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# BC WINS 10TH TITLE WITH WIN AND TIE VS. MAINE Guerriero's five-point night makes him first Husky to win scoring title

The verdict is in. And for the third straight year, it's Boston College.

BC took three of four possible points in a two-game set vs. Maine to clinch its record 10th Hockey East regular season title outright, one point ahead of UNH and Boston University. Down 2-0 in Saturday's game and resigned to sharing the title with BU and UNH, BC rallied back and scored the tying goal with 16 seconds remaining courtesy of Peter Harrold. BU posted a win and a tie vs. UNH on the week, and held the tiebreaker advantage vs. the Wildcats, thus clinching the No. 2 seed. It was the closest finish in Hockey East history for the top four seeds, who all finished within four points of each other.

Northeastern's Jason Guerriero exploded for five points on Saturday night vs. UMass to win the Hockey East scoring race with 34 points, four ahead of three other players. He is the first Northeastern player to win the Hockey East scoring title. Teammate Mike Morris had six points in the same game, becoming the first Hockey East player with six in a game since former Eagle Ben Eaves did it, also against UMass, on Jan. 31, 2003.

BC senior Matti Kaltiainen secured the goaltending crown for the second time in his career with a 1.81 GAA, just ahead of rookie teammate Cory Schneider. Fellow Eagles Patrick Eaves and Ryan Shannon finished tied for second in the league scoring race with 30 points each, and shared the ITECH Three Stars Award. Shannon led the Eagles vs. Maine this weekend with two goals and three assists.

Providence entered the playoffs on a winning note, getting an overtime goal from James Pemberton Saturday at UMass Lowell to post a 3-2 win. The Friars have now won three straight and will pit that modest streak against BU in the quarterfinals. The most familiar playoff rivals in the league, BU and Providence have met 18 times in the postseason, and each has won nine games.

## **HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS**

Seed/Team	<u>GP</u>	W	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Overall</u>	<b>HE Offense</b>	<b>HE Defense</b>
<ol> <li>Boston College</li> </ol>	24	14	3	7	35	21-6-7	3.25 GPG	1.96 GAPG
2. Boston University	* 24	15	5	4	34	21-11-4	3.17 GPG	2.25 GAPG
<ol><li>New Hampshire</li></ol>	24	15	5	4	34	22-9-5	3.75 GPG	2.46 GAPG
4. Maine	24	13	5	5	31	18-11-7	3.12 GPG	1.96 GAPG
<ol><li>UMass Lowell</li></ol>	24	11	10	3	25	20-10-4	3.17 GPG	2.75 GAPG
<ol><li>Northeastern</li></ol>	24	10	10	4	24	15-16-5	2.75 GPG	2.42 GAPG
<ol><li>Providence</li></ol>	24	6	14	4	16	11-19-4	2.25 GPG	3.04 GAPG
<ol><li>Massachusetts</li></ol>	24	6	16	2	14	13-21-2	2.00 GPG	4.00 GAPG
<ol><li>Merrimack</li></ol>	24	1	22	1	3	8-26-2	1.71 GPG	4.33 GAPG

<sup>\* -</sup> BU awarded the No. 2 seed based on owning the tiebreaker advantage over UNH

#### RECENT RESULTS

Thursday, March 3 at Boston University 4, UNH 4 (OT) UMass Lowell 5, at Merrimack 1

Friday, March 4

at Boston College 4, Maine 3 at Massachusetts 2, Northeastern 1

**Saturday, March 5** at Boston College 2, Maine 2 (OT) at Northeastern 8, Massachusetts 3

Providence 3, at UMass Lowell 2 (OT)
Boston University 3, at UNH 2

#### **QUARTERFINAL SCHEDULE**

Thursday, March 10 #6 Northeastern at #3 UNH (Game 1)

#### Friday, March 11

#7 Providence at # 2 BU (Game 1) (NESN) #8 Massachusetts at #1 BC (Game 1) #5 UMass Lowell at #4 Maine (Game 1) #6 Northeastern at #3 UNH (Game 2)

#### Saturday, March 12

#7 Providence at # 2 BU. (Game 2) #8 Massachusetts at #1 BC (Game 2) #5 UMass Lowell at #4 Maine (Game 2) #6 Northeastern at #3 UNH (Game 3) \*

#### Sunday, March 13

#7 Providence at # 2 BU (Game 3) \*
#8 Massachusetts at #1 BC (Game 3) \*
#5 UMass Lowell at #4 Maine (Game 3) \*

\* if necessary All games at 7pm

## CCM HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE WEEK

JASON GUERRIERO – Northeastern Senior Forward, Manorville, NY

Became the first Husky to win the Hockey East scoring title by totalling three goals and three assists in a split vs. UMass, with five points coming in Saturday's 8-3 win.

## SUPERSKILLS HOCKEY ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

TYLER SIMS – Providence

Freshman Goaltender; Fort Worth, TX

Enabled the Friars to enter the postseason on a high note, stopping 31 of 33 shots faced in a 3-2 overtime win at UMass Lowell.

## DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

JOHN CURRY – Boston University Sophomore Goaltender; Shorewood, MN

Took three of four points vs. UNH to give the Terriers the No. 2 seed ahead of the Wildcats. Stopped 28 of 30 shots faced in Saturday's 3-2 win at UNH.

## **HOCKEY EAST HONOR ROLL**

- Bryan Ewing, BU (Fr. F; Plymouth, MA) Had a goal and two assists over a win and a tie vs. UNH.
- Adam Geragosian, NU (So. G; No. Andover, MA) Stopped 38 of 40 shots in his third career start, unfortunately a 2-1 loss at UMass.
- Jon Jankus, Maine (Jr. F; Stoney Creek, ON) Had a goal and an assist in Saturday night's 2-2 tie at Boston College.
- Mike Morris, NU (Jr. F; Braintree, MA) Exploded for two goals and four assists in one game, an 8-3 win over UMass.
- Jimmy Russo, NU (Fr. F; South Weymouth, MA) Came alive with a goal and three nifty assists in an 8-3 win over UMass.
- Ryan Shannon, BC (Sr. F; Darien, CT) Had a hand in five of the six goals BC scored this weekend against Maine, scoring two and setting up three others.
- Jason Tejchma, UML (So. F; Muskegon, MI) Scored a turnover goal and added two assists in a split week for Lowell.
- Ben Walter, UML (Jr. F; Langley, BC) Set up three of five goals in a 5-1 win at Merrimack and scored his 26th goal of the season on Saturday vs. Providence.
- Gabe Winer, UMass (Jr. G; Stoughton, MA) Stopped 24 of 25 shots faced in a slim 2-1 win over Northeastern Friday, losing the shutout with just one second remaining.
- John Yaros, UML (Jr. G; Bayside, NY) Stopped 23 of 24 shots faced in a 5-1 win at Merrimack.

### **LEADING SCORERS (League Games)**

	Player, School	CI	c	ìΡ	G	Α	Pts
1	Jason Guerriero, NU	Sr	_	4	11	23	34
2	Patrick Eaves, BC	Jr	_	2	14	16	30
_	Ryan Shannon, BC	Sr	_	2	9	21	30
	Jacob Micflikier, UNH	So	_	4	14	16	30
5	Preston Callander, UNH	Sr		24	12	16	28
	Sean Collins, UNH	Sr	2	24	11	17	28
7	Mike Morris, NU	Jr	2	20	14	12	26
8	Elias Godoy, UML	Jr	2	22	11	14	25
9	Ben Walter, UML	Jr	2	24	14	10	24
10	Brett Hemingway, UNH	So	2	24	9	14	23
11	David Van der Gulik, BU	Jr	2	24	13	8	21
	Daniel Winnik, UNH	So	2	24	11	10	21
13	Chris Chaput, PC	Sr	2	24	6	14	20
14	Danny O'Brien, UML	Jr	2	24	10	9	19
	Jason Tejchma, UML	So	2	24	9	10	19
	John Laliberte, BU	Jr	2	24	7	12	19

### **LEADING SCORERS (All Games)**

	Player, School	CI	GP	G	Α	Pts
1	Jason Guerriero, NU	Sr	36	17	31	48
2	Sean Collins, UNH	Sr	36	17	30	47
3	Preston Callander, UNH	Sr	36	19	26	45
4	Patrick Eaves, BC	Jr	32	17	26	43
5	Mike Morris, NU	Jr	32	19	20	39
Ū	Ryan Shannon, BC	Sr	32	13	26	39
	Ben Walter, UML	Jr	34	26	13	39
	Brett Hemingway, UNH	So	36	20	19	39
	Jacob Micflikier, UNH	So	36	18	21	39
10		Jr	32	12	26	38
11	Brian Yandle, UNH *	Jr	35	11	21	32
• •	Daniel Winnik, UNH	So	36	14	18	32
13	Andrew Martin, UML	Jr	31	11	20	31
. •	Bryan Schmidt, MC *	Jr	36	13	18	31
15	David Van der Gulik, BU	Jr	36	18	12	30
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<sup>\*</sup> defenseman









## LEADING GOALTENDERS (League Games)

	Player, School	CI	GP	Min	W	L	Т	GAA	SP
1	Matti Kaltiainen, BC	Sr	14	828	8	3	3	1.81	.921
2	Cory Schneider, BC	Fr	10	624	6	0	4	1.83	.924
3	Jim Howard, Maine	Jr	24	1379	13	6	5	1.96	.921
4	John Curry, BU	So	19	1130	11	5	3	2.12	.922
5	Keni Gibson, NU	Sr	23	1380	10	9	4	2.26	.929
6	Jeff Pietrasiak, UNH	Jr	13	693	6	3	2	2.33	.917
7	Kevin Regan, UNH	Fr	14	761	9	2	2	2.44	.925
8	Peter Vetri, UML	Fr	18	1050	8	6	3	2.80	.904
9	David Cacciola, PC	Sr	16	880	3	11	2	2.86	.906
10	Tyler Sims, PC	Fr	10	563	3	3	2	3.09	.914

### LEADING GOALTENDERS (All Games)

	Player, School	CI	GP	Min	W	L	Т	GAA	SP
1	Cory Schneider, BC	Fr	13	782	9	0	4	1.69	.924
2	Matti Kaltiainen, BC	Sr	22	1289	11	6	3	1.81	.922
3	John Curry, BU	So	28	1652	16	8	3	1.92	.926
4	Jim Howard, Maine	Jr	35	2045	17	11	7	2.02	.919
5	Keni Gibson, NU	Sr	34	2084	15	14	5	2.33	.922
6	Peter Vetri, UML	Fr	24	1395	13	6	3	2.45	.913
7	Kevin Regan, UNH	Fr	19	1021	12	3	2	2.47	.925
8	David Cacciola, PC	Sr	20	1119	5	13	2	2.89	.906
9	Tyler Sims, PC	Fr	16	894	6	6	2	3.02	.905
	Gabe Winer, UMass	Jr	27	1529	10	14	2	3.02	.890

## TEAM STATISTICS (League Games)

TEAM OFFENSE					
Team	GP	G	GP	G	
1.New Hampshire	24	90	3.	 75	
2.Boston College	24	78		25	
3.Boston University	24	76		17	
UMass Lowell	24	76		17	
5.Maine	24	75		12	
6.Northeastern	24	66		75	
7. Providence	24	54		25	
<ul><li>8.Massachusetts</li><li>9.Merrimack</li></ul>	24 24	48 41		00 71	
TEAM DEFENSE					
Team 	GP 	GA 	GA 	PG 	
1.Boston College	24	47		96	
Maine	24	47		96	
3.Boston University	24	54		25	
4.Northeastern	24	58		42	
5. New Hampshire	24	59		46	
6.UMass Lowell	24 24	66		75 04	
8. Massachusetts	24	73 96		04 00	
9.Merrimack		104		33	
POWER PLAY					
Team 	GP	PPG /	4tt 	SHGA	Pct
1.New Hampshire	24	29	124	2	.234
2.UMass Lowell	24	25	120	2	.208
3.Northeastern	24	21 :	106	2	.198
4.Boston College	24	26	143	2	.182
5.Boston University	24	-	147	3	.177
6.Maine	24	21 :		2	.162
7. Providence	24	15 :	_	3	.133
<ul><li>8.Merrimack</li><li>9.Massachusetts</li></ul>	24 24	16 1 12 1	128 111	5 4	.125
PENALTY KILL					
Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1.Maine	24	11	113	2	.903
2.Boston College	24	18	141	3	.872
3.Merrimack	24	22	143	3	.846
4.New Hampshire	24	16	103	4	.845
5. Northeastern	24	17	105	3	.838
6.UMass Lowell	24	23	123	2	.813
7. Boston University	24		122	4	.811
<ul><li>8.Providence</li><li>9.Massachusetts</li></ul>	24 24		134 138	3 1	.806 .746
PENALTY MINUTES					
Team	GP	Р	PiM	l Pi	MPG
1.Northeastern	24	147	 294	12	.25
2.New Hampshire	24	151	321		.38
3.Maine	24	165	360		.00
4.UMass Lowell	24	158	365		.21
5. Massachusetts	24	176	371		.46
6.Boston University	24	155	386		.08
7.Boston College	24	198	412		.17
8. Providence	24	192	422		.58
9.Merrimack	24	202	477	19	. 88

## TEAM STATISTICS (All Games)

TEAM OFFENSE Team	GP	G	GP	G	
1.New Hampshire	36 34	145 117	3.	44	
3.Boston College	34	109		21	
4.Maine	36 36	111 104		08 89	
6.Northeastern	36	99		75	
7.Providence	34	81	2.	38	
8.Merrimack 9.Massachusetts	36 36	85 83		36 31	
TEAM DEFENSE					
Team	GP 	GA 	GA 	.PG 	
1.Boston College	34	64			
<ul><li>2.Maine</li><li>3.Boston University</li></ul>	36 36	73 88		03 44	
4.UMass Lowell	34	84	2.		
5.Northeastern	36	96		67	
6.New Hampshire	36	102	2.	83	
7.Providence	34	103			
8.Massachusetts 9.Merrimack	36 36	126 146		50 06	
POWER PLAY					
Team	GP	PPG .	Att	SHGA	Pct
1.UMass Lowell	34		180	2	.239
2.New Hampshire	36		201	3	.239
3.Merrimack	36 36		215	8 3	.181
4.Northeastern 5.Boston College	34		185 221	3 4	.178 .176
6.Boston University	36		218	7	.165
7.Maine	36		215	3	.153
8.Massachusetts 9.Providence	36 34	_	170 166	5 4	.147
PENALTY KILL	٥.		100	•	.133
Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1.Boston College	34	26		6	.878
2. Maine	36	23		3	.876
<ul><li>3.Merrimack</li><li>4.Boston University</li></ul>	36 36	35 31		5 7	.842
5.UMass Lowell	34	29		3	.828
6.New Hampshire	36	29		6	.821
7.Providence	34	37		3	.813
8.Northeastern 9.Massachusetts	36 36	34 45		4 5	.810 .788
PENALTY MINUTES Team	GP	P	PiM	l PN	ИРG
1.Northeastern 2.New Hampshire	36 36	230 230	460 487		. 78 . 53
3.UMass Lowell	34	212	495		.56
4.Boston University	36	237	550		.28
5.Massachusetts	36	266	581		. 14
6.Maine	36	265	587		.31
7.Providence 8.Boston College	34 34	270 287	578 609		.00 .91
9.Merrimack	36	309	691		. 19

#### **TEAM NOTES**

**Boston College:** The Eagles clinched their third straight Hockey East regular season title. It is the third time BC has won three regular season titles in a row. BC has won or shared the regular season crown in 10 of the league's 21 seasons ... The only teams that BC did not win the season series against were Providence (tied 1-1-1) and UMass Lowell (lost 1-2).

Boston University: This is the sixth time the Terriers have finished second in Hockey East. They have finished first six times as well ... The Terriers finished the regular season undefeated (18-0-3) when leading after two periods ... BU and Providence will face off in the quarterfinal round for the fifth time in seven years. In Hockey East tournament history, they have split the all-time series 9-9 ... Rookie Peter MacArthur ended a goal-scoring drought Saturday at UNH. He had 11 goals in his first 19 games but none in his last 14.

University of Maine: Maine is 65-0-6 when leading after two periods over the last three seasons ... Maine is the fourth seed in the Hockey East Tournament for only the second time. The last time they were a No. 4 seed was in the 1999-2000 season and they advanced to win the championship ... Rookie defenseman Travis Ramsey scored his first career goal Saturday at BC.

University of Massachusetts: Kevin Jarman is enjoying a modest four-game point streak ... Defenseman Jeff Lang's goal on Saturday was his first since Nov. 23 at Vermont ... Defenseman Marvin Degon had his seventh power play goal of the season Saturday, ranking him second nationally among blueliners ... Stephen Werner has scored a goal in three consecutive games. He leads the nation with four shorthanded goals.

**UMass Lowell:** Elias Godoy has scored a point in 12 of his last 13 games, with eight goals and eight assists in that span.

Merrimack College: The Warriors scored first for the first time in 10 games on Thursday, but ultimately lost 5-1 to UMass Lowell. Casey Guenther made 42 saves for the Warriors ... Merrimack finished the season with a team-record 14-game losing streak and a league-record 15-game losing streak in league play.

University of New Hampshire: Justin Aikins became the third active Wildcat on the century club list when he potted his 100th career point Saturday vs. BU ... BU is the only Hockey East team with a winning record (6-4-4) at the Whittemore Center ... UNH outscored their opponents 36-13 in the third period in 24 league games this year.

Northeastern University: Jason Guerriero leads all Hockey East players with 48 points overall. The last Husky with more points in a season was Harry Mews, who had 59 total points in 1989-90 ... NU's eight-goal game on Saturday was its best offensive outburst of the season. The Huskies' previous high was six in a 6-0 win vs. Providence on Jan. 15 at Matthews Arena. The last time NU scored more goals was Oct. 11, 2002 when the Huskies beat UConn 10-1.

Providence College: The Friars have won three consecutive games for the first time this season ... After going 0-11-1 in its first 12 road games, Providence has won back-to-back road contests ... Junior Nate Meyers has 14 points (six goals, eight assists) this season, nearly double the eight points he totalled over his first two seasons.

### WHO'S HOT

- **Sean Collins, UNH** (Sr. F; Reading, MA) Has five goals and six assists over the last eight games.
- Marvin Degon, UMass (Jr. D; Millbury, MA) Has two goals and three assists in the last four games.
- Ryan Shannon, BC (Sr. F; Darien, CT) Has three goals and six assists over a four-game point streak.
- John Yaros, UML (Jr. G; Bayside, NY) Has posted a 3-1 record with a 1.00 GAA and a .966 save percentage over four starts since returning from injury.
- UMass Lowell's Penalty Kill The unit has allowed just one goal in the last seven games, successfully killing 26 of the last 27 opposing chances.

#### ITECH THREE STAR LEADERS

Congratulations to Boston College teammates,
Patrick Eaves and Ryan Shannon,
co-winners of the 2004-05 ITECH Three Stars Award!



		1st	Total	Award
<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos</u>	<u>Stars</u>	<u>Stars</u>	<u>Points</u>
Patrick Eaves, BC	F	4	9	21
Ryan Shannon, BC	F	5	8	21
Mike Morris, NU	F	4	9	18
Sean Collins, UNH	F	3	8	16
David Van der Gulik, BU	F	5	6	16
Jacob Micflikier, UNH	F	4	6	15
Jason Guerriero, NU	F	2	7	13
Ben Walter, UML	F	2	6	13
Keni Gibson, NU	G	1	6	13
Chris Bourque, BU	F	3	5	13
Preston Callander, UNH	F	2	6	12
John Curry, BU	G	3	5	12
Greg Moore, Maine	F	0	5	10
Kevin Regan, UNH	G	3	4	10
Pete MacArthur, BU	F	2	4	10
Daniel Winnik, UNH	F	2	4	10

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