LEPISTO, Sami	6'1"	195	Left	10/17/84	Espoo, Finland	CAPITALS/Hershey	NHL/AHL
75	McNEILL, Grant	6'2"	220	Left	5/8/83	Vermilion, Alberta	Hershey/South Carolina	AHL/ECHL
26	MORRISONN, Shaone	6'4"	215	Left	12/23/82	Vancouver, British Columbia	CAPITALS	NHL
2	POTIER, Brian	6'0"	200	Right	4/15/77	New Bedford, Mass.	CAPITALS	NHL
3	POTI, Tom	6'3"	197	Left	3/22/77	Worcester, Mass.	CAPITALS	NHL
55	SCHULTZ, Jeff	6'6"	227	Left	2/25/86	Calgary, Alberta	CAPITALS/Hershey	NHL/AHL
89	SLOAN, Tyler	6'4"	203	Left	3/15/81	Calgary, Alberta	Hershey	AHL

GOALTENDERS

1	JOHNSON, Brent	6'3"	204	Left	3/12/77	Farmington, Mich.	CAPITALS/Hershey	NHL/AHL
31	MACHESNEY, Daren	6'1"	185	Left	12/13/86	Hamilton, Ontario	Hershey	AHL
60	THEODORE, Jose	5'11"	184	Right	9/13/76	Laval, Quebec	Colorado/Lake Erie	NHL/AHL
40	VARLAMOV, Simeon	6'1"	183	Left	4/27/88	Samara, Russia	Yaroslavl	Russia

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