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# FINE PERFORMANCE FOR EAGLES IN FLORIDA Boston University set to open Agganis Arena tonight

The BC Eagles came away with a tournament title in their first trip to the Florida College Classic, knocking off Cornell 4-2 before outlasting St. Cloud 2-1 in double overtime of the championship game. Chris Collins clinched the title with a goal just 59 seconds into the second OT, but it was teammate Matti Kaltiainen that lifted the Shawn Walsh Memorial Award as tournament MVP. He stopped 62 of 65 shots over the two games.

Five other Hockey East teams took part in holiday tournaments, and four came away with a 1-1 split. NU's Jason Guerriero provided the highlight among these, posting two goals and two assists in a 5-1 win over Colgate, advancing the Huskies to the Denver Cup final.

The University of Massachusetts also picked up a pair of wins on the week, shutting out Princeton thanks to 19 saves from Gabe Winer before downing Nebraska-Omaha, 4-2. Captain Stephen Werner was outstanding in both games, picking up two goals and one assist in each. Boston University got three second-period goals to down Nebraska-Omaha and complete a

### **CCM HOCKEY** PLAYER OF THE WEEK

**STEPHEN WERNER – Massachusetts** Junior Forward; Chevy Chase, MD

Spearheaded the Minuteman attack last week with two goals and one assist in each of two wins, 4-0 vs. Princeton and 4-2 vs. Nebraska-Omaha.

perfect 4-0 month, but opened January's slate last night with a slim 2-1 loss to Minnesota in the last game at Walter Brown Arena. The Terriers open their new home, Agganis Arena, tonight in a rematch vs. the top-ranked Golden Gophers.

UMass Lowell is still looking for its first league win, but has found plenty of them in nonconference play. The River Hawks upped their NCAA-best mark to 9-0 with a 5-2 win over visiting Niagara on Thursday.

# HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

<u>Team</u>	<u>GP</u>	w	L	T	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Overall</u>	HE Offense	HE Defense
Boston University	9	8	1	0	16	11-7-0	4.33 GPG	2.22 GAPG
New Hampshire	8	6	1	1	13	12-4-2	3.62 GPG	2.38 GAPG
Maine	10	6	3	1	13	10-8-3	3.60 GPG	2.10 GAPG
Boston College	8	4	1	3	11	9-3-3	2.50 GPG	1.75 GAPG
Massachusetts	10	4	5	1	9	10-10-1	2.60 GPG	3.70 GAPG
Northeastern	8	3	4	1	7	7-9-2	2.88 GPG	2.88 GAPG
Providence	10	2	6	2	6	6-10-2	2.50 GPG	3.10 GAPG
Merrimack	10	1	8	1	3	8-12-2	2.00 GPG	4.30 GAPG
UMass Lowell	7	0	5	2	2	9-5-2	2.57 GPG	4.00 GAPG

### SUPERSKILLS HOCKEY **ROOKIE OF THE WEEK**

JON RHEAULT – Providence Freshman Forward; Deering, NH

Scored one goal and added one assist to help the Friars to a narrow 3-2 win over Bowling Green at the Ledyard National Bank Classic.

## **DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

MATTI KALTIAINEN – Boston College Senior Goaltender; Espoo, Finland

Earned the Shawn Walsh Memorial Award as MVP of the Florida College Classic after stopping 62 of 65 shots faced over back-to-back wins.

#### RECENT RESULTS

Tuesday, December 28 Florida College Classic at Estero, FL Maine 1, St. Cloud 1 (St. Cloud wins shootout, 2-1) Boston College 4, Cornell 2

Wednesday, December 29 at Massachusetts 4, Princeton 0 at Boston University 4, Nebraska-Omaha 1 Florida College Classic Cornell 4, Maine 3 Boston College 2, St. Cloud 1 (20T) Ledyard Classic at Dartmouth Vermont 3 Providence 1 Great Lakes Invitational at Detroit, M Michigan State 4, New Hampshire 3 (OT)

Thursday, December 30 at Massachusetts 4, Nebraska-Omaha 2 at UMass Lowell 5, Niagara 2 Ledyard Classic at Dartmouth Providence 3, Bowling Green 2 Great Lakes Invitational at Detroit, MI New Hampshire 4, Michigan Tech 3 UConn Holiday Classic at Connecticut Merrimack 4. Brown 1

> Friday, December 31 UConn Holiday Classic Merrimack 4, at Connecticut 1

Saturday, January 1 Denver Cup at Denver Northeastern 5, Colgate 1

Sunday, January 2 Minnesota 2, at Boston University 1 Denver Cup at Denver 4, Northeastern 0

### **UPCOMING GAMES**

Monday, January 3 Minnesota at Boston University (CSTV) #

> Tuesday, January 4 Boston College at Merrimack \*

Friday, January 7 Boston University at Northeastern (NESN) \* Massachusetts at UMass Lowell \* New Hampshire at Providence \* Maine vs. U.S. U-18 Team (exh. at Portland, ME)

Saturday, January 8 Northeastern at UMass Lowell (CN8) Boston College at Merrimack Providence at New Hampshire (NHPTV) \* U.S. U-18 Team at Boston University (exh.)

Sunday, January 9 Quinnipiac at Maine (NESN)

\* Hockey East game # Commissioners' Cup series Games start at 7pm EST unless indicated.

# HOCKEY EAST HONOR ROLL

- Robbie Barker, UNH (Sr. D; Concord, NH) Named to the Great Lakes Invitational All-Tournament Team after scoring one goal and setting up two others in a 4-3 win over Michigan Tech.
- Matt Burto, UMass (Fr. F, Orange, CT) Scored one goal in each of two UMass wins.
- David Cacciola, PC (Sr. G, Burlington, MA) Made 35 saves to preserve a slim 3-2 victory over Bowling Green.
  Preston Callander, UNH (Sr. F; Regina, SK) Posted two goals in UNH's 4-3 OT loss to Michigan State.
- Jason Guerriero, NU (Sr. F; Manorville, NY) Had two goals and two assists to power NU over Colgate, 5-1, in the opening game of the Denver Cup. He was later named to the All-Tournament Team.
- Bobby Robins, UML (Jr. F; Peshtigo, WI) Scored two goals, including the game-winner, and finished with a +3 in a 5-2 win over Niagara.
- Billy Ryan, Maine (Fr. F; Milton, MA) Scored Maine's lone goal in a 1-1 tie with St. Cloud State, and also scored in the shootout.
- Ryan Shannon, BC (Sr. F; Darien, CT) Had one goal in each game of the Florida College Classic and was an All-Tourney Team choice. • Brian Swiniarski, NU (Jr. F; Newburyport, MA) - Scored twice to help lift NU over Colgate, 5-1.
- David Van der Gulik, BU (Jr. F; Abbottsford, BC) Led the Terriers to a 4-1 win vs. Nebraska-Omaha with two goals and one assist.
- Peter Vetri, UML (Fr. G; Windham, NH) Made 26 saves in a 5-2 win against Niagara Thursday.
- Gabe Winer, UMass (Jr. G; Stoughton, MA) Stopped all 19 shots he faced in a 4-0 win vs. Princeton.

## LEADING SCORERS (League Games)

1 2 8	Player, School Pete MacArthur, BU Jason Guerriero, NU John Laliberte, BU Bryan Miller, BU John Ronan, Maine Matt Anderson, UMass Jon Jankus, Maine Preston Callander, UNH Sean Collins, UNH	<b>CI</b> Fr Sr Jr Sr Sr Sr Sr Sr	<b>GP</b> 9 9 9 10 10 8 8	<b>G</b> 7 2 5 3 5 4 2 4 3	<b>A</b> 6 8 5 7 5 6 8 5 6	Pts 13 10 10 10 10 10 10 9 9	
	Sean Collins, UNH Brett Hemingway, UNH David Van der Gulik, BU	Sr So Jr	8 8 9	3 3 5	6 6 4	9 9 9	
	Brad Zancanaro, BU Chris Bourque, BU P.J. Fenton, UMass Chris Chaput, PC	Jr Fr Fr Sr	9 9 10 10	4 3 6 3	5 6 3 6	9 9 9 9	

\* defenseman



## LEADING SCORERS (All Games)

	Player, School	CI	GP	G	Α	Pts
1	Jason Guerriero, NU	Sr	18	8	15	23
	Sean Collins, UNH	Sr	18	7	16	23
	Bryan Schmidt, MC *	Jr	22	11	12	23
4	Brett Hemingway, UNH	So	18	13	9	22
5	Ben Walter, UML	Jr	16	16	5	21
	Preston Callander, UNH	Sr	18	9	12	21
	Jeff Caron, MC *	So	22	4	17	21
8	Matt Anderson, UMass	So	18	7	13	20
9	Patrick Eaves, BC	Jr	15	7	12	19
	Elias Godoy, UML	Jr	16	3	16	19
11	Andrew Martin, UML	Jr	16	7	11	18
	Pete MacArthur, BU	Fr	17	9	9	18
	John Laliberte, BU	Jr	17	7	11	18
	Stephen Werner, UMass	Jr	21	10	8	18

\* defenseman

## LEADING GOALTENDERS (League Games)

	Player, School	СІ	GP	Min	w	L	т	GAA	SP
1	Cory Schneider, BC	Fr	6	379	3	0	3	1.58	.938
2	Jeff Pietrasiak, UNH	Jr	6	364	4	1	1	2.14	.909
3	Jim Howard, Maine	Jr	10	529	6	3	1	2.15	.903
4	John Curry, BU	So	7	419	6	1	0	2.29	.912
5	David Cacciola, PC	Sr	7	422	2	4	1	2.42	.926
6	Keni Gibson, NU	Sr	8	488	3	4	1	2.70	.923
7	Gabe Winer, UMass	Jr	9	509	4	4	1	3.18	.893
8	Peter Vetri, UML	Fr	5	268	0	2	2	3.36	.893
9	Frank McLaughlin, MC	Jr	5	212	1	3	0	3.39	.908
10	Jim Healey, MC	So	7	350	0	5	1	4.28	.881

# LEADING GOALTENDERS (All Games)

	Player, School	CI	GP	Min	w	L	т	GAA	SP
1	Cory Schneider, BC	Fr	7	439	4	0	3	1.77	.927
2	Matti Kaltiainen, BC	Sr	8	498	4	3	0	1.80	.922
3	John Curry, BU	So	14	807	9	4	0	1.93	.921
4	Jim Howard, Maine	Jr	20	1135	9	8	3	2.27	.906
5	Peter Vetri, UML	Fr	10	568	5	2	2	2.43	.913
6	Gabe Winer, UMass	Jr	15	869	8	6	1	2.62	.903
7	David Cacciola, PC	Sr	11	660	4	6	1	2.63	.919
8	Keni Gibson, NU	Sr	17	1036	7	8	2	2.72	.909
9	Jeff Pietrasiak, UNH	Jr	12	733	7	3	2	2.78	.901
10	Tyler Sims, PC	Fr	17	423	2	4	1	3.11	.901

# TEAM STATISTICS (League Games)

### TEAM OFFENSE

Team	GP	G	GPG
1.Boston University 2.New Hampshire	9 8	39 29	4.33 3.62
3.Maine	10	36	3.60
4.Northeastern	8	23	2.88
5.Massachusetts	10	26	2.60
6.UMass Lowell	7	18	2.57
7.Boston College	8	20	2.50
Providence	10	25	2.50
9.Merrimack	10	20	2.00
TEAM DEFENSE			
Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1.Boston College	8	14	1.75
2.Maine	10	21	2.10
3.Boston University	9	20	2.22
4.New Hampshire	8	19	2.38
5.Northeastern	8	23	2.88
6.Providence	10	31	3.10
7.Massachusetts	10	37	3.70
8.UMass Lowell	7	28	4.00
9.Merrimack	10	43	4.30
POWER PLAY			
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GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
9	16	63	1	.254
7	9	37	1	.243
8	9	40	2	.225
10	9	60	1	.150
8	5	36	1	.139
10	8	61	0	.131
10	7	54	1	.130
8	6	50	2	.120
10	3	50	1	.060
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### PENALTY KILL

PENALTY KILL Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1.Merrimack	10	5	64	2	.922
2.Maine	10	4	46	0	.913
3.Boston College	8	5	49	0	.898
4.New Hampshire	8	5	36	1	.861
5.Northeastern	8	5	35	1	.857
6.Providence	10	10	68	2	.853
7.Boston University	9	10	53	3	.811
8.Massachusetts	10	17	64	1	.734
9.UMass Lowell	7	11	36	0	.694

## PENALTY MINUTES

Team	GP	Ρ	PiM	PMPG
1.Northeastern2.New Hampshire3.UMass Lowell4.Merrimack5.Massachusetts6.Boston College7.Maine8.Providence	8 7 10 10 8 10 10	45 52 42 85 76 70 79 95	90 115 106 170 171 140 177 201	11.25 14.38 15.14 17.00 17.10 17.50 17.70 20.10
9.Boston University	9	72	185	20.56

# TEAM STATISTICS (All Games)

#### TEAM OFFENSE

Team	GP	G	GPG	
<ol> <li>New Hampshire</li> <li>UMass Lowell</li> <li>Boston University</li> <li>Maine</li> <li>Boston College</li> <li>Merrimack</li> <li>Northeastern</li> <li>Massachusetts</li> </ol>	18 16 18 21 15 22 18 21	68 59 60 66 45 64 52 57	3.78 3.69 3.33 3.14 3.00 2.91 2.89 2.71	
9.Providence	18	47	2.61	
TEAM DEFENSE Team	GP	GA	GAPG	
1.Boston College2.Maine3.Boston University4.New Hampshire5.UMass Lowell6.Providence7.Massachusetts8.Northeastern9.Merrimack	15 21 18 16 16 18 21 18 22	47 50 51 46 53 64 57	1.87 2.24 2.78 2.83 2.88 2.94 3.05 3.17 3.86	
<b>POWER PLAY</b> Team	GP	PPG Att	SHGA	Pct
1.UMass Lowell 2.New Hampshire	16 18	27 96 25 109		.281 .229

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2.New Hampshire	18	25	109	3	.229
3.Merrimack	22	30	139	4	.216
4.Boston University	18	23	123	5	.187
5.Northeastern	18	17	104	1	.163
6.Massachusetts	21	16	105	2	.152
7.Providence	18	15	105	2	.143
8.Boston College	15	16	113	4	.142
9.Maine	21	19	139	1	.137

### **PENALTY KILL**

GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
15	11	104	3	.894
22	18	142	4	.873
21	16	113	1	.858
18	19	123	2	.846
18	18	106	5	.830
18	16	88	3	.818
21	25	131	4	.809
18	21	100	2	.790
16	17	80	1	.788
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#### **PENALTY MINUTES**

Team	GP	P	PiM	PMPG
<ol> <li>Northeastern</li> <li>UMass Lowell</li> <li>New Hampshire</li> <li>Massachusetts</li> <li>Merrimack</li> <li>Boston University</li> <li>Providence</li> <li>Maine</li> </ol>	16 18 21 22 18 18	123 94 122 158 192 140 159 173	246 232 263 357 384 321 329 392	13.67 14.50 14.61 17.00 17.45 17.83 18.28 18.67
9.Boston College		136	291	19.40

## TEAM NOTES

**Boston College:** The Eagles' tourney victory at the Florida College Classic was their second consecutive holiday tournament title – last year was the Great Lakes Invitational ... BC killed 21 of 22 penalties against Cornell and St. Cloud State and has killed 46 of 50 penalties over the last eight games ... Brian Boyle was named to the All-Tournament team after scoring the game-winner vs. Cornell and assisting on another goal vs. St. Cloud.

**Boston University:** The Terriers brought the curtain down on Walter Brown Arena on Sunday night, but the arena will again host a Terrier hockey team when BU fields a women's intercollegiate team starting next season. Walter Brown will also host the third annual women's Hockey East championship tourney this coming March ... Brad Zancanaro has six goals and two assists over a five-game point streak ... BU outshot Nebraska-Omaha 16-0 in the second period of Wednesday's 4-1 win.

**University of Maine:** After winning two of the first three Florida College Classic tournaments, Maine has struggled in its past two trips, going 0-1-3 and finishing fourth both seasons ... After 21 games, only four players have seen action in each game: Derek Damon, Greg Moore, Mike Lundin and Steve Mullin ... The Black Bears are 9-2-1 when scoring first, but 1-6-1 when the opponents score first.

University of Massachusetts: UMass rookies Matt Burto, P.J. Fenton and David Leaderer have combined for six goals and three assists in the last five games ... Freshmen Zech Klann and Mike Kostka notched their first career goals this past week ... UMass is 9-2-0 at home this season and 18-2-0 in the last 20 nonconference home games.

**UMass Lowell:** UML's 9-0 record in non-conference play is tops in the nation. The only other unbeaten team is Colorado College (7-0-1) ... UMass Lowell was held without a power play goal for only the third time this season when Niagara stopped the River Hawks on two opportunities Thursday.

**Merrimack College**: Merrimack has gone 5-3-2 over its last 10 games. The Warriors' loss to Brown on Thursday was their first loss against an unranked opponent since falling to Northeastern on Nov. 23 ... With a shorthanded goal on Friday, junior Matt Johnson picked up his 50th career point.

University of New Hampshire: The Wildcats are the only team in Hockey East with three 20 points scorers ... Preston Callander needs three points to become UNH's 61st member of the 100 point club, while Sean Collins needs four points to tie Coach Umile (144 pts) on UNH's all-time scoring list ... The Wildcats play four of their next six games at home, where they are a perfect 8-0-0 at home this year.

**Northeastern University:** Brian Deeth was named alongside teammate Jason Guerriero on the Denver Cup All-Tournament Team.

**Providence College:** Thursday's win over Bowling Green ended a four-game winless streak for the Friars ... Colin McDonald and Eric Lundberg were named to the Ledyard National Bank Classic All-Tournament Team ... The Friar sophomore class has accounted for 26 of the teams 47 goals ... Sophomore Jamie Carroll has recorded at least one point in seven out of the last eight games.

# WHO'S HOT

• Preston Callander, UNH (Sr. F; Regina, SK) – Has notched four two-point games in his last six contests.

• Brett Hemingway, UNH – Has a nine-game points streak with eight goals and five assists in that span.

• Andrew Martin, UML (Jr. F; Brampton, ON) – Has four goals and eight assists in the last eight games.

• Peter Vetri, UML (Fr. G; Windham, NH) – Unbeaten in his last six starts (4-0-2) with a 1.78 GAA and .931 save percentage in that span.

• Jeff Caron and Bryan Schmidt, Merrimack – The blueline partners each had one goal and one assist in a 4-1 win at UConn and have combined for 44 points this season. Schmidt leads the team with 23 points and Caron ranks second with 21. Schmidt leads all defensemen in the NCAA in both goals (11) and points (23).

## **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
Matt Anderson	So	F	UMass
Chris Bourque	Fr	F	BU
Preston Callander	Sr	F	UNH
Sean Collins	Sr	F	UNH
Peter MacArthur	Fr	F	BU
Frank McLaughlin	Jr	G	MC
Stephen Werner	Jr	F	UMass
Brad Zancanaro	Jr	F	BU

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