

## **BOSTON BRUINS vs. TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS**

Thursday, December 18, 2008

TD Banknorth Garden; Boston MA

Game Time: 7:00 p.m. ET

NESN and WBZ Radio

### **Tonight's Game**

The Bruins host the Maple Leafs tonight in the fourth of six games between these teams this season and the second of three games of this season's series at TD Banknorth Garden. The Bruins are 21-5-4 overall this season with an 11-1-1 record on home ice. The Maple Leafs are 12-12-6 overall this season with a 6-7-2 record on the road. The Bruins are 7-2-2 vs. Northeast Division opponents this season and they are 15-3-4 overall vs. Eastern Conference foes. The Maple Leafs are 4-3-1 vs. Northeast Division teams this season and they are 10-10-5 overall vs. Eastern Conference opponents.

### **Lifetime Series**

The Bruins are 271-252-98-5 lifetime vs. Toronto with the Maple Leafs holding a 1,868-1,820 scoring edge in those 624 games. The Bruins are 168-94-47-2 lifetime vs. the Maple Leafs in Boston with a 1,003-830 scoring edge in those 311 contests. The Bruins have won their last two games vs. the Maple Leafs with a 5-2 win in Boston on Nov. 6 and a 3-2 victory in Toronto on Nov. 17 but the Maple Leafs won the first game of this season's series in handing the Bruins their only regulation home loss of the season with a 4-2 victory on Oct. 23.

Fun Facts vs. Toronto: The Bruins and Maple Leafs are facing each other for the 625th time in their histories tonight ... The only team the Bruins have seen more of is Montreal (696 lifetime games) The Bruins' 4-2 loss to Toronto in Boston on Oct. 23 was their last setback prior to their current 11-game home win streak ... 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.

### **Recent Bruins Games**

The Bruins have won their last two games with a home-and-home series victory against Atlanta on Dec. 12 (7-3) and Dec. 13 (4-2). They are 7-1-0 in their last eight games, have won 11 of their last 13 games and are 16-2-1 in their last 19 contests, outscoring their opponents by a 77-37 margin over that span. The Bruins have won their last 11 straight home games dating back to a 4-2 loss to Toronto on Oct. 23, which is their longest home win streak since an 11-game stretch from Dec. 5, 1982-Jan. 29, 1983.

### **Recent Maple Leafs Games**

The Maple Leafs have won their last three games, their longest such stretch of the season, with a 4-2 win vs. NY Islanders on Dec. 8, a 2-1 win in Buffalo on Dec. 12 and a 3-2 shootout victory vs. New Jersey on Dec. 16. They are 5-3-0 in their last eight games following a 0-3-1 winless stretch.

### **Upcoming Bruins Games**

All games are televised on NESN and broadcast on WBZ Radio unless otherwise noted. All start times are Eastern.

The Bruins conclude their current three-game home stand hosting Carolina on Dec. 20 (1:00 p.m.). They will then play the remainder of their December schedule on the road, playing in St. Louis (Dec. 21, 6:00 p.m.), New Jersey (Dec. 23, 7:00 p.m.), Carolina (Dec. 27, 7:00 p.m.), Atlanta (Dec. 28, 5:00 p.m.) and Pittsburgh (Dec. 30, 7:30 p.m.). They will open the New Year hosting Pittsburgh on Jan. 1 (7:00 p.m.).

### **Upcoming Maple Leafs Games**

The Maple Leafs continue their current three-game road trip at Pittsburgh on Dec. 20 and in Atlanta on Dec. 22. They will then return home to host Dallas on Dec. 23.

### **Bruins Injuries**

Andrew Ference: Fractured right tibia suffered Nov. 13 vs. Montreal - on injured reserve.

Petteri Nokelainen: Upper body injury suffered Dec. 12 in Atlanta.

Aaron Ward: Lower body injury suffered Dec. 12 in Atlanta.

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

Nov. 19: Matt Lashoff recalled from Providence/AHL.

Nov. 27: Matt Lashoff returned to Providence/AHL.  
Dec. 1: Johnny Boychuk and Matt Lashoff recalled from Providence/AHL.  
Dec. 7: Johnny Boychuk returned to Providence/AHL.  
Dec. 9: Vladimir Sobotka recalled from Providence/AHL.  
Dec. 13: Martins Karsums recalled from Providence/AHL and returned to Providence/AHL following the game.

#### **2008-09 Overtime (1-0) and Shootouts (2-4):**

Oct. 15: Boston 3 at Montreal 4/SO ... Boston Goal: Tim Thomas ... Montreal Goal: Carey Price  
Boston Shooters: Phil Kessel (No), Patrice Bergeron (No), Michael Ryder (No)  
Montreal Shooters: Andrei Markov (No), Alex Tanguay (Yes)  
Oct. 20: Pittsburgh 2 at Boston 1/SO ... Boston Goal: Tim Thomas ... Pittsburgh Goal: Dany Sabourin  
Boston Shooters: Phil Kessel (Yes), Patrice Bergeron (No), Michael Ryder (No), David Krejci (No), Marc Savard (No)  
Pittsburgh Shooters: Kris Letang (No), Petr Sykora (Yes), Sidney Crosby (No), Miroslav Satan (No), Evgeni Malkin (Yes)  
Oct. 21: Boston 2 at Buffalo 3/SO ... Boston Goal: Manny Fernandez ... Buffalo Goal: Ryan Miller  
Boston Shooters: Phil Kessel (No), Patrice Bergeron (No), David Krejci (Yes), Zdeno Chara (No), Marc Savard (No)  
Buffalo Shooters: Ales Kotalik (No), Drew Stafford (Yes), Derek Roy (No), Jason Pominville (No), Thomas Vanek (Yes)  
*Oct. 27: Boston 1 at Edmonton 0/OT ... Dennis Wideman scored on Dwayne Roloson at 3:18 of OT*  
Nov. 12: Boston 2 at Chicago 1/SO ... Boston Goal: Tim Thomas ... Chicago Goal: Nikolai Khabibulin  
Boston Shooters: Blake Wheeler (Yes), Phil Kessel (No), P. J. Axelsson (Yes)  
Chicago Shooters: Jonathan Toews (No), Patrick Kane (Yes), Dave Bolland (No)  
Nov. 15: Boston 2 at NY Rangers 3/SO ... Boston Goal: Tim Thomas ... New York Goal: Henrik Lundqvist  
Boston Shooters: Blake Wheeler (No), Phil Kessel (No), P. J. Axelsson (No), Patrice Bergeron (No)  
New York Shooters: Nigel Dawes (No), Nikolai Zherdev (No), Fredrik Sjostrom (No), Chris Drury (Yes)  
Nov. 22: Boston 3 at Montreal 2/SO ... Boston Goal: Tim Thomas ... Montreal Goal: Carey Price  
Boston Shooters: Blake Wheeler (Yes), Phil Kessel (No), Patrice Bergeron (No)  
Montreal Shooters: Alexei Kovalev (No), Andrei Markov (No), Saku Koivu (No)

#### **Bruins Fun Facts**

With a 21-5-4 record and 46 points through their first 30 games this season, the Bruins are off to their best 30-game start since the 1973-74 season when they had 47 points on a 22-5-3 record ... Boston's team record at the 29-game mark is 50 points in 1929-30 (25-4-0).

The Bruins have won their last 11 straight home games, their longest such streak since an 11-game span from Dec. 5, 1982-Jan. 29, 1983 and the longest such streak in the league this season.

The Bruins are 6-2-1 in their last nine road contests.

Manny Fernandez is 9-1-1 in his last 11 games with a 1.89 GAA (21 GA in 665 mins) and .931 save percentage (282 of 303 shots) in that span ... That included a seven-game win streak, the longest such streak by a Boston goaltender since Jon Casey in 1993-94, and a nine-game point streak (8-0-1), which was the longest such Bruins streak since John Grahame in 2002-03.

Tim Thomas has a 10-2-1 record with a 1.66 GAA (22 GA in 797 mins) and .946 save percentage (389 of 411 shots) in his last 13 games ... He was named the NHL's Second Star for the week of Oct. 27-Nov. 2 which included consecutive 1-0 shutouts (at Edmonton on Oct. 27 and at Vancouver on Oct. 28) ... He became 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).

Phil Kessel has a career-best 15-game point streak in progress, the longest such streak overall this season, with 12-10=22 totals in that stretch ... It is the longest point streak by a Bruin since Adam Oates registered points in 20 straight games from Jan. 7-Feb. 20, 1997 (7-21=28 totals) ... Kessel has also already tied his career season-high of 19 goals set last season ... Kessel was named the NHL's "First Star" last week with 3-5=8 totals in four games from Dec. 8-14.

David Krejci has five assists in his last two straight games with 5-15=20 totals in 11 of his last 12 games, including the game-winning goal while shorthanded in Tampa on Dec. 4 and a career-high three assists each Dec. 6 in Florida and Dec. 13 vs. Atlanta.

Milan Lucic has a four-game point streak in progress with 3-1=4 totals in that span with 4-7=11 totals in his last 13 games.

Matt Hunwick has four assists in his last two games with 3-9=12 totals in his last 13 games, including a career-high three assists Dec. 12 in Atlanta ... 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.

Mark Stuart has points in consecutive games for just the second time in his career with 2-1=3 totals in his last two games.

Michael Ryder has 3-1=4 totals in his last two games with 7-3=10 in his last eight contests.

Dennis Wideman has 2-6=8 totals in his last seven games played.

Blake Wheeler has 3-5=8 totals in his last eight games.

Marc Savard has 2-16=18 totals in his last 15 contests.

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.

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 on Nov. 6 vs. Toronto.

Of the 24 players on the current Bruins roster (including one player on injured reserve), eight were acquired by the team via trade, nine 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.

Phil Kessel carries the team's longest current iron-man streak into tonight's game at 155 regular season games, dating back to Jan. 9, 2007 at Ottawa. His last regular season game missed was Jan. 6, 2007, the final game of 11 he missed following a testicular cancer diagnosis and surgery.

P. J. Axelsson is two goals short of his 100th NHL/Bruins goal milestone.

Phil Kessel is three points shy of his 100th NHL/Bruins point milestone.

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 six of these series thus far with a 5-0-1 record in the first game of these series and a 5-0-1 mark in the second game of these sets as well.

The Bruins have completed six of their 29 season series ... They are 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; and 1-0-0 vs. Vancouver.

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 on an 11-2-2 record in December of 1978.

## **The Players**

### **6—Dennis Wideman—D**

- Has 2-6=8 totals in six of his last seven games played with a 1-1=2 effort Nov. 28 vs. NY Islanders; single assists each Nov. 29 vs. Detroit and Dec. 6 in Florida; two assists Dec. 8 vs. Tampa Bay; an assist Dec. 12 in Atlanta; and the game-winning goal Dec. 13 vs. Atlanta.
- Has 5-8=13 totals in his last 17 games.
- Has four multiple-point games, all two-point efforts.
- Has missed one game to injury (1-muscle strain, Dec. 4).

### **11—P. J. Axelsson—LW**

- Is two goals shy of his 100th NHL/Bruins goal milestone.
- Has 1-2=3 totals in his last 11 games with single assists each Nov. 21 vs. Florida and Nov. 28 vs. NY Islanders and his first regulation goal of the season Dec. 8 vs. Tampa Bay.
- Scored the deciding shootout goal in the 2-1 victory in Chicago on Nov. 12.
- Took an unsuccessful penalty shot vs. Tampa Bay's Mike Smith on Dec. 8 in Boston ... He is now 0-3 in career penalty shots taken.
- Has missed three games to injury (3-muscle spasms, Oct. 18-21).

### **12—Chuck Kobasew—RW**

- Has 4-4=8 totals in his last 12 games ... Had two goals Nov. 19 vs. Buffalo; single assists each Nov. 21 vs. Florida, Nov. 22 in Montreal and Nov. 26 in Buffalo; single goals each Nov. 28 vs. NY Islanders and Nov. 29 vs. Detroit; and an assist Dec. 6 in Florida.
- Has 4-8=12 totals in his last 17 games.
- Has four multiple-point games.
- Had a six-game point streak from Nov. 19-29 with 4-3=7 totals in that span.
- Played his 300th NHL game Nov. 19 vs. Buffalo.
- Has missed 12 games to injury (12-Leg, Oct. 11-Nov. 6).

### **16–Marco Sturm–LW**

- Has missed the last 12 games with concussion-like symptoms.
- Has 5-3=8 totals in his last nine games with an assist Oct. 28 at Vancouver, two goals Nov. 1 vs. Dallas, two assists Nov. 6 vs. Toronto, a goal Nov. 12 in Chicago and two goals Nov. 13 vs. Montreal.
- Has four multiple-point games, all two-point efforts including two two-goal contests.
- Has missed 12 games to injury (12-concussion-like symptoms, Nov. 19-Dec. 13).

### **17–Milan Lucic–LW**

- Has a four-game point streak in progress with 3-1=4 totals in that span with single goals each Dec. 8 vs. Tampa, Dec. 10 in Washington and Dec. 12 in Atlanta; and an assist Dec. 13 vs. Atlanta.
- Has 4-4=8 totals in his last ten games with 5-7=12 totals in his last 15 games.
- Has two multiple-point games, including his first career hat trick in a career-high 3-1=4 effort Oct. 25 vs. Atlanta.
- Played his 100th NHL/Bruins game Nov. 28 vs. NY Islanders.
- Has set a new season-high in goals with nine and is seven points shy of his season-high of 27 set in his rookie year of 2007-08.

### **18–Stephane Yelle–C**

- Snapped a seven-game scoreless stretch with a goal Dec. 12 in Atlanta.
- 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 missed 14 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 14 games to injury (14-Leg, Nov. 15-Dec. 13).

### **22–Shawn Thornton–LW**

- 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 3-5=8 totals in his last eight games with 1-1=2 totals, including the game-winning goal, Nov. 28 vs. NY Islanders; a goal Nov. 29 vs. Detroit; an assist on the game-winning goal Dec. 4 in Tampa; a 1-1=2 effort Dec. 6 in Florida; and single assists each Dec. 12 in Atlanta and Dec. 13 vs. Atlanta ... Also scored the deciding shootout goal Nov. 22 in Montreal.
- Has four 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 one game with an upper body injury suffered Dec. 12 in Atlanta.
- Recorded his first point of the season with an assist Dec. 12 in Atlanta.
- Has not dressed for eight games (coach's decision).
- Has missed one game to injury (1-upper body, Dec. 13).

### **30–Tim Thomas–G**

- Is 8-1-1 in his last ten games, including wins in each of his last three games with a 3-1 victory in Tampa on Dec. 4, a 5-3 win vs. the Lightning on Dec. 8 and a 7-3 victory in Atlanta on Dec. 12.
- Is 11-2-1 in his last 14 games and has taken points out of 15 of his 18 starts this season at 12-3-3.
- 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.
- With the consecutive 1-0 victories, he became 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).
- 2008-09 Shootouts: 2-3 (5 goals/17 shots).
- 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 12 games.

### **33–Zdeno Chara–D**

- Has 2-2=4 totals in his last five games with an assist Dec. 6 in Florida, a goal Dec. 8 vs. Tampa Bay, an assist Dec. 10 in Washington and a goal Dec. 12 in Atlanta.
- Has 2-4=6 totals in his last eight 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 1-2=3 totals in his last seven games with an assist Nov. 29 vs. Detroit, his first goal of the season scored Dec. 6 in Florida and an assist Dec. 8 vs. Tampa Bay.
- Did not dress Oct. 15 in Montreal (coach's decision).
- Has missed three games to injury (3-lower body, Nov. 6-12).

#### **35—Manny Fernandez—G**

- Is 9-1-1 in his last 11 decisions with a 1.89 GAA and .931 save percentage in that span with his last start a 4-2 win over Atlanta on Dec. 13.
- 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, 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 18 games.

#### **37—Patrice Bergeron—C**

- Has 1-6=7 totals in his last 12 games with two assists Nov. 19 vs. Buffalo, 1-1=2 totals Nov. 21 vs. Florida and single assists each Nov. 29 vs. Detroit, Dec. 6 vs. Tampa Bay and Dec. 12 in Atlanta.
- Has 3-8=11 totals in his last 20 games.
- Has three multiple-point games.
- Reached the 200th NHL/Bruins point milestone with the first of two assists Nov. 19 vs. Buffalo.

#### **44—Aaron Ward—D**

- Has missed five of the last six games with a lower body injury suffered Nov. 29 vs. Detroit.
- Has single assists each in two of his last ten games, Nov. 13 vs. Montreal and Nov. 17 in Toronto.
- Played his 700th NHL game Oct. 15 in Montreal.
- Has missed five games to injury (4-lower body, Dec. 4-10; 1-lower body, Dec. 13)).

#### **45—Mark Stuart—D**

- Has points in consecutive games for just the second time in his career with a career-high two goals last night 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 five assists in his last two straight games with two assists Dec. 12 in Atlanta and three assists Dec. 13 vs. the Thrashers.
- Has 5-15=20 totals in 11 of his last 12 games.
- Has eight multiple-point games, including three three-point nights.
- Had a career-best nine-game point streak from Nov. 19-Dec. 8 with 5-10=15 totals in that span.
- 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 four assists in his last two straight games with a career-high three assists Dec. 12 in Atlanta and an assist Dec. 13 vs. the Thrashers.
- Has 3-11=14 totals in ten of his last 13 games, including a six-game point streak from Nov. 17-28 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 three multiple-point games with his season-high a career-high three assists Dec. 12 in Atlanta.
- Played his first Boston game of the season Oct. 15 in Montreal after his Oct. 14 recall from Providence/AHL where he had two assists in two AHL Bruins games.
- Has not dressed for ten games (coach's decision).

#### **49—Matt Lashoff—D**

- Has played five of the last six games, not dressing Dec. 12 in Atlanta ... Played his first Boston game of the season Dec. 4 in Tampa ... His last NHL points came in a two-assist effort Mar. 25 at Toronto.
- Recalled from Providence/AHL on Dec. 1 for the second time this season ... Had 4-12=16 totals with 23 PIM in 18 AHL Bruins games, ranking third overall among AHL defensemen in scoring.
- Had been recalled to Boston from Nov. 19-27 but was a coach's scratch in three games during that span.
- Has not dressed for four games (coach's decision).

#### **60—Vladimir Sobotka—C**

- Played Dec. 13 vs. Atlanta after not dressing for the previous two games.
- Recalled Dec. 9 from Providence/AHL for his second stint of the season in Boston ... Had 10-11=21 totals in 17 AHL Bruins games at the time of the recall.

- Played five scoreless games in Boston from Oct. 14-Nov. 4 during his first recall and did not dress for five games in that span as well ... His last Boston game was Oct. 23 vs. Toronto and his last NHL points came in a two-assist effort Apr. 4, 2008 at Ottawa.
- Has not dressed for seven games (coach's decision).

### **73—Michael Ryder—RW**

- Has 7-3=10 totals in his last eight games...Had two goals Nov. 28 vs. NY Islanders; two assists Nov. 29 vs. Detroit; single goals each Dec. 6 in Florida (game-winner) and Dec. 8 vs. Tampa Bay; a 1-1=2 night Dec. 12 in Atlanta; and two goals Dec. 13 vs. the Thrashers.
- Has five 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 Minnesota 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.

### **81—Phil Kessel—RW**

- 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 a career-best 15 game point streak in progress with 12-10=22 totals in that span ... Had single assists each Nov. 13 vs. Montreal and Nov. 15 at NY Rangers; a goal Nov. 17 in Toronto; a 1-1=2 effort Nov. 19 vs. Buffalo; a goal Nov. 21 vs. Florida; an assist Nov. 22 in Montreal; a goal Nov. 26 in Buffalo; 1-1=2 totals Nov. 28 vs. NY Islanders; the game-winning goal Nov. 29 vs. Detroit; two goals Dec. 4 in Tampa; a goal Dec. 6 in Florida; a 1-1=2 night Dec. 8 vs. Tampa Bay; an assist Dec. 10 in Washington; a 1-2=3 effort Dec. 12 in Atlanta; and 1-1=2 totals Dec. 13 vs. the Thrashers ... It is the longest such streak in the league this season.
- Had his six-game goal streak stopped Dec. 10 in Washington 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).
- Has seven multiple-point games with his season-high a 2-1=3 effort Oct. 18 in Ottawa.
- Had a three-game goal/point streak from Oct. 18-21 with 4-1=5 totals in that span.

### **91—Marc Savard—C**

- Snapped a three-game scoreless stretch with two assists Dec. 12 in Atlanta.
- Has 2-16=18 totals in his last 15 games with 3-22=25 totals in his last 24 games.
- Has 12 multiple-point games with his season-high a 1-3=4 night Nov. 19 vs. Buffalo.
- Has had two five-game assist/point streaks - from Oct. 25-Nov. 1 (0-6=6 totals) and Nov. 13-21 (2-9=11 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.