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Standings

Boston Bruins								League	
Season	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	Rank	PlyOff	
2021-22	51	26	5	107	253	218	10	Yes	
2022-23	65	12	5	135	301	174	1	Yes	
Change	+14	-14	+0	+28	+48	+44	+9	·	

Team Record by Game Type

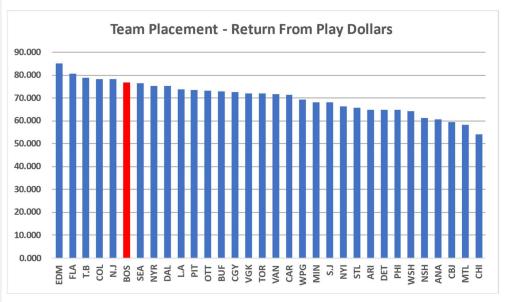
Game Type	GP	Record	Point %
Best 10-Game Streak	10	10 - 0 - 0	1.000
Blowouts (More than 4-goal margin)	6	6 - 0 - 0	1.000
2-Goal Margin	20	18 - 2 - 0	0.900
Home Games	41	34 - 4 - 3	0.866
OT/SO	16	11 - 0 - 5	0.844
Vs. Non-Playoff Team	42	34 - 6 - 2	0.833
All Games	82	65 - 12 - 5	0.823
Vs. Playoff Team	40	31 - 6 - 3	0.813
Scoring Exactly 3 Goals	22	16 - 3 - 3	0.795
Away Games	41	31 - 8 - 2	0.780
Conceding Exactly 3 Goals	18	13 - 3 - 2	0.778
Fire-wagon Hockey (More than 8 goals in a game)	7	5 - 2 - 0	0.714
Defensive Battles (fewer than 4 goals in a game)	12	8 - 4 - 0	0.667
1-Goal Margin (Excluding overtime games)	18	12 - 6 - 0	0.667
Worst 10-Game Streak	10	6 - 3 - 1	0.650

Talent Distribution

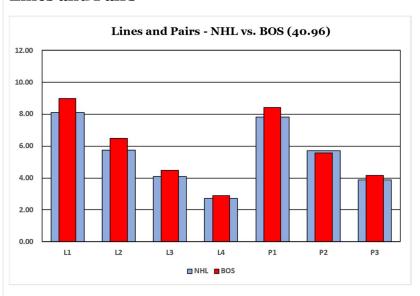
Count by Category			PR% by Age Group			PR% by Draft Status		
PR			Age	NHL	Team		NHL	Team
Category	Fwd	Def	Group	PR%	PR%	Draft Status	PR%	PR%
PR-Elite	1	0	18 to 23	18%	1%	Drafted by Current Team	48%	54%
PR-Star	1	1	24 to 28	45%	57%	Drafted by Other Team	41%	40%
PR-First5	4	2	29 to 33	29%	21%	Undrafted	10%	5%
PR-Regular	3	2	34+	8%	21%			
PR-Fringe	2	2			_	-		
PR-CallUp	11	5						

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Return From Play



Lines and Pairs



L1	David Pastrnak		Patrice I	Bergeron	Brad Marchand		
L2	Charlie Coyle		Jake D	eBrusk	Pavel Zacha		
L3	David	David Krejci		Taylor Hall		Trent Frederic	
L4	Tomas	Tomas Nosek		Nick Foligno		A.J. Greer	
P1		Hampus Lindholm		Charlie	McAvoy		
P2		Brando	n Carlo	Connor Clifton			
P3		Matt G	rzelcyk	Derek	Forbort		

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Team Leaders - Stapled To The Bench Categories

Category	Name	Rating	
Most Productive	David Pastrnak	PR-Elite	
Most Valuable	Patrice Bergeron	VR-Star	
Best Center	Patrice Bergeron	#1-Center	
Most Disruptive	Connor Clifton	DX-A	
Best Power Player	David Pastrnak	PX-A+	
Best Penalty Killer	Derek Forbort	KX-A+	

Team Leaders - On-Ice Situations

BOS - Team Leaders in Various On-Ice Situations					
Most Time 5v5	Most Time Power Play	Most Time Penalty Kill			
Hampus Lindholm	David Pastrnak	Brandon Carlo			
Connor Clifton	Patrice Bergeron	Charlie Coyle			
Matt Grzelcyk	Brad Marchand	Hampus Lindholm			
David Pastrnak	Hampus Lindholm	Tomas Nosek			
Brandon Carlo	Jake DeBrusk	Derek Forbort			
Most Time 3v3	Most Used Off. Zone FO	Most Used Def. Zone FO			
David Pastrnak	David Pastrnak	Brandon Carlo			
Hampus Lindholm	Patrice Bergeron	Charlie Coyle			
Charlie McAvoy	Brad Marchand	Hampus Lindholm			
Brad Marchand	David Krejci	Connor Clifton			
Pavel Zacha	Matt Grzelcyk	Trent Frederic			

Team Essay - New Indexes

As you will see in the chart below, Boston did extremely well in both preventing goals against and increasing goals for. The left columns shows expected goals (for and against), while the right columns show actual goals.



How much did this help Boston? Had Boston scored and conceded goals at the expected rate, they would have finished the season with 105 points: they actually finished with 135

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points, so their excellent play got them 30 extra points. The teams that came second and third highest in this measure were Vegas and Nashville, who earned 15 and 14 extra points respectively. Let's look into Boston's play in two specific areas: goalies and shooters.

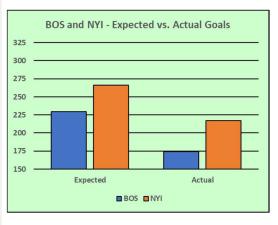
Goalies

The team in front of a goalie will reduce shot attempts and/or reduce the value of those shots. Both of these approaches would result in a decrease in expected goals against. Goalies can be measured on how well they did compared to the shots that made it through the team, by comparing expected goals against to actual goals against.

For example, consider the Dallas Stars and the New York Islanders. Dallas gave up 215 goals on the season while the Islanders gave up 217, and I'm here to tell you that the Islander goalies played much better than the Star goalies. The chart below shows why.



The Islander goalies gave up two more goals than the Star goalies, but were expected to give up 34 more goals: the Islander goalies were 32 goals better than the Dallas goalies over the regular season. In the next chart, Boston has replaced Dallas.

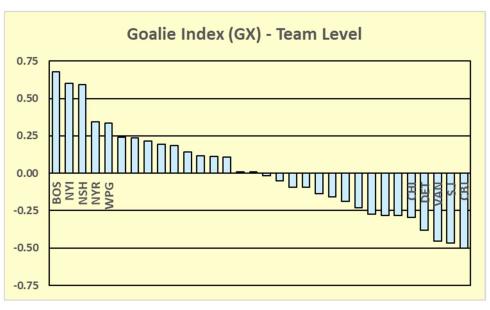


Both the Islanders and the Bruins gave up considerably fewer goals than expected, with Boston having the edge: Boston gave up 55.64 fewer goals while the Islanders gave up 49.43 fewer.

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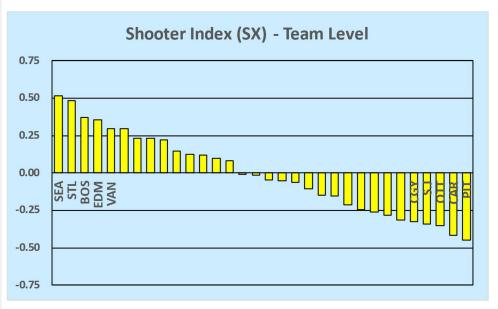
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The final table for goalie play shows GX for all the teams, where GX is "goals saved above average per 60 minutes."



Shooters

Boston did not have the deadliest set of shooters in the league, as both Seattle and St. Louis scored more frequently than expected. Third place is nothing to sneeze at.



Boston was the only team in the league that was in the top five for both Goalie Index and Shooter Index. For a contrast, San Jose was the only team in the bottom five.

Boston's article is the 32nd and final season review article for 2022-23. As a result of having done these reviews, I believe I will be modifying the PR formula and two new rating systems will be created: Goalie Rating (GR) and Shooter Rating (SR).