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## BC, MAINE CLINCH TOURNAMENT TITLES Hockey East opens non-conference action at 10-0-2

Hockey East teams got a great start out of the gate for the 20th anniversary season, recording 10 wins, zero losses and two ties in the first 12 games of non-league play. Highlighting the first weekend were tournament triumphs for both Boston College and Maine.

Maine provided the exclamation point with a convincing 4-0 shutout over top-ranked Minnesota in the opener of the Maverick Stampede at Nebraska-Omaha. The two-time defending NCAA champs rifled 25 shots in the direction of Maine goaltender Jim Howard, who was perfect in recording the fourth shutout of his young career. Tournament MVP Todd Jackson scored twice against Minnesota and added two more in a 6-2 title game win over Wisconsin. Greg Moore joined Jackson and Howard on the All-Tournament team.

BC captain Ben Eaves was the MVP of the Ice Breaker tournament, coming through with a goal in regulation of a 2-2 tie with Minnesota-Duluth and adding the decisive goal in the shootout that enabled the Eagles to advance. They cruised to a 4-1 win over Findlay in the title game as Matti Kaltiainen stopped 41 of 43 shots faced on the weekend and 5-of-6 in the shootout. BC blueliner John Adams joined Eaves on the All-Tournament team.

In the league opener Saturday, 60 minutes of great hockey between UMass and UMass Lowell were capped by a short-handed rush by the Minutemen at the 17:40 mark of the third that broke a 2-2 tie. UMass defenseman Thomas Pöck had a goal and an assist in the game and already has five points to lead all Hockey East scorers. Ben Walter had both goals for the River Hawks.

The UNH Wildcats thwarted nine power play opportunities by Vermont Saturday enabling Mike Ayers to post his school-record ninth shutout by a final score of 3-0.

### RECENT RESULTS

**Thursday, October 9**  
 at Massachusetts 6, Connecticut 3

**Friday, October 10**  
 at Merrimack 4, Sacred Heart 2  
Ice Breaker Tournament at Michigan St.  
 Boston College 2, Minnesota-Duluth 2 (OT)  
 (BC wins shootout, 2-1)  
Maverick Stampede at Nebraska-Omaha  
 Maine 4, Minnesota 0

**Saturday, October 11**  
 Massachusetts 3, at UMass Lowell 2 \*  
 at Boston University 5, Rensselaer 2  
 at New Hampshire 3, Vermont 0  
 at Northeastern 3, Colgate 3 (OT)  
 at Providence 7, Sacred Heart 2  
Ice Breaker Tournament  
 Boston College 4, Findlay 1  
Maverick Stampede  
 Maine 6, Wisconsin 2

**Sunday, October 12**  
 at Providence 5, Rensselaer 2

### UPCOMING GAMES

**Thursday, October 16**  
 Merrimack at New Hampshire \*

**Friday, October 17**  
 Boston College at North Dakota (8pm)  
 Providence at Minnesota State (8:30pm)  
 Northeastern at Denver (9pm)  
Nye Frontier Classic at Alaska-Anchorage  
 UMass Lowell vs. Miami (8pm)  
 Air Force at Alaska-Anchorage (11pm)  
Black Bear Classic at Maine  
 Holy Cross vs. Sacred Heart (4pm)  
 U.S. Under-18 Team at Maine (exh. - 7pm)

**Saturday, October 18**  
 St. Lawrence at Massachusetts  
 Boston University at Vermont  
 Merrimack at Union  
 Boston College at North Dakota (8pm)  
 Providence at Minnesota State (8:30pm)  
 Northeastern at Denver (9pm)  
Nye Frontier Classic (8/11pm)  
Black Bear Classic at Maine  
 U.S. U-18 vs. Holy Cross / Sacred Heart (4pm)  
 Holy Cross / Sacred Heart at Maine (7pm)

\* Hockey East game  
 Games start at 7pm EST unless indicated.  
 All game times are Eastern Standard Time.

### CCM HOCKEY PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

**Ben Eaves - BC** (Sr. F; Faribault, MN)  
 Ice Breaker MVP scored one goal, one  
 shootout-winning goal and one assist.

**Todd Jackson - ME** (Sr. F; Cortland, NY)  
 Two goals in each game en route to honors  
 as Maverick Stampede MVP.

### 2003-04 STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Offense	Defense
Massachusetts	1	1	0	0	0	2-0-0	4.00 GPG	2.50 GAPG
Boston College	0	0	0	0	0	2-0-1	3.67 GPG	2.00 GAPG
Boston University	0	0	0	0	0	1-0-0	5.00 GPG	2.00 GAPG
Maine	0	0	0	0	0	2-0-0	5.00 GPG	1.00 GAPG
Merrimack	0	0	0	0	0	1-0-0	4.00 GPG	2.00 GAPG
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0	0	1-0-0	3.00 GPG	0.00 GAPG
Northeastern	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-1	3.00 GPG	3.00 GAPG
Providence	0	0	0	0	0	2-0-0	6.00 GPG	2.00 GAPG
UMass Lowell	1	0	1	0	0	0-1-0	2.00 GPG	3.00 GAPG

### SUPERSKILLS HOCKEY ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

**CHASE WATSON - Providence**  
 Freshman Forward; Media, PA

Debuted with the first Friar goal of the season plus one assist in a 7-2 win over Sacred Heart and scored another goal in a 5-2 win over Rensselaer.

### DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

**JIM HOWARD - Maine**  
 Sophomore Goaltender; Ogdensburg, NY

Stopped all 25 shots faced in a 4-0 shutout victory over top-ranked Minnesota, the two-time defending NCAA champ. It was Howard's fourth career shutout.

## HOCKEY EAST HONOR ROLL

- **Mike Ayers, UNH** (Sr. G; Hingham, MA) – Stopped 17 shots in a 3-0 win over Vermont, recording his school-record ninth shutout.
- **Matti Kaltiainen, BC** (Jr. G; Espoo, Finland) – Stopped five of six shots in a shootout victory over Minnesota-Duluth and held Findlay scoreless until the final seconds in the title game of the Ice Breaker Tournament.
- **Bobby Goepfert, PC** (So. G; Kings Park, NY) – Stopped 46 of 50 shots over two victories.
- **Michel Leveille, Maine** (So. F; Levis, Quebec) – Assisted on four of Maine's 10 goals over two victories this weekend, including three in a 6-2 Maverick Stampede title game win over Wisconsin.
- **Thomas Pöck, UMass** (Sr. D; Klagenfurt, Austria) – Scored two power play goals and added three assists to pace two wins.
- **Matt Radoslovich, BU** (Jr. F; Wanaque, NJ) – Scored a goal and an assist and had a +2 rating in a 5-2 win over Rensselaer.
- **Tim Reidy, MC** (Sr. F; Shrewsbury, MA) – Netted a pair of third period goals, including the game-winner, to lift Merrimack to a 4-2 win over Sacred Heart.
- **Ben Walter, UML** (So. F; Langley, BC) – Scored both UML goals in a tough 3-2 loss to UMass.
- **Peter Zingoni, PC** (Jr. F; Newtown, CT) – Scored four goals on the weekend, including a hat trick vs. Sacred Heart.

### LEADING SCORERS (All Games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1	Thomas Pöck, UMass *	Sr	2	2	3	5
2	Todd Jackson, Maine	Sr	2	4	0	4
	Peter Zingoni, PC	Sr	2	4	0	4
	Jonathan Goodwin, PC	Sr	2	2	2	4
	Torry Gajda, PC	So	2	1	3	4
	Cody Loughlean, PC	Sr	2	1	3	4
	Michel Leveille, Maine	So	2	0	4	4
	Tony Voce, BC	Sr	3	4	0	4
9	Chase Watson, PC	Fr	2	2	1	3
	Greg Moore, Maine	So	2	1	2	3
	Prestin Ryan, Maine *	Sr	2	1	2	3
	Chris Capraro, UMass	So	2	0	3	3
	Chris Chaput, PC	Jr	2	0	3	3
	Ben Eaves, BC	Sr	3	1	2	3

\* defenseman

### WHO'S HOT

- **Thomas Pöck, UMass** (Sr. D; Klagenfurt, Austria) – Riding a five-game scoring streak in which he has netted three goals and seven assists.
- **UMass in non-conference play** – The Minutemen are now unbeaten in their last eight non-conference games, posting a 7-0-1 record. The Minutemen haven't lost to a team outside of Hockey East since a 3-2 overtime loss to Nebraska-Omaha on Oct. 27, 2002.
- **Todd Jackson, Derek Damon and Greg Moore** – Black Bear line combined for six goals and three assists over two games on the weekend.
- **Minuteman penalty-killing unit** – Perfect on 11 kills, a full two-minute two-man disadvantage and a game-winning short-handed goal at UMass Lowell.
- **Maine's special teams** – In just two games, Maine has three power play goals and two short-handers.
- **UNH's special teams** – It's only one game, but UNH was 9-for-9 on the penalty kill with a shorthanded goal and added two tallies on the power play.

### LEADING GOALTENDERS (All Games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	Min	W	L	T	GAA	SP
1	Mike Ayers, UNH	Sr	1	60	1	0	0	0.00	1.000
	Jim Howard, ME	So	1	60	1	0	0	0.00	1.000
3	Matti Kaltiainen, BC	Jr	3	185	2	0	1	1.95	.909
	Frank Doyle, ME	So	1	60	1	0	0	2.00	.929
	Sean Fields, BU	Sr	1	60	1	0	0	2.00	.889
	Bobby Goepfert, PC	So	2	120	2	0	0	2.00	.920
	Casey Guenther, MC	Jr	1	60	1	0	0	2.00	.905
8	Gabe Winer, UMA	So	2	120	2	0	0	2.50	.889
9	Keni Gibson, NU	Jr	1	65	0	0	1	2.77	.850
10	Chris Davidson, UML	Jr	1	59	0	1	0	3.06	.889

### FIRST COLLEGIATE GOAL

- Yale Lewis, NU** (Fr. F; Carbondale, CO) – vs. Colgate
- Adam Pineault, BC** (Fr. F; Holyoke, MA) – vs. Findlay
- Kenny Roche, BU** (Fr. F; South Boston, MA) – vs. Rensselaer
- Chase Watson, PC** (Fr. F; Media, PA) – vs. Sacred Heart
- Tom Zabkowicz, Maine** (Fr. D; Greendale, WI) – vs. Wisconsin

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## TEAM STATISTICS (All Games)

### TEAM OFFENSE

Team	GP	G	GPG
1.Providence.....	2	12	6.00
2.Boston University... Maine.....	1	5	5.00
4.Massachusetts.....	2	10	5.00
5.Merrimack.....	2	9	4.50
6.Boston College.....	1	4	4.00
7.New Hampshire.....	3	11	3.67
Northeastern.....	1	3	3.00
9.UMass Lowell.....	1	3	3.00
	1	2	2.00

### TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1.New Hampshire.....	1	0	0.00
2.Maine.....	2	2	1.00
3.Boston College.....	3	6	2.00
Boston University... Merrimack.....	1	2	2.00
Providence.....	1	2	2.00
7.Massachusetts.....	2	4	2.00
8.UMass Lowell.....	2	5	2.50
Northeastern.....	1	3	3.00
	1	3	3.00

### POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1.Maine.....	2	3	8	0	.375
2.Boston University... 3.New Hampshire.....	1	1	3	0	.333
Northeastern.....	1	2	7	0	.286
5.Merrimack.....	1	2	7	0	.286
6.Massachusetts.....	1	2	8	0	.250
7.Boston College.....	2	2	9	0	.222
8.Providence.....	3	4	19	0	.211
9.UMass Lowell.....	2	1	8	0	.125
	1	0	6	1	.000

### PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1.Boston University... Massachusetts.....	1	0	3	0	1.000
New Hampshire.....	2	0	11	1	1.000
Merrimack.....	1	0	9	1	1.000
5.Maine.....	1	0	3	0	1.000
6.Boston College.....	2	1	9	2	.889
Providence.....	3	2	15	1	.867
8.UMass Lowell.....	2	2	15	1	.867
9.Northeastern.....	1	1	6	0	.833
	1	1	5	0	.800

### PENALTY MINUTES

Team	GP	P	PiM	PMPG
1.Merrimack.....	1	3	6	6.00
2.Boston University... 3.Northeastern.....	1	4	8	8.00
4.Boston College.....	1	5	10	10.00
5.Massachusetts.....	3	17	34	11.33
6.Maine.....	2	13	26	13.00
7.UMass Lowell.....	2	15	30	15.00
8.Providence.....	1	7	17	17.00
9.New Hampshire.....	2	19	49	24.50
	1	14	28	28.00

## TEAM NOTES

**Boston College:** The Eagles won the Ice Breaker for the second time in as many appearances. In 1998, BC defeated St. Lawrence at Minnesota's Mariucci Arena to take home the trophy ... All three BC freshmen who have skated this year recorded a point against Findlay.

**Boston University:** The Terriers are 13-2 in their last 15 season-openers ... The Terriers showed excellent offensive balance in their win over the Engineers, with all four lines scoring at least one goal.

**University of Maine:** The Black Bears' shutout vs. top-ranked Minnesota marked the first time the defending NCAA champs have been shut out in 92 games ... This is the first time that Maine has shut out an opponent in the season opener... Wisconsin native Tom Zabkowicz scored his first collegiate goal against Wisconsin.

**University of Massachusetts:** The Minutemen are 2-0-0 for the first time since the 1995-96 season, when they started 3-0-0 and 4-1-0 ... Dating back to last season, the Minutemen have won a school record four road games in a row. They have held six straight opponents to 30 shots or less ... The crowd of 5,379 on Thursday night was the largest opening-day crowd in school history and sixth largest in Mullins Center history.

**UMass Lowell:** Sophomore Ben Walter had two goals in the season opener against Massachusetts. As a freshman, he did not score his first goal until Dec. 28 and finished with five on the season.

**Merrimack College:** Playing in the 100th game of his career, Marco Rosa scored 15 seconds into the game on Friday night, a 4-2 win over Sacred Heart. Since the start of 2001-2002 season, Merrimack is 10-1-0 when Marco Rosa scores a goal ... Merrimack recorded 44 shots-on-goal vs. Sacred Heart. The last time the Warriors reached the 40-shot mark was Nov. 23, 2001 against Colgate.

**University of New Hampshire:** UNH's top two lines accounted for six of UNH's eight points vs. Vermont. Four of the 12 forwards in UNH's lineup were freshman ... UNH is 25-0-3 vs. Merrimack in the last 28 meetings. The last time the 'Cats were defeated by the Warriors was Nov. 18, 1995, 5-2 at the Volpe Complex ... Nathan Martz and Justin Aikins each had one goal and one assist in the 3-0 win over Vermont.

**Northeastern University:** Northeastern opened the season with a 3-3 tie against an ECAC team for the second straight year. Over the last three seasons, the Huskies are 11-3-2 against ECAC schools ... All three Husky freshmen defensemen played against Colgate and none is over the age of 18.

**Providence College:** Peter Zingoni tallied his second career hat trick on October 11, almost exactly one year to the date he had his first career three-goal game, which came on 10/12/02 versus Iona.