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TERRIERS TAKE THREE-OF-FOUR POINTS IN UMASS SERIES Quarterfinal hosts set as UNH survives Northeastern comeback

The BU Terriers stepped up to their storied traditions this weekend, taking three points out of a possible four in a home-and-home series vs. UMass. Brian McConnell did the honors on Friday night at home, netting a hat trick to lead the offense in a 6-1 win. Defenseman Ryan Whitney had a goal and an assist in each game, and Sean Fields remained a rock between the pipes for the Terriers, posting 27 saves each night and allowing just three goals total After gaining just two points in the standings over their previous eight league games, the Terriers had put themselves in jeopardy of missing the Hockey East playoffs for the first time ever. But the three points this weekend have put them back on relatively solid ground. Just one win in next weekend's series vs. Northeastern will lock up a playoff spot for Boston University.

Despite gaining only one point in the weekend series, the Minutemen locked up their firstever quarterfinal home ice berth in Hockey East, much to the delight of their ever-expanding fan base. Maine and UNH also have cemented their usual status as hosts for the Hockey East quarterfinals. UNH will be hosting for the eighth straight season, the longest active run by any Hockey East team, thanks to a 6-5 win over Northeastern last night. The Wildcats jumped out to 4-0 lead after the first period but had to hang on as the Huskies stormed back.

Maine took out a feisty Providence squad that had come into the series with a four-game win streak. The Black Bears' standard strong goaltending was the difference in final scores of 3-2 on Friday and 4-2 on Saturday. They still have a shot at first place, but they'll need some help in between now and a monster final weekend hosting the top-ranked Eagles.

With a quick sweep of UMass Lowell, 4-1 and 5-0, Boston College is on a 13-game unbeaten streak and is 10-0-1 in its last 11 league games. Ryan Shannon picked up three more points in Friday's 4-1 win and is leading the league with 27 points in 20 Hockey East games.

Jim Healey (31 saves) and Brent Gough (one goal, two assists) led Merrimack to a 4-1 win over Northeastern in NESN's 'Friday Night Ice' offering. The Warriors find themselves in contention for a spot as high as fifth in the Hockey East playoffs, which would tie their highest-ever finish since joining the league in the 1989-90 season.

2003-04 STANDINGS

! - clinched home ice in the Hockey East quarterfinals ^ - clinched playoff berth

CCM HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE WEEK

BRIAN McCONNELL – Boston Univ. Junior Forward; Norfolk, MA

Powered offensive explosion with three of BU's six goals (his first career hat trick) in a 6-1 win vs. UMass. Added one assist in the rematch, a 2-2 tie.

SUPERSKILLS HOCKEY ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

MICHEL LEVIELLE – Maine Sophomore Forward; Levis, QC

Enjoyed a five-point weekend, setting up two Maine goals in each game of a weekend sweep over Providence and adding a goal of his own in Saturday's 4-2 win.

RECENT RESULTS

Friday, February 20 at Boston University 6, Massachusetts 1 * at Maine 3, Providence 2 * at Merrimack 4, Northeastern 1 * at Boston College 4, UMass Lowell 1 *

Saturday, February 21

at Massachusetts 2, Boston Univ. 2 (OT) * at Maine 4, Providence 2 * Boston College 5, at UMass Lowell 0 *

Sunday, February 22 at New Hampshire 6, Northeastern 5 *

UPCOMING GAMES

Friday, February 27 UNH at Boston College (NESN) * Boston University at Northeastern * Maine at UMass Lowell * Merrimack at Providence *

Saturday, February 28

Boston College at UNH (NHPTV) * Northeastern at Boston Univ. (FSNE) * Maine at UMass Lowell * Providence at Merrimack *

* Hockey East game Games start at 7pm unless indicated All times Eastern

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

MATTI KALTIAINEN – Boston College Senior Goaltender; Espoo, Finland

Stopped 21 of 22 River Hawk shots in a 4-1 win at home on Friday and followed that with a perfect 26-for-26 in the rematch, a 5-0 shutout win on the road.

HOCKEY EAST HONOR ROLL

- Preston Callander, UNH (Jr. F; Regina, SK) Had two goals and one assist to lead a four-goal first period in a 6-5 win over NU.
- Derek Damon, Maine (Jr. F; Bangor, Maine) Had a power play goal on Friday and two assists on Saturday, both Maine wins.
- Sean Fields, BU (Sr. G; Edmonton, AB) Stopped 54 of 57 shots faced in a weekend set vs. UMass, recording a win and a tie.
- Brent Gough, MC (So. F; St. Albert, AB) Had a short-handed breakaway goal to go with two assists in a 4-1 win over NU.
- Jim Healey, MC (Fr. G; Holyrood, NF) Stopped 31 of 32 shots faced to backstop the Warriors to a 4-1 win over Northeastern.
- Jared Mudryk, NU (Jr. F; Leduc, AB) Career-high three points with a goal and two assists at UNH Sunday.
- Eric Ortlip, NU (Sr. F; St. Louis, MO) Had five points on the weekend, including a goal and three assists Sunday at UNH.
- Ryan Shannon, BC (Jr. F; Darien, CT) Had a goal and two assists to pace a 4-1 win over Lowell on Friday.
- Tony Voce, BC (Sr. F; Philadelphia, PA) Scored three goals and added one assist in a sweep of UMass Lowell.
 Ryan Whitney, BU (Jr. D; Scituate, MA) Blueliner had one goal and one assist in each of two Terrier games against UMass,
- Kyan whitney, BU (Jr. D; Scituate, MA) Blueliner had one goal and one assist in each of two Terrier games against UMass a 6-1 win on Friday and a 2-2 tie on Saturday.
- Stephen Wood, PC (Sr. D, Sudbury, MA) Tallied one goal and two assists over two games at Maine.

SCORING (Hockey East Games)

	Player, School	CI	GP	G	Α	Pts	
1.	Ryan Shannon, BC	Jr	20	8	19	27	
2.	Patrick Eaves, BC	So	16	10	13	23	
	Tony Voce, BC	Sr	20	16	7	23	
4.	Colin Shields, Maine	Sr	20	8	14	22	
5.	Justin Aikins, UNH	Jr	20	4	17	21	
6.	Steve Saviano, UNH	Sr	20	12	8	20	
	Elias Godoy, UML	So	20	11	9	20	
8.	Ben Walter, UML	So	17	7	12	19	
	Andrew Martin, UML	So	20	6	13	19	
	Michel Léveillé, Maine	Fr	20	5	14	19	
	Sean Collins, UNH	Jr	20	5	14	19	
12.	Preston Callander, UNH	Jr	20	11	7	18	
	Brian Yandle, UNH *	So	20	7	11	18	
	Thomas Pöck, UMass *	Sr	22	9	9	18	
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* defenseman

SCORING (All Games)

	Player, School	CI	GP	G	Α	Pts
1.	Steve Saviano, UNH	Sr	32	24	16	40
2.	Elias Godoy, UML	So	34	17	20	37
3.	Tony Voce, BC	Sr	32	24	12	36
	Ryan Shannon, BC	Jr	32	10	26	36
5.	Colin Shields, Maine	Sr	32	14	21	35
	Justin Aikins, UNH	Jr	32	9	26	35
7.	Sean Collins, UNH	Jr	32	12	22	34
8.	Ben Walter, UML	So	30	17	16	33
	Thomas Pöck, UMass *	Sr	31	14	19	33
	Michel Léveillé, Maine	Fr	31	5	28	33
11.	Patrick Eaves, BC	So	24	13	18	31
	Preston Callander, UNH	Jr	32	17	14	31
13.	Peter Zingoni, PC	Sr	30	12	18	30
	Chris Chaput, PC	Jr	31	10	20	30
15.	Andrew Martin, UML	So	34	7	21	28
	* defenseman					

GOALTENDING (Hockey East Games)

Player, School	СІ	GP	Min	w	L	т	GAA	SP
1. Jim Howard, Maine	So	10	607	5	3	2	1.38	.945
2. Matti Kaltiainen, BC	Jr	20	1190	16	1	3	1.51	.922
3. Frank Doyle, Maine	Sr	10	595	9	1	0	2.12	.917
4. David Cacciola, PC	Jr	8	470	0	5	3	2.30	.929
5. Chris Davidson, UML	Jr	13	780	6	4	3	2.38	.919
6. Gabe Winer, UMass	So	22	1315	10	9	3	2.51	.887
7. Bobby Goepfert, PC	So	14	815	6	5	2	2.80	.918
8. John Yaros, UML	So	8	439	2	4	1	2.87	.905
9. Sean Fields, BU	Sr	13	1019	3	11	3	2.94	.890
10. Keni Gibson, NU	Jr	19	1105	2	11	5	3.04	.892

GOALTENDING (All Games)									
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Player, School	CI	GP	Min	w	L	т	GAA	SP	
1. Jim Howard, Maine	So	14	792	7	3	3	1.36	.946	
2. Matti Kaltiainen, BC	Jr	30	1798	23	3	4	1.63	.915	
3. Frank Doyle, Maine	Sr	19	1121	16	3	0	1.71	.927	
4. Bobby Goepfert, PC	So	22	1275	13	6	2	2.59	.919	
5. Gabe Winer, UMass	So	31	1822	14	10	6	2.63	.883	
6. Chris Davidson, UML	Jr	23	1346	8	9	5	2.72	.900	
7. Jim Healey, MC	Fr	24	777	5	6	1	2.78	.906	
8. Sean Fields, BU	Sr	16	1505	7	13	5	2.83	.899	
9. Mike Ayers, UNH	Sr	27	1552	14	9	4	2.86	.898	
10. Keni Gibson, NU	Jr	28	1649	8	13	6	2.91	.894	



TEAM STATS (Hockey East Games)

TEAM OFFENSE

Team	GP	G	GF	PG	
 Boston College New Hampshire Maine Providence UMass Lowell Boston University Merrimack Massachusetts Northeastern 	20 20 21 20 20 20 21 22 20	79 71 64 53 46 45 47 45 41	3. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2.	.95 .55 .20 .52 .30 .25 .24 .05	
TEAM DEFENSE Team	GP	GA	G/	APG	
1.Boston College2.Maine3.Massachusetts4.UMass Lowell5.Providence6.Boston University7.New Hampshire8.Northeastern9.Merrimack	20 20 22 20 21 20 20 20 21	33 36 56 53 59 57 63 65 69	1. 2. 2. 2. 3. 3.	.65 .80 .55 .65 .81 .85 .15 .25 .29	
POWER PLAY Team	GP	PPG A	tt	SHGA	Pct
<pre>1.New Hampshire 2.Providence 3.Boston College 4.UMass Lowell 5.Merrimack 6.Boston University 7.Massachusetts 8.Northeastern 9.Maine</pre>	20 21 20 21 20 22 20 20	17 19 15 17 15 1 13 12	00 88 99 80 99 06 93 89 96	3 2 1 5 6 4 1 4 2	.240 .193 .192 .188 .172 .142 .140 .135 .125
Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
 Boston College Maine Merrimack UMass Lowell 	20 20 21 20	13	101 98 109 79	8 5 3 2	.901 .867 .853 .848

4.UMass Lowell	20	12	79	2	.848
5.Northeastern	20	13	72	1	.819
6.Massachusetts	22	20	107	3	.813
7.Boston University	20	19	93	2	.796
8.Providence	21	20	97	3	.794
9.New Hampshire	20	21	94	1	.777

PENALTY MINUTES Team

1. Northeastern	93	213	10.65
	108	230	11.50
	135	292	13.90
	139	297	14.85
	160	344	15.64
	147	321	16.05
	153	350	16.67
	143	377	18.85
	175	489	24.45

TEAM STATS (All Games)

TEAM OFFENSE

TEAM OFFENSE					
Team	GP	G	GF	۶G	
1.New Hampshire	32	118	3.	.69	
2.Boston College	32	117	3.	66	
3.Maine	32	111	3.	47	
4.Providence	31	91		94	
5.Boston University	30	84	2.	80	
6.UMass Lowell	34	91	2.	68	
7.Northeastern	30	77	2.	57	
8.Merrimack	31	77	2.	48	
9.Massachusetts	31	76	2.	45	
TEAM DEFENSE					
Team	GP	GA	GA	APG	
1.Maine	32	52		62	
2.Boston College	32	56		75	
3.Providence	31	79		55	
4.Massachusetts	31	84		71	
5.New Hampshire	32	89		78	
6.UMass Lowell	34	95		79	
7.Boston University	30	85		83	
8.Merrimack	31	95		.06	
9.Northeastern	30	96	3.	20	
POWER PLAY					
Team	GP	PPG A	tt	SHGA	Pct
1.New Hampshire	32	37 1	65	5	.224
2.Providence	31	27 1	30	2	.208
3.UMass Lowell	34	30 1·	48	6	.203
4.Boston College	32	32 1	65	1	.194
5.Merrimack	31	28 1	57	7	.178
6.Massachusetts	31	23 1	31	2	.176
7.Maine	32	27 1	63	2	.166
8.Boston University	30		46	6	.164
9.Northeastern	30	22 1	41	6	.156
PENALTY KILL					
Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1.Boston College	32	14	155	11	.910
2.Merrimack	31	24	164	5	.854
3.Maine	32		155	10	.852
4.UMass Lowell	34		134	2	.828
5.New Hampshire	32	28	153	5	.817
6.Massachusetts	31	29	152	7	.809

PENALTY MINUTES

7.Providence..... 31

8.Boston University... 30

9.Northeastern..... 30

Team	GP	Ρ	ΡiΜ	PMPG
<pre>1.Northeastern 2.UMass Lowell 3.Providence 4.Boston College 5.Merrimack 6.Massachusetts 7.New Hampshire 8.Boston University 9.Maine</pre>	34 31 32 31 31 32 30	149 178 206 222 213 228 228 228 206 257	325 397 456 471 470 491 510 530 669	10.83 11.68 14.71 14.72 15.16 15.84 15.94 17.67 20.91

30 151

28 138

25 116

6 .801 2 .797 2 .784

TEAM NOTES

Boston College: Patrick Eaves, J.D. Forrest, Dave Spina and Tony Voce are each riding four-game point streaks ... BC's 13-game unbeaten streak is the team's longest since a 14-game streak in 1998. The Eagles have lost just once since October, going 22-1-3 since ... With his next point, Ryan Shannon will be the 60th BC player to reach the 100-point plateau.

Boston University: BU had scored a total of three goals over the previous four games before opening up the flood-gates for six goals in Friday's 6-1 win over UMass. Four of those goals came on the power play, as the Terriers ended an 0-for-14 stretch ... Saturday's tie was the first ever between BU and UMass ... Goaltender Sean Fields has 59 career victories, one shy of the BU record held by Scott Cashman.

University of Maine: The Black Bears are undefeated in their last eight games ... Jimmy Howard has not allowed an even-strength goal in the six games he has played since returning to the line-up in January. He has allowed only six goals in those six games and recorded two shutouts ... The Maine defense has allowed only twelve goals in the last nine games for a 1.33 GAA.

University of Massachusetts: Rookie defenseman Mark Matheson's second career goal was a big one, coming on the power play with under two minutes remaining in regulation of what would end up a 2-2 tie vs. BU. It ended an 0for-22 power play slump for UMass, a drought that spanned seven games ... UMass has reached a single season record attendance mark of 69,246, exactly 5,000 more than the previous mark set in 1994-95, the team's first season in Hockey East.

UMass Lowell: After sweeping the season series vs. BC during the 2001-02 campaign, the River Hawks have lost the last six meetings by a combined 30-9, including 13-2 in three games this season.

Merrimack College: Forward Matt Johnson returned to the lineup on Friday night for the first time since Nov. 15 (broken jaw) and netted the game-winning goal over Northeastern ... Brent Gough leads the team in short-handed goals (3) and power play goals (6).

New Hampshire: Freshman defenseman Michael Hutchins and junior forward Matt Hoppe each recorded their first career goals on Sunday vs. Northeastern ... The 'Cats will host a Hockey East quarterfinal round series for the eighth straight season. UNH needs just three more wins for its eighth straight 20-win season.

Northeastern University: The Huskies are 0-10-3 on Friday nights ... Junior goalie Keni Gibson has started 25 straight games ... The reunited NU line of Brian Swiniarski, Eric Ortlip and Jared Mudryk has 17 goals and 14 assists for 31 points in 14 games. They each had a goal and combined for six assists in Sunday's 6-5 loss at UNH.

Providence College: Forward Peter Zingoni is on a fivegame point streak and has quietly maintained a point-pergame pace in his senior season ... Five different Friars have recorded career highs in points this season.

WHO'S HOT

• Preston Callander, UNH (Jr. F; Regina, SK) – Has five goals and four assists over the last four games.

• Sean Fields, BU (Sr. G; Edmonton, AB) – Boasts a 1.76 GAA and a .937 save percentage over the past nine games.

• Jim Healey, MC (Fr. G; Holyrood, NF) – Has stopped 105 of 111 shots over the past three games (.946 save percentage), wins over BU and Northeastern and a tie vs. top-ranked Boston College.

• Matti Kaltiainen, BC (Sr. G; Espoo, Finland) – Has allowed just five goals in his last five games and has allowed more than two goals just twice in 14 games in 2004.

• **BC Penalty Kill** – The Eagles have killed off 26 straight penalties and lead the nation with a .910 PK percentage. They also have 11 short-handed goals.

ITECH THREE STARS

As part of a long-term agreement between Hockey East and ITECH, SIDs and media will designate ITECH "Three Stars of The Game" in each of the 108 Hockey East league games. The player earning the most points over the course of the season will be recognized at the Hockey East championship banquet at season's end. The leaders to date:

<u>Name</u>	<u>CI</u>	Pos	<u>Schoo</u> l
Preston Callander	Jr	F	UNH
Chris Davidson	Jr	G	UML
Elias Godoy	So	F	UML
Matti Kaltiainen	Jr	G	BC
Steve Saviano	Sr	F	UNH
Ryan Shannon	Jr	F	BC

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FRIDAY NIGHT ICE

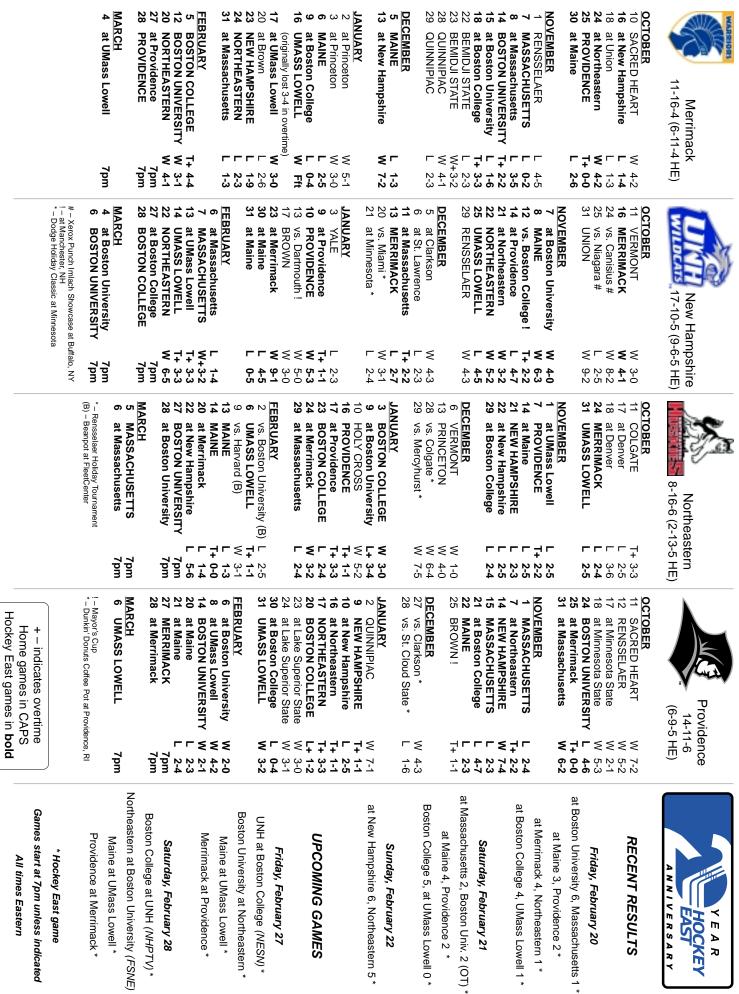
NESN and Hockey East present "FRIDAY NIGHT ICE"

Prime time Hockey East games every Friday night at 7:00 p.m.

This week's contest: New Hampshire at Boston College



 - Ice Breaker Tournament at Michigan St. - att Manchester, NH - Great Lakes Invitational at Detroit, MI (B) - Beanpot at FleetCenter 	14 MASSACHUSETTS W 6-1 20 UMASS LOWELL W 4-1 21 at UMass Lowell W 5-0 27 NEW HAMPSHIRE 7pm 28 at New Hampshire 7pm 5 at Maine 7pm 6 at Maine 7pm	at Boston University W at Providence W+ at Northeastern W PROVIDENCE W Ws. Harvard (B) W vs. Harvard (B) W vs. Boston University (B) W+	CEMBER BOSTON UNIVERSITY HARVARD vs. Michigan * vs. Michigan St. vs. Michigan St. NUARY at Northeastern MERRIMACK BOSTON UNIVERSITY	OCTOBERW 5-34at VermontW 5-310vs. Klinnesota-Duluth^T+ 2-211vs. Findlay^W 4-117at North DakotaL 4-618at North DakotaW 2-124NOTRE DAMEL 0-15UMASS LOWELLL 0-17MAINEW 4-112vs. New Hampshire!T+ 2-214at MassachusettsT+ 2-318MERRIMACKT+ 3-329NORTHEASTERNW 4-1	Boston College 25-3-4 (16-1-3 HE)
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ANNIVERSARY EAST YEAR

UPCOMING GAMES

at New Hampshire 6, Northeastern 5 *