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SWEEPS WEEK FOR FOUR SQUADS *BC, BU, UNH and UMass Lowell enter 2005 on hot streaks*

The wait is over for UMass Lowell fans, as the River Hawks have finally put together their first league wins of the season, scoring back-to-back one-goal victories at home this weekend to lift their impressive unbeaten streak to nine games overall.

But they're not the only hot team in the league.

Boston University has now won seven Hockey East contests in a row and is 6-1 in their last seven games overall, the only loss coming last week vs. top-ranked Minnesota. The Terriers rebounded with a 2-1 win in the rematch on Monday, the first game at the new Harry Agganis Arena, and a 3-1 road win at Northeastern on Friday.

Boston College has now won five in a row, thanks to back-to-back wins at Merrimack last week. Matti Kaltainen allowed just one goal in each game, and Ryan Shannon led the offense with two goals and two assists in the set.

UNH has also quietly strung together a solid set of games, keeping pace with BU with a 7-0-1 run in league play and a 6-1 record in their last seven games overall. The top line of Preston Callander, Sean Collins and Brett Hemingway continued to light the lamp as the trio tallied three goals and seven assists in Saturday's 4-1 home win over Providence, completing a weekend sweep.

In non-conference play, Troy Barnes led Maine to a 6-0 whitewash of Quinnipiac, posting five assists. Jimmy Howard made 18 saves for his 13th career shutout.

CCM HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE WEEK

JOHN CURRY – Boston University
Sophomore Goaltender; Shorewood, MN

Wunderkind did it again, stopping 22 of 23 shots in a 2-1 win vs. top-ranked Minnesota and 28 of 29 in a 3-1 win at Northeastern for BU's 7th straight league win.

HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	HE Offense	HE Defense
Boston University	10	9	1	0	18	13-7-0	4.20 GPG	2.10 GAPG
New Hampshire	10	8	1	1	17	14-4-2	3.50 GPG	2.10 GAPG
Boston College	10	6	1	3	15	11-3-3	2.70 GPG	1.60 GAPG
Maine	10	6	3	1	13	11-8-3	3.60 GPG	2.10 GAPG
Massachusetts	11	4	6	1	9	10-11-1	2.64 GPG	3.73 GAPG
Northeastern	10	3	6	1	7	7-11-2	2.50 GPG	2.80 GAPG
UMass Lowell	9	2	5	2	6	11-5-2	2.67 GPG	3.56 GAPG
Providence	12	2	8	2	6	6-12-2	2.25 GPG	3.08 GAPG
Merrimack	12	1	10	1	3	8-14-2	1.83 GPG	4.17 GAPG

SUPERSKILLS HOCKEY ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

MIKE BRENNAN – Boston College
Freshman Defenseman; Smithtown, NY

Scored a game-winning goal at Merrimack and was an integral part of the penalty-killing unit that killed 12 of 13 Merrimack power plays over two games.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

TROY BARNES – Maine
Senior Defenseman; Pembroke, ON

Exploded for five assists and a +5 rating in a 6-0 shutout win over Quinnipiac. The five assists ties a school record shared by Paul Kariya, among others.

RECENT RESULTS

Monday, January 3

at Boston University 2, Minnesota 1

Tuesday, January 4

Boston College 4, at Merrimack 1 *

Friday, January 7

Boston University 3, at Northeastern 1 *
 at UMass Lowell 4, Massachusetts 3 *
 New Hampshire 2, at Providence 1 *
 Maine 8, U.S. Under-18 Team 4
 (exh. at Portland, ME)

Saturday, January 8

at UMass Lowell 2, Northeastern 1 *
 Boston College 3, at Merrimack 1 *
 New Hampshire 4, at Providence 1 *
 at Boston Univ. 4, U.S. U-18 Team 1 (exh.)

Sunday, January 9

at Maine 6, Quinnipiac 0

UPCOMING GAMES

Tuesday, January 11

Boston College at Yale

Wednesday, January 12

UNH vs. Dartmouth #
 (at Manchester, NH - WMUR)

Friday, January 14

Boston Univ. at Boston College (NESN) *
 Maine at Massachusetts *
 Merrimack at UMass Lowell *
 Northeastern at Providence *

Saturday, January 15

Boston College at Boston Univ. (NESN) *
 Maine at Massachusetts *
 UMass Lowell at Merrimack *
 Providence at Northeastern *
 Yale at New Hampshire (NHPTV)

* Hockey East game

Commissioners' Cup series

Games start at 7pm unless indicated.

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HOCKEY EAST HONOR ROLL

- **Preston Callander, UNH** (Sr. F; Regina, SK) – Had three goals and one assist in a weekend sweep of Providence.
- **Sean Collins, UNH** (Sr. F; Reading, MA) – Set up three of four UNH goals Saturday vs. Providence.
- **Marvin Degon, UMass** (Jr. D, Millbury, MA) – Scored two power play goals Friday at Lowell.
- **Brett Hemingway, UNH** (So. F; Surrey, BC) – Four-point night led UNH over Providence, 4-1 on Saturday.
- **Jimmy Howard, Maine** (Jr. G; Ogdensburg, NY) – Stopped all 18 shots he faced vs. Quinnipiac for his fourth shutout of the season.
- **Matti Kaltiainen, BC** (Sr. G; Espoo, Finland) – Allowed just one goal in each of two wins at Merrimack.
- **Mike Kostka, UMass** (Fr. D; Ajax, ON) – Set up two of three Minutemen goals Friday at Lowell.
- **Jeff Pietrasiak, UNH** (Jr. G; Shrewsbury, MA) – Stopped 48 of 50 shots faced over back-to-back wins vs. Providence.
- **Ryan Shannon, BC** (Sr. F; Darien, CT) – Led a 3-1 win at Merrimack with a goal and two assists.
- **Josh Soares, Maine** (So. F; Hamilton, ON) – Had back-to-back three-point games vs. the U.S. Under-18 team and Quinnipiac.
- **Jason Tejchma, UML** (So. F; Muskegon, MI) – Had a hand in half of the River Hawks' six goals over their first two league wins.
- **Peter Vetri, UML** (Fr. G; Windham, NH) – Stopped 28 of 29 shots faced in a slim 2-1 win over Northeastern.
- **Stephen Werner, UMass** (Jr. F; Chevy Chase, MD) – Scored a goal and added two assists Friday at Lowell.

LEADING SCORERS (League Games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1	Pete MacArthur, BU	Fr	9	7	6	13
	Preston Callander, UNH	Sr	10	7	6	13
	Brett Hemingway, UNH	So	10	4	9	13
4	Sean Collins, UNH	Sr	10	3	9	12
5	Jason Guerriero, NU	Sr	10	3	8	11
6	John Laliberte, BU	Jr	10	5	5	10
	John Ronan, Maine	Sr	10	5	5	10
	Matt Anderson, UMass	So	10	4	6	10
	Bryan Miller, BU	Sr	10	3	7	10
	Jon Jankus, Maine	Jr	10	2	8	10
	Dan Spang, BU *	Jr	10	1	9	10

* defenseman

LEADING SCORERS (All Games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1	Brett Hemingway, UNH	So	20	14	12	26
	Sean Collins, UNH	Sr	20	7	19	26
3	Preston Callander, UNH	Sr	20	12	13	25
4	Jason Guerriero, NU	Sr	20	9	15	24
	Bryan Schmidt, MC *	Jr	24	11	13	24
6	Ben Walter, UML	Jr	18	17	5	22
	Jeff Caron, MC *	So	24	4	18	22
8	Stephen Werner, UMass	Jr	22	11	10	21
9	Patrick Eaves, BC	Jr	16	8	12	20
	Matt Anderson, UMass	So	18	7	13	20
11	Elias Godoy, UML	Jr	16	3	16	19
	Andrew Martin, UML	Jr	18	7	12	19
	Pete MacArthur, BU	Fr	19	10	9	19
	Derek Damon, Maine	Jr	22	10	9	19
	Matt Johnson, MC	Jr	24	6	13	19

* defenseman

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LEADING GOALTENDERS (League Games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	Min	W	L	T	GAA	SP
1	Matti Kaltiainen, BC	Sr	4	239	3	1	0	1.50	.929
2	Cory Schneider, BC	Fr	6	379	3	0	3	1.58	.938
3	Jeff Pietrasiak, UNH	Jr	8	484	6	1	1	1.86	.922
4	John Curry, BU	So	8	479	7	1	0	2.13	.919
5	Jim Howard, Maine	Jr	10	529	6	3	1	2.15	.903
6	David Cacciola, PC	Sr	9	541	2	6	1	2.55	.918
7	Keni Gibson, NU	Sr	10	606	3	6	1	2.57	.924
8	Peter Vetri, UML	Fr	7	388	2	2	2	2.94	.899
9	Gabe Winer, UMass	Jr	10	568	4	5	1	3.27	.884
10	Jim Healey, MC	So	9	470	0	7	1	4.08	.883

LEADING GOALTENDERS (All Games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	Min	W	L	T	GAA	SP
1	Matti Kaltiainen, BC	Sr	10	618	6	3	0	1.65	.926
2	Cory Schneider, BC	Fr	7	439	4	0	3	1.77	.927
3	John Curry, BU	So	16	927	11	4	0	1.81	.927
4	Jim Howard, Maine	Jr	21	1195	10	8	3	2.16	.909
5	Peter Vetri, UML	Fr	12	688	7	2	2	2.35	.914
6	Jeff Pietrasiak, UNH	Jr	14	853	9	3	2	2.53	.909
7	Keni Gibson, NU	Sr	19	1154	7	10	2	2.65	.911
8	David Cacciola, PC	Sr	13	780	4	8	1	2.69	.914
9	Gabe Winer, UMass	Jr	16	928	8	7	1	2.71	.897
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...	10	42	4.20
2. Maine.....	10	36	3.60
3. New Hampshire.....	10	35	3.50
4. Boston College.....	10	27	2.70
5. UMass Lowell.....	9	24	2.67
6. Massachusetts.....	11	29	2.64
7. Northeastern.....	10	25	2.50
8. Providence.....	12	27	2.25
9. Merrimack.....	12	22	1.83

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1. Boston College.....	10	16	1.60
2. Boston University...	10	21	2.10
Maine.....	10	21	2.10
New Hampshire.....	10	21	2.10
5. Northeastern.....	10	28	2.80
6. Providence.....	12	37	3.08
7. UMass Lowell.....	9	32	3.56
8. Massachusetts.....	11	41	3.73
9. Merrimack.....	12	50	4.17

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1. Boston University...	10	17	70	1	.243
2. New Hampshire.....	10	11	46	2	.239
3. UMass Lowell.....	9	10	44	1	.227
4. Providence.....	12	10	68	2	.147
5. Boston College.....	10	9	63	2	.143
6. Maine.....	10	8	62	0	.129
7. Merrimack.....	12	8	67	1	.119
8. Northeastern.....	10	5	43	1	.116
9. Massachusetts.....	11	5	54	1	.093

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1. Maine.....	10	4	47	0	.915
2. Boston College.....	10	6	62	0	.903
3. Merrimack.....	12	8	77	2	.896
4. New Hampshire.....	10	6	44	2	.864
5. Northeastern.....	10	6	42	1	.857
6. Providence.....	12	12	75	2	.840
7. Boston University...	10	10	57	3	.825
8. Massachusetts.....	11	18	69	1	.739
9. UMass Lowell.....	9	13	44	0	.705

PENALTY MINUTES

Team	GP	P	PiM	PMPG
1. Northeastern.....	10	52	104	10.40
2. UMass Lowell.....	9	52	126	14.00
3. New Hampshire.....	10	70	151	15.10
4. Massachusetts.....	11	84	187	17.00
5. Merrimack.....	12	103	206	17.17
6. Maine.....	10	79	177	17.70
7. Boston College.....	10	90	180	18.00
8. Boston University...	10	77	195	19.50
9. Providence.....	12	111	244	20.33

TEAM STATISTICS (All Games)**TEAM OFFENSE**

Team	GP	G	GPG
1. New Hampshire.....	20	74	3.70
2. UMass Lowell.....	18	65	3.61
3. Maine.....	22	72	3.27
4. Boston University...	20	65	3.25
5. Boston College.....	17	52	3.06
6. Merrimack.....	24	66	2.75
7. Massachusetts.....	22	60	2.73
8. Northeastern.....	20	54	2.70
9. Providence.....	20	49	2.45

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1. Boston College.....	17	30	1.76
2. Maine.....	22	47	2.14
3. Boston University...	20	52	2.60
4. New Hampshire.....	20	53	2.65
5. UMass Lowell.....	18	50	2.78
6. Providence.....	20	59	2.95
7. Massachusetts.....	22	68	3.09
8. Northeastern.....	20	62	3.10
9. Merrimack.....	24	92	3.83

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1. UMass Lowell.....	18	28	102	1	.275
2. New Hampshire.....	20	27	115	3	.235
3. Merrimack.....	24	31	154	4	.201
4. Boston University...	20	25	130	5	.192
5. Massachusetts.....	22	18	109	2	.165
6. Northeastern.....	20	17	111	1	.153
7. Boston College.....	17	19	126	4	.151
8. Providence.....	20	16	113	3	.142
9. Maine.....	22	20	147	1	.136

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1. Boston College.....	17	12	118	3	.898
2. Maine.....	22	16	120	1	.867
3. Merrimack.....	24	21	156	4	.865
4. Boston University...	20	18	111	5	.838
Providence.....	20	21	130	2	.838
6. New Hampshire.....	20	17	95	4	.821
7. Massachusetts.....	22	26	136	4	.809
8. Northeastern.....	20	22	106	2	.792
9. UMass Lowell.....	18	19	88	1	.784

PENALTY MINUTES

Team	GP	P	PiM	PMPG
1. Northeastern.....	20	130	260	13.00
2. UMass Lowell.....	18	104	252	14.00
3. New Hampshire.....	20	140	299	14.95
4. Boston University...	20	148	337	16.85
5. Massachusetts.....	22	166	373	16.95
6. Merrimack.....	24	210	420	17.50
7. Maine.....	22	179	404	18.36
8. Providence.....	20	175	372	18.60
9. Boston College.....	17	156	331	19.47

TEAM NOTES

Boston College: The Eagles currently boast the longest winning streak by any Hockey East team this season, outscoring their opponents 15-6 over the last five games. Senior goaltender Matti Kaltainen has allowed just one goal in each of the last three games.

Boston University: With a 9-1 league record so far, the Terriers are off to their best Hockey East start since the 1996-97 season, when they opened at 9-0-1... The Terriers have scored at least one power play goal in 17 of their last 18 games ... Kenny Roche, who had been mired in a 10-game drought without a goal, scored one vs. Northeastern and two vs. the USA Under-18 team over the weekend.

University of Maine: Maine had goals by eight different players in the 8-4 win over the USA Under 18 team on Friday night ... Jimmy Howard extended his school record for career shutouts to 13 ... Freshman forward Rob Bellamy notched his first career goal Sunday vs. Quinnipiac.

University of Massachusetts: UMass' next four games will be at home. The Minutemen are 9-2-0 at home this season ... UMass welcomed Anders Lusth to the program this week. Lusth was cleared to play immediately for the Minutemen and made his collegiate debut on Friday vs. Lowell.

UMass Lowell: Sophomore defenseman Cleve Kinley scored his 16th point this year Friday vs. Massachusetts, besting his 15 point output his rookie season ... Junior Brian Bova has five goals this year after scoring just one in his previous two seasons ... NU scored the first goal of the game Saturday, marking just the third time this season that a UML opponent has scored first.

Merrimack College: Junior forward Matt Johnson has three power play goals, two shorthanded tallies and one even strength goal this season ... Bryan Schmidt leads the nation's defensemen with 24 points, while blueline partner Jeff Caron is tied for second with 18 assists ... Senior center Steve Crusco won 28 of 38 faceoffs on Saturday vs. BC.

University of New Hampshire: UNH swept its three-game season series with Providence for the first time since 1997-98 ... Preston Callander became the 61st Wildcat to reach the 100-point mark with his first goal in Saturday's win. Sean Collins (143 pts) needs one point to tie Coach Umile for 28th on the all-time UNH list ... The top line of Callander, Collins and Brett Hemingway accounted for 10 of UNH's 12 points in Saturday night's win. Those three are the top three scorers among all Hockey East players this season.

Northeastern University: The Huskies scored just one goal each in losses to BU and UMass Lowell this past weekend. NU has scored one goal or less in five of its last seven games and has lost all five ... Senior captain Jason Guerriero has seven goals and five assists in 13 career games against UMass Lowell ... Aaron Moore scored his first goal of the season in NU's loss to BU on Friday night ... Northeastern is 0-8-2 when trailing after two periods.

Providence College: The Friars are still winless on the road (0-7-1) ... The Friars have scored 11 of their 16 power-play goals at home this season ... Despite playing in only nine games, Colin McDonald leads the Friars with seven goals ... Eric Lundberg has nine points this season, which ties a career high.

WHO'S HOT

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

• **Brett Hemingway, UNH** (So. F; Surrey, BC) – Has nine goals and eight assists (17 points) in the last 11 games.

• **Jeff Pietrasiak, UNH** (Jr. G; Shrewsbury, MA) – Boasts a 4-1 record with a 1.77 GAA and a .938 save percentage over his last five starts.

• **Peter Vetri, UML** (Fr. G; Windham, NH) – Unbeaten in his last eight starts (6-0-2) with a 1.88 GAA and .928 save percentage in that span.

• **Stephen Werner, UMass** (Jr. F; Chevy Chase, MD) – Has three consecutive three-point games.

• **BC, BU, UNH and UMass Lowell** – The four teams are a combined 23-3-2 since December 1. All three losses came by one goal and one of those was a BC loss to BU.

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
Chris Bourque	Fr	F	BU
Preston Callander	Sr	F	UNH
Sean Collins	Sr	F	UNH
Peter MacArthur	Fr	F	BU
Stephen Werner	Jr	F	UMass
Brad Zancanaro	Jr	F	BU
Daniel Winnik	So	F	UNH

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