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UMASS LOWELL, UNH TRADE KNOCK DOWN PUNCHES BC goes 2-0-1 on week to run unbeaten streak to 13 straight

Setting a sharp tone for the stretch run, the UMass Lowell River Hawks and UNH Wildcats both made their marks, posting big wins over each other in a grueling weekend set. Lowell made the first statement, cruising to a 7-0 victory Friday at home led by two goals and two assists from junior Danny O'Brien and 21 saves from rookie Peter Vetri. The win upped UML's undefeated streak to 14 games overall and also upped its Hockey East winning streak to six straight games.

But UNH ended both runs in the rematch, pouring in five unanswered goals in the third period to post an 8-3 victory. Six of the eight goals came on the power play, tying a Hockey East record coincidentally last accomplished by UNH vs. UMass Lowell in January of 1996. Jacob Micflikier was the most productive Wildcat, netting three power play goals and adding two assists.

Earlier in the week, UNH managed a 2-2 tie at BC in one of the best games of the year so far. UNH goaltender Jeff Pietrasiak was outstanding with 41 saves, including three in overtime. Patrick Eaves set up both Eagle goals and added two more assists and three goals of his own in a weekend set vs. Massachusetts. He was named the ITECH First Star in all three games.

Maine extended its undefeated streak in league play to 11 games, the best by any team this season, with a win and a tie vs. Northeastern, in spite of NU goaltender Keni Gibson's best efforts. Gibson stopped 57 of 60 Black Bear shots on the weekend, but only got two goals in support. Gibson did pick up one win on the week, 4-3 vs. Merrimack.

Boston University got back in the win column following a modest 0-3-1 slump. The Terriers picked up two one-goal victories over Merrimack and Providence, but lost goaltender John Curry to a shoulder injury in the process. Curry is expected back in 1-2 weeks, but may miss the Beanpot opener vs. Boston College.

The only other game last week was a non-league game for Providence vs. UConn. The Friars put up a 4-1 advantage early and held on for a 4-3 win to snap a five-game winless skid.

RECENT RESULTS

Monday, January 24
 at Boston College 2, UNH 2 (OT) *
 at Northeastern 4, Merrimack 3 *

Tuesday, January 25
 at Providence 4, Connecticut 3

Thursday, January 27
 at Boston University 2, Merrimack 1 *
 Boston College 5, at Massachusetts 2 *

Friday, January 28
 at UMass Lowell 7, New Hampshire 0 *
 at Boston College 6, Massachusetts 0 *
 at Maine 1, Northeastern 0 *

Saturday, January 29
 at Maine 2, Northeastern 2 (OT) *
 at New Hampshire 8, UMass Lowell 3 *
 at Boston University 3, Providence 2 *

UPCOMING GAMES

Thursday, February 3
 Massachusetts at Northeastern *

Friday, February 4
 Boston College at Providence (NESN) *
 UMass Lowell at Boston University *
 Maine at New Hampshire (8pm - CSTV) *

Saturday, February 5
 Massachusetts at Merrimack *
 Providence at UMass Lowell *
 Maine at New Hampshire (NHPTV) *

* Hockey East game
 Games start at 7pm EST unless indicated.

HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	HE Offense	HE Defense
Boston College	16	11	1	4	26	17-3-4	3.25 GPG	1.56 GAPG
Boston University	16	11	4	1	23	15-10-1	3.31 GPG	2.31 GAPG
New Hampshire	14	10	2	2	22	17-6-3	3.64 GPG	2.50 GAPG
Maine	16	9	3	4	22	14-8-6	3.19 GPG	1.88 GAPG
UMass Lowell	14	6	6	2	14	15-6-3	3.43 GPG	3.14 GAPG
Northeastern	16	5	8	3	13	9-13-4	2.62 GPG	2.56 GAPG
Massachusetts	16	4	10	2	10	10-15-2	2.25 GPG	4.06 GAPG
Providence	15	2	10	3	7	7-15-3	2.13 GPG	3.27 GAPG
Merrimack	17	1	15	1	3	8-19-2	1.82 GPG	4.12 GAPG

CCM HOCKEY PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

PATRICK EAVES – Boston College
 Junior Forward; Faribault, MN

Exploded for three goals and four assists over three games, two wins and a tie, and was named the ITECH First Star in each contest.

DANNY O'BRIEN – UMass Lowell
 Junior Forward; South Boston, MA

Dominated a weekend set vs. UNH, scoring two goals and two assists in the win, and adding a goal and an assist in the loss, finishing +6 over the two games.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

KENI GIBSON – Northeastern
 Senior Goaltender; Stittsville, ON

Stopped 57 of 60 shots faced in a two-game set at Maine, all but one of 26 in Friday's 1-0 loss and 32 of 34 in Saturday's 2-2 tie.

HOCKEY EAST HONOR ROLL

- **Chris Chaput, PC** (Sr. F; Pawtucket, RI) – Set up three of PC's six goals on the week, including both at BU.
- **Mathew Deschamps, Maine** (Sr. D; Poughkeepsie, NY) – Set up two of Maine's three goals in a weekend series vs. Northeastern.
- **Jimmy Howard, Maine** (Jr. G; Ogdensburg, NY) – Stopped 40 of 42 shots faced in a shutout win and a tie vs. Northeastern.
- **Tim Judy, NU** (Sr. D; Bowie, MD) – Set up both Husky scores in a 2-2 tie at Maine.
- **Matti Kaltiainen, BC** (Sr. G; Espoo, Finland) – Stopped 41 of 43 shots faced on the week, picking up a win and a tie.
- **David Leaderer, UMass** (Fr. D; Rochester, NY) – Scored one UMass goal and set up the other Thursday vs. top-ranked BC.
- **Andrew Martin, UML** (Jr. F; Brampton, ON) – Scored two goals and set up four others and was +6 in a weekend split vs. UNH.
- **Jacob Micflikier, UNH** (So. F; Winnipeg, MB) – Had a power play hat trick and added two assists in an 8-3 win vs. UMass Lowell.
- **Ryan Monaghan, BU** (Fr. F; Wilmette, IL) – Scored one goal and set up another in a slim 2-1 win vs. Merrimack.
- **Jeff Pietrasiak, UNH** (Jr. G; Shrewsbury, MA) – Stopped 41 of 43 shots faced in a key 2-2 tie at Boston College.
- **Stephan Siwec, BU** (Jr. G; Calgary, AB) – Preserved a 2-1 win vs. Merrimack and posted 25 saves in a 3-2 win over Providence.
- **Peter Vetri, UML** (Fr. G; Windham, NH) – Stopped all 21 shots he faced against UNH Friday for his second shutout of the season.
- **Brian Yandle, UNH** (Jr. D; Milton, MA) – Had two goals and two assists in an 8-3 win over UMass Lowell.

LEADING SCORERS (League Games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1	Patrick Eaves, BC	Jr	15	11	11	22
2	Ryan Shannon, BC	Sr	15	5	15	20
3	Jason Guerriero, NU	Sr	16	5	14	19
4	Preston Callander, UNH	Sr	14	9	8	17
5	Jacob Micflikier, UNH	So	14	7	9	16
	Sean Collins, UNH	Sr	14	6	10	16
	Andrew Martin, UML	Jr	14	6	10	16
8	Ben Walter, UML	Jr	14	11	4	15
	Brett Hemingway, UNH	So	14	4	11	15
	Pete MacArthur, BU	Fr	15	8	7	15
11	Dave Spina, BC	Sr	16	6	8	14
12	Mike Morris, NU	Jr	12	8	5	13
	Danny O'Brien, UML	Jr	14	7	6	13
	John Laliberte, BU	Jr	16	5	8	13
	Jon Jankus, Maine	Jr	16	3	10	13
	Matt Johnson, MC	Jr	17	7	6	13

LEADING SCORERS (All Games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1	Patrick Eaves, BC	Jr	23	14	21	35
	Sean Collins, UNH	Sr	26	12	23	35
3	Preston Callander, UNH	Sr	26	16	18	34
4	Jason Guerriero, NU	Sr	26	11	21	32
5	Brett Hemingway, UNH	So	26	15	16	31
6	Ben Walter, UML	Jr	24	23	7	30
7	Andrew Martin, UML	Jr	24	11	18	29
8	Ryan Shannon, BC	Sr	23	8	20	28
	Bryan Schmidt, MC *	Jr	29	12	16	28
10	Brian Yandle, UNH *	Jr	25	8	18	26
11	Jacob Micflikier, UNH	So	16	11	14	25
	Elias Godoy, UML	Jr	22	7	18	25
13	Mike Morris, NU	Jr	22	12	12	24
14	Daniel Winnik, UNH	So	26	10	13	23
	Derek Damon, Maine	Jr	28	11	12	23
	Matt Johnson, MC	Jr	29	9	14	23
	Jeff Caron, MC *	So	29	4	19	23

* defenseman

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LEADING GOALTENDERS (League Games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	Min	W	L	T	GAA	SP
1	Matti Kaltiainen, BC	Sr	7	417	5	1	1	1.15	.944
2	Cory Schneider, BC	Fr	9	559	6	0	3	1.82	.923
3	Jim Howard, Maine	Jr	16	904	9	3	4	1.86	.915
4	Jeff Pietrasiak, UNH	Jr	11	589	6	2	2	2.24	.917
5	John Curry, BU	So	13	761	8	4	1	2.29	.915
6	Keni Gibson, NU	Sr	16	956	5	8	3	2.38	.927
7	Peter Vetri, UML	Fr	12	688	6	3	2	2.70	.899
8	David Cacciola, PC	Sr	11	630	2	8	1	2.85	.907
9	Gabe Winer, UMass	Jr	14	793	4	8	2	3.63	.878
10	Jim Healey, MC	So	13	703	0	11	1	3.84	.890

LEADING GOALTENDERS (All Games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	Min	W	L	T	GAA	SP
1	Matti Kaltiainen, BC	Sr	13	796	8	3	1	1.43	.934
2	Cory Schneider, BC	Fr	11	679	8	0	3	1.77	.921
3	John Curry, BU	So	21	1209	12	7	1	1.98	.922
4	Jim Howard, Maine	Jr	27	1570	13	8	6	1.99	.915
5	Peter Vetri, UML	Fr	18	1033	11	3	2	2.26	.913
6	Keni Gibson, NU	Sr	25	1504	9	12	4	2.51	.916
7	David Cacciola, PC	Sr	15	869	4	10	1	2.90	.907
8	Jeff Pietrasiak, UNH	Jr	19	1057	10	5	3	3.06	.896
9	Gabe Winer, UMass	Jr	20	1153	8	10	2	3.07	.889
10	Tyler Sims, PC	Fr	11	610	3	5	2	3.34	.891

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

Team	GP	G	GPG
1.New Hampshire.....	14	51	3.64
2.UMass Lowell.....	14	48	3.43
3.Boston University...	16	53	3.31
4.Boston College.....	16	52	3.25
5.Maine.....	16	51	3.19
6.Northeastern.....	16	42	2.62
7.Massachusetts.....	16	36	2.25
8.Providence.....	15	32	2.13
9.Merrimack.....	17	31	1.82

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1.Boston College.....	16	25	1.56
2.Maine.....	16	30	1.88
3.Boston University...	16	37	2.31
4.New Hampshire.....	14	35	2.50
5.Northeastern.....	16	41	2.56
6.UMass Lowell.....	14	44	3.14
7.Providence.....	15	49	3.27
8.Massachusetts.....	16	65	4.06
9.Merrimack.....	17	70	4.12

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1.New Hampshire.....	14	19	72	2	.264
2.UMass Lowell.....	14	14	70	1	.200
3.Boston College.....	16	18	100	2	.180
4.Boston University...	16	19	110	3	.173
5.Maine.....	16	16	95	0	.168
6.Providence.....	15	12	76	2	.158
7.Northeastern.....	16	10	68	2	.147
8.Merrimack.....	17	11	94	1	.117
9.Massachusetts.....	16	8	81	2	.099

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1.Maine.....	16	7	76	1	.908
2.Boston College.....	16	10	100	2	.900
3.Merrimack.....	17	13	106	3	.877
4.Northeastern.....	16	11	73	1	.849
5.New Hampshire.....	14	9	59	2	.847
6.Providence.....	15	14	88	2	.841
7.Boston University...	16	17	87	3	.805
8.Massachusetts.....	16	26	100	1	.740
UMass Lowell.....	14	20	77	0	.740

PENALTY MINUTES

Team	GP	P	PiM	PMPG
1.Northeastern.....	16	95	190	11.88
2.New Hampshire.....	14	94	207	14.79
3.UMass Lowell.....	14	97	232	16.57
4.Maine.....	16	122	266	16.62
5.Massachusetts.....	16	126	271	16.94
6.Boston College.....	16	137	274	17.12
Providence.....	15	126	274	18.27
8.Boston University...	16	115	298	18.62
9.Merrimack.....	17	147	348	20.47

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

Team	GP	G	GPG
1.New Hampshire.....	26	106	4.08
2.UMass Lowell.....	24	89	3.71
3.Boston College.....	24	78	3.25
4.Maine.....	28	87	3.11
5.Boston University...	26	76	2.92
6.Northeastern.....	26	71	2.73
7.Merrimack.....	29	75	2.59
8.Massachusetts.....	27	67	2.48
9.Providence.....	25	59	2.36

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1.Boston College.....	24	39	1.62
2.Maine.....	28	56	2.00
3.UMass Lowell.....	24	62	2.58
4.Boston University...	26	68	2.62
5.Northeastern.....	26	75	2.88
6.New Hampshire.....	26	78	3.00
7.Providence.....	25	79	3.16
8.Massachusetts.....	27	92	3.41
9.Merrimack.....	29	112	3.86

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1.New Hampshire.....	26	38	149	3	.255
2.UMass Lowell.....	24	32	130	1	.246
3.Merrimack.....	29	34	181	4	.188
4.Boston College.....	24	29	170	4	.171
5.Northeastern.....	26	22	136	2	.162
6.Boston University...	26	27	170	7	.159
7.Maine.....	28	28	180	1	.156
8.Massachusetts.....	27	21	136	3	.154
9.Providence.....	25	19	128	3	.148

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1.Boston College.....	24	16	163	5	.902
2.Maine.....	28	19	149	2	.872
3.Merrimack.....	29	26	185	5	.859
4.Providence.....	25	25	152	2	.836
5.Boston University...	26	25	141	5	.823
6.New Hampshire.....	26	22	118	4	.814
7.Northeastern.....	26	27	137	2	.803
8.Massachusetts.....	27	34	167	4	.796
9.UMass Lowell.....	24	26	123	1	.789

PENALTY MINUTES

Team	GP	P	PiM	PMPG
1.Northeastern.....	26	167	334	12.85
2.New Hampshire.....	26	173	373	14.35
3.UMass Lowell.....	24	151	362	15.08
4.Boston University...	26	186	440	16.92
5.Massachusetts.....	27	208	457	16.93
6.Providence.....	25	204	430	17.20
7.Maine.....	28	222	493	17.61
8.Boston College.....	24	212	443	18.46
9.Merrimack.....	29	254	562	19.38

TEAM NOTES

Boston College: BC's 13-game unbeaten streak is the longest single-season unbeaten streak for the Eagles during Jerry York's tenure ... Rookie goaltender Cory Schneider remains unbeaten at 8-0-3.

Boston University: Terrier goalie John Curry will be out of the lineup 1-2 weeks due to a separated shoulder ... The Terriers' power play is just 2-for-39 over the last six games and 0-for-16 over the last three ... David Van der Gulik has been strong in 13 home games this year, with nine goals and five assists, better than a point per game.

University of Maine: In the last seven games, Maine has posted a 4-0-3 record. Goaltender Jimmy Howard has a 1.24 GAA and a .941 save percentage in that time, including two shutouts. Maine also has an 11-game undefeated streak (7-0-4) in league play, the best mark by any Hockey East team this season.

University of Massachusetts: Four of the six points tallied vs. BC this past weekend were notched by defensemen ... In Friday's game, goaltender Tim Warner made his first start since Nov. 23 vs. Vermont. Freshman Jamie Gilbert came on in relief in the third period, seeing his first action since Nov. 6 vs. Merrimack.

UMass Lowell: The River Hawks' 14-game unbeaten streak was broken with a loss at UNH on Saturday. It was the longest streak for Lowell in its history as a Division-I team ... UML had held opponents scoreless on 21 straight power-play chances before giving up six man-advantage goals Saturday at UNH ... Ben Walter's goal Saturday night was his first career goal against UNH. The Wildcats were the only Hockey East team Walter had not scored a goal against ... Peter Vetri's hot streak came to an end Saturday. He had gone 10-0-2 in his previous 13 appearances (12 starts) with a 1.47 GAA and .938 save percentage in that span.

Merrimack College: Rookie Jordan Fox had a modest four-game point streak ended when he was held without a point in Thursday's 3-2 loss at BU ... Merrimack's penalty kill is ranked 11th in the nation. The Warriors killed off all five penalties in Thursday's game at Boston University, including a five-minute major.

University of New Hampshire: The Wildcats are the only team in Hockey East with a perfect record at home (12-0-0) ... Saturday night's win vs. Lowell marked the first win for the Wildcats against the River Hawks in their last six meetings ... After scoring six man-advantage goals vs. Lowell Saturday (tying a Hockey East record), UNH overtook the River Hawks as the nation's top ranked power play (25.5 percent) ... Preston Callander ended a six-game goal streak when he was held scoreless Friday at Lowell.

Northeastern University: Northeastern picked up a point at Maine on Saturday to split the season-series with the Black Bears, 1-1-1 ... Friday's game marked the third time this season that NU has been shut out. The Huskies were shut out just once in 2003-04, and that was a 0-0 tie.

Providence College: Chris Chaput continues to inch closer to the century mark as he needs 13 more points to become the 48th Friar to reach 100 ... Providence has posted a 10-2-3 mark in February over the last two seasons.

WHO'S HOT

• **Patrick Eaves, BC** (Jr. F; Faribault, MN) – Following a modest start to his junior season, Eaves has caught fire with an eight-game point streak, notching seven goals and nine assists in that span.

• **Andrew Martin, UML** (Jr. F; Brampton, ON) – Has 23 points (8 goals, 15 assists) in his last 15 games.

• **Boston College Defense and Goaltending** – The Eagles are on an 13-game undefeated streak thanks to stingy defense and goaltending, which has allowed just 16 goals in that span (1.23 per game).

• **UNH Offense** – After going scoreless at Lowell Friday, the Wildcat attack poured on eight goals in Saturday's rematch. The team has scored at least six goals in four of the last six games. UNH's first line of Sean Collins, Preston Callander and Brett Hemingway has amassed 100 combined points over 26 games this season.

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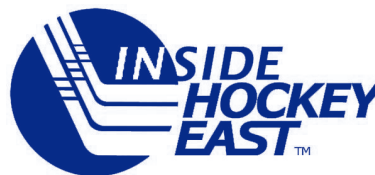
Name	Cl	Pos	School
Preston Callander	Sr	F	UNH
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Peter MacArthur	Fr	F	BU
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