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EAGLES MAKE IT EIGHT STRAIGHT WITH SWEEP OF BU *UMass Lowell also remains scorching hot – unbeaten in 11 straight*

Looking to end the debate over who's the best team in Hockey East, the Boston College Eagles defeated the Boston University Terriers, 6-3 and 2-0, to complete a weekend sweep and take over first place. Patrick Eaves, Ryan Shannon and Dave Spina each had five points in the sweep to carry the offense. Matti Kaltainen needed to make just 14 saves to post his second shutout of the season Saturday. Earlier in the week, rookie Cory Schneider notched his first career shutout with 11 saves in a slim 1-0 win at Yale. The Eagles have now won eight straight.

With two games in hand and only two points behind, the UNH Wildcats are geared up for one of the biggest challenges of the season when they visit BC on Saturday. UNH scored eight goals in each of two non-conference games last week. Amazingly, one of those was a loss, 9-8 vs. Dartmouth. The 'Cats rebounded with a convincing 8-2 win over Yale on Saturday.

UMass Lowell swept Merrimack to run its winning streak to five games and unbeaten streak to 11 games. Those wins also lifted the River Hawks into a tie for fifth place, just two weeks removed from being at the bottom of the standings. A win at Brown tomorrow would complete UML's perfect non-league record at 10-0.

Both Maine and Northeastern managed a win and a tie in weekend series vs. UMass and Providence, respectively. NU's Carter Lee scored the first two goals of his career and Keni Gibson had 21 saves in Saturday's convincing 6-0 win over the Friars. Maine got two goals from rookie blueliner Bret Tyler en route to a 5-2 win on Saturday at UMass.

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CCM HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE WEEK

PATRICK EAVES – Boston College
Junior Forward; Faribault, MN

Scored three goals and added three assists over three BC victories, including one goal and one assist in BC's narrow 2-0 victory at Boston University Saturday.

HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	HE Offense	HE Defense
Boston College	12	8	1	3	19	14-3-3	2.92 GPG	1.58 GAPG
Boston University	12	9	3	0	18	13-9-0	3.75 GPG	2.42 GAPG
New Hampshire	10	8	1	1	17	15-5-2	3.50 GPG	2.10 GAPG
Maine	12	7	3	2	16	12-8-4	3.58 GPG	2.08 GAPG
UMass Lowell	11	4	5	2	10	13-5-2	2.91 GPG	3.18 GAPG
Northeastern	12	4	6	2	10	8-11-3	2.83 GPG	2.58 GAPG
Massachusetts	13	4	7	2	10	10-12-2	2.54 GPG	3.69 GAPG
Providence	14	2	9	3	7	6-13-3	2.14 GPG	3.29 GAPG
Merrimack	14	1	12	1	3	8-16-2	1.79 GPG	4.14 GAPG

SUPERSKILLS HOCKEY ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

BRET TYLER – Maine

Freshman Defenseman; Maynard, MA

Rookie blueliner potted a pair of goals, including the game-winner, to lead Maine to a 5-2 victory at UMass.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

KIM BRANDVOLD – UMass Lowell

Junior Defenseman; Oslo, Norway

Set up three of UML's four third-period goals in Saturday's comeback win at Merrimack and finished the weekend sweep with a +4 rating.

RECENT RESULTS

Tuesday, January 11

Boston College 1, at Yale 0

Wednesday, January 12

Dartmouth 9, New Hampshire 8 #
 (at Manchester, NH)

Friday, January 14

at Boston College 6, Boston University 3 *
 at UMass Lowell 3, Merrimack 1 *
 at Massachusetts 2, Maine 2 (OT) *
 at Providence 3, Northeastern 3 (OT) *

Saturday, January 15

Boston College 2, at Boston University 0 *
 Maine 5, at Massachusetts 2 *
 UMass Lowell 5, at Merrimack 2 *
 at Northeastern 6, Providence 0 *
 at New Hampshire 8, Yale 2

UPCOMING GAMES

Tuesday, January 18

UMass Lowell at Brown

Friday, January 21

Boston University at Maine (NESN) *
 Northeastern at Boston College *
 Merrimack at New Hampshire *

Saturday, January 22

Boston University at Maine (NESN) *
 New Hampshire at Boston College *
 UMass Lowell at Massachusetts *
 Merrimack at Northeastern *
 Providence at Brown (Mayor's Cup)

* Hockey East game

Commissioners' Cup series

Games start at 7pm unless indicated.

All times Eastern

HOCKEY EAST HONOR ROLL

- **Preston Callander, UNH** (Sr. F; Regina, SK) – Had two goals and three assists over two games.
- **Sean Collins, UNH** (Sr. F; Reading, MA) – Had two goals and three assists over two games.
- **John Curry, BU** (So. G; Shorewood, MN) – Stopped 25 of 26 shots faced in a narrow 2-0 loss to No. 2 Boston College.
- **Keni Gibson, NU** (Sr. G; Stittsville, ON) – Made 21 saves for his seventh career shutout, 6-0 vs. Providence.
- **Jason Guerriero, NU** (Sr. F; Manorville, NY) – Had a goal and two assists to lead the offense in a 6-0 win over Providence.
- **Matti Kaltiainen, BC** (Sr. G; Espoo, Finland) – Made 14 saves in a narrow shutout victory at BU on Saturday.
- **Carter Lee, NU** (Fr. F; St. Louis, MO) – Scored the first two goals of career to help NU to a 6-0 win over Providence.
- **Mike Morris, NU** (Jr. F; Braintree, MA) – Scored two of NU's three goals in a 3-3 tie at Providence.
- **Cory Schneider, BC** (Fr. G; Marblehead, MA) – Needed to make just 11 saves for his first career shutout, 1-0 at Yale on Tuesday.
- **Ryan Shannon, BC** (Sr. F; Darien, CT) – Had a short-handed goal and three assists to lead a 6-3 win over BU Friday.
- **Dave Spina, BC** (Sr. F; Mesa, AZ) – One goal, three assists in Friday's 6-3 win over BU.
- **Peter Vetri, UML** (Fr. G; Windham, NH) – Allowed only three goals on 40 shots faced in a weekend sweep of Merrimack.
- **Brian Yandle, UNH** (Jr. D; Milton, MA) – Blueliner exploded for three goals and one assist in two games last week.

LEADING SCORERS (League Games)

Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1 Pete MacArthur, BU	Fr	11	8	6	14
Ryan Shannon, BC	Sr	12	5	9	14
Jason Guerriero, NU	Sr	12	4	10	14
4 Preston Callander, UNH	Sr	10	7	6	13
Brett Hemingway, UNH	So	10	4	9	13
Patrick Eaves, BC	Jr	11	8	5	13
7 Sean Collins, UNH	Sr	10	3	9	12
8 John Ronan, Maine	Sr	11	5	6	11
Jon Jankus, Maine	Jr	12	2	9	11
Dan Spang, BU *	Jr	12	1	10	11
P.J. Fenton, UMass	Fr	13	6	5	11
Matt Johnson, MC	Jr	14	6	5	11

* defenseman

LEADING SCORERS (All Games)

Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1 Sean Collins, UNH	Sr	22	9	22	31
2 Preston Callander, UNH	Sr	22	14	16	30
3 Brett Hemingway, UNH	So	22	15	14	29
4 Jason Guerriero, NU	Sr	22	10	17	27
5 Patrick Eaves, BC	Jr	19	11	15	26
6 Bryan Schmidt, MC *	Jr	26	11	14	25
7 Ben Walter, UML	Jr	20	19	5	24
8 Jeff Caron, MC *	So	26	4	19	23
9 Elias Godoy, UML	Jr	18	4	18	22
Ryan Shannon, BC	Sr	20	8	14	22
11 Andrew Martin, UML	Jr	20	9	12	21
Derek Damon, Maine	Jr	24	11	10	21
Stephen Werner, UMass	Jr	24	11	10	21
Matt Johnson, MC	Jr	26	8	13	21

* defenseman

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LEADING GOALTENDERS (League Games)

Player, School	Cl	GP	Min	W	L	T	GAA	SP
1 Matti Kaltiainen, BC	Sr	5	299	4	1	0	1.20	.939
2 Cory Schneider, BC	Fr	7	439	4	0	3	1.77	.929
3 Jeff Pietrasiak, UNH	Jr	8	484	6	1	1	1.86	.922
4 Jim Howard, Maine	Jr	12	654	7	3	2	2.11	.901
5 John Curry, BU	So	10	597	7	3	0	2.31	.916
6 Keni Gibson, NU	Sr	12	731	4	6	2	2.38	.926
7 Peter Vetri, UML	Fr	9	508	4	2	2	2.60	.904
8 David Cacciola, PC	Sr	10	571	2	7	1	2.84	.908
9 Gabe Winer, UMass	Jr	12	673	4	6	2	3.29	.886
10 Jim Healey, MC	So	11	585	0	9	1	4.00	.888

LEADING GOALTENDERS (All Games)

Player, School	Cl	GP	Min	W	L	T	GAA	SP
1 Matti Kaltiainen, BC	Sr	11	678	7	3	0	1.50	.931
2 Cory Schneider, BC	Fr	9	559	6	0	3	1.72	.925
3 John Curry, BU	So	18	1045	11	6	0	1.95	.924
4 Jim Howard, Maine	Jr	23	1320	11	8	4	2.14	.908
5 Peter Vetri, UML	Fr	14	808	9	2	2	2.23	.915
6 Keni Gibson, NU	Sr	21	1279	8	10	3	2.53	.914
7 Gabe Winer, UMass	Jr	18	1033	8	8	2	2.79	.896
8 David Cacciola, PC	Sr	14	810	4	9	1	2.89	.908
9 Jeff Pietrasiak, UNH	Jr	16	952	10	4	2	2.96	.895
10 Tyler Sims, PC	Fr	19	519	2	4	2	3.12	.903

TEAM STATISTICS (League Games)**TEAM OFFENSE**

Team	GP	G	GPG
1. Boston University...	12	45	3.75
2. Maine.....	12	43	3.58
3. New Hampshire.....	10	35	3.50
4. Boston College.....	12	35	2.92
5. UMass Lowell.....	11	32	2.91
6. Northeastern.....	12	34	2.83
7. Massachusetts.....	13	33	2.54
8. Providence.....	14	30	2.14
9. Merrimack.....	14	25	1.79

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1. Boston College.....	12	19	1.58
2. Maine.....	12	25	2.08
3. New Hampshire.....	10	21	2.10
4. Boston University...	12	29	2.42
5. Northeastern.....	12	31	2.58
6. UMass Lowell.....	11	35	3.18
7. Providence.....	14	46	3.29
8. Massachusetts.....	13	48	3.69
9. Merrimack.....	14	58	4.14

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1. New Hampshire.....	10	11	46	2	.239
2. UMass Lowell.....	11	12	57	1	.211
3. Boston University...	12	18	86	3	.209
4. Maine.....	12	12	74	0	.162
5. Boston College.....	12	12	76	2	.158
6. Providence.....	14	11	74	2	.149
7. Northeastern.....	12	7	52	1	.135
8. Merrimack.....	14	9	78	1	.115
9. Massachusetts.....	13	6	61	2	.098

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1. Boston College.....	12	7	79	2	.911
2. Maine.....	12	5	54	1	.907
3. Merrimack.....	14	10	90	2	.889
4. New Hampshire.....	10	6	44	2	.864
5. Northeastern.....	12	7	48	1	.854
6. Providence.....	14	14	84	2	.833
7. Boston University...	12	13	70	3	.814
8. UMass Lowell.....	11	14	54	0	.741
9. Massachusetts.....	13	22	81	1	.728

PENALTY MINUTES

Team	GP	P	PiM	PMPG
1. Northeastern.....	12	60	120	10.00
2. UMass Lowell.....	11	66	154	14.00
3. New Hampshire.....	10	70	151	15.10
4. Maine.....	12	90	199	16.58
5. Massachusetts.....	13	100	219	16.85
6. Merrimack.....	14	120	240	17.14
7. Boston College.....	12	108	216	18.00
8. Boston University...	12	91	223	18.58
9. Providence.....	14	122	266	19.00

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

Team	GP	G	GPG
1. New Hampshire.....	22	90	4.09
2. UMass Lowell.....	20	73	3.65
3. Maine.....	24	79	3.29
4. Boston University...	22	68	3.09
5. Boston College.....	20	61	3.05
6. Northeastern.....	22	63	2.86
7. Massachusetts.....	24	64	2.67
8. Merrimack.....	26	69	2.65
9. Providence.....	22	52	2.36

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1. Boston College.....	20	33	1.65
2. Maine.....	24	51	2.12
3. UMass Lowell.....	20	53	2.65
4. Boston University...	22	60	2.73
5. New Hampshire.....	22	64	2.91
6. Northeastern.....	22	65	2.95
7. Providence.....	22	68	3.09
8. Massachusetts.....	24	75	3.12
9. Merrimack.....	26	100	3.85

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1. UMass Lowell.....	20	30	115	1	.261
2. New Hampshire.....	22	30	123	3	.244
3. Merrimack.....	26	32	165	4	.194
4. Boston University...	22	26	146	7	.178
5. Massachusetts.....	24	19	116	3	.164
6. Boston College.....	20	23	146	4	.158
Northeastern.....	22	19	120	1	.158
8. Maine.....	24	24	159	1	.151
9. Providence.....	22	17	119	3	.143

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1. Boston College.....	20	13	142	5	.908
2. Maine.....	24	17	127	2	.866
3. Merrimack.....	26	23	169	4	.864
4. Providence.....	22	23	139	2	.835
5. Boston University...	22	21	124	5	.831
6. New Hampshire.....	22	19	103	4	.816
7. Massachusetts.....	24	30	148	4	.797
8. UMass Lowell.....	20	20	98	1	.796
9. Northeastern.....	22	23	112	2	.795

PENALTY MINUTES

Team	GP	P	PiM	PMPG
1. Northeastern.....	22	138	276	12.55
2. UMass Lowell.....	20	118	280	14.00
3. New Hampshire.....	22	149	317	14.41
4. Boston University...	22	162	365	16.59
5. Massachusetts.....	24	182	405	16.88
6. Merrimack.....	26	227	454	17.46
7. Maine.....	24	190	426	17.75
8. Providence.....	22	186	394	17.91
9. Boston College.....	20	183	385	19.25

TEAM NOTES

Boston College: Patrick Eaves has seven multi-point games this season and also has a modest four-game point streak ... The nation's top-ranked penalty-killing unit (90.8 %) was 16-for-17 in the sweep vs. BU, and also converted one short-handed goal. The BC power play scored three times in Friday's 6-3 win.

Boston University: Saturday's 2-0 loss to BC marked just fourth time in 22 games this year that the Terriers did not score a power play goal. It was also just the 6th time in the 226-game series history that BU was shut out.

University of Maine: Greg Moore snapped a 10-game drought by scoring on the power play in each game at UMass ... The Black Bears's special teams continued to improve this weekend, going 4-for-12 on the power play and 6-for-7 on the penalty kill.

University of Massachusetts: UMass' rookies again had a strong weekend, accounting for six points in the series vs. the Black Bears ... Peter Trovato has six assists in the last five games, including one each night vs. Maine this past weekend. Trovato was recently named one of five finalists for the prestigious Hockey Humanitarian Award on Jan. 12 ... The Minuteman power play has converted at 35% (7-for-20) over the past five games.

UMass Lowell: UML's 11-game unbeaten streak marks its longest stretch without a loss since a 12-game unbeaten streak (11-0-1) in 1995-96. The five consecutive wins are the most since a nine-game clip in 2001-02 ... Andrew Martin has 15 points in his last 12 games (6-9—15) and a three-game scoring streak ... Despite going only 2-for-13 on the power play this weekend, UML still leads the nation in power play with a 26.1 conversion rate.

Merrimack College: Matt Johnson has a three-game scoring streak, scoring three of Merrimack's last four goals ... Bryan Schmidt (25 points) and Jeff Caron (23) are still the top two scoring defensemen in the nation ... Rookie forward Jordan Fox scored his first career goal on Saturday ... Saturday's loss was the first for Merrimack when leading after two periods. The Warriors are now 6-1-1 when they have the lead at the second intermission.

University of New Hampshire: UNH scored eight goals in back-to-back games, matching a feat accomplished as recently as the 2003 Hockey East quarterfinals. Eighteen of 19 UNH players scored a point over the two games and 12 players earned at least two points on the week. UNH scored eight of its 16 goals in the second period. UNH's offense ranks second in the nation with 4.09 goals per game.

Northeastern University: The Huskies got the most production from its freshman class all season in Saturday's 6-0 win over Providence. Carter Lee had two goals, Josh Robertson had a goal and an assist and Jason Blain notched his first career assist. Robertson also had an assist in a 3-3 tie on Friday ... Jason Guerriero's three-point game on Friday was his seventh multi-point game of the season. NU is 5-1-1 when Guerriero has at least two points.

Providence College: The Providence sophomore class has accounted for 29 of the team's 52 goals ... Five of the Friars' losses have come by one goal ... Providence and Northeastern have skated to four ties in their last six meetings.

WHO'S HOT

• **Peter Vetri, UML** (Fr. G; Windham, NH) – Unbeaten in his last 10 starts (8-0-2) with a 1.77 GAA and .927 save percentage in that span.

• **Boston College Defense and Goaltending** – The Eagles are on an eight-game winning streak thanks to a stingy defense, which has allowed just 10 goals in that span (1.25 per game).

• **UMass Lowell** – Has a five-game winning streak and an 11-game undefeated streak.

• **UNH's No. 1 Line** – Sean Collins, Preston Callander and Brett Hemingway rank 1-2-3, respectively, in overall scoring among Hockey East players and account for over one-third of UNH's second-ranked offense. The trio has produced 23 points in the last three games.

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
Preston Callander	Sr	F	UNH
Sean Collins	Sr	F	UNH
Patrick Eaves	Jr	F	BC
Peter MacArthur	Fr	F	BU
Ryan Shannon	Sr	F	BC
Daniel Winnik	So	F	UNH

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