



2019 Bridgestone NHL Winter Classic – Blackhawks vs. Bruins

# POSTGAME NOTES



## 2019 BRIDGESTONE NHL WINTER CLASSIC BOSTON BRUINS 4 at CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS 2 NOTRE DAME STADIUM, SOUTH BEND, IND. – JAN. 1, 2019

### KURALY, BRUINS RALLY FOR WINTER CLASSIC VICTORY

Dublin, Ohio, native **Sean Kuraly** scored the tiebreaking goal with 9:40 remaining in regulation to help the Bruins rally from a pair of one-goal deficits and defeat the Blackhawks in front of a sell-out crowd of 76,126 in the *2019 Bridgestone NHL Winter Classic* at Notre Dame Stadium in South Bend, Ind.

Kuraly, who scored the overtime winner in Boston's final outing of 2018 (Dec. 29 at BUF), became the first Bruins player to register a *tiebreaking*, winning goal in consecutive team games since **Brad Marchand** did so in three straight contests from March 3-8, 2018.

Kuraly now has three game-winning goals in the regular season (122 GP) as well as one in the playoffs (16 GP) – that was scored in double-overtime of Game 5 in the 2017 First Round at OTT (2-0—2).

Kuraly has recorded three goals in his past five outings after totaling one through his first 34 games of 2018-19.

With the victory, the Bruins (22-14-4, 48 points) – who started the day on the outside of the playoff picture – leapfrogged the idle Sabres (21-13-6, 48 points) and Canadiens (21-14-5, 47 points) to move into third place in the Atlantic Division.

### COMEBACK TREND CONTINUES IN OUTDOOR GAMES, 2018-19

The Bruins staged the 12th comeback victory in the NHL's 26 regular-season outdoor games (46.2%). They also overcame a deficit in their other outdoor win, rallying from a 1-0 hole to defeat the Philadelphia Flyers 2-1 in overtime in the *2010 Bridgestone NHL Winter Classic* at Fenway Park.

Overall, 275 of the 612 games contested thus far in the 2018-19 season (44.9%) have seen a team overcome a deficit of at least one goal to win.

### RASK, PASTRNAK HIT MILESTONES IN BRUINS' WIN

\* Playing in his 469th NHL game (all w/ BOS), **Tuukka Rask** made 36 saves to earn his first outdoor win (1-1-0) and surpass **Tiny Thompson** (468) for the most regular-season appearances by a goaltender in Bruins history. Rask's 248 career wins rank second in franchise history behind Thompson (252).

\* **David Pastrnak** posted 1-1—2 in his outdoor game debut, raising his season totals to 24-26—50 in 40 outings. He became the first Boston player to reach the 50-point milestone within the team's first 40 games of a season since 2006-07, when **Marc Savard** hit the number in the Bruins' 39th contest (14-38—52). Pastrnak's 24 goals are tied for fourth in the NHL this season, behind only **Alex Ovechkin** (29), **John Tavares** (26) and **Jeff Skinner** (26).

### WINTER CLASSIC QUICK HITS

\* The Bruins improved to 267-239-83 (617 points) in their 589 regular-season meetings with the Blackhawks, who fell to 243-265-81 (567 points) in the head-to-head series. The teams face off one more time in 2018-19, on Feb. 12 at TD Garden.

\* Blackhawks teammates **Patrick Kane**, **Duncan Keith**, **Brent Seabrook** and **Jonathan Toews** each appeared in their sixth regular-season outdoor NHL game (all w/ CHI), the most in League history.

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\* Twelve Blackhawks players appeared in their first outdoor NHL game, including goaltender **Cam Ward** (32 SV), who was playing in his 686th regular-season contest. Eleven Bruins players made their outdoor game debuts. (Numbers do not include backup goaltenders **Collin Delia** and **Jaroslav Halak**, who dressed but did not play).

\* With an assist on **Dominik Kahun's** second-period goal, Blackhawks captain **Jonathan Toews** (2-5—7 in 6 GP) tied **Henrik Zetterberg** (0-7—7 in 4 GP) for the most points in outdoor NHL game history. Toews' five assists in outdoor games rank second only to Zetterberg's seven.

\* The Bruins improved to 2-1-0 in their three outdoor game appearances; **Patrice Bergeron** (1-1—2) and **Zdeno Chara** have played in all three games with Boston. The Blackhawks fell to 1-5-0 in their six outdoor contests.

### NOTRE DAME STADIUM SEES SECOND-HIGHEST NHL CROWD

The sellout crowd of 76,126 for the 2019 Bridgestone NHL Winter Classic marked the second-largest crowd for an NHL game, behind only the 2014 Bridgestone NHL Winter Classic at Michigan Stadium in Ann Arbor, Mich.

The League's 26 regular-season outdoor games have drawn total attendance of 1,389,739 – an average of 53,452 per game.

DATE	OUTDOOR GAME	HOST CITY	HOST VENUE	ATTENDANCE
Jan. 1, 2014	Winter Classic	Ann Arbor, Mich.	Michigan Stadium	105,491
<b>Jan. 1, 2019</b>	<b>Winter Classic</b>	<b>Notre Dame, Ind.</b>	<b>Notre Dame Stadium</b>	<b>76,126</b>
Jan. 1, 2008	Winter Classic	Orchard Park, N.Y.	Ralph Wilson Stadium	71,217
Feb. 21, 2015	Stadium Series	Santa Clara, Calif.	Levi's Stadium	70,205
Jan. 1, 2011	Winter Classic	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Heinz Field	68,111
Feb. 25, 2017	Stadium Series	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Heinz Field	67,318
Jan. 1, 2016	Winter Classic	Foxborough, Mass.	Gillette Stadium	67,246
March 1, 2014	Stadium Series	Chicago, Ill.	Soldier Field	62,921
Nov. 22, 2003	Heritage Classic	Edmonton, Alta.	Commonwealth Stadium	57,167
March 2, 2014	Heritage Classic	Vancouver, B.C.	BC Place	54,194
Jan. 25, 2014	Stadium Series	Los Angeles, Calif.	Dodger Stadium	54,099
Feb. 21, 2016	Stadium Series	Minneapolis, Minn.	TCF Bank Stadium	50,426
Jan. 26, 2014	Stadium Series	New York, N.Y.	Yankee Stadium	50,105
Feb. 27, 2016	Stadium Series	Denver, Colo.	Coors Field	50,095
Jan. 29, 2014	Stadium Series	New York, N.Y.	Yankee Stadium	50,027
Jan. 2, 2012	Winter Classic	Philadelphia, Pa.	Citizens Bank Park	46,967
Jan. 2, 2017	Winter Classic	St. Louis, Mo.	Busch Stadium	46,556
Jan. 1, 2015	Winter Classic	Washington, D.C.	Nationals Park	42,832
Jan. 1, 2018	Winter Classic	New York, N.Y.	Citi Field	41,821
Feb. 20, 2011	Heritage Classic	Calgary, Alta.	McMahon Stadium	41,022
Jan. 1, 2009	Winter Classic	Chicago, Ill.	Wrigley Field	40,818
Jan. 1, 2017	Centennial Classic	Toronto, Ont.	Exhibition Stadium	40,148
Jan. 1, 2010	Winter Classic	Boston, Mass.	Fenway Park	38,112
Dec. 16, 2017	NHL100 Classic	Ottawa, Ont.	Lansdowne Park	33,959
Oct. 23, 2016	Heritage Classic	Winnipeg, Man.	Investors Group Field	33,240
March 3, 2018	Stadium Series	Annapolis, Md.	Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium	29,516
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>1,389,739</b>

### OUTDOOR GAME NOTES AND TRENDS

\* The NHL staged its 26th regular-season outdoor game and 11th Winter Classic. There also have been nine Stadium Series, four Heritage Classics, one Centennial Classic and one NHL100 Classic.

\* This marked the 15th outdoor game at a football stadium. There also have been 10 hosted by baseball parks and one staged in a soccer stadium.

\* Road teams improved to 16-8-2 in the League's 26 regular-season outdoor games. Home clubs fell to 10-13-3.

\* Teams that score first dropped to 15-8-3 in the NHL's 26 regular-season outdoor games.

**NHL PLAYS RARE GAME IN INDIANA . . .**

The NHL returned to Indiana for its sixth regular-season game in the state – and first since 1992. The Blackhawks have played in all six such contests, including a 3-2 loss to the Bruins on Jan. 21, 1954, at the Indiana State Fairgrounds Coliseum in Indianapolis.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Score</b>
Dec. 6, 1952	Indiana State Fairgrounds Coliseum	Indianapolis	<a href="#">Detroit 2, Chicago 0</a>
Dec. 18, 1953	Indiana State Fairgrounds Coliseum	Indianapolis	<a href="#">Detroit 3, Chicago 1</a>
Jan. 21, 1954	Indiana State Fairgrounds Coliseum	Indianapolis	<a href="#">Boston 3, Chicago 2</a>
Feb. 19, 1954	Indiana State Fairgrounds Coliseum	Indianapolis	<a href="#">NY Rangers 3, Chicago 0</a>
Nov. 3, 1992	Market Square Arena	Indianapolis	<a href="#">Washington 4, Chicago 1</a>
Jan. 1, 2019	Notre Dame Stadium	South Bend	<a href="#">Boston 4, Chicago 2</a>

**. . . UNVEILS 2019-20 SLATE OF EVENTS**

The NHL announced the locations and dates for its 2019-20 outdoor games and All-Star Game:

**2019 Tim Hortons NHL Heritage Classic**

Calgary Flames vs. Winnipeg Jets  
Oct. 26, 2019  
Mosaic Stadium  
Regina, Sask.

**2020 Honda NHL All-Star Weekend**

Jan. 24-26, 2020  
Enterprise Center  
St. Louis, Mo.

**2020 Bridgestone NHL Winter Classic**

Dallas Stars vs. TBD  
Jan. 1, 2020  
Cotton Bowl Stadium  
Dallas, Texas

**2020 NHL Stadium Series**

Colorado Avalanche vs. TBD  
Feb. 15, 2020  
U.S. Air Force Academy's Falcon Stadium  
Colorado Springs, Colo.

**TEAM-BY-TEAM RECORDS IN OUTDOOR NHL GAMES**

<b>TEAM</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>GAMES PLAYED IN</b>
Anaheim Ducks	1	1	0	0	2014 SS-LA
<b>Boston Bruins</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2010 WC, 2016 WC, 2019 WC</b>
Buffalo Sabres	2	0	0	2	2008 WC, 2018 WC
Calgary Flames	1	1	0	0	2011 HC
<b>Chicago Blackhawks</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2009 WC, 2014 SS-CHI, 2015 WC, 2016 SS-MIN, 2017 WC, 2019 WC</b>
Colorado Avalanche	1	0	1	0	2016 SS-COL
Detroit Red Wings	4	2	0	2	2009 WC, 2014 WC, 2016 SS-COL, 2017 CC
Edmonton Oilers	2	1	1	0	2003 HC, 2016 HC
Los Angeles Kings	2	1	1	0	2014 SS-LA, 2015 SS
Minnesota Wild	1	1	0	0	2016 SS-MIN
Montreal Canadiens	4	2	2	0	2003 HC, 2011 HC, 2016 WC, 2017 NC
New Jersey Devils	1	0	1	0	2014 SS-NY
New York Islanders	1	0	1	0	2014 SS-NY
New York Rangers	4	4	0	0	2012 WC, 2014 SS-NY (2 GP), 2018 WC
Ottawa Senators	2	2	0	0	2014 HC, 2017 NC
Philadelphia Flyers	3	0	2	1	2010 WC, 2012 WC, 2017 SS
Pittsburgh Penguins	4	2	2	0	2008 WC, 2011 WC, 2014 SS-CHI, 2017 SS
San Jose Sharks	1	0	1	0	2015 SS
St. Louis Blues	1	1	0	0	2017 WC
Toronto Maple Leafs	3	2	1	0	2014 WC, 2017 CC, 2018 SS
Vancouver Canucks	1	0	1	0	2014 HC
Washington Capitals	3	3	0	0	2011 WC, 2015 WC, 2018 SS
Winnipeg Jets	1	0	1	0	2016 HC

## RESULTS, WEATHER AND ATTENDANCE FOR OUTDOOR NHL GAMES

### **2003 Molson Canadian NHL Heritage Classic**

Nov. 22, 2003  
Commonwealth Stadium, Edmonton, Alta.  
Montreal Canadiens 4 at Edmonton Oilers 3  
Weather at Puck Drop: 0°F/-18°C, clear, severe wind chill  
Attendance: 57,167

### **2008 Amp Energy NHL Winter Classic**

Jan. 1, 2008  
Ralph Wilson Stadium, Orchard Park, N.Y.  
Pittsburgh Penguins 2 at Buffalo Sabres 1 (SO)  
Weather at Puck Drop: 33°F/1°C, flurries  
Attendance: 71,217

### **2009 Bridgestone NHL Winter Classic**

Jan. 1, 2009  
Wrigley Field, Chicago, Ill.  
Detroit Red Wings 6 at Chicago Blackhawks 4  
Weather at Puck Drop: 32°F/0°C, overcast, swirling wind  
Attendance: 40,818

### **2010 Bridgestone NHL Winter Classic**

Jan. 1, 2010  
Fenway Park, Boston, Mass.  
Philadelphia Flyers 1 at Boston Bruins 2 (OT)  
Weather at Puck Drop: 35°F/2°C, overcast  
Attendance: 38,112

### **2011 Bridgestone NHL Winter Classic**

Jan. 1, 2011  
Heinz Field, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Washington Capitals 3 at Pittsburgh Penguins 1  
Weather at Puck Drop: 50°F/10°C, overcast, light rain  
Attendance: 68,111

### **2011 Tim Hortons NHL Heritage Classic**

Feb. 20, 2011  
McMahon Stadium, Calgary, Alta.  
Montreal Canadiens 0 at Calgary Flames 4  
Weather at Puck Drop: 18°F/-8°C, clear, wind  
Attendance: 41,022

### **2012 Bridgestone NHL Winter Classic**

Jan. 2, 2012  
Citizens Bank Park, Philadelphia, Pa.  
New York Rangers 3 at Philadelphia Flyers 2  
Weather at Puck Drop: 41°F/5°C, partly cloudy  
Attendance: 46,967

### **2014 Bridgestone NHL Winter Classic**

Jan. 1, 2014  
Michigan Stadium, Ann Arbor, Mich.  
Toronto Maple Leafs 3 at Detroit Red Wings 2 (SO)  
Weather at Puck Drop: 13°F/-11°C, snow, swirling wind  
Attendance: 105,491

### **2014 Coors Light NHL Stadium Series**

Jan. 25, 2014  
Dodger Stadium, Los Angeles, Calif.  
Anaheim Ducks 3 at Los Angeles Kings 0  
Weather at Puck Drop: 62°F/17°C, clear  
Attendance: 54,099

### **2014 Coors Light NHL Stadium Series**

Jan. 26, 2014  
Yankee Stadium, New York, N.Y.  
New York Rangers 7 at New Jersey Devils 3  
Weather at Puck Drop: 25°F/-4°C, partly cloudy  
Attendance: 50,105

### **2014 Coors Light NHL Stadium Series**

Jan. 29, 2014  
Yankee Stadium, New York, N.Y.  
New York Rangers 2 at New York Islanders 1  
Weather at Puck Drop: 22°F/-6°C, clear  
Attendance: 50,027

### **2014 Coors Light NHL Stadium Series**

March 1, 2014  
Soldier Field, Chicago, Ill.  
Pittsburgh Penguins 1 at Chicago Blackhawks 5  
Weather at Puck Drop: 17°F/-8°C, snow, swirling wind  
Attendance: 62,921

### **2014 Tim Hortons NHL Heritage Classic**

March 2, 2014  
BC Place, Vancouver, B.C.  
Ottawa Senators 4 at Vancouver Canucks 2  
Weather at Puck Drop: 37°F/3°C\*  
Attendance: 54,194  
*\* Venue's roof was closed due to rain*

### **2015 Bridgestone NHL Winter Classic**

Jan. 1, 2015  
Nationals Park, Washington, D.C.  
Chicago Blackhawks 2 at Washington Capitals 3  
Weather at Puck Drop: 43°F/6°C, sunny  
Attendance: 42,832

### **2015 Coors Light NHL Stadium Series**

Feb. 21, 2015  
Levi's Stadium, Santa Clara, Calif.  
Los Angeles Kings 2 at San Jose Sharks 1  
Weather at Puck Drop: 57°F/14°C, fair  
Attendance: 70,205

### **2016 Bridgestone NHL Winter Classic**

Jan. 1, 2016  
Gillette Stadium, Foxborough, Mass.  
Montreal Canadiens 5 at Boston Bruins 1  
Weather at Puck Drop: 41°F/5°C, cloudy, light winds  
Attendance: 67,246

**2016 Coors Light NHL Stadium Series**

Feb. 21, 2016  
TCF Bank Stadium, Minneapolis, Minn.  
Chicago Blackhawks 1 at Minnesota Wild 6  
Weather at Puck Drop: 35°F/2°C, cloudy  
Attendance: 50,426

**2016 Coors Light NHL Stadium Series**

Feb. 27, 2016  
Coors Field, Denver, Colo.  
Detroit Red Wings 5 at Colorado Avalanche 3  
Weather at Puck Drop: 65°F/18°C, clear  
Attendance: 50,095

**2016 Tim Hortons NHL Heritage Classic**

Oct. 23, 2016  
Investors Group Field, Winnipeg, Man.  
Edmonton Oilers 3 at Winnipeg Jets 0  
Weather at Puck Drop: 50°F/10°C, sunny  
Attendance: 33,240

**2017 Scotiabank NHL Centennial Classic**

Jan. 1, 2017  
Exhibition Stadium, Toronto, Ont.  
Detroit Red Wings 4 at Toronto Maple Leafs 5 (OT)  
Weather at Puck Drop: 37°F/3°C, sunny  
Attendance: 40,148

**2017 Bridgestone NHL Winter Classic**

Jan. 2, 2017  
Busch Stadium, St. Louis, Mo.  
Chicago Blackhawks 1 at St. Louis Blues 4  
Weather at Puck Drop: 46°F/8°C, mist  
Attendance: 46,556

**2017 Coors Light NHL Stadium Series**

Feb. 25, 2017  
Heinz Field, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Philadelphia Flyers 2 at Pittsburgh Penguins 4  
Weather at Puck Drop: 36°F/2°C, windy  
Attendance: 67,318

**2017 Scotiabank NHL100 Classic**

Dec. 16, 2017  
Lansdowne Park, Ottawa, Ont.  
Montreal Canadiens 0 at Ottawa Senators 3  
Weather at Puck Drop: 13°F/-11°C, windy  
Attendance: 33,959

**2018 Bridgestone NHL Winter Classic**

Jan. 1, 2018  
Citi Field, New York, N.Y.  
New York Rangers 3 at Buffalo Sabres 2 (OT)  
Weather at Puck Drop: 21°F/-6°C, sunny, windy  
Attendance: 41,821

**2018 Coors Light NHL Stadium Series**

March 3, 2018  
Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium, Annapolis, Md.  
Toronto Maple Leafs 2 at Washington Capitals 5  
Weather at Puck Drop: 42°F/6°C, windy  
Attendance: 29,516

**2019 Bridgestone NHL Winter Classic**

Jan. 1, 2019  
Notre Dame Stadium, South Bend, Ind.  
Boston Bruins 4 at Chicago Blackhawks 2  
Weather at Puck Drop: 35.5°F/1.9°C, cloudy  
Attendance: 76,126