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MAINE STAYS PERFECT WITH BACK-TO-BACK LEAGUE WINS *UMass Lowell sweeps Northeastern to get an early jump in Hockey East*

Last season, it took until January before Lowell recorded its first win in league play. The River Hawks were determined to get out of the gates a bit faster this season, and have done so already with a convincing weekend sweep over Northeastern. They are now 2-1 in league play, right alongside Massachusetts, who split the weekend against Providence.

Chris Davidson got the Hawks started right on the weekend, stopping 18 of the 19 shots he faced in the first period of Friday's game at Northeastern, emerging relatively unscathed. Sophomore sensation Ben Walter was limited to just an assist in the 5-2 win on Friday, but contributed two power play goals to UML's home victory by the same score on Saturday. He now has 10 goals in just seven games, second best in the NCAA. Eight of his goals have come on the man advantage.

Providence spread the wealth in Friday's 6-2 win at Massachusetts as six different Friars found the net while three other Friars recorded two assists each, including rookie Bill McCreary. UMass struck back on Saturday, however, getting two power play markers from slick-skating defenseman Thomas Pöck en route to a 4-2 triumph. Friar netminder David Cacciola continued his hot streak, stopping 32 of 35 shots before UMass tallied an empty-netter.

Massachusetts and UMass Lowell are both trailing Maine in the standings. The Black Bears got two goals from CCM Player of the Month Todd Jackson to cruise to a 6-2 win over Merrimack on Thursday. Marco Rosa had both goals for Merrimack, both set up by Matt Johnson, who had four assists on the week. Hosting BU on Saturday, Maine sat on a pair of first period goals and Frank Doyle did the rest, turning aside 23 of 24 shots as Maine prevailed, 2-1.

In non-conference action, UNH rookie Jacob Micflikier exploded for four goals and an assist in a 9-2 win over Union. He is the first Hockey East rookie to score four goals in a game since BC's Brian Gionta scored four vs. UMass Lowell on Feb. 28, 1998. For his unique feat, Micflikier was selected as the CCM Player of the Week and was also selected as the Superskills Hockey Rookie of the Month for October. (See related release.)

2003-04 STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Offense	Defense
Maine	2	2	0	0	4	7-0-0	5.00 GPG	1.29 GAPG
Massachusetts	3	2	1	0	4	5-1-0	3.67 GPG	2.50 GAPG
UMass Lowell	3	2	1	0	4	3-2-2	3.34 GPG	2.14 GAPG
Merrimack	4	1	2	1	3	2-4-1	2.29 GPG	3.14 GAPG
Providence	4	1	2	1	3	5-2-1	3.88 GPG	2.50 GAPG
New Hampshire	1	1	0	0	2	4-1-0	5.20 GPG	2.00 GAPG
Boston University	2	1	1	0	2	2-1-1	3.50 GPG	2.50 GAPG
Boston College	0	0	0	0	0	3-2-1	2.83 GPG	2.33 GAPG
Northeastern	3	0	3	0	0	0-5-1	2.33 GPG	4.67 GAPG

RECENT RESULTS

Thursday, October 30
 at Maine 6, Merrimack 2 *

Friday, October 31
 Providence 6, at Massachusetts 2 *
 UMass Lowell 5, at Northeastern 2 *
 at New Hampshire 9, Union 2

Saturday, November 1
 at Maine 2, Boston University 1 *
 Massachusetts 4, at Providence 2 *
 at UMass Lowell 5, Northeastern 2 *
 Rensselaer 5, at Merrimack 4

UPCOMING GAMES

Wednesday, November 5
 UMass Lowell at Boston College *

Friday, November 7
 Maine at Boston College *
 Massachusetts at Merrimack *
 Providence at Northeastern *
 UNH at Boston University (8pm - CSTV) *

Saturday, November 8
 Maine at New Hampshire (NHPTV) *
 Merrimack at Massachusetts *

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

CCM HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE WEEK

JACOB MICFLIKIER – UNH
Freshman Forward; Winnipeg, MB

Four goals, one assist and a +5 rating in a dominating 9-2 victory over Union Friday. He is the first Hockey East rookie to score a hat trick since Dec. 29, 2001.

SUPERSKILLS HOCKEY ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

MIKE LUNDIN – MAINE
Freshman Defenseman; Apple Valley, MN

Set up the first and fifth Maine goals in a 6-2 win over Merrimack Thursday and scored the first goal of his career in Saturday's slim 2-1 win over Boston U.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

CHRIS DAVIDSON – UMass Lowell
Junior Goaltender; Hudson, QC

Stopped 50 of 54 shots he faced in a weekend sweep of Northeastern, including 18 of 19 in the first period shooting gallery Friday at NU.

HOCKEY EAST HONOR ROLL

- **David Cacciola, PC** (Jr. G; Burlington, MA) – Stopped 32 of 35 shots faced Saturday vs. UMass.
- **Frank Doyle, Maine** (Sr. G; Guelph, ON) – Stopped 23 of 24 shots faced in a 2-1 win over BU, including all 10 in the third period.
- **Elias Godoy, UML** (So. F; W. Vancouver, BC) – Had a goal and two assists in a 5-2 win over Northeastern Saturday.
- **Todd Jackson, Maine** (Sr. F; Cortland, NY) – Scored twice and added one assist in a 6-2 win over Merrimack.
- **Matt Johnson, MC** (So. F; Eden Prairie, MN) – Assisted on four of the team's six goals over the weekend.
- **Andrew Martin, UML** (So. F; Brampton, ON) – Had four points, including his first career short-handed goal, in a sweep of NU.
- **Thomas Pöck, UMass** (Sr. D; Klagenfurt, Austria) – Scored two power play goals to pace a 4-2 win at Providence Saturday.
- **Tim Reidy, MC** (Sr. F; Shrewsbury, MA) – Scored a pair of goals, including one short-handed, against RPI.
- **Marco Rosa, MC** (Sr. F; Whitby, ON) – Scored both of Merrimack's goals at Maine.
- **Steve Saviano, UNH** (Sr. F; Reading, MA) – Scored twice and added an assist in a 9-2 rout of Union.
- **Colin Shields, Maine** (Sr. F; Glasgow, Scotland) – Had a goal in each of two league wins for Maine, including the game-winner in a 2-1 triumph over BU, and added one assist in the victory over Merrimack.
- **Ben Walter, UML** (So. F; Langley, BC) – Contributed two goals and one assist in a sweep of Northeastern.

SCORING (Hockey East Games)

Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1. Andrew Martin, UML	So	3	2	4	6
2. Ben Walter, UML	So	3	4	1	5
Thomas Pöck, UMass *	Sr	3	3	2	5
Danny O'Brien, UML	So	3	1	4	5
5. Elias Godoy, UML	So	3	1	3	4
6. Todd Jackson, Maine	Sr	2	2	1	3
Greg Moore, Maine	So	2	2	1	3
Colin Shields, Maine	Sr	2	2	1	3
Mike Lundin, Maine *	Fr	2	1	2	3
Greg Mauldin, UMass	Jr	3	1	2	3
Bobby Robins, UML	So	3	1	2	3
Bryan Esner, NU	Fr	3	0	3	3
Marco Rosa, MC	Sr	4	3	0	3
Stephen Wood, PC *	Sr	4	2	1	3
Tony Zancanaro, PC	Fr	4	1	2	3
Matt Johnson, MC	So	4	0	3	3
Bryan Schmidt, MC *	So	4	0	3	3
Peter Zingoni, PC	Sr	4	0	3	3

* defenseman

SCORING (All Games)

Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1. Ben Walter, UML	So	7	10	2	12
2. Steve Saviano, UNH	Sr	5	7	3	10
Thomas Pöck, UMass *	Sr	6	5	5	10
Todd Jackson, Maine	Sr	7	7	3	10
Elias Godoy, UML	So	7	4	6	10
6. Chris Capraro, UMass	So	6	3	6	9
Greg Moore, Maine	So	7	5	4	9
Andrew Martin, UML	So	7	2	7	9
Peter Zingoni, PC	Sr	8	5	4	9
Chase Watson, PC	Fr	8	4	5	9
11. Jacob Micflikier, UNH	Fr	5	6	2	8
Preston Callander, UNH	Jr	5	1	7	8
Colin Shields, Maine	Sr	7	6	2	8
Michel Leveille, Maine	So	7	0	8	8
Torry Gajda, PC	So	8	3	5	8

* defenseman

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SUPERSKILLS



GOALTENDING (Hockey East Games)

Player, School	Cl	GP	Min	W	L	T	GAA	SP
1. Frank Doyle, Maine	So	1	60	1	0	0	1.00	.958
2. Mike Ayers, UNH	Sr	1	59	1	0	0	1.01	.957
3. David Cacciola, PC	Jr	3	162	0	2	1	1.48	.953
4. Jim Howard, Maine	So	1	60	1	0	0	2.00	.895
5. Chris Davidson, UML	Jr	3	178	2	1	0	2.35	.914
6. Casey Guenther, MC	Jr	4	245	1	2	1	2.94	.910
7. Sean Fields, BU	Sr	2	119	1	1	0	3.02	.889
8. Gabe Winer, UMass	So	3	172	2	1	0	3.48	.851
9. Keni Gibson, NU	Jr	2	117	0	2	0	4.07	.852
10. Bobby Goepfert, PC	So	2	81	1	0	0	4.39	.833

GOALTENDING (All Games)

Player, School	Cl	GP	Min	W	L	T	GAA	SP
1. Frank Doyle, Maine	So	4	240	4	0	0	1.25	.946
2. Jim Howard, Maine	So	3	180	3	0	0	1.33	.941
3. David Cacciola, PC	Jr	3	162	0	2	1	1.48	.953
4. Mike Ayers, UNH	Sr	4	232	3	1	0	2.06	.899
5. Chris Davidson, UML	Jr	7	428	3	2	2	2.10	.914
6. Matti Kaltianen, BC	Jr	6	362	3	2	1	2.32	.887
7. Sean Fields, BU	Sr	4	239	2	1	1	2.51	.894
8. Gabe Winer, UMass	So	6	352	5	1	0	2.55	.883
9. Bobby Goepfert, PC	So	6	321	5	0	0	2.61	.903
10. Casey Guenther, MC	Jr	7	423	2	4	1	3.12	.890

TEAM STATS (Hockey East Games)**TEAM OFFENSE**

Team	GP	G	GPG
1. Maine.....	2	8	4.00
UMass Lowell.....	3	12	4.00
New Hampshire.....	1	4	4.00
4. Boston University...	2	7	3.50
5. Massachusetts.....	3	9	3.00
Providence.....	4	12	3.00
7. Northeastern.....	3	6	2.00
8. Merrimack.....	4	7	1.75

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1. New Hampshire.....	1	1	1.00
2. Maine.....	2	3	1.50
3. UMass Lowell.....	3	7	2.33
4. Boston University...	2	6	3.00
Merrimack.....	4	12	3.00
Providence.....	4	12	3.00
7. Massachusetts.....	3	10	3.33
8. Northeastern.....	3	14	4.67

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1. New Hampshire.....	1	3	10	0	.300
2. Maine.....	2	2	10	0	.200
Merrimack.....	4	3	15	1	.200
4. Massachusetts.....	3	3	17	0	.176
5. UMass Lowell.....	3	3	18	1	.167
6. Providence.....	4	3	20	0	.150
7. Northeastern.....	3	2	15	1	.133
8. Boston University...	2	1	9	1	.111

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1. Maine.....	2	0	10	1	1.000
2. Massachusetts.....	3	1	15	1	.933
3. Providence.....	4	3	19	1	.842
4. UMass Lowell.....	3	3	18	1	.833
5. Boston University...	2	2	11	0	.818
6. Merrimack.....	4	5	23	0	.783
7. Northeastern.....	3	5	16	0	.688
8. New Hampshire.....	1	1	2	0	.500

PENALTY MINUTES

Team	GP	P	PiM	PMPG
1. New Hampshire.....	1	2	4	4.00
2. Massachusetts.....	3	19	38	12.67
3. Providence.....	4	26	52	13.00
4. Boston University...	2	14	28	14.00
5. UMass Lowell.....	3	20	43	14.33
6. Maine.....	2	19	38	19.00
Northeastern.....	3	19	57	19.00
8. Merrimack.....	4	34	79	19.75

TEAM STATS (All Games)**TEAM OFFENSE**

Team	GP	G	GPG
1. New Hampshire.....	5	26	5.20
2. Maine.....	7	35	5.00
3. Providence.....	8	31	3.88
4. Massachusetts.....	6	22	3.67
5. Boston University...	4	14	3.50
6. UMass Lowell.....	7	24	3.43
7. Boston College.....	6	17	2.83
8. Northeastern.....	6	14	2.33
9. Merrimack.....	7	16	2.29

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1. Maine.....	7	9	1.29
2. New Hampshire.....	5	10	2.00
3. UMass Lowell.....	7	15	2.14
4. Boston College.....	6	14	2.33
5. Boston University...	4	10	2.50
Massachusetts.....	6	15	2.50
Providence.....	8	20	2.50
8. Merrimack.....	7	22	3.14
9. Northeastern.....	6	28	4.67

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1. New Hampshire.....	5	12	36	0	.333
2. UMass Lowell.....	7	12	44	1	.273
3. Maine.....	7	9	36	0	.250
4. Massachusetts.....	6	6	29	0	.207
5. Providence.....	8	7	36	0	.194
6. Boston College.....	6	7	38	0	.184
7. Merrimack.....	7	6	35	2	.171
8. Northeastern.....	6	6	37	3	.162
9. Boston University...	4	2	17	1	.118

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1. Boston College.....	6	2	31	2	.935
2. Massachusetts.....	6	2	26	2	.923
3. Maine.....	7	3	34	5	.912
4. Boston University...	4	3	21	0	.857
5. New Hampshire.....	5	5	30	2	.833
6. Providence.....	8	8	46	3	.826
7. UMass Lowell.....	7	7	39	1	.821
Merrimack.....	7	7	39	1	.821
9. Northeastern.....	6	12	36	1	.667

PENALTY MINUTES

Team	GP	P	PiM	PMPG
1. Boston College.....	6	38	76	12.67
2. Massachusetts.....	6	40	80	13.33
3. Boston University...	4	27	54	13.50
4. Maine.....	7	52	104	14.86
5. UMass Lowell.....	7	48	107	15.29
6. Merrimack.....	7	51	113	16.14
7. Northeastern.....	6	42	103	17.17
8. New Hampshire.....	5	38	87	17.40
9. Providence.....	8	61	144	18.00

TEAM NOTES

Boston College: Captain Ben Eaves is listed as probable for Wednesday's game vs. UMass Lowell.

Boston University: The Terriers will be looking to score their first goal against New Hampshire in four games. They have been shut out in their last three matches against UNH. Wildcat goaltender Mike Ayers has a shutout streak of 182:41 vs. BU ... In special teams' play, the Terriers have scored just two power play goals in 17 chances (.118), but they have killed off 17 of 20 chances (.850) by their opponents.

University of Maine: As storied as the program has been in the past, Maine's 7-0 start this season is its best ever ... Maine is the first team this season to go into a weekend ranked No. 1 and emerge undefeated. Minnesota, BC and UNH all lost a game immediately after being ranked at the top ... Freshman Keith Johnson faced off against his older brother, BU senior Gregg Johnson, for the first time as collegiate rivals on Saturday.

University of Massachusetts: Dating back to last season, the Minutemen have won five straight road games, a school record. Three of the wins have come over ranked foes and all have come against Hockey East teams ... UMass' 5-1 start is its best since joining Hockey East ... The Minutemen are 18-1 when scoring four or more goals in a game since the start of last season.

UMass Lowell: Four River Hawks scored his first goal of the season in Friday's 5-2 win at Northeastern ... Ben Walter is the first Lowell player to score 10 goals in the first seven games of a season since Mike Carr had 12 in the first seven games of the 1981-82 frame.

Merrimack College: Merrimack has outscored its opponents 11-10 over the first two period but has been outscored 12-5 in the third period this year ... On Saturday, Tim Reidy scored the team's first short-handed goal in almost a year. The last came against Dartmouth on Nov. 3, 2002 ... Friday night will be Joe Exter Night at the J. Thom Lawler Arena. Exter, the former All-Star Warrior goalie who survived a life-threatening injury at the end of the last season, will address the crowd and be available for autographs between periods.

University of New Hampshire: Fourteen different UNH players got into the scoring column in Friday's 9-2 win over Union. The line of Jacob Micflikier, Justin Aikins and Preston Callander accounted for five goals and five assists ... UNH scored five goals in the third period vs. Union and has outscored opponents 13-4 in the third period so far this season ... The Wildcats' next four opponents (BC, BU, Maine and Providence) are all ranked in the top 15 of the national polls and have a combined record of 17-5-3 so far.

Northeastern University: Sophomore Brian Swiniarski and junior Jason Guerriero each scored a goal in each of the games against UMass Lowell. Swiniarski has four goals in the last five games and has scored those on just six shots ... At 0-4-1, the Huskies are off to their roughest start since going 0-4-1 in 1990-91.

Providence College: The Friars are unbeaten (3-0-1) on the road this season ... Each of three different Friars recorded his first collegiate goal this weekend ... Senior Peter Zingoni and freshman Chase Watson have each recorded at least one point in six of the eight games this season.

WHO'S HOT

- **David Cacciola, PC** (Jr. G; Burlington, MA) – Has stopped 81 of the 85 shots he has faced (.953).
- **Jacob Micflikier, UNH** (Fr. F; Winnipeg, MB) – Has scored all eight of his points (six goals, two assists) in the last three games.
- **Ben Walter, UML** (So. F; Langley, BC) – In just seven games, Walter has 10 goals, second-best in the NCAA and double the entire output of his rookie season.
- **BC penalty kill** – Has killed off 16 straight opposing power plays and 29 of 31 on the season.
- **Maine defense and goaltending** – Two shutouts and only nine total goals allowed over seven games this season (1.29 GAA).
- **Todd Jackson and Maine's penalty kill** – Jackson has four of Maine's five short-handed goals. Opponents have totalled just three power play goals.
- **UNH power play** – Already has 12 goals on just 36 opportunities, a percentage of 33.3, best in the nation.

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:

Name	Cl	Pos	School
David Cacciola	Jr	G	PC
Preston Callander	Jr	F	UNH
Casey Guenther	Jr	G	MC
Todd Jackson	Sr	F	Maine
Mike Lundin	Fr	D	Maine
Thomas Pöck	Sr	D	UMass
Nick Pomponio	So	F	MC
Bobby Robins	So	F	UML
Dan Spang	So	D	BU
Ben Walter	So	F	UML
Stephen Wood	Sr	D	PC

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FIRST COLLEGIATE GOAL

- **Kevin Brooks, Providence** (Fr. F; Stow, MA)
Friday, Oct. 31, at Massachusetts (6-2 win)
- **Rene Gauthier, UMass Lowell** (Fr. F; Tecumseh, ON)
Saturday, Nov. 1, vs. Northeastern (5-2 win)
- **Luke Irwin, Providence** (So. D; Bloomington, MN)
Saturday, Nov. 1, vs. Massachusetts (4-2 loss)
- **Kevin Jarman, Massachusetts** (Fr. F; Aurora, ON)
Friday, Oct. 31, vs. Providence (6-2 loss)
- **Mike Lundin, Maine** (Fr. D; Apple Valley, MN)
Saturday, Nov. 1, vs. Boston University (2-1 win)
- **Bobby McCabe, UML** (So. D; Somersworth, NH)
Friday, Oct. 31, at Northeastern (5-2 win)
- **Dan Travis, New Hampshire** (Fr. F; Wilton, NH)
Saturday, Nov. 1, vs. Union (9-2 win)
- **Tony Zancanaro, Providence** (Fr. F; Trenton, MI)
Friday, Oct. 31, at Massachusetts (6-2 win)