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CURRY OUTLASTS SIMS IN THREE-GAME CLASSIC BC, Maine, UNH make quick work of quarterfinals to advance to Fleet

Providence made history on Friday night, becoming the first-ever No. 7 seed to win a game in the Hockey East tournament by defeating host BU, 4-1. Tyler Sims made 51 saves to set a new Hockey East tournament record for rookie goaltenders, and stopped 99 of 104 shots faced in the series. Unfortunately for Sims, BU goaltender John Curry was equally sharp at the other end, stopping 58 of 60 shots in the series to rebound from the Game One loss to post back-to-back 2-0 shutouts. Boston University advances to the semifinals as the No. 2 seed and will face No. 3 UNH at 8:00 p.m. on Friday night at the FleetCenter. Boston College will face Maine in the 5:00 p.m. semifinal.

Both UNH and Maine advanced courtesy of offensive explosions that overpowered their visitors. UNH outscored Northeastern 10-1 over the two-game set, getting five points from Preston Callander and four each from Sean Collins and Brett Hemingway. Both Wildcat goaltenders played in the series, with Kevin Regan making 23 saves in Thursday's 6-1 win and Jeff Pietrasiak making 29 saves in Friday's 4-0 shutout. Maine outscored UMass Lowell 12-3 in that series, as rookie Keenan Hopson led the charge with five assists. First-year blueliner Bret Tyler had a goal and three assists and goaltender Jimmy Howard stopped 47 of the 49 shots he faced.

Boston College faced a 2-0 deficit in its first game vs. Massachusetts, but rallied back to win the game 3-2 in overtime, thanks to a Stephen Gionta goal. In Game Two, UMass once again got the first goal, less than a minute into the game, before BC's high-octane offense kicked in and scored five goals. Joe Rooney had two of those and added one assist. Patrick Eaves had a goal in each game and also set up three Eagle goals.

QUARTERFINAL RESULTS

Thursday, March 10

at New Hampshire 6, Northeastern 1

Friday, March 11

Providence 4, at Boston University 1
 at Boston College 3, Massachusetts 2 (OT)
 at Maine 7, UMass Lowell 2
 at New Hampshire 4, Northeastern 0
(New Hampshire wins series, 2-0)

Saturday, March 12

at Boston University 2, Providence 0
 at Boston College 5, Massachusetts 1
(Boston College wins series, 2-0)
 at Maine 5, UMass Lowell 1
(Maine wins series, 2-0)

Sunday, March 13

at Boston University 2, Providence 0
(Boston University wins series, 2-1)

CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

(All games at the FleetCenter)
(All games televised live on NESN)

Friday, March 18 – Semifinals

Boston College vs. Maine (5pm)
 Boston University vs. UNH (8pm)

Saturday, March 19

Championship Game (7pm)

HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	HE Offense	HE Defense
1. Boston College	24	14	3	7	35	23-6-7	3.25 GPG	1.96 GAPG
2. Boston University *	24	15	5	4	34	23-12-4	3.17 GPG	2.25 GAPG
3. New Hampshire	24	15	5	4	34	24-9-5	3.75 GPG	2.46 GAPG
4. Maine	24	13	5	5	31	20-11-7	3.12 GPG	1.96 GAPG
5. UMass Lowell	24	11	10	3	25	20-12-4	3.17 GPG	2.75 GAPG
6. Northeastern	24	10	10	4	24	15-18-5	2.75 GPG	2.42 GAPG
7. Providence	24	6	14	4	16	12-20-4	2.25 GPG	3.04 GAPG
8. Massachusetts	24	6	16	2	14	13-23-2	2.00 GPG	4.00 GAPG
9. Merrimack	24	1	22	1	3	8-26-2	1.71 GPG	4.33 GAPG

* – BU awarded the No. 2 seed based on owning the tiebreaker advantage over UNH

CCM HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE WEEK

JOHN CURRY – Boston University
Sophomore Goaltender; Shorewood, MN

Posted back-to-back 2-0 shutouts vs. Providence following a loss in Game One. Stopped 58 of 60 shots in the series to allow BU to advance.

SUPERSKILLS HOCKEY ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

TYLER SIMS – Providence
Freshman Goaltender; Fort Worth, TX

Stopped 51 of 52 shots in a 4-1 win at BU Friday to give PC a 1-0 series lead. He stopped 99 of 104 shots (.952) faced over the three-game series.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

JOHN CURRY – Boston University
Sophomore Goaltender; Shorewood, MN

Posted back-to-back 2-0 shutouts vs. Providence following a loss in Game One. Stopped 58 of 60 shots in the series to allow BU to advance.

HOCKEY EAST HONOR ROLL

- **Justin Aikins, UNH** (Sr. F; Surrey, BC) – Scored two of UNH's four goals in a 4-0 shutout win vs. Northeastern.
- **Preston Callander, UNH** (Sr. F; Regina, SK) – Had two goals and three assists in a weekend sweep of Northeastern.
- **Sean Collins, UNH** (Sr. F; Reading, MA) – Had one goal, three assists, and a +3 rating in a two-game sweep vs. NU.
- **Patrick Eaves, BC** (Jr. F; Faribault, MN) – Had a hand in five of BC's eight goals on the weekend, scoring two and setting up three.
- **Brett Hemingway, UNH** (So. F; Surrey, BC) – Had two goals and two assists to lead a 6-1 win vs. Northeastern on Thursday.
- **Keenan Hopson, Maine** (Fr. F; Prince George, BC) – Had five assists in a two-game sweep vs. UMass Lowell.
- **Jimmy Howard, Maine** (Jr. G; Ogdensburg, NY) – Stopped 47 of 49 shots faced in a series sweep of UMass Lowell.
- **Jeff Pietrasiak, UNH** (Jr. G; Shrewsbury, MA) – Stopped all 29 shots he faced in shutting out Northeastern, 4-0.
- **Kevin Regan, UNH** (Fr. G; South Boston, MA) – Stopped 23 of 24 shots faced in posting a 6-1 win vs. NU Thursday.
- **Jon Rheault, PC** (Fr. F; Deering, NH) – Scored two goals, including the game-winner, in a 4-1 win at BU Friday.
- **Joe Rooney, BC** (So. F; Canton, MA) – Had two goals and one assist to lead a 5-1 win vs. UMass Saturday.
- **Cory Schneider, BC** (Fr. G; Marblehead, MA) – Stopped 16 of 17 shots in a 5-1 win vs. UMass, his first game back from injury.
- **Bret Tyler, Maine** (Fr. D; Maynard, MA) – Had a goal and three assists in a two-game sweep vs. UMass Lowell.

LEADING SCORERS (League Games)

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

LEADING SCORERS (All Games)

Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1 Sean Collins, UNH	Sr	38	18	33	51
2 Preston Callander, UNH	Sr	38	21	29	50
3 Patrick Eaves, BC	Jr	34	19	29	48
Jason Guerriero, NU	Sr	38	17	31	48
5 Brett Hemingway, UNH	So	38	22	21	43
6 Ryan Shannon, BC	Sr	34	14	28	42
Jacob Micflikier, UNH	So	38	19	23	42
8 Mike Morris, NU	Jr	34	19	20	39
Elias Godoy, UML	Jr	34	12	27	39
Ben Walter, UML	Jr	36	26	13	39
11 Brian Yandle, UNH (D)	Jr	37	12	22	34
Daniel Winnik, UNH	So	38	14	20	34
13 Andrew Martin, UML	Jr	33	12	20	32
14 Bryan Schmidt, MC (D)	Jr	36	13	18	31
Justin Aikins, UNH	Sr	37	9	22	31
David Van der Gulik, BU	Jr	39	18	13	31

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LEADING GOALTENDERS (League Games)

Player, School	Cl	GP	Min	W	L	T	GAA	SP
1 Matti Kaltainen, 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	Cl	GP	Min	W	L	T	GAA	SP
1 Cory Schneider, BC	Fr	14	842	10	0	4	1.64	.925
2 John Curry, BU	So	31	1831	18	9	3	1.80	.929
3 Matti Kaltainen, BC	Sr	23	1360	12	6	3	1.81	.921
4 Jim Howard, Maine	Jr	37	2158	19	11	7	1.97	.921
5 Kevin Regan, UNH	Fr	20	1081	13	3	2	2.39	.927
6 Keni Gibson, NU	Sr	36	2194	15	16	5	2.46	.919
7 Peter Vetri, UML	Fr	25	1455	13	7	3	2.52	.912
8 Tyler Sims, PC	Fr	19	1071	7	8	2	2.80	.914
9 David Cacciola, PC	Sr	20	1119	5	13	2	2.89	.906
10 Jeff Pietrasiak, UNH	Jr	22	1221	11	6	3	2.90	.903

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

Team	GP	G	GPG
1.New Hampshire.....	24	90	3.75
2.Boston College.....	24	78	3.25
3.Boston University... UMass Lowell.....	24	76	3.17
5.Maine.....	24	75	3.12
6.Northeastern.....	24	66	2.75
7.Providence.....	24	54	2.25
8.Massachusetts.....	24	48	2.00
9.Merrimack.....	24	41	1.71

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1.Boston College.....	24	47	1.96
Maine.....	24	47	1.96
3.Boston University... 4.Northeastern.....	24	54	2.25
5.New Hampshire.....	24	58	2.42
6.UMass Lowell.....	24	59	2.46
7.Providence.....	24	66	2.75
8.Massachusetts.....	24	73	3.04
9.Merrimack.....	24	96	4.00
	24	104	4.33

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	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... 6.Maine.....	24	26	147	3	.177
7.Providence.....	24	21	130	2	.162
8.Merrimack.....	24	15	113	3	.133
9.Massachusetts.....	24	16	128	5	.125
	24	12	111	4	.108

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... 8.Providence.....	24	23	122	4	.811
9.Massachusetts.....	24	26	134	3	.806
	24	35	138	1	.746

PENALTY MINUTES

Team	GP	P	PiM	PMPG
1.Northeastern.....	24	147	294	12.25
2.New Hampshire.....	24	151	321	13.38
3.Maine.....	24	165	360	15.00
4.UMass Lowell.....	24	158	365	15.21
5.Massachusetts.....	24	176	371	15.46
6.Boston University... 7.Boston College.....	24	155	386	16.08
8.Providence.....	24	198	412	17.17
9.Merrimack.....	24	192	422	17.58
	24	202	477	19.88

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

Team	GP	G	GPG
1.New Hampshire.....	38	155	4.08
2.UMass Lowell.....	36	120	3.33
3.Boston College.....	36	117	3.25
4.Maine.....	38	123	3.24
5.Boston University... 6.Northeastern.....	39	109	2.79
7.Merrimack.....	38	100	2.63
8.Providence.....	36	85	2.36
9.Massachusetts.....	37	85	2.30
	38	86	2.26

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1.Boston College.....	36	67	1.86
2.Maine.....	38	76	2.00
3.Boston University... 4.UMass Lowell.....	39	92	2.36
5.New Hampshire.....	36	96	2.67
6.Northeastern.....	38	103	2.71
7.Providence.....	38	106	2.79
8.Massachusetts.....	37	108	2.92
9.Merrimack.....	38	134	3.53
	36	146	4.06

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1.New Hampshire.....	38	51	210	3	.243
2.UMass Lowell.....	36	44	190	2	.232
3.Boston College.....	36	43	230	4	.187
4.Merrimack.....	36	39	215	8	.181
5.Maine.....	38	39	230	3	.170
6.Northeastern.....	38	33	196	3	.168
7.Boston University... 8.Massachusetts.....	39	37	234	7	.158
9.Providence.....	38	25	178	6	.140
	37	22	175	4	.126

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1.Boston College.....	36	26	221	7	.882
2.Maine.....	38	24	196	3	.878
3.Merrimack.....	36	35	222	5	.842
4.Boston University... 5.New Hampshire.....	39	31	195	7	.841
6.Providence.....	38	29	173	6	.832
7.UMass Lowell.....	37	38	214	3	.822
8.Northeastern.....	36	35	184	3	.810
9.Massachusetts.....	38	37	188	4	.803
	38	49	221	5	.778

PENALTY MINUTES

Team	GP	P	PiM	PMPG
1.Northeastern.....	38	239	478	12.58
2.New Hampshire.....	38	240	507	13.34
3.Boston University... 4.UMass Lowell.....	39	251	578	14.82
5.Massachusetts.....	36	236	543	15.08
6.Maine.....	38	280	617	16.24
7.Providence.....	38	284	625	16.45
8.Boston College.....	37	291	620	16.76
9.Merrimack.....	36	299	633	17.58
	36	309	691	19.19

TEAM NOTES

Boston College: Patrick Eaves, Ryan Shannon and Joe Rooney each had three points against UMass Saturday. It was Eaves' seventh three-point game of the year and Shannon's fifth, but it was a career-high night for Rooney ... BC has not allowed a power-play goal in the last four games.

Boston University: The Terrier penalty killing team has not given up a power-play goal in the last four games (12-for-12) and just four power-play goals in the last 12 games, going 39-for-43 in that span. The Terriers were in a power-play slump of their own (0-for-19) before Brian Ewing scored with the man advantage on Saturday night ... Chris Bourque's goal on Saturday was his 10th of the season, but his first career goal in a home game ... John Curry's back-to-back shutouts of Providence marked the first time a Terrier goalie has posted back-to-back shutouts in postseason play.

University of Maine: Maine's special teams were outstanding vs. UMass Lowell, going 6-for-15 on the power play and 9-for-10 on the penalty kill ... Maine advances to the Hockey East semifinals for the 16th time, the most of any Hockey East team ... The Black Bears have notched a 20-win season for the seventh straight season ... Rookie defenseman Bret Tyler has 14 points in the last 15 games ... Maine had a 17-1-1 record at home last year, but started slow this year at 3-4-0. Since then, however, they are 11-0-3 at home, with their last home loss coming November 5 against BC.

University of Massachusetts: Obi Aduba's goal Friday at BC was his first since Nov. 5 vs. Merrimack ... P.J. Fenton closes his rookie season with 25 points overall, good enough for second on the team.

UMass Lowell: The River Hawks remain winless (0-10) all-time vs. Maine in the Hockey East tournament ... Ben Walter's 26 goals rank him second in the nation.

University of New Hampshire: Sean Collins has a seven-game point streak with four goals and eight assists in that span ... UNH's penalty kill is a perfect 15 for 15 in the last three games ... UNH outscored Northeastern 26-10 in the five meetings this season and is 10-0-2 in the last 12 meetings vs. the Huskies ... UNH is 12-2-0 in the last 14 Hockey East tournament games, which is the most wins of any conference team in the last four seasons ... Coach Umile posted his 350th career victory on Thursday night vs. NU.

Northeastern University: Jason Guerriero tied the Northeastern record for consecutive games played, with his 145th in the final game of the season against UNH. Guerriero is the only senior who never missed a game in his career at NU. Guerriero finishes his career at NU 11th in all-time scoring, with 147 points ... Keni Gibson finishes his NU career as the all-time leader in goals against average (2.69), save-percentage (.909) and shutouts (7) and ranks second all-time in games (115), wins (46) and saves (3044).

Providence College: The Friars became the first-ever No. 7 seed to win a game in Hockey East tournament play with a 4-1 win at BU Friday. Prior to that game, the No. 7 seed was 0-30-1 in the 21-year history of the Hockey East tournament ... Senior Chris Chaput finished his career at PC with 97 points ... With 51 saves in Friday's win, Tyler Sims set a new Hockey East tournament record for saves by a rookie, breaking the mark of 48 set by BU's Sean Fields against Providence in 2001.

TOURNAMENT STATISTICS

LEADING SCORERS

	Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1	Preston Callander, UNH	Sr	2	2	3	5
	Patrick Eaves, BC	Jr	2	2	3	5
	Keenan Hopson, ME	Fr	2	0	5	5
4	Brett Hemingway, UNH	So	2	2	2	4
	Sean Collins, UNH	Sr	2	1	3	4
	Bret Tyler, ME (D)	Fr	2	1	3	4
7	Keith Johnson, ME	So	2	2	1	3
	Michel Léveillé, ME	So	2	2	1	3
	Joe Rooney, BC	So	2	2	1	3
	Rob Bellamy, ME	Fr	2	1	2	3
	Brian Boyle, BC	Fr	2	1	2	3
	Jacob Micflikier, UNH	So	2	1	2	3
	Ryan Shannon, BC	Sr	2	1	2	3

LEADING GOALTENDERS

	Player, School	Cl	W-L-T	GAA	SP
1	Jeff Pietrasiak, UNH	Jr	1-0-0	0.00	1.000
2	John Curry, BU	So	2-1-0	0.67	.967
3	Kevin Regan, UNH	Fr	1-0-0	1.00	.958
4	Cory Schneider, BC	Fr	1-0-0	1.00	.941
5	Jim Howard, Maine	Jr	2-0-0	1.06	.959
6	Tyler Sims, PC	Fr	1-2-0	1.69	.952
7	Matti Kaltiainen, BC	Sr	1-0-0	1.70	.909

TEAM OFFENSE

Team	GP	G	GPG
1. Maine.....	2	12	6.00
2. New Hampshire.....	2	10	5.00
3. Boston College.....	2	8	4.00
4. Boston University...	3	5	1.67

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1. New Hampshire.....	2	1	0.50
2. Boston University...	3	4	1.33
3. Boston College.....	2	3	1.50
Maine.....	2	3	1.50

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1. Boston College.....	2	4	9	0	.444
2. Maine.....	2	6	15	0	.400
3. New Hampshire.....	2	3	9	0	.333
5. Boston University...	3	1	16	0	.062

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1. Boston College.....	2	0	8	1	1.000
Boston University...	3	0	9	0	1.000
New Hampshire.....	2	0	11	0	1.000
5. Maine.....	2	1	10	0	.900