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LITTLE SETTLED AS MAINE, UNH SPLIT *Terriers anxious to knock Eagles off perch*

Some lengthy streaks came to a screeching halt this weekend around Hockey East.

Maine put the brakes on first, ending UNH's perfect 12-0 start at home this season with a 3-1 win over the Wildcats at the Whittemore Center on Friday. Rookie Billy Ryan provided the offense, scoring twice, while Jimmy Howard totalled 28 saves.

But UNH got the last laugh, outlasting Maine 2-1 in the rematch thanks to 29 saves from rookie netminder Kevin Regan. That ended a 12-game unbeaten streak in league play (eight games overall) for the Black Bears. Their last Hockey East loss was Nov. 12 at Northeastern.

UMass was happy to end two streaks of its own when it recorded a 3-1 win at Merrimack Saturday, marking its first victory since December. That also stopped a surprising 14-game winless streak (0-13-1) on the road for the Minutemen, which had been building since taking a 1-0 decision at Maine over a year ago.

One streak that rolled on was BC's undefeated streak, now at 14 games, its best in the Jerry York era. The Eagles got two goals from defenseman Andrew Alberts Friday at Providence to turn a 2-0 deficit into a 2-2 tie. It was the third tie this season for BC vs. Providence – the Friars are one of only two Hockey East teams that have not lost to BC this season.

Boston University is not one of those, having been swept in a home-and-home set by BC just a few weeks ago, and will be looking to balance the scales and end the Eagles' flight tonight in the Beanpot. The Terriers are coming off an important 4-4 tie vs. UMass Lowell that kept the River Hawks at arm's length as the playoff race heats up. David Van der Gulik notched his first career hat trick to lead BU in the game. The River Hawks made up some ground on the field on Saturday, however, defeating Providence 3-2 on a Bobby Robins goal just 1:23 into overtime.

Northeastern was able to pick up two points headed into tonight's Beanpot faceoff against Harvard, as the Huskies dropped UMass 2-1 on Thursday.

HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	HE Offense	HE Defense
Boston College	17	11	1	5	27	17-3-5	3.18 GPG	1.59 GAPG
New Hampshire	16	11	3	2	24	18-7-3	3.38 GPG	2.44 GAPG
Boston University	17	11	4	2	24	15-10-2	3.35 GPG	2.41 GAPG
Maine	18	10	4	4	24	15-9-6	3.06 GPG	1.83 GAPG
UMass Lowell	16	7	6	3	17	16-6-4	3.44 GPG	3.12 GAPG
Northeastern	17	6	8	3	15	10-13-4	2.59 GPG	2.47 GAPG
Massachusetts	18	5	11	2	12	11-16-2	2.22 GPG	3.78 GAPG
Providence	17	2	11	4	8	7-16-4	2.12 GPG	3.18 GAPG
Merrimack	18	1	16	1	3	8-20-2	1.78 GPG	4.06 GAPG

RECENT RESULTS

Thursday, February 3

at Northeastern 2, Massachusetts 1 *

Friday, February 4

Maine 3, at New Hampshire 1 *
 at Boston Univ. 4, UMass Lowell 4 (OT) *
 at Providence 2, Boston College 2 (OT) *

Saturday, February 5

Massachusetts 3, at Merrimack 1 *
 at UMass Lowell 3, Providence 2 (OT) *
 at New Hampshire 2, Maine 1 *

UPCOMING GAMES

Monday, February 7

Beanpot Tournament (NESN)
 Northeastern vs. Harvard (5pm)
 Boston College vs. Boston Univ. (8pm)

Thursday, February 10

Northeastern at UMass Lowell *

Friday, February 11

Massachusetts at UNH (NESN) *
 Merrimack at Boston College *
 Boston University at Providence *

Saturday, February 12

UNH at Massachusetts (CN8) *

Sunday, February 13

UMass Lowell at Providence (2pm) *

* Hockey East game

Games start at 7pm EST unless indicated.

CCM HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE WEEK

DAVID VAN DER GULIK – Boston U.
Junior Forward; Abbottford, BC

His first career hat trick led Boston University vs. UMass Lowell on Friday night, as the teams skated to a 4-4 tie.

SUPERSKILLS HOCKEY ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

KEVIN REGAN – New Hampshire
Freshman Goaltender; South Boston, MA

Honored for the second consecutive week for posting 29 saves to earn a 2-1 win over visiting Maine, thus salvaging a split of a vital weekend series.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

JIMMY HOWARD – Maine
Junior Goaltender; Ogdensburg, NY

Stopped 57 of 60 shots faced in a week-end split at UNH, including 28 of 29 in Friday's 3-1 win, marking the first home loss of the season for UNH.

HOCKEY EAST HONOR ROLL

- **Andrew Alberts, BC** (Sr. D; Eden Prairie, MN) – Scored both BC goals in a comeback tie at Providence.
- **Jamie Carroll, PC** (So. F; Andover, CT) - Scored two of PC's four goals on the weekend, one in each game.
- **Keni Gibson, NU** (Sr. G; Stittsville, ON) – Made 28 saves to backstop the Huskies to a 2-1 win over Massachusetts.
- **Elias Godoy, UML** (Jr. F, West Vancouver, BC) – Had a goal and two assists in a three-point weekend for the River Hawks.
- **Craig MacDonald, UMass** (Sr. F; Canton, MA) – Notched his first goal of the season and one assist in a 3-1 win at Merrimack.
- **Danny O'Brien, UML** (Jr. F; South Boston, MA) – Had one power-play goal in each of two Hockey East games, a win and a tie.
- **Billy Ryan, Maine** (Fr. F; Milton, MA) – Scored two goals, including the game winner, and finished +3 in a 3-1 win at UNH.
- **Cory Schneider, BC** (Fr. G; Marblehead, MA) – Stopped 27 of 29 shots faced in a 2-2 tie at PC to remain undefeated at 8-0-4.
- **Bret Tyler, Maine** (Fr. D; Maynard, MA) – Scored one goal each night in a low-scoring split at UNH.
- **Peter Vetri, UML** (Fr. G; Windham, NH) – Recorded a career-best 35 saves in a 4-4 tie at BU on Friday and followed that performance with 30 stops in a 3-2 overtime win against Providence.

LEADING SCORERS (League Games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1	Patrick Eaves, BC	Jr	16	11	12	23
2	Jason Guerriero, NU	Sr	17	6	15	21
3	Ryan Shannon, BC	Sr	15	5	15	20
4	Preston Callander, UNH	Sr	16	10	9	19
5	Ben Walter, UML	Jr	16	11	6	17
	Sean Collins, UNH	Sr	16	6	11	17
7	Jacob MicFlikier, UNH	So	16	7	9	16
	Andrew Martin, UML	Jr	16	6	10	16
	Brett Hemingway, UNH	So	16	5	11	16
12	Mike Morris, NU	Jr	13	9	6	15
	Elias Godoy, UML	Jr	14	7	8	15
	Danny O'Brien, UML	Jr	16	9	6	15
	Pete MacArthur, BU	Fr	16	8	7	15
	John Laliberte, BU	Jr	17	6	9	15

LEADING SCORERS (All Games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1	Patrick Eaves, BC	Jr	24	14	22	36
	Preston Callander, UNH	Sr	28	17	19	36
	Sean Collins, UNH	Sr	28	12	24	36
4	Jason Guerriero, NU	Sr	27	12	22	34
5	Ben Walter, UML	Jr	26	23	9	32
	Brett Hemingway, UNH	So	28	16	16	32
7	Andrew Martin, UML	Jr	26	11	18	29
8	Ryan Shannon, BC	Sr	23	8	20	28
	Elias Godoy, UML	Jr	24	8	20	28
	Bryan Schmidt, MC *	Jr	30	12	16	28
11	Mike Morris, NU	Jr	23	13	13	26
	Brian Yandle, UNH *	Jr	27	8	18	26
13	Jacob MicFlikier, UNH	So	28	11	14	25
14	Danny O'Brien, UML	Jr	25	10	14	24
	Derek Damon, Maine	Jr	30	11	13	24
	Matt Johnson, MC	Jr	30	9	15	24

* 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	Jim Howard, Maine	Jr	18	1024	10	4	4	1.82	.921
3	Cory Schneider, BC	Fr	10	624	6	0	4	1.83	.924
4	John Curry, BU	So	13	761	8	4	1	2.29	.915
5	Keni Gibson, NU	Sr	17	1016	6	8	3	2.30	.929
6	Jeff Pietrasiak, UNH	Jr	12	647	6	3	2	2.32	.913
7	Peter Vetri, UML	Fr	14	814	7	3	3	2.73	.902
8	David Cacciola, PC	Sr	13	756	2	9	2	2.77	.912
9	Gabe Winer, UMass	Jr	16	879	4	9	2	3.41	.883
10	Jim Healey, MC	So	14	762	0	12	1	3.78	.889

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	12	744	8	0	4	1.77	.922
3	Jim Howard, Maine	Jr	29	1690	14	9	6	1.95	.918
4	John Curry, BU	So	21	1209	12	7	1	1.98	.922
5	Peter Vetri, UML	Fr	20	1159	12	3	3	2.33	.914
6	Keni Gibson, NU	Sr	26	1564	10	12	4	2.46	.918
7	Kevin Regan, UNH	Fr	11	579	8	1	0	2.48	.926
8	David Cacciola, PC	Sr	17	995	4	11	2	2.83	.910
9	Gabe Winer, UMass	Jr	22	1239	8	11	2	2.95	.892
10	Jeff Pietrasiak, UNH	Jr	20	1115	10	6	3	3.07	.895

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

Team	GP	G	GPG
1.UMass Lowell.....	16	55	3.44
2.New Hampshire.....	16	54	3.38
3.Boston University...	17	57	3.35
4.Boston College.....	17	54	3.18
5.Maine.....	18	55	3.06
6.Northeastern.....	17	44	2.59
7.Massachusetts.....	18	40	2.22
8.Providence.....	17	36	2.12
9.Merrimack.....	18	32	1.78

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1.Boston College.....	17	27	1.59
2.Maine.....	18	33	1.83
3.Boston University...	17	41	2.41
4.New Hampshire.....	16	39	2.44
5.Northeastern.....	17	42	2.47
6.UMass Lowell.....	16	50	3.12
7.Providence.....	17	54	3.18
8.Massachusetts.....	18	68	3.78
9.Merrimack.....	18	73	4.06

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1.New Hampshire.....	16	20	80	2	.250
2.UMass Lowell.....	16	17	82	1	.207
3.Boston College.....	17	19	104	2	.183
4.Boston University...	17	20	118	3	.169
5.Maine.....	18	16	101	0	.158
6.Northeastern.....	17	11	70	2	.157
7.Providence.....	17	13	85	2	.153
8.Merrimack.....	18	11	98	1	.112
9.Massachusetts.....	18	9	87	3	.103

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1.Maine.....	18	8	84	1	.905
2.Boston College.....	17	11	104	2	.894
3.Merrimack.....	18	14	110	3	.873
4.New Hampshire.....	16	9	66	2	.864
5.Northeastern.....	17	11	74	2	.851
6.Providence.....	17	16	94	2	.830
7.Boston University...	17	19	97	3	.804
8.UMass Lowell.....	16	21	90	0	.767
9.Massachusetts.....	18	27	106	1	.745

PENALTY MINUTES

Team	GP	P	PiM	PMPG
1.Northeastern.....	17	104	208	12.24
2.New Hampshire.....	16	102	223	13.94
3.Maine.....	18	132	294	16.33
4.Massachusetts.....	18	139	297	16.50
5.UMass Lowell.....	16	113	272	17.00
6.Boston College.....	17	144	296	17.41
7.Providence.....	17	136	302	17.76
8.Merrimack.....	18	150	346	19.22
9.Boston University...	17	126	328	19.29

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

Team	GP	G	GPG
1.New Hampshire.....	28	109	3.89
2.UMass Lowell.....	26	96	3.69
3.Boston College.....	25	80	3.20
4.Maine.....	30	91	3.03
5.Boston University...	27	80	2.96
6.Northeastern.....	27	73	2.70
7.Merrimack.....	30	76	2.53
8.Massachusetts.....	29	71	2.45
9.Providence.....	27	63	2.33

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1.Boston College.....	25	41	1.64
2.Maine.....	30	59	1.97
3.UMass Lowell.....	26	68	2.62
4.Boston University...	27	72	2.67
5.Northeastern.....	27	76	2.81
6.New Hampshire.....	28	82	2.93
7.Providence.....	27	84	3.11
8.Massachusetts.....	29	95	3.28
9.Merrimack.....	30	115	3.83

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1.New Hampshire.....	28	39	157	3	.248
2.UMass Lowell.....	26	35	142	1	.246
3.Merrimack.....	30	34	185	4	.184
4.Boston College.....	25	30	174	4	.172
5.Northeastern.....	27	23	138	2	.167
6.Boston University...	27	28	178	7	.157
7.Massachusetts.....	29	22	142	4	.155
8.Maine.....	30	28	186	1	.151
9.Providence.....	27	20	137	3	.146

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1.Boston College.....	25	17	167	5	.898
2.Maine.....	30	20	157	2	.873
3.Merrimack.....	30	27	189	5	.857
4.Providence.....	27	27	158	2	.829
5.New Hampshire.....	28	22	125	4	.824
6.Boston University...	27	27	151	5	.821
7.Northeastern.....	27	27	138	3	.804
8.UMass Lowell.....	26	27	136	1	.801
9.Massachusetts.....	29	35	173	4	.798

PENALTY MINUTES

Team	GP	P	PiM	PMPG
1.Northeastern.....	27	176	352	13.04
2.New Hampshire.....	28	181	389	13.89
3.UMass Lowell.....	26	167	402	15.46
4.Massachusetts.....	29	221	483	16.66
5.Providence.....	27	214	458	16.96
6.Maine.....	30	232	521	17.37
7.Boston University...	27	197	470	17.41
8.Boston College.....	25	219	465	18.60
9.Merrimack.....	30	257	560	18.67

TEAM NOTES

Boston College: Andrew Alberts' two-goal game at Providence was the second multiple-goal game of his career.

Boston University: John Laliberte scored a power play goal for the Terriers against UMass Lowell, ending an 0-for-17 stretch for the BU power play. They are 3-for-46 over the past seven games ... Stephan Siwec drew the start against the River Hawks, marking the first time in his collegiate career that he started two straight games.

University of Maine: The Black Bears were able to end UNH's 12-0-0 start at home this season with a 3-1 win Friday, but saw their own eight-game unbeaten streak (and 12-game unbeaten streak in conference play) come to an end in a 2-1 loss on Saturday ... In the last nine games, the Maine power play has come to life, converting on nine of 43 chances. The penalty kill has also improved, allowing only four goals in 43 attempts, including one of seven at UNH, who has the nation's best power play percentage.

University of Massachusetts: UMass snapped a couple of extended slumps with Saturday's 3-1 win at Merrimack, breaking a 14-game road winless streak (dating back to a 1-0 win at Maine on Jan. 17, 2004) and a seven-game overall winless streak (dating back to Dec. 30). The line of Matt Burto, P.J. Fenton and Craig MacDonald accounted for two goals and four assists in the victory ... Tim Vitek's goal Saturday was his first since Nov. 14 vs. Mercyhurst ... Six UMass players have met or exceeded their individual season highs in 2004-05.

UMass Lowell: Saturday's 3-2 OT win against Providence was the 150th victory of head coach Blaise MacDonald's career ... Junior Danny O'Brien reached career bests in goals (9) and points (23) with a goal at BU Friday.

Merrimack College: Merrimack held a 27-25 shot advantage in its 3-1 loss to UMass on Saturday, marking just the second time this season the Warriors have outshot their opponent in a league game ... Matt Johnson has a modest hot streak going, with five goals and three assists in the last nine games ... Merrimack is 8-2-1 when scoring four or more goals this season but 0-18-2 when scoring three or less.

University of New Hampshire: UNH's penalty kill has killed 13 straight over the past four games ... Head coach Richard Umile now has 345 wins, two short of Charlie Holt's all-time school wins record ... Freshman goalie Kevin Regan is 3-0-0 in his last three starts with a 2.00 GAA and .935 save percentage, which includes wins against nationally ranked Lowell and Maine.

Northeastern University: Jason Guerriero has assisted on 10 of Mike Morris' 13 goals this season while Morris has assisted on seven of Guerriero's 12 goals ... NU is averaging 13.5 penalty minutes per game this season, the least in the nation ... Keni Gibson has allowed two goals or less 15 times this season, and has allowed just four goals over NU's past three games.

Providence College: Jamie Carroll extended his point streak to five games with one goal in each game this past weekend ... David Cacciola has faced 98 shots in two games against BC this season and has stopped 95 of them ... The Friars have lost seven games by just one goal ... Providence is still looking for its first road win this season as they have gone 0-11-1.

WHO'S HOT

• **Patrick Eaves, BC** (Jr. F; Faribault, MN) – Following a modest start to his junior season, Eaves has caught fire with a league-best nine-game point streak, notching seven goals and 10 assists in that span.

• **Mike Morris, NU** (Jr. F; Braintree, MA) – Has scored seven goals over the past seven games.

• **Boston College Defense and Goaltending** – The Eagles are on an 14-game undefeated streak thanks to stingy defense and goaltending, which has allowed just 18 goals in that span (1.29 per game). They have allowed more than two goals in just one game during the streak.

• **UMass Lowell at home** – The River Hawks have won nine straight home games dating back to an 8-0 win against Bentley on Nov. 27. In that span, they have dominated their opponents with a 42-13 scoring advantage and have allowed more than two goals only once.

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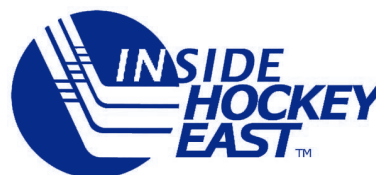
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