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BC, UMASS, UNH SET LEAGUE PACE WITH SWEEPS *Ayers records fourth straight shutout vs. Terriers*

The line has been drawn by both Boston College and UNH headed into Wednesday's prime time match at Manchester's Verizon Wireless Arena. Both teams made quick work of league opponents this past week, BC with consecutive 4-1 wins over UMass Lowell and top-ranked Maine and UNH with a 4-0 win at Boston U. followed by a 6-3 shooting gallery victory over the Black Bears.

The Wildcats spotted Maine a 3-1 lead just four minutes into Saturday's contest, but replied with five unanswered goals to come away with the victory. Mike Ayers settled down after allowing three goals on the first four shots he faced, successfully turning aside the remaining 34 Maine attempts. It was a quick return to form for Ayers, who stopped 34-of-34 at BU the night before, shutting out the Terriers for the fourth consecutive time.

Boston College scored a short-handed goal and a power play goal in the first period Friday vs. Maine in dealing the Black Bears their first loss of the season. The Eagles' penalty kill is clicking near 95 percent and has killed off 24 straight, including all six vs. Maine.

Massachusetts was also perfect on the weekend, blanking Merrimack 2-0 on Friday and following that up with a 5-3 win at home vs. the Warriors to complete the sweep. The Minute-man defense held Merrimack without a single shot in the first period Friday and limited the Warriors to a total of 24 shots over two games. Thomas Pöck had both UMass goals Friday and posted two assists Saturday to take over the league scoring lead. With four wins to only one loss, UMass is off to its best Hockey East start ever.

In the only other game, Northeastern managed its first point in league play with a 2-2 tie vs. Providence. Brian Swiniarski was responsible for one NU goal and assisted on the other to give the Huskies a 2-0 lead, but the Friars came back to tie the game.

The sweeps by BC and UNH have set the table for what may be the most dramatic regular season contest of the year, a contest that may provide a preview of the Hockey East championship game. UNH holds a strong edge in the series recently, posting a 6-0-1 record over the last seven meetings. WMUR-TV will televise Wednesday's headline battle live.

RECENT RESULTS

Wednesday, November 5

at Boston College 4, UMass Lowell 1 *

Friday, November 7

at Boston College 4, Maine 1 *
 Massachusetts 2, at Merrimack 0 *
 at Northeastern 2, Providence 2 (OT) *
 New Hampshire 4, at Boston University 0 *

Saturday, November 8

at New Hampshire 6, Maine 3 *
 at Massachusetts 5, Merrimack 3 *

UPCOMING GAMES

Tuesday, November 11

Bentley at UMass Lowell

Wednesday, November 12

Boston College vs. UNH (WMUR) *
 (at Manchester, NH)

Friday, November 14

Boston College at Massachusetts *
 Boston University at Merrimack *
 Northeastern at Maine (WABI) *
 New Hampshire at Providence (COX3) *

Saturday, November 15

Massachusetts at Providence *
 Merrimack at Boston University (FSNE) *

Sunday, November 16

UMass Lowell at Maine (2:30pm) *

* Hockey East game

Games start at 7pm EST unless indicated.

All game times are Eastern Standard Time.

2003-04 STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	HE Offense	HE Defense
Massachusetts	5	4	1	0	8	7-1-0	3.20 GPG	2.60 GAPG
New Hampshire	3	3	0	0	6	6-1-0	4.67 GPG	1.33 GAPG
Boston College	2	2	0	0	4	5-2-1	4.00 GPG	1.00 GAPG
Maine	4	2	2	0	4	7-2-0	3.00 GPG	3.25 GAPG
UMass Lowell	4	2	2	0	4	3-3-2	3.25 GPG	2.75 GAPG
Providence	5	1	2	2	4	5-2-2	2.80 GPG	2.80 GAPG
Merrimack	6	1	4	1	3	2-6-1	1.67 GPG	3.17 GAPG
Boston University	3	1	2	0	2	2-2-1	2.33 GPG	3.33 GAPG
Northeastern	4	0	3	1	1	0-5-2	2.00 GPG	4.00 GAPG

CCM HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE WEEK

MIKE AYERS – New Hampshire
 Senior Goaltender; Hingham, MA

Posted a perfect 34-for-34 in shutting out Boston U. for the fourth straight time. Followed that with a 35-save performance in a 6-3 win vs. top-ranked Maine.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

THOMAS PÖCK – Massachusetts
 Senior Defenseman; Kladnfurt, Austria

Scored two UMass goals, set up two others, and finished +5 in a sweep of Merrimack. Helped limit Warrior offense to just 24 total shots over two games.

HOCKEY EAST HONOR ROLL

- **Chris Collins, BC** (So. F; Fairport, NY) – Scored twice to power BC over Lowell, 4-1.
- **Ben Eaves, BC** (Sr. F; Faribault, MN) – Led special teams play to a 4-1 win over Maine on Friday, setting up the first BC goal short-handed and scoring the second on the power play.
- **Bobby Goepfert, PC** (So. G; Kings Park, NY) – Stopped 32 of 34 shots faced in a 2-2 at Northeastern.
- **Jim Howard, Maine** (So. G; Ogdensburg, NY) – Made 35 saves against No. 5 Boston College.
- **Matti Kaltiainen, BC** (Jr. G; Espoo, Finland) – Stopped 38 of 40 shots faced on the week, allowing just one goal in each of the first two league games for BC.
- **Greg Mauldin, UMass** (Jr. F; Holliston, MA) – Had a hand in four of UMass' seven goals this weekend.
- **Steve Saviano, UNH** (Sr. F; Reading, MA) – Had a goal in each of two wins on the weekend, and added two assists vs. Maine.
- **Brian Swiniarski, NU** (So. F; Newburyport, MA) – Scored a goal and assisted on the other in a 2-2 tie with Providence Friday.
- **Brian Yandle, UNH** (So. D; Milton, MA) – Scored four points and had a +4 rating on the weekend, including a 2-1-3 line in a 6-3 win over Maine on Saturday.

SCORING (Hockey East Games)

Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1. Thomas Pöck, UMass *	Sr	5	5	4	9
2. Greg Mauldin, UMass	Jr	5	3	4	7
3. Brian Yandle, UNH *	So	3	4	2	6
Andrew Martin, UML	So	4	2	4	6
5. Steve Saviano, UNH	Sr	3	2	3	5
Nathan Martz, UNH	Sr	3	1	4	5
Ben Walter, UML	So	4	4	1	5
Danny O'Brien, UML	So	4	1	4	5
9. Justin Aikins, UNH	Jr	3	1	3	4
Brian Swiniarski, NU	So	4	3	1	4
Todd Jackson, Maine	Sr	4	2	2	4
Greg Moore, Maine	So	4	2	2	4
Colin Shields, Maine	Sr	4	2	2	4
Elias Godoy, UML	So	4	1	3	4
Mike Warner, UMass	Sr	5	3	1	4
Peter Zingoni, PC	Sr	5	1	3	4
Chris Capraro, UMass	So	5	0	4	4
Marvin Degon, UMass *	So	5	0	4	4

* defenseman

SCORING (All Games)

Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1. Steve Saviano, UNH	Sr	7	9	5	14
Thomas Pöck, UMass *	Sr	8	7	7	14
3. Ben Walter, UML	So	8	10	2	12
Chris Capraro, UMass	So	8	3	8	11
Todd Jackson, Maine	Sr	9	7	4	11
6. Justin Aikins, UNH	Jr	7	4	6	10
Elias Godoy, UML	So	8	4	6	10
Greg Mauldin, UMass	Jr	8	4	6	10
Peter Zingoni, PC	Sr	9	6	4	10
Greg Moore, Maine	So	9	5	5	10
11. Nathan Martz, UNH	Sr	5	2	7	9
Brian Yandle, UNH *	So	7	5	4	9
Sean Collins, UNH	Jr	7	3	6	9
Ben Eaves, BC	Sr	7	3	6	9
Preston Callander, UNH	Jr	7	2	7	9
Andrew Martin, UML	So	8	2	7	9
Colin Shields, Maine	Sr	9	6	3	9
Torry Gajda, PC	So	9	4	5	9
Chase Watson, PC	Fr	9	4	5	9
Michel Leveille, Maine	So	9	0	9	9

* defenseman

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SUPERSKILLS



GOALTENDING (Hockey East Games)

Player, School	Cl	GP	Min	W	L	T	GAA	SP
1. Matti Kaltiainen, BC	Jr	2	120	2	0	0	1.00	.950
2. Mike Ayers, UNH	Sr	3	179	3	0	0	1.34	.958
3. David Cacciola, PC	Jr	3	162	0	2	1	1.48	.953
4. Casey Guenther, MC	Jr	5	304	1	3	1	2.56	.915
5. Gabe Winer, UMass	So	5	292	4	1	0	2.67	.857
6. Chris Davidson, UML	Jr	4	238	2	2	0	2.76	.910
7. Jim Howard, Maine	So	2	120	1	1	0	3.00	.889
8. Bobby Goepfert, PC	So	3	146	1	0	1	3.27	.886
9. Keni Gibson, NU	Jr	3	182	0	2	1	3.28	.877
10. Sean Fields, BU	Sr	3	179	1	2	0	3.35	.875

GOALTENDING (All Games)

Player, School	Cl	GP	Min	W	L	T	GAA	SP
1. Mike Ayers, UNH	Sr	6	352	5	1	0	1.87	.927
2. Matti Kaltianen, BC	Jr	8	482	5	2	1	1.99	.902
3. Jim Howard, Maine	So	4	240	3	1	0	2.00	.922
4. Frank Doyle, Maine	So	5	300	4	1	0	2.20	.907
5. Gabe Winer, UMass	So	8	472	7	1	0	2.29	.882
6. Chris Davidson, UML	Jr	8	488	3	3	2	2.33	.912
7. Bobby Goepfert, PC	So	7	386	5	0	1	2.48	.911
8. Sean Fields, BU	Sr	5	299	2	2	1	2.81	.883
9. Casey Guenther, MC	Jr	8	482	2	5	1	2.86	.895
10. Keni Gibson, NU	Jr	5	307	0	3	2	3.51	.860

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

Team	GP	G	GPG
1.New Hampshire.....	3	14	4.67
2.Boston College.....	2	8	4.00
3.UMass Lowell.....	4	13	3.25
4.Massachusetts.....	5	16	3.20
5.Maine.....	4	12	3.00
6.Providence.....	5	14	2.80
7.Boston University...	3	7	2.33
8.Northeastern.....	4	8	2.00
9.Merrimack.....	6	10	1.67

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1.Boston College.....	2	2	1.00
2.New Hampshire.....	3	4	1.33
3.Massachusetts.....	5	13	2.60
4.UMass Lowell.....	4	11	2.75
5.Providence.....	5	14	2.80
6.Merrimack.....	6	19	3.17
7.Maine.....	4	13	3.25
8.Boston University...	3	10	3.33
9.Northeastern.....	4	16	4.00

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1.New Hampshire.....	3	6	18	0	.333
2.Merrimack.....	6	5	25	2	.200
3.UMass Lowell.....	4	3	19	1	.158
4.Massachusetts.....	5	4	28	0	.143
Providence.....	5	3	21	0	.143
6.Northeastern.....	4	2	17	1	.118
7.Maine.....	4	2	22	1	.091
8.Boston College.....	2	1	12	0	.083
9.Boston University...	3	1	18	1	.056

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1.Boston College.....	2	0	8	1	1.000
2.New Hampshire.....	3	1	17	0	.941
3.Maine.....	4	2	18	1	.889
4.Massachusetts.....	5	3	25	2	.880
5.UMass Lowell.....	4	3	23	1	.870
6.Providence.....	5	3	22	1	.864
7.Merrimack.....	6	6	34	0	.824
8.Boston University...	3	4	17	0	.765
9.Northeastern.....	4	5	16	0	.688

PENALTY MINUTES

Team	GP	P	PiM	PMPG
1.Providence.....	5	29	58	11.60
2.Massachusetts.....	5	33	66	13.20
3.UMass Lowell.....	4	28	59	14.75
Northeastern.....	4	20	59	14.75
5.Boston University...	3	23	46	15.33
6.New Hampshire.....	3	24	48	16.00
7.Merrimack.....	6	48	107	17.83
8.Maine.....	4	45	106	26.50
9.Boston College.....	2	23	62	31.00

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

Team	GP	G	GPG
1.New Hampshire.....	7	36	5.14
2.Maine.....	9	39	4.33
3.Providence.....	9	33	3.67
4.Massachusetts.....	8	29	3.62
5.Boston College.....	8	25	3.12
UMass Lowell.....	8	25	3.12
7.Boston University...	5	14	2.80
8.Northeastern.....	7	16	2.29
9.Merrimack.....	9	19	2.11

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1.New Hampshire.....	7	13	1.86
2.Boston College.....	8	16	2.00
3.Maine.....	9	19	2.11
4.Massachusetts.....	8	18	2.25
5.UMass Lowell.....	8	19	2.38
6.Providence.....	9	22	2.44
7.Boston University...	5	14	2.80
8.Merrimack.....	9	29	3.22
9.Northeastern.....	7	30	4.29

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1.New Hampshire.....	7	15	44	0	.341
2.UMass Lowell.....	8	12	45	1	.267
3.Providence.....	9	7	37	0	.189
4.Maine.....	9	9	48	1	.188
5.Merrimack.....	9	8	45	3	.178
6.Massachusetts.....	8	7	40	0	.175
7.Boston College.....	8	8	50	0	.160
8.Northeastern.....	7	6	39	3	.154
9.Boston University...	5	2	26	1	.077

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1.Boston College.....	8	2	39	3	.949
2.Massachusetts.....	8	4	36	3	.889
New Hampshire.....	7	5	45	2	.889
4.Maine.....	9	5	42	5	.881
5.UMass Lowell.....	8	7	44	1	.841
6.Merrimack.....	9	8	50	1	.840
7.Providence.....	9	8	49	3	.837
8.Boston University...	5	5	27	0	.815
9.Northeastern.....	7	12	36	1	.667

PENALTY MINUTES

Team	GP	P	PiM	PMPG
1.Massachusetts.....	8	54	108	13.50
2.Boston University...	5	36	72	14.40
3.Northeastern.....	7	43	105	15.00
4.UMass Lowell.....	8	56	123	15.38
5.Merrimack.....	9	65	141	15.67
6.Providence.....	9	64	150	16.67
7.Boston College.....	8	61	138	17.25
8.New Hampshire.....	7	60	131	18.71
9.Maine.....	9	78	172	19.11

TEAM NOTES

Boston College: With the 4-1 win over Maine on Friday, BC head coach Jerry York tied former BC coach Len Ceglarski for fourth on the national all-time wins list with 673. York is only nine wins behind BU head coach Jack Parker.

Boston University: The Terriers have been able to convert on just 2 of 26 power play chances this year (7.7 percent). Against UNH Friday, the Terriers were 0-for-9. Mike Ayers continued his shutout streak vs. BU with his fourth straight.

University of Maine: Maine's school-best 7-0-0 start ended with Friday's loss at Boston College ... Frank Doyle allowed six goals on Saturday night against New Hampshire, the most in his Black Bear career ... Maine scored three goals in the first 4:24 Saturday against Mike Ayers, who had stopped all 34 shots he faced in a shut out BU on Friday.

University of Massachusetts: UMass recorded first shut-out in 51 games on Friday night. The last was on Dec. 28, 2001, a 4-0 blanking of Niagara ... The Minutemen won their sixth straight road game Friday night. All six have come against Hockey East foes ... The UMass defense did not allow a single shot-on-goal in the first period of Friday's 2-0 win at Merrimack and surrendered a total of just 24 shots in the two-game series ... UMass' 4-1 Hockey East start is its best ever and the 7-1 overall start is tied for the best ever.

UMass Lowell: Junior Chris Davidson made a career-high 37 saves Wednesday night against No. 5 Boston College. The loss at BC snapped a four-game unbeaten streak for UML, the longest such streak since stringing together four wins near the end of the 2001-02 season ... UML is playing four different schools for the first time ever this season: Miami, Bentley, Canisius and Ferris State.

Merrimack College: With a 0-0 tie against Providence on Oct. 25 and a 2-0 loss to UMass on Friday, Merrimack was shut out in back-to-back home games for the first time since joining Hockey East ... After being held scoreless for the first 106:19 of its weekend series vs. UMass, Merrimack erupted for three goals over three minutes and six seconds in the second period Saturday. The Warriors killed 10 of 11 penalties in the series.

University of New Hampshire: The Wildcats outscored two ranked opponents (No. 1 Maine and No. 8 Boston U) by a combined 10-3 over the weekend. On Wednesday, the Wildcats will take on Boston College (ranked No. 5 in last week's poll) at the Verizon Wireless Arena. UNH is 6-0-1 in the last seven meetings against the Eagles. Three of their last five contests have required overtime ... UNH boasts the nation's second-best offense (5.14 goals per game) and third-best defense (1.86 goals against per game).

Northeastern University: NU is 26-2-5 over the last two-plus seasons when limiting opponent to two goals or less ... Sophomore walk-on defenseman Jonathan Koop made his season debut Friday vs. Providence. NU is undefeated (1-0-2) all-time with Koop in the lineup.

Providence College: The Friars are 7-0-4 in their last 11 road games dating back to last season ... Sophomore Torry Gajda has nine points in nine games this season. He had nine total in his entire freshman year ... Twenty different Friars have tallied at least one point this season. Peter Zingoni and Chase Watson have each recorded at least one point in six of the eight games this season.

WHO'S HOT

- **Mike Ayers vs. Boston University** – Having stopped 110 consecutive Terrier shots, has four straight shutouts vs. BU.
- **Thomas Pöck, UMass** (Sr. D; Klagenfurt, Austria) – Three straight multi-point games and six in eight games so far.
- **Brian Swinarski, NU** (So. F; Newburyport, MA) – Five goals on nine shots (55.6 percent), all in the last six games.
- **Gabe Winer on the road** – UMass sophomore is 3-0 with a 1.33 GAA and a .931 save percentage in three league games on the road this season.
- **Brian Yandle, UNH** (So. D; Milton, MA) – Has already surpassed his point total of last season and is averaging 1.14 points per game, second best in the nation among blueliners.
- **BC penalty kill** – Has killed off 24 straight opposing power plays and 37 of 39 (94.9 percent) on the season.
- **UNH power play** – Has scored at least one goal in each of seven games this season and leads the nation at 34.1 percent (15 for 44).

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
Thomas Pöck	Sr	D	UMass
Steve Saviano	Sr	F	UNH
Ben Walter	So	F	UML

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FIRST COLLEGIATE GOAL

Luciano Aquino, Maine (Fr. F; Mississauga, ON)
Friday, Nov. 7, at Boston College (4-1 loss)

Ryan Sullivan, Merrimack (Fr. D; Toronto, ON)
Saturday, Nov. 8, at Massachusetts (5-3 loss)

Jason Tejchma, UMass Lowell (Fr. F; Muskegon, MI)
Wednesday, Nov. 5, at Boston College (4-1 loss)