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# THE BEAR

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Rookie defenseman Dougie Hamilton is doing great in his rookie season so far.

## BLACK AND YELLOW

The Bruins have a really long history and have been around for a long time.

Are you ready for the Boston Bruins?! They will come charging at you, with tough guy Milan Lucic, captain Zdeno Chara, and backing them up in the net is Tuukka Rask! Backing him up in net is also Anton Khudobin! You will lose all your face-offs against center Patrice Bergeron and David Krejci! But first, before you learn about the Bruins playoff series against the Toronto Maple Leafs, you have to learn about the Bruins beginning, their star years, and their current team. And hey

Bruins fans; you will adore this article.

### The Beginning

It's 1924. The NHL (National Hockey League) has just acquired a new team, The Boston Bruins. On November 1<sup>st</sup>, 1924, Charles Francis Adams paid the NHL a rumored \$15,000 to get the Bruins! Back then, that was a ton of money, and even now it is! On that same day, the Bruins won the very first game in the NHL. The Bruins first owner, general manager, and head coach



In the 2013 playoffs, rookie defenseman Torey Krug is filling in for Dennis Seidenberg, and is doing great, having scored 2 goals already.

was Art Ross. In only 5 years in existence, 1929, the Bruins won their very first Stanley Cup. The Stanley Cup is the championship trophy for the NHL. 10 years later, in 1939, the Bruins won the cup again. The Bruins were on a roll. In their first 15 years in existence, the B's, as they were called, had won 2 Stanley Cups. From 1924 to 1941, the Bruins won 3 Stanley Cups, had 13 playoff appearances, were their division champions 7 times, but had no conference champions. All of this happened in 17 years. 39 years later was the start of their prime.

### Star Years

From 1970 to 1980, the Bruins were on a roll. 10 of their record-setting 29 straight playoff appearances were in that time frame. In 1970, the Bruins beat the St. Louis Blues in 4 games to win the Stanley Cup. In game 4, the game was sent to overtime. The game was decided in overtime by Bruins defenseman Bobby Orr, who scored his famous "flying" goal to win the Cup for the B's. In 1972, the Bruins won the Stanley Cup again, making that their 5<sup>th</sup> Stanley Cup in history. All of the years from 1970 to 1980, the B's made the playoffs. They had 7 division champions, 2 conference champions, 2 Stanley Cups, and 10 playoff appearances. They also drafted star player and future captain Ray Bourque in 1980. Although Bourque never won a Cup with Boston, he was traded to the Colorado Avalanche to get

a shot at the Cup one last time before he retired. The Bruins' team has changed since then, and now, the Bruins are giving another try for the Cup yet again in 2013.

### The Current Team

It's 2013, and the Bruins are making a push for the Cup again. With 6'9" defenseman Zdeno Chara as their captain and Tuukka Rask in net, the Bruins make a pretty good contender for the Stanley Cup champion. But they face even better contenders in Sidney Crosby and the Pittsburgh Penguins and rival Carey Price and the Montreal Canadiens. Will they be able to do it? In the first round of the playoffs this year, the Bruins face the Toronto Maple Leafs. The Bruins have won the series 4-3. They are next playing the Rangers. You can follow all the playoff action on [www.NHL.com](http://www.NHL.com).

The Bruins play was shaken because of an accident that occurred during the Boston Marathon, but now they have gotten their act together and are doing better. One player's statistics haven't changed at all as a result of the accident. Here are the statistics of tough guy Milan Lucic. During the regular season, he had 7 goals, 20 assists, and as a result 27 points. Lucic is also a fighter. He has a team leading 75 penalty minutes in only 48 games! That's a lot of penalty minutes!

Between 2011 and 2013, the Bruins have 1 Stanley Cup, 3 playoff appearances, 2 division champions, and 1 conference champion. Lucic was a part of all

of that. In 2010, the Bruins drafted center Tyler Seguin and he contributed greatly to the Bruins 2011 cup win. In 2011, the Bruins drafted defenseman Dougie Hamilton. These draft picks were via Toronto, their 2013 first round matchup, in a trade. The Maple Leafs received Phil Kessel and Joe Colborne while the Bruins received the 2 draft picks, which, as you know, were Tyler Seguin and Dougie Hamilton. With Tyler Seguin, Dougie Hamilton, and the rest of the Bruins, they are 100 percent ready to win the Stanley cup once more.

So now you've learned about the big, bad, Bruins' beginning, star years, and current team. Did you see the playoff statistics? And are you ready for the big, bad, Bruins? If you want more information that I missed, you can comment about it on the comment sheet. And hey; don't forget to follow the Bruins on [www.bruins.com](http://www.bruins.com).