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PÖCK NAMED CCM PLAYER OF THE MONTH *Offensive defenseman leading Minuteman charge*

UMass is right in the thick of the hunt for the Hockey East title alongside BC, Maine and UNH. Each team has had significant contributors in the early season.



CCM Player of the Month
Thomas Pöck – Univ. of Massachusetts
Senior Defenseman; Klagenfurt, Austria

The slick-skating center-turned-defenseman opened the month of November with two two-goal games in back-to-back Hockey East wins on the road. He failed to record a point in just one of the nine games UMass played in November (a 1-1 tie vs. Maine) and scored all the UMass goals in three different contests. He is leading the nation's blueliners with 19 points so far.

Nov.	Opponent	Result	G-A-P
1	at Providence	W 4-2	2-0-2
7	at Merrimack	W 2-0	2-0-2
8	Merrimack	W 5-3	0-2-2
14	Boston College	L 1-4	1-0-1
15	at Providence	W 3-2	0-1-1
21	Maine	T+ 1-1	0-0-0
25	Vermont	W 4-2	0-1-1
28	at Neb.-Omaha	L 2-7	0-1-1
29	at Neb.-Omaha	T+ 1-1	1-0-1

Totals **5-2-2** **6-5-11**
+ overtime

Runners-up:
Justin Aikins – UNH (Jr. F) 8GP: 2G - 11A - 13pts - +4
Ryan Shannon – BC (Jr. F) 8GP: 3G - 10A - 13pts - +11



ITECH Goaltender of the Month
Matti Kaltiainen, Boston College
Junior; Espoo, Finland

The Finnish goaltender allowed more than two goals in just one contest in November, and allowed only one goal on four occasions as he compiled six wins and two ties. His peak performance came in a 2-2 tie vs. UNH in which he made an excellent save against sniper Steve Saviano on an odd-man rush in overtime. His only other non-victory came when he allowed no goals in a relief appearance against Merrimack.



Nov.	Opponent	Result	Min	Svs	GA
5	UMass Lowell	W 4-1	60:00	15	1
7	Maine	W 4-1	60:00	23	1
12	New Hampshire *	T+ 2-2	65:00	19	2
14	at Massachusetts	W 4-1	60:00	14	1
18	Merrimack	T+ 3-3	38:42	6	0
21	Providence	W 7-4	60:00	15	4
25	Dartmouth	W 4-1	60:00	13	1
28	Northeastern	W 4-2	60:00	11	2

Totals **6-0-2** **463:42** **116** **12**
1.55 GAA, .906 save percentage
+ overtime * neutral site



Nov.	Opponent	Result	G-A-P
7	at Boston College	L 1-4	1-0-1
8	at UNH	L 3-6	0-1-1
14	Northeastern	W 5-2	2-0-2
16	UMass Lowell	W 4-0	0-2-2
21	at Massachusetts	T+ 1-1	0-0-0
22	at Providence	W 3-2	0-1-1
Totals		3-2-1	4-3-7

+ overtime



Superskills Hockey Rookie of the Month
Luciano Aquino, Univ. of Maine
Freshman Forward; Mississauga, ON

The younger brother of former Merrimack sniper Anthony Aquino, Luciano is making his own name at Maine. He registered his first career goal, Maine's only goal, in a 4-1 loss at No. 2 Boston College on Nov. 7. Since then, he's had a point in all but one game and was named ITECH's First Star in back-to-back conference wins over Northeastern and UMass Lowell.

Runners-up:
Brett Hemingway – UNH (Fr. F) 8GP: 3G - 3A - 6pts - +6
Kevin Schaeffer – BU (Fr. D) 9GP: 3G - 4A - 7pts - +1

