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LOWELL THREATENING FOR HOME ICE WITH SWEEP OF BC *BU's Curry wins three straight on return, including Beanpot final*

Things are nearly set at the bottom of the Hockey East bracket, thanks to a 3-2 win by Providence over Maine on Friday. The win locked up the final playoff spot for the Friars ahead of Merrimack, who will miss the playoffs for the first time since the 1995-96 season. Providence and Massachusetts will now play out the season to determine the No. 7 and No. 8 seeds in the Hockey East tournament. Maine rebounded from the loss to collect a 6-2 win in the rematch courtesy of three power play goals.

Despite a victory over Harvard in the Beanpot consolation game, Boston College fell two places in the Hockey East standings after suffering a dramatic sweep at the hands of UMass Lowell. The River Hawks got back-to-back strong performances from goaltenders John Yaros (32 saves in a 3-1 win at BC) and Peter Vetri (39 saves in a 4-1 win back at Lowell) to lead them to victory, closing to within three points of Maine for fourth place and with it a home ice berth in the Hockey East quarterfinals. The two teams face-off twice next weekend at Alford Arena, so both control their own destinies and could easily end up facing each other again in the first round of the playoffs.

UNH navigated into first place thanks to the hot hand of rookie goaltender Kevin Regan, who allowed just three goals over two road wins. The explosive UNH offense did the rest, posting 11 goals over the two games, led by Jacob Micflikier's two goals and four assists on the week.

Boston University took over second place by sweeping Massachusetts on the heels of a 3-2 OT win in the Beanpot championship game vs. Northeastern. Rookie Chris Bourque scored the Beanpot winner and added two goals and an assist in Friday's 3-0 win at UMass. John Curry totalled 29 saves for his first career shutout and allowed just three goals over three wins on the week.

HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Remaining Opponents
New Hampshire ^	20	15	3	2	32	22-7-3	at BC, BC, at BU, BU
Boston University *	20	14	4	2	30	20-10-2	at NU, NU, UNH, at UNH
Boston College *	20	12	3	5	29	19-6-5	UNH, at UNH, Maine (2)
Maine *	20	11	5	4	26	16-10-6	UML (2), at BC (2)
UMass Lowell *	20	10	7	3	23	19-7-4	at Maine (2), at MC, PC
Northeastern *	20	8	9	3	19	13-15-4	BU (2), UMass (2)
Massachusetts *	22	5	15	2	12	11-20-2	NU, at NU
Providence *	21	3	14	4	10	8-19-4	at MC, MC, at UML
Merrimack	21	1	19	1	3	8-23-2	PC, at PC, UML

* – clinched playoff berth ^ – clinched home ice advantage in the Hockey East quarterfinals

RECENT RESULTS

Monday, February 14

Beanpot Tournament

Boston College 4, Harvard 1
 Boston University 3, Northeastern 2 (OT)

Wednesday, February 16

New Hampshire 6, at Merrimack 1 *

Friday, February 18

Boston U. 3, at Massachusetts 0 *
 UMass Lowell 3, at Boston College 1 *
 at Providence 3, Maine 2*
 at Northeastern 4, Merrimack 1 *

Saturday, February 19

at Boston University 2, Massachusetts 1 *
 at UMass Lowell 4, Boston College 1 *
 Maine 6, at Providence 2 *
 New Hampshire 5, at Northeastern 2 *

UPCOMING GAMES

Wednesday, February 23

Boston University at Northeastern *

Friday, February 25

UNH at Boston College (NESN) *
 UMass Lowell at Maine *
 Providence at Merrimack *

Saturday, February 26

Boston College at UNH (WMUR) *
 UMass Lowell at Maine (WABI) *
 Merrimack at Providence (CoxSports) *
 Northeastern at Boston University *
 Massachusetts at Niagara (2pm)

* Hockey East game

Games start at 7pm EST unless indicated.

CCM HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE WEEK

JACOB MICFLIKIER – UNH
Sophomore Forward; Winnipeg, MB

Dominated a 6-1 win at Merrimack with a goal and three assists and added another two points in a 5-2 win at Northeastern. Finished +5 over the two games.

SUPERSKILLS HOCKEY ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

CHRIS BOURQUE – Boston University
Freshman Forward; Topsfield, MA

Named Beanpot MVP after scoring an OT goal in the title game vs. NU. Followed that up with two special teams goals and one assist to lead a 3-0 win at UMass.

DEFENSIVE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

John Yaros - UML Jr. G; Bayside, NY
 Stopped 32 of 33 shots faced in dealing BC its first home loss of the season, 3-1.

Peter Vetri - UML Fr. G; Windham, NH
 Stopped 39 of 40 shots faced Saturday to complete a weekend sweep of BC.

HOCKEY EAST HONOR ROLL

- **John Curry, BU** (So. G; Shorewood, MN) – Glorious return from a four-game injury absence yielded three straight wins in which he allowed just three goals on 83 shots faced. He had two one-goal wins and his first career shutout, 3-0 at UMass.
- **Elias Godoy, UML** (Jr. F, West Vancouver, BC) – Had a hand in four of UML's seven goals in a sweep of BC, including both GWGs.
- **Tim Judy, NU** (Sr. D; Bowie, MD) – Scored a short-handed goal and had four assists over three games.
- **Michel Léveillé, Maine** (Jr. F; Levis, QC) – Had a power play goal and three assists over two games at Providence.
- **Bryan Miller, BU** (Sr. F/D; Wayne, NJ) – Set up all three goals in the Terriers' 3-0 win over Massachusetts.
- **Mark Pandolfo, UML** (Jr. F, North Andover, MA) – Forced turnovers that led to three goals on the weekend, including both game winning goals. He finished the sweep with a goal and two assists and a +3 rating.
- **Kevin Regan, UNH** (Fr. G; South Boston, MA) – Stopped 74 of 77 shots faced over two Hockey East wins on the road.
- **Brent Sheppard, Maine** (So. F; Shawnigan Lake, MN) – Scored two goals and two assists in a split at Providence.
- **Tyler Sims, PC** (Fr. G, Forth Worth, TX) – Stopped 40 shots in a 3-2 win over Maine to clinch the final Hockey East playoff berth.
- **Josh Soares, Maine** (So. F; Hamilton, ON) – Scored three goals in a weekend split at Providence.
- **Daniel Winnik, UNH** (So. F; Mississauga, ON) – Scored two goals and added two assists and a +5 rating over two road victories.

LEADING SCORERS (League Games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1	Jacob Micflikier, UNH	So	20	14	14	28
2	Patrick Eaves, BC	Jr	18	13	13	26
	Jason Guerriero, NU	Sr	20	8	18	26
4	Preston Callander, UNH	Sr	20	11	12	23
	Sean Collins, UNH	Sr	20	9	14	23
6	Elias Godoy, UML	Jr	18	9	12	21
	Ryan Shannon, BC	Sr	18	6	15	21
8	Brett Hemingway, UNH	So	20	8	12	20
9	Ben Walter, UML	Jr	20	13	6	19
10	Daniel Winnik, UNH	So	20	10	8	18
	Andrew Martin, UML	Jr	20	6	12	18
	Bryan Miller, BU	Sr	20	3	15	18
	Chris Chaput, PC	Sr	21	6	12	18
14	Mike Morris, NU	Jr	16	9	8	17
	John Laliberte, BU	Jr	20	7	10	17

LEADING SCORERS (All Games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1	Sean Collins, UNH	Sr	32	15	27	42
2	Preston Callander, UNH	Sr	32	18	22	40
	Jason Guerriero, NU	Sr	32	14	26	40
4	Patrick Eaves, BC	Jr	28	16	23	39
5	Jacob Micflikier, UNH	So	32	18	19	37
6	Brett Hemingway, UNH	So	32	19	17	36
7	Elias Godoy, UML	Jr	28	10	24	34
	Ben Walter, UML	Jr	30	25	9	34
9	Andrew Martin, UML	Jr	30	11	20	31
	Bryan Schmidt, MC *	Jr	33	13	18	31
11	Mike Morris, NU	Jr	28	14	16	30
	Ryan Shannon, BC	Sr	28	10	20	30
	Brian Yandle, UNH *	Jr	31	9	21	30
14	Daniel Winnik, UNH	So	32	13	16	29
15	John Laliberte, BU	Jr	32	11	16	27

* defenseman

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LEADING GOALTENDERS (League Games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	Min	W	L	T	GAA	SP
1	Matti Kaltainen, BC	Sr	10	578	6	3	1	1.56	.927
2	Cory Schneider, BC	Fr	10	624	6	0	4	1.83	.924
3	Jim Howard, Maine	Jr	20	1135	11	5	4	1.90	.919
4	Kevin Regan, UNH	Fr	10	559	9	0	0	1.93	.940
5	John Curry, BU	So	15	881	10	4	1	2.04	.923
6	Keni Gibson, NU	Sr	20	1195	8	9	3	2.31	.928
7	Jeff Pietrasiak, UNH	Jr	12	647	6	3	2	2.32	.913
8	Peter Vetri, UML	Fr	16	933	8	4	3	2.64	.908
9	David Cacciola, PC	Sr	15	821	2	11	2	2.92	.906
10	Gabe Winer, UMass	Jr	18	998	4	11	2	3.31	.885

LEADING GOALTENDERS (All Games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	Min	W	L	T	GAA	SP
1	Matti Kaltainen, BC	Sr	18	1039	9	6	1	1.67	.925
2	Cory Schneider, BC	Fr	13	782	9	0	4	1.69	.924
3	John Curry, BU	So	24	1403	15	7	1	1.84	.928
4	Jim Howard, Maine	Jr	31	1801	15	10	6	2.00	.917
5	Kevin Regan, UNH	Fr	15	819	12	1	0	2.12	.936
6	Peter Vetri, UML	Fr	22	1278	13	4	3	2.30	.917
7	Keni Gibson, NU	Sr	31	1899	13	14	4	2.37	.920
8	Gabe Winer, UMass	Jr	24	1357	8	13	2	2.92	.893
9	David Cacciola, PC	Sr	19	1060	4	13	2	2.94	.906
10	Jeff Pietrasiak, UNH	Jr	20	1115	10	6	3	3.07	.895

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

Team	GP	G	GPG
1.New Hampshire.....	20	79	3.95
2.Boston University... UMass Lowell.....	20	66	3.30
4.Boston College.....	20	64	3.20
5.Maine.....	20	63	3.15
6.Northeastern.....	20	53	2.65
7.Providence.....	21	43	2.05
8.Massachusetts.....	22	43	1.95
9.Merrimack.....	21	37	1.76

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1.Boston College.....	20	37	1.85
2.Maine.....	20	38	1.90
3.Boston University... New Hampshire.....	20	44	2.20
5.Northeastern.....	20	50	2.50
6.UMass Lowell.....	20	55	2.75
7.Providence.....	21	68	3.24
8.Massachusetts.....	22	87	3.95
9.Merrimack.....	21	91	4.33

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1.New Hampshire.....	20	24	104	2	.231
2.UMass Lowell.....	20	21	102	1	.206
3.Boston College.....	20	22	116	2	.190
4.Boston University... 5.Maine.....	20	24	133	3	.180
6.Northeastern.....	20	20	113	1	.177
7.Providence.....	20	14	86	2	.163
8.Merrimack.....	21	13	99	3	.131
9.Massachusetts.....	21	14	114	5	.123
	22	9	100	4	.090

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1.Maine.....	20	8	92	1	.913
2.Boston College.....	20	14	121	3	.884
3.New Hampshire.....	20	11	81	4	.864
4.Merrimack.....	21	19	127	3	.850
5.Northeastern.....	20	14	89	3	.843
6.Boston University... 7.Providence.....	20	19	107	4	.822
8.UMass Lowell.....	21	23	118	3	.805
9.Massachusetts.....	20	22	106	1	.792
	22	31	126	1	.754

PENALTY MINUTES

Team	GP	P	PiM	PMPG
1.Northeastern.....	20	125	250	12.50
2.New Hampshire.....	20	122	263	13.15
3.Massachusetts.....	22	161	341	15.50
4.Maine.....	20	142	314	15.70
5.UMass Lowell.....	20	137	323	16.15
6.Boston College.....	20	169	346	17.30
7.Boston University... 8.Providence.....	20	137	350	17.50
9.Merrimack.....	21	165	368	17.52
	21	172	398	18.95

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

Team	GP	G	GPG
1.New Hampshire.....	32	134	4.19
2.UMass Lowell.....	30	107	3.57
3.Boston College.....	30	95	3.17
4.Maine.....	32	99	3.09
5.Boston University... 6.Northeastern.....	32	94	2.94
7.Merrimack.....	32	86	2.69
8.Providence.....	33	81	2.45
9.Massachusetts.....	31	70	2.26
	33	74	2.24

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1.Boston College.....	30	54	1.80
2.Maine.....	32	64	2.00
3.UMass Lowell.....	30	73	2.43
4.Boston University... 5.New Hampshire.....	32	78	2.44
6.Northeastern.....	32	87	2.72
7.Providence.....	32	88	2.75
8.Massachusetts.....	31	98	3.16
9.Merrimack.....	33	114	3.45
	33	133	4.03

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1.UMass Lowell.....	30	39	162	1	.241
2.New Hampshire.....	32	43	181	3	.238
3.Merrimack.....	33	37	201	8	.184
4.Boston College.....	30	35	194	4	.180
5.Boston University... 6.Maine.....	32	34	204	7	.167
7.Northeastern.....	32	32	198	2	.162
8.Massachusetts.....	32	26	165	3	.158
9.Providence.....	33	22	155	5	.142
	31	20	152	4	.132

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1.Boston College.....	30	22	193	6	.886
2.Maine.....	32	20	165	2	.879
3.Merrimack.....	33	32	206	5	.845
4.Boston University... 5.New Hampshire.....	32	27	171	7	.842
6.UMass Lowell.....	32	24	140	6	.829
7.Providence.....	30	28	152	2	.816
8.Northeastern.....	31	34	182	3	.813
9.Massachusetts.....	32	31	163	4	.810
	33	39	193	4	.798

PENALTY MINUTES

Team	GP	P	PiM	PMPG
1.Northeastern.....	32	208	416	13.00
2.New Hampshire.....	32	201	429	13.41
3.UMass Lowell.....	30	191	453	15.10
4.Massachusetts.....	33	243	527	15.97
5.Boston University... 6.Providence.....	32	219	514	16.06
7.Maine.....	31	243	524	16.90
8.Boston College.....	32	242	541	16.91
9.Merrimack.....	30	258	543	18.10
	33	279	612	18.55

TEAM NOTES

Boston College: Defenseman Andrew Alberts and goaltender Cory Schneider are both injured and will be out of the lineup for three to five weeks. Their absence definitely affected the previously top-ranked Eagles, who suffered their first home loss of the season and first back-to-back losses of the season this past weekend vs. UMass Lowell.

Boston University: The Terriers have killed off 19 straight opposing power play chances ... Rookie Chris Bourque has nine goals this season, but none have come at BU's home rink ... The Terriers have reached the 20-win mark for the 21st time in Jack Parker's 32-year tenure.

University of Maine: After converting only two of 22 power play chances in the previous five games, Maine scored three power play goals on six opportunities in Saturday's win at Providence ... The Black Bears enter the final regular season home series this coming weekend with a 9-4-3 record at Alford this year, following a 17-1-1 home record last year.

University of Massachusetts: Hockey Humanitarian finalist Peter Trovato has set a new team record for games played. He has skated in 140 games in a Minuteman jersey ... UMass gets a break from Hockey East action this coming weekend with a single game at Niagara on Saturday.

UMass Lowell: The River Hawks outscored the BC Eagles 7-2 in a weekend sweep, breaking a seven-game winning streak for the Eagles in the series during which they had outscored UML 33-11 ... Sophomore transfer Jeremy Hall has a six-game point streak, his longest since joining the River Hawks ... The UML penalty kill has not given up a goal in the last three games, going 10-for-10, including killing a five-minute major at BC on Friday.

Merrimack College: The Warriors will miss the Hockey East playoffs for the first time in nine years ... Defenseman Bryan Schmidt has reached the 30-point mark (13-18-31) for the first time in his career ... The Warriors have struggled offensively since the calendar turned to 2005, scoring just 17 goals in 11 games, including just one goal in seven of those.

University of New Hampshire: The UNH penalty kill is 27-for-29 over the last eight games with two short-handed goals ... UNH head coach Dick Umile won his 348th game Wednesday night at Merrimack to pass Charlie Holt as the all-time UNH leader ... 28 of Jacob Micflikier's 37 points have come in league play.

Northeastern University: Northeastern was penalized 10 times for 20 minutes on Saturday, but is still the least penalized team in the nation with an average of 13.4 penalty minutes per game ... Tim Judy's short-handed goal Friday was Northeastern's fourth of the season, the most in a single season in the Bruce Crowder era.

Providence College: The line of Jamie Carroll, Chris Chaput and Torry Gajda led the 3-2 win over Maine Friday, connecting for two goals and three assists. They have combined to score eight of the team's 13 goals over the last seven games ... The win over Maine ended PC's 16-game (0-12-4) Hockey East winless streak dating back to Oct. 29.

Save the Date: The New England Hockey Writers' Banquet has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 13, at Prince Restaurant in Saugus, MA.

WHO'S HOT

• **John Curry, BU** (So. G; Shorewood, MN) – In 12 of his 24 starts this year, John Curry has given up one goal or less. In his last seven starts, he has given up a total of 10 goals

• **Elias Godoy, UML** (Jr. F, West Vancouver, BC) – Career-best nine-game point streak with six goals and six assists.

• **Tim Judy, NU** (Sr. D; Bowie, MD) – Has three goals and seven assists over a seven-game point streak.

• **Jacob Micflikier, UNH** (So. F; Winnipeg, MB) – Has seven goals and five assists over the last four games.

• **Kevin Regan, UNH** (Fr. G; South Boston, MA) – Has started each of five straight Hockey East wins for UNH, posting a 1.20 GAA and a .962 save percentage in that span. He owns a perfect 9-0 record, a 1.93 GAA and a .940 save percentage in Hockey East play this season.

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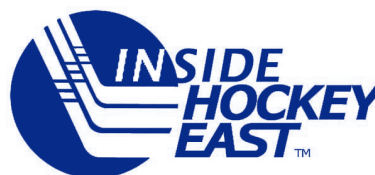
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John Curry	So	G	BU
Sean Collins	Sr	F	UNH
Patrick Eaves	Jr	F	BC
Jacob Micflikier	So	F	UNH
Mike Morris	Jr	F	NU
Ryan Shannon	Sr	F	BC
Ben Walter	Jr	F	UML

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