THE BOSTON BRUINS WEEK AHEAD
JANUARY 28 – FEBRUARY 3

THIS WEEK’S NEWS, NOTES AND NUMBERS:

CHARA MAKES PLAYER ASSIGNMENTS FOR ALL-STAR SKILLS COMPETITION: After selecting his squad on Thursday at the NHL All-Star Fantasy Draft, Zdeno Chara finalized his skills competition groupings on Friday. Tim Thomas and Tyler Seguin will be participating in the Elimination Shootout while Tyler Seguin was also selected for the Accuracy Competition. Chara will look to win his fifth hardest shot title in a row in the Hardest Shot Competition and he will also participate in the Skills Relay. For the full groupings, visit nhl.com

NHL NEWS FROM ALL-STAR: The NHL announced that the 2013 All-Star Game will be played in Columbus, OH while the 2012 NHL Awards show will take place in Las Vegas for the fourth straight year. This year’s show will be held at the Wynn Hotel in Las Vegas on Wednesday, June 20.

ALL-STAR BROADCAST NOTE:
Saturday, January 28
Skills Competition, 7 p.m. ET (Televised on NBC Sports Network)

Sunday, January 29
NHL All-Star Game, 4 p.m. ET (Televised on NBC Sports Network)

PRACTICE NOTE: The Bruins return from the All-Star Break with a 2 pm practice at the TD Garden in Boston on Monday, January 30. Availability will take place after. Please note that the players participating in the All-Star Game (Chara, Seguin, Thomas) are not expected to be in attendance at the practice.

UPCOMING GAMES: The Bruins return from the All-Star Break with three home games against Eastern Conference opponents. First up is Ottawa on Tuesday, January 31. The Sens currently rank second in the Northeast Division, four points behind the Bruins, although the Bruins have five games in hand. The Carolina Hurricanes visit Boston on Thursday, February 2. Despite being tied for the fewest points in the Eastern Conference, the Canes have defeated Boston in all three prior meetings this season. The three game homestand closes out with a matinee tilt against the Penguins on Saturday, February 4. Pittsburgh surged into the All-Star Break, having won seven in a row.

Jack Edwards and Andy Brickley will call all three games next week on NESN while the tandem of Dave Goucher and Bob Beers will handle the radio duties on 98.5 The Sports Hub. Start times for the games are as follows:

1/31 vs. OTT, 7:00 p.m. ET
2/2 vs. CAR, 7:00 p.m. ET
2/4 vs. PIT, 1:00 p.m. ET

FERENCE SUSPENSION: Bruins defenseman Andrew Ference will be eligible to return to the Bruins lineup on Thursday, February 2 following his three game suspension. He has served two games thus far (at Philadelphia and at Washington).

109 AND COUNTING: Including the Bruins/Rangers game on Saturday, January 21 the Bruins have now sold out their last 109 home games at the TD Garden, including regular season and playoffs. This sellout streak began more than two years ago on December 5, 2009 against the Toronto Maple Leafs. The last game the Bruins did

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not have 17,565 in attendance at the Garden was on Wednesday, December 2, 2009 when they hosted the Tampa Bay Lightning (16,553).

CASINO NIGHT: The Boston Bruins Foundation will host the second "Boston Bruins Casino Night" on Sunday, February 12, from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at The State Room (60 State Street, Boston, MA 02109). Bruins fans will have the opportunity to purchase tickets to play a variety of casino games with their favorite Bruins players. To purchase tickets or for additional information, email foundationevents@bostonbruins.com or call 617-624-1981.

BOSTON MEDIA TWEET OF THE WEEK: Between suspensions, the White House visit and the All-Star Game there were some solid topics of conversation in the Boston media Twittersphere this week. WCVB's Scott Isaacs emerged from the pack and picks up his second TOTW of the season, which came during the wait for the Tim Thomas statement regarding the White House visit on Facebook:

@ScottIsaacs: “No way this Thomas FB statement comes before 6:30. Waiting so long I'm now locked in a chat with my mother. Apparently I don't call enough”

And here are this week’s Honorable Mentions, in no particular order:

@TheBruinsBlog: “Roberto Luongo says it would have been easier for him to make it to the White House.”

@TheBruinsBlog: “Brendan Shanahan suspended Ovechkin 3 games today. He also thanked Tim Thomas for the smokescreen #Bruins #Caps”

@GlobeFluto: “#Bruins visiting White House. Nathan Horton, Tyler Seguin, Rich Peverley, Shawn Thornton not welcome. #rightwingconspiracy”

@GlobeFluto: “State of the Union tonight. Secret Service standing down. Cupcake after watching over Bruins.”

@DJ_Bean commenting on the delay on the Ference suspension: “Shanahan knows he can't retroactively suspend someone, right? #theresagamein90minutes”

2011-12 BOSTON MEDIA TWEET OF THE WEEK LEADERBOARD
@GlobeFluto (Fluto Shinzawa, Boston Globe), 3 (Week 4, Week 5, Week 10)
@TheBruinsBlog (Matt Kalman, TheBruinsBlog), 3 (Week 3, Week 8, Week 11)
@douglasflynn (Doug Flynn, NESN.com), 3 (Week 6, Week 14, Week 15)
@DJ_Bean (DJ Bean, WEEI.com), 2 (Week 2, Week 13)
@ScottIsaacs (Scott Isaacs, WCVB), 2 (Week 1, Week 16)
@_TyAnderson (Ty Anderson, HockeyBuzz.com), 1 (Week 7)
@JesseNEHJ (Jesse Connolly, New England Hockey Journal), 1 (Week 9)
@RealJackEdwards (Jack Edwards, NESN), 1 (Week 12)

LAST BRUINS PROSPECT REPORT SENT OUT: Tuesday, January 17, 2012
NEXT BRUINS PROSPECT REPORT SENT OUT: Wednesday, February 1, 2012

PREVIOUS PROSPECT REPORT SUMMARY: The Bruins Communications Staff sent out their fifth edition of the Boston Bruins Prospect Report on January 17. It can be viewed online at BostonBruins.com and on the Bruins Media Website. In addition to notes on all players in the Bruins system and features on Craig Cunningham and Tommy Cross, here are some of the other Prospect Report’s highlights (stats current as of 1/16/12):

CAMPER NAMED AHL ALL STAR: Providence forward Carter Camper was the lone P-Bruin selected to represent his team at the AHL All-Star game on January 29th in Atlantic City, NJ. Camper is currently the leading scorer for the P-Bruins, tallying 23 points on the season. He scored his 9th goal of the season on the power play
in a 4-1 winning effort vs. the Pirates on January 6th. Camper was signed by the Bruins as a free agent on April 7, 2011.

RIENDEAU BACK IN PROVIDENCE, CONTRIBUTES: In his second appearance in Providence after being recalled on January 14, Yannick Riendeau notched two goals on January 15th in Sunday’s contest against Springfield. Before his recall, Riendeau had racked up a ten-game point streak in Reading.

SPOONER DEALT TO SARNIA: Center Ryan Spooner was traded by the Kingston Frontenacs to the Sarnia Sting on January 5th for the Sting’s top draft pick last May, 16-year-old center Ryan Kujawinski. In his first game with his new club, Spooner collected two goals and one assist in a January 6 win for Sarnia over the Erie Otters. Then, in a rematch against his former Frontenacs on January 14th, Spooner and the Sting secured a 4-1 victory. Spooner himself tallied one point on the night, assisting on Sarnia’s third goal.

GOTHBERG NAMED USHL GOALIE OF THE WEEK ON 1/16: Zane Gothberg of the Fargo Force posted a 1.50 goals-against-average and .940 save percentage to lead the Force to a pair of victories over Tri-City during the weekend of 1/14 and was named the league’s Goalie of the Week. He stopped 23 shots in Friday’s 8-1 victory and then made 24 saves in the 4-2 win on Saturday. Gothberg has started each game during the current six-game win streak for the Force, posting a 1.65 GAA and .937 SV% over that span. The 19-year-old from Thief River Falls, Minnesota has won nine of his last ten starts and is currently ranked fourth among USHL goaltenders with a 2.52 GAA and fifth with a .912 SV%.

CHUDINOV EARNS ALL-STAR NOD: Maxim Chudinov was named to the KHL’s All-Star game, which will be played on January 21 in Riga, Latvia. Chudinov has been climbing the KHL’s rankings for the past several weeks. As of January 16th, Chudinov is in a 3-way tie for 2nd place for points among defensemen with 29 on the season. He is also tied for 3rd place in assists (20) and ranks 4th in the KHL in goals among defensemen (9).

MEDIA AND FAN INFO LINE: The Boston Bruins Media and Fan Information Line (617.624.1910) has been experiencing intermittent problems. We apologize for the inconvenience. The practice and availability schedules can always be confirmed on the Media Website.

OFF THE ICE:

SAVVY’S SUITE: Starting Thursday, January 12 through the end of the 2013-14 Bruins season, B’s forward Marc Savard will host a luxury suite at the TD Garden for pediatric patients at Children’s Hospital Boston with a focus on children suffering from the effects of head trauma from both a medical and psychological standpoint.

BOSTON BRUINS ICE GIRLS: BostonBruins.com launched a revamped version of their Ice Girl homepage that now includes animated bios and video. Fans can check out the new features and this year’s Ice Girl squad on BostonBruins.com.

FULL 60 TO HISTORY: The Bruins official championship season commemorative book Full 60 to History: The Inside Story of the 2011 Stanley Cup Champion Boston Bruins is on sale now in the Bruins Proshop, select AT&T retail stores throughout New England and on BostonBruins.com/full60. Full 60 to History gives readers unprecedented behind-the-scenes access into the Bruins championship season. Check out a preview on bostonbruins.com/full60.

CROSS INSURANCE BECOMES FIRST PRACTICE PARTNER: The Boston Bruins announced on October 4 that Cross Insurance will be the first partner of the Bruins practice jerseys. In addition to the practice jerseys Cross Insurance will have a visible presence at the Bruins primary practice facility at Ristuccia Arena in Wilmington, MA.
UPCOMING PRACTICE SCHEDULE AND MEDIA AVAILABILITY
-(Ristuccia Arena, 190 Main Street, Wilmington, MA 01887) (TD Garden, 100 Legends Way, Boston, MA 02114)
-Schedule is subject to change. Please check the Bruins Media Website for the latest updates
-All times are local
-Practices at the TD Garden are closed to the public. Practices at Ristuccia Arena are open to the public.

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Sunday, January 29
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-NHL All-Star Game, 4 p.m. ET (Televised on NBC Sports Network)

Monday, January 30 (Boston, MA)
-Practice at TD Garden, 2:00 p.m. (100 Legends Way, Boston, MA 02114)
-Players available after practice
-Claude Julien available after players

Tuesday, January 31 (Boston, MA)
-Morning Skate, TD Garden, 10:30 a.m. (100 Legends Way, Boston, MA 02114)
-Players available after morning skate
-Claude Julien available after players
-Bruins vs. Ottawa Senators, TD Garden, 7:00 p.m.
-Game Broadcast Info: LOCAL TV: NESN (HD) RADIO: 98.5 The Sports Hub

Wednesday, February 1 (Wilmington, MA)
-Practice at Ristuccia Arena, 11:30 a.m. (190 Main Street, Wilmington, MA 01887)
-Players available after practice
-Claude Julien available after players

Thursday, February 2 (Boston, MA)
-Morning Skate, TD Garden, 10:30 a.m. (100 Legends Way, Boston, MA 02114)
-Players available after morning skate
-Claude Julien available after players
-Bruins vs. Carolina Hurricanes, TD Garden, 7:00 p.m.
-Game Broadcast Info: LOCAL TV: NESN (HD) RADIO: 98.5 The Sports Hub

Friday, February 3 (Wilmington, MA)
-Practice at Ristuccia Arena, 11:30 a.m. (190 Main Street, Wilmington, MA 01887)
-Players available after practice
-Claude Julien available after players
AROUND TOWN:
WHAT: BRUINS FIFTH ANNUAL “PJ DRIVE” PRESENTED BY AT&T
Beginning Tuesday, February 1, the Boston Bruins, Cradles to Crayons and AT&T are teaming up to host the Fifth Annual PJ Drive for Massachusetts’ children in need. Throughout the month of February, Bruins’ fans, families, schools and corporations are encouraged to donate new, unused pajamas for underprivileged children statewide. Fans can drop off pajamas at 77 AT&T retail store locations throughout New England. This year, AT&T is offering fans the chance to text a $5 donation to help support the Bruins PJ Drive. Fans can text PJ to 27722 and be automatically entered to win a chance to shop for PJ’s with a Boston Bruins player in February. Texting contest ends February 5, 2012. On Saturday, February 11, Boston Bruins will be hosting their in-game collection during the Bruins/Predators game at 1:00 p.m. In addition to helping children in need, fans choosing to participate will receive a raffle ticket for each pair of pajamas donated for the chance to win Boston Bruins team autographed memorabilia.
WHEN: Collection begins Tuesday, February 1; Texting contest ends Sunday, February 5; In-game collection will take place on Sunday, February 11
WHERE: At select AT&T retail store locations throughout New England. Visit www.bostonbruins.com for the list of locations and the TD Garden, 100 Legends Way, Boston, MA 02114

WHAT: CASINO NIGHT
The Boston Bruins Foundation will host the second “Boston Bruins Casino Night” on Sunday, February 12 from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Bruins fans will have the opportunity to purchase tickets to play Craps, Double Roulette, Blackjack, Texas Hold ‘Em, and Wheel of Fortune with their favorite Bruins players including Zdeno Chara, Patrice Bergeron, Nathan Horton, Milan Lucic, Tim Thomas and the rest of the 2011 –12 team. Fans can choose between two ticket options: VIP or General Admission. The $250 VIP ticket guarantees fans early entry into the player lounge before doors open to the General Admission ticket holders and the opportunity to interact with the players in an intimate setting at 5:00 p.m. The General Admission ticket, which costs $150, provides admittance into the party at 6:00 p.m. where fans can gamble at the tables hosted by current players. To purchase tickets or for additional information, Bruins fans should email foundationevents@bostonbruins.com or call 617-624-1981.
WHEN: Sunday, February 12 from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
WHERE: The State Room, 60 State Street, Boston, MA 02109
BRUINS PARTICIPATING: The 2011-12 Boston Bruins roster
BRUINS STATISTICAL LEADERS (as of Friday, January 27)

Goals
1. T. Seguin, 19
T2. N. Horton, 17
T2. M. Lucic, 17
T2. B. Marchand, 17
5. P. Bergeron, 15

Assists
1. P. Bergeron, 28
2. D. Krejci, 27
3. R. Peverley, 25
4. T. Seguin, 24
T5. Z. Chara and M. Lucic, 20

Points
T1. T. Seguin, 43
T2. P. Bergeron, 43
3. D. Krejci, 38
4. M. Lucic, 37
5. B. Marchand, 34

Plus/Minus
1. T. Seguin, +34
2. P. Bergeron, +27
3. Z. Chara, +26
4. B. Marchand, +25
5. J. Boychuk, +24

Penalty Minutes
1. S. Thornton, 90
2. M. Lucic, 88
3. B. Marchand, 75
4. G. Campbell, 56
5. Z. Chara, 55

BRUINS 2011-12 STARS:
Zdeno Chara, Tim Thomas, Tyler Seguin, NHL All-Stars
Zdeno Chara, NHL All-Star Captain
Claude Julien, Doug Houda, Doug Jarvis, Geoff Ward, NHL All-Star Coaching Staff of Team Chara
Brad Marchand, First Star of the Week (Week ending December 25)
Tim Thomas, First Star of the Month (November)
Tyler Seguin, First Star of the Week (Week ending November 13)

The 2011-2012 Boston Bruins season is presented by the Massachusetts State Lottery. Fans interested in learning more about Boston Bruins players, or ticket options, should visit the team website at www.bostonbruins.com or call 617.624.BEAR (2327).

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