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NORTHEASTERN MAKES STATEMENT WITH WIN AT BU *BC rebounds with three points vs. UNH to set up thrilling final week*

Just when you thought Hockey East couldn't get any better, it did.

Last week's results broke just the right way to set up a near-perfect scenario for the final weekend, as the four teams at the top are separated by only three points. Additionally, each of the four will play two head-to-head battles against one of the others in what amounts to a mini-playoff with vital seedings at stake. All four have the opportunity to win the regular season title, but all four could also finish as low as fourth.

Maine kept its title hopes alive by sweeping UMass Lowell, quickly quashing any possibility that the River Hawks would host a quarterfinal series. Jimmy Howard had a hot glove once again, stopping 58 of 61 shots faced on the weekend, including all 27 he faced in Friday's 2-0 shutout win. He now has nine career shutouts in Hockey East play, a new league record.

Boston College rebounded heartily from getting swept by Lowell last weekend by taking three of four points vs. first-place UNH. BC nearly swept the set, but Eagle-killer Sean Collins scored an equalizing goal late Friday to allow the Wildcats to manage a 3-3 tie on the road. The 'Cats came out firing in the rematch, but it was the Eagles who converted early and often, scoring four goals in the first period and cruising to a 5-2 win. It was the first BC win at UNH since 1997.

Northeastern put the brakes on BU's five-game win streak and nine-game undefeated streak with a 2-2 tie on Wednesday and a 2-1 win on Saturday. Junior Mike Morris scored three of the Huskies' four goals and NU's Keni Gibson just edged BU's John Curry in the goaltending duel by stopping 63 of 66 shots faced.

Providence finally recorded its first road win of the season Friday, defeating host Merrimack 4-1. The rematch in Providence also went the way of the Friars, 4-2. In non-conference play, UMass notched just its second win of 2005 with a 4-3 triumph at Niagara.

HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Remaining
New Hampshire ^	22	15	4	3	33	22-8-4	at BU, BU
Boston College ^	22	13	3	6	32	20-6-6	Maine (2)
Boston University ^	22	14	5	3	31	20-11-3	UNH, at UNH
Maine ^	22	13	5	4	30	18-10-6	at BC (2)
UMass Lowell *	22	10	9	3	23	19-9-4	at MC, PC
Northeastern *	22	9	9	4	22	14-15-5	at UMass, UMass
Providence *	23	5	14	4	14	10-19-4	at UML
Massachusetts *	22	5	15	2	12	12-20-2	NU, at NU
Merrimack	23	1	21	1	3	8-25-2	UML

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

RECENT RESULTS

Wednesday, February 23

at Northeastern 2, Boston Univ. 2 (OT) *

Friday, February 25

at Boston College 3, UNH 3 (OT) *

at Maine 2, UMass Lowell 0 *

Providence 4, at Merrimack 1 *

Saturday, February 26

Boston College 5, at New Hampshire 2 *

at Maine 5, UMass Lowell 3 *

at Providence 4, Merrimack 2 *

Northeastern 2, at Boston University 1 *

Massachusetts 4, at Niagara 3

UPCOMING GAMES

Thursday, March 3

New Hampshire at Boston University *

UMass Lowell at Merrimack *

Friday, March 4

Maine at Boston College (NESN) *

Northeastern at Massachusetts *

Saturday, March 5

Maine at Boston College (CN8) *

Massachusetts at Northeastern *

Providence at UMass Lowell *

Boston University at UNH (NHPTV) *

* Hockey East game

Games start at 7pm EST unless indicated.

CCM HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE WEEK

MIKE MORRIS – Northeastern
Junior Forward; Braintree, MA

Led the Huskies to a win and a tie vs. BU last week, scoring three of the team's four goals in the series, including both in Saturday's 2-1 road win.

SUPERSKILLS HOCKEY ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

JON RHEAULT – Providence
Freshman Forward; Deering, NH

Helped the Friars to their first road win of the season and first back-to-back wins since October with three assists in a weekend sweep of Merrimack.

DEFENSIVE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Keni Gibson - NU Sr. G; Stittsville, ON
 Stopped 63 of 66 shots in two games vs. BU, posting a 2-1 win and a 2-2 tie.

Jim Howard - Maine Jr. G; Ogdensburg, NY
 Stopped 58 of 61 shots in a sweep vs. UML, including all 27 in Friday's 2-0 shutout win.

HOCKEY EAST HONOR ROLL

- **Jeff Caron, MC** (So. D; Moncton, NB) – Scored one goal and assisted on the other in a 4-2 loss at Providence.
- **Sean Collins, UNH** (Sr. F; Reading, MA) – Scored the game-tying goal with 1:23 remaining in Friday's 3-3 tie at BC and added two assists in the weekend set.
- **John Curry, BU** (So. G; Shorewood, MN) – Stopped 54 of 58 shots faced over two games vs. Northeastern.
- **Elias Godoy, UML** (Jr. F; West Vancouver, BC) – Scored two power-play goals in Saturday's 5-3 loss at Maine.
- **Matti Kaltainen, BC** (Sr. G; Espoo, Finland) – Stopped 32 of 35 shots faced in a 5-2 win at UNH on Saturday.
- **Colin McDonald, PC** (So. F; Wethersfield, CT) – Scored three goals over back-to-back wins vs. Merrimack.
- **John Ronan, Maine** (Sr. F; South Boston, MA) – Scored two second-period goals, including a short-hander with one second remaining in the period, in Saturday's 5-3 win over UMass Lowell.
- **Ryan Shannon, BC** (Sr. F; Darien, CT) – Scored one goal and assisted on three others in a weekend series vs. UNH.
- **Brent Shephard, Maine** (So. F; Shawnigan Lake, MN) – Had a goal each night and added one assist in a sweep vs. Lowell.
- **Brian Yandle, UNH** (Jr. D; Milton, MA) – Scored one goal in each of two games vs. Boston College.
- **John Yaros, UML** (Jr. G; Bayside, NY) – Stopped 32 of 34 shots faced, but suffered a 2-0 loss at Maine.

LEADING SCORERS (League Games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1	Jacob Micflikier, UNH	So	22	14	15	29
2	Patrick Eaves, BC	Jr	20	14	14	28
	Jason Guerriero, NU	Sr	22	8	20	28
4	Preston Callander, UNH	Sr	22	11	15	26
	Sean Collins, UNH	Sr	22	10	16	26
6	Ryan Shannon, BC	Sr	20	7	18	25
7	Elias Godoy, UML	Jr	20	11	12	23
8	Brett Hemingway, UNH	So	22	9	13	22
9	Mike Morris, NU	Jr	18	12	8	20
	Ben Walter, UML	Jr	22	13	7	20
	Chris Chaput, PC	Sr	23	6	14	20
12	Daniel Winnik, UNH	So	22	11	8	19
	David Van der Gulik, BU	Jr	22	12	7	19

LEADING SCORERS (All Games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1	Sean Collins, UNH	Sr	34	16	29	45
2	Preston Callander, UNH	Sr	34	18	25	43
3	Jason Guerriero, NU	Sr	34	14	28	42
4	Patrick Eaves, BC	Jr	30	17	24	41
5	Brett Hemingway, UNH	So	34	20	18	38
	Jacob Micflikier, UNH	So	34	18	20	38
7	Elias Godoy, UML	Jr	30	12	24	36
8	Ben Walter, UML	Jr	32	25	10	35
9	Ryan Shannon, BC	Sr	30	11	23	34
10	Mike Morris, NU	Jr	30	17	16	33
11	Brian Yandle, UNH *	Jr	33	11	21	32
12	Andrew Martin, UML	Jr	31	11	20	31
	Bryan Schmidt, MC *	Jr	35	13	18	31
14	Daniel Winnik, UNH	So	34	14	16	30

* defenseman

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LEADING GOALTENDERS (League Games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	Min	W	L	T	GAA	SP
1	Matti Kaltainen, BC	Sr	12	703	7	3	2	1.71	.925
2	Cory Schneider, BC	Fr	10	624	6	0	4	1.83	.924
3	Jim Howard, Maine	Jr	22	1255	13	5	4	1.86	.922
4	John Curry, BU	So	17	1005	10	5	2	2.03	.924
5	Keni Gibson, NU	Sr	22	1320	9	9	4	2.23	.930
6	Kevin Regan, UNH	Fr	12	637	9	1	1	2.26	.931
7	Jeff Pietrasiak, UNH	Jr	13	693	6	3	2	2.33	.917
8	Peter Vetri, UML	Fr	17	988	8	5	3	2.79	.905
9	David Cacciola, PC	Sr	16	880	3	11	2	2.86	.906
10	Tyler Sims, PC	Fr	9	501	2	3	2	3.23	.911

LEADING GOALTENDERS (All Games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	Min	W	L	T	GAA	SP
1	Cory Schneider, BC	Fr	13	782	9	0	4	1.69	.924
2	Matti Kaltainen, BC	Sr	20	1164	10	6	2	1.75	.924
3	John Curry, BU	So	26	1527	15	8	2	1.85	.928
4	Jim Howard, Maine	Jr	33	1921	17	10	6	1.97	.919
5	Keni Gibson, NU	Sr	33	2024	14	14	5	2.31	.923
6	Kevin Regan, UNH	Fr	17	897	12	2	1	2.34	.930
7	Peter Vetri, UML	Fr	23	1333	13	5	3	2.43	.914
8	David Cacciola, PC	Sr	20	1119	5	13	2	2.89	.906
9	Gabe Winer, UMass	Jr	25	1417	9	13	2	2.92	.894
10	Jeff Pietrasiak, UNH	Jr	21	1161	10	6	3	3.05	.898

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

Team	GP	G	GPG
1.New Hampshire.....	22	84	3.82
2.Boston College.....	22	72	3.27
3.Maine.....	22	70	3.18
4.Boston University... UMass Lowell.....	22	69	3.14
6.Northeastern.....	22	57	2.59
7.Providence.....	23	51	2.22
8.Massachusetts.....	22	43	1.95
9.Merrimack.....	23	40	1.74

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1.Maine.....	22	41	1.86
2.Boston College.....	22	42	1.91
3.Boston University... 4.New Hampshire.....	22	48	2.18
5.Northeastern.....	22	52	2.36
6.UMass Lowell.....	22	53	2.41
7.Providence.....	22	62	2.82
8.Massachusetts.....	23	71	3.09
9.Merrimack.....	22	87	3.95
	23	99	4.30

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1.New Hampshire.....	22	28	117	2	.239
2.UMass Lowell.....	22	23	109	2	.211
3.Boston College.....	22	25	129	2	.194
4.Northeastern.....	22	17	94	2	.181
5.Boston University... 6.Maine.....	22	24	138	3	.174
7.Providence.....	22	21	123	2	.171
8.Merrimack.....	23	15	110	3	.136
9.Massachusetts.....	23	16	124	5	.129
	22	9	100	4	.090

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1.Maine.....	22	10	99	2	.899
2.Boston College.....	22	18	134	3	.866
3.New Hampshire..... Northeastern.....	22	14	94	4	.851
5.Merrimack.....	22	14	94	3	.851
6.Boston University... 7.Providence.....	23	21	138	3	.848
8.UMass Lowell.....	22	22	115	4	.809
9.Massachusetts.....	23	25	128	3	.805
	22	23	116	2	.802
	22	31	126	1	.754

PENALTY MINUTES

Team	GP	P	PiM	PMPG
1.Northeastern.....	22	133	266	12.09
2.New Hampshire.....	22	141	301	13.68
3.Maine.....	22	151	332	15.09
4.Massachusetts.....	22	161	341	15.50
5.UMass Lowell.....	22	149	347	15.77
6.Boston University... 7.Providence.....	22	148	372	16.91
8.Boston College.....	23	185	408	17.74
9.Merrimack.....	22	189	394	17.91
	23	195	455	19.78

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

Team	GP	G	GPG
1.New Hampshire.....	34	139	4.09
2.UMass Lowell.....	32	110	3.44
3.Boston College.....	32	103	3.22
4.Maine.....	34	106	3.12
5.Boston University... 6.Northeastern.....	34	97	2.85
7.Merrimack.....	34	90	2.65
8.Providence.....	35	84	2.40
9.Massachusetts.....	33	78	2.36
	34	78	2.29

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1.Boston College.....	32	59	1.84
2.Maine.....	34	67	1.97
3.Boston University... 4.UMass Lowell.....	34	82	2.41
5.Northeastern.....	32	80	2.50
6.New Hampshire.....	34	91	2.68
7.Providence.....	34	95	2.79
8.Massachusetts.....	33	101	3.06
9.Merrimack.....	34	117	3.44
	35	141	4.03

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1.UMass Lowell.....	32	41	169	2	.243
2.New Hampshire.....	34	47	194	3	.242
3.Merrimack.....	35	39	211	8	.185
4.Boston College.....	32	38	207	4	.184
5.Northeastern.....	34	29	173	3	.168
6.Boston University... 7.Maine.....	34	34	209	7	.163
8.Massachusetts.....	34	33	208	3	.159
9.Providence.....	34	22	159	5	.138
	33	22	163	4	.135

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1.Boston College.....	32	26	206	6	.874
2.Maine.....	34	22	172	3	.872
3.Merrimack.....	35	34	217	5	.843
4.Boston University... 5.New Hampshire.....	34	30	179	7	.832
6.UMass Lowell.....	34	27	153	6	.824
7.Northeastern.....	32	29	162	3	.821
8.Providence.....	34	31	168	4	.815
9.Massachusetts.....	33	36	192	3	.812
	34	41	200	5	.795

PENALTY MINUTES

Team	GP	P	PiM	PMPG
1.Northeastern.....	34	216	432	12.71
2.New Hampshire.....	34	220	467	13.74
3.UMass Lowell.....	32	203	477	14.91
4.Boston University... 5.Massachusetts.....	34	230	536	15.76
6.Maine.....	34	251	551	16.21
7.Providence.....	34	251	559	16.44
8.Boston College.....	33	263	564	17.09
9.Merrimack.....	32	278	591	18.47
	35	302	669	19.11

TEAM NOTES

Boston College: BC's four first-period goals Saturday at UNH matched its most productive period of the season (vs. UMass on Jan. 28). Patrick Eaves' second-period goal in the game was his 100th career point. He is the 62nd Eagle in program history to post 100+ points. The win was the first for BC at UNH since Nov. 7, 1997, and clinched the season series for BC vs. UNH for the first time since that season.

Boston University: The Terriers had their nine-game unbeaten streak (7-0-2) come to an end vs. Northeastern on Saturday night ... The Terriers are 15-1-3 when scoring first, 13-1-1 when leading after one period, and 17-0-2 when leading after two periods.

University of Maine: The Black Bears have now qualified for the Hockey East playoffs in 20 of 21 years in the league, and are hosting for the sixth straight season ... Jimmy Howard added to his school record on Friday night, posting his 15th career shutout ... Maine is 43-0-1 over the past three seasons when scoring four goals or more.

University of Massachusetts: Defenseman Marvin Degon's game-winning goal Saturday at Niagara was his first goal since Jan. 7 at UMass Lowell. The four goals scored in that game were the most for the Minutemen since Dec. 30, 2004 vs. Nebraska-Omaha. ... Stephen Werner scored his fourth short-handed goal of the season Saturday, and leads all Hockey East players in that category.

UMass Lowell: Jason Tejchma has scored two short-handed goals in the last five games ... Maine was the only team to sweep the seasonseries against the River Hawks and BU is the only other team to win the season series against UML ... Junior forward Andrew Martin missed the first game of his career Saturday night, breaking a streak of playing in 107 straight games.

Merrimack College: Merrimack broke a team record with its 13th consecutive loss on Saturday. The team's 14-game losing streak in league play ties the Hockey East record ... Sophomore defenseman Jeff Caron snapped a nine-game scoring skid with a goal and an assist Saturday at Providence. The goal gave Merrimack its first lead since Jan. 15 vs. UMass Lowell.

University of New Hampshire: BC won just its second game all-time at the Whittemore Center on Saturday night, where UNH had previously owned a 12-1 mark vs. the Eagles ... Goaltender Kevin Regan came into the weekend with a 12-1 record overall and 9-0 in Hockey East play in his rookie year, but BC tagged him with a loss and a tie.

Northeastern University: Northeastern notched a win in its first ever trip to Agganis Arena, beating BU 2-1 on Saturday. The Huskies went 12-35-2 all-time at Walter Brown Arena ... Keni Gibson has allowed two goals or less in 20 of 33 games this season ... Mike Morris had his fourth two-goal game of the season Saturday at BU.

Providence College: Friday's win at Merrimack was the Friars' first road victory of the season ... PC's sweep of Merrimack marked the first time since October that the Friars' have won consecutive games ... PC's two power-play goals on Saturday ended an 0-for-27 slump with the man advantage ... The sophomore class has accounted for 39 of the team's 78 goals this season.

WHO'S HOT

- **Sean Collins, UNH** (Sr. F; Reading, MA) – Has four goals and five assists over the last six games.
- **John Curry, BU** (So. G; Shorewood, MN) – Has given up one goal or less in 12 of his 26 starts. Over his last nine starts, he has given up a total of 14 goals.
- **Elias Godoy, UML** (Jr. F, West Vancouver, BC) – Has scored in 10 of his last 11 games, with eight goals and six assists in that span.
- **Brent Shephard, Maine** (So. F; Shawnigan Lake, MN) – Enjoying a modest four-game goal-scoring streak.
- **David Van der Gulik, BU** (Jr. F; Abbotsford, BC) – Has seven goals and four assists over the last 11 games.

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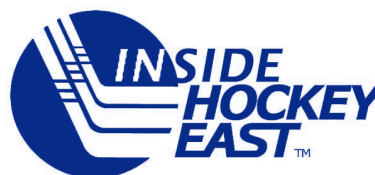
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Patrick Eaves	Jr	F	BC
Keni Gibson	Jr	G	NU
Jacob Micflikier	So	F	UNH
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Ryan Shannon	Sr	F	BC
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