

How Are The B's?
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The 2021-2022 NHL season has been a roller coaster. From the start of things it looked like the NHL fans were going to get a normal season again. Then, at the beginning of December, COVID-19 threw another curveball to the world. Cases went way up compared to the spring, summer, and fall months. It is flu season and normally we do see more people get sick than usual around this time. However for sports, more and more players were getting added to the health and safety protocols to the point where games were getting postponed. In the middle of December, the NHL decided to put a halt on the season for a couple weeks in spite of the rise in cases. The Bruins are set to play their first game tomorrow against the Buffalo Sabres. How have the B's done to this point.

At this point in the season, the Boston Bruins are 5th in the Atlantic Division, 11th in the Eastern Conference with 30 points at 14 wins, 10 losses, and 2 overtime losses. The Bruins have played much less games this season compared to all the other teams. As a matter of fact, the B's have played the least amount of games in the Eastern Conference at 26 games compared to most of the teams around the 30 game mark or over 30 games. The Bruins have plenty of time to turn it around and have more games compared to the other teams and the Bruins will need to take advantage of that opportunity.

Before the pause in the season, the Bruins were not looking like the normal Boston Bruins team. They looked slow on the ice and the goaltending does not look as sharp as we have seen in the past. There have been reports that Tuukka Rask is coming back to the Boston Bruins and it is a done deal. Tuukka is expected to be back in uniform and in the net by mid January-end of January. Linus Ullmark has been decent and Jeremy Swayman has had a down year, so maybe Tuukka back could bring a spark to this team and give them an elite talent in between the bars. This can also give Swayman the chance to have a veteran goalie guide him down his path and help elevate his game to the next level. This would do the same for Linus Ullmark who is only 27 years old.

This small break might have been a good thing for the Bruins. It is a reset to get things together as a team, and to figure everyone's game out. As you know there are plenty of new faces on the team this year and teammates are still getting to know each other's game and are trying to find a match with each other. There is plenty of time for the Bruins to turn it around and fans should still feel good about this team heading forward.

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