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RECORD CROWD WATCHES BC WIN RECORD TITLE *Eaves-less Eagles win with Boyle, Schneider and hungry seniors*

BC's 10-man senior class has seen plenty of success in its four years – three 20-win seasons, three regular season titles, a Beanpot title, three trips to the NCAA tournament and one trip to the NCAA Frozen Four. This past weekend, they added another feather to their collective cap by defeating UNH 3-1 on Saturday to clinch their first Hockey East tournament championship.

It was the sixth Hockey East tourney title overall for the Eagle program, the most by any team. Amazingly, the Eagles did it without Player of the Year Patrick Eaves, who was sidelined due to injury. Instead, they relied on outstanding contributions from rookie goaltender Cory Schneider, who stopped 65 of 67 shots faced on the weekend, and sophomore forward Brian Boyle, who scored three of the Eagles' five goals en route to securing the tournament MVP honor.

BC faced its toughest task in outlasting Maine in Friday's first semifinal. Stretching to the 9:09 mark of the second overtime, it was the longest semifinal in Hockey East history. The only two goals in regulation were scored just 12 seconds apart midway through the second period. Schneider stopped 39 of 40 shots to set a semifinal record for rookie goaltenders, while 2004 tourney MVP Jimmy Howard stopped 36 of 38 at the other end, ultimately yielding to an overpowering slapshot by BC blueliner Andrew Alberts. In the other semifinal, UNH built a 4-0 second-period lead over BU with three power play goals and one short-hander. Preston Callander and Daniel Winnik had two goals each and both were named to the All-Tournament Team.

Crowds peaked both nights of the event. The semifinal night was a sellout (17,565) for the third straight season and the championship game sold out for the first time ever, bringing the two-night total to its maximum of 35,130.

With the win, Boston College was awarded the No. 1 overall seed in the upcoming NCAA Tournament., and will face Mercyhurst in the East Regional at Worcester on Friday. BU is the No. 3 seed in Worcester, UNH is the No. 2 seed in Amherst and Maine is the No. 4 in Minneapolis.

HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	HE Offense	HE Defense
1. Boston College	24	14	3	7	35	25-6-7	3.25 GPG	1.96 GAPG
2. Boston University	24	15	5	4	34	23-13-4	3.17 GPG	2.25 GAPG
New Hampshire	24	15	5	4	34	25-10-5	3.75 GPG	2.46 GAPG
4. Maine	24	13	5	5	31	20-12-7	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

CCM HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE WEEK

BRIAN BOYLE - Boston College
Sophomore Forward; Hingham, MA

Scored three of the Eagles' five goals on the weekend, including two of the three in the championship game, and was subsequently named Tournament MVP.

SUPERSKILLS HOCKEY ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

CORY SCHNEIDER – Boston College
Freshman Goaltender; Marblehead, MA

Stopped 65 of 67 shots over two games, including 39 of 40 in outduelling Maine's Jimmy Howard in Friday's semifinal. He was runner-up to Brian Boyle for MVP.

HOCKEY EAST TOURNAMENT

March 10-13 – Quarterfinals

UNH defeated Northeastern, 6-1, 4-0
 BC defeated UMass, 3-2 (OT), 5-1
 Maine defeated UML, 7-2, 5-1
 BU defeated Providence, 1-4, 2-0, 2-0

Friday, March 18 – Semifinals

Boston College 2, Maine 1 (2OT)
 New Hampshire 5, Boston University 2

Saturday, March 19 - Championship

Boston College 3, New Hampshire 1

NCAA TOURNAMENT

Friday, March 25

East Regional at Worcester, MA
Boston College vs. **Mercyhurst** (4:30 pm)
Boston Univ. vs **North Dakota** (8pm)
Midwest Regional at Grand Rapids, MI
 Colgate vs. Colorado College (5pm)
 Wisconsin vs. Michigan (8:30 pm)

Saturday, March 26

Northeast Regional at Amherst, MA
 Denver vs. Bemidji State (12 noon)
New Hampshire vs. **Harvard** (3:30 pm)
West Regional at Minneapolis, MN
Maine at **Minnesota** (2:30 pm)
 Cornell vs. Ohio State (6pm)
East Regional Final (8pm)
Midwest Regional Final (5pm)

Sunday, March 27

Northeast Regional Final (12 noon)
West Regional Final (3:30 pm)

Thursday, April 7 – Semifinals
 at Columbus, OH (2/7pm - ESPN2)

Saturday, April 9 – Championship Game
 at Columbus, OH (7pm - ESPN)

All regional games on ESPNU
 All times Eastern

BICKFORDS ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Brian Boyle, Sophomore Forward, Boston College (*Hingham, MA*)
 Preston Callander, Senior Forward, New Hampshire (*Regina, SK*)
 Daniel Winnik, Sophomore Forward, New Hampshire (*Mississauga, ON*)
 Andrew Alberts, Senior Defenseman, Boston College (*Eden Prairie, MN*)
 Brian Yandle, Junior Defenseman, New Hampshire (*Milton, MA*)
 Cory Schneider, Freshman Goaltender, Boston College (*Marblehead, MA*)

Pure Hockey / Bill Flynn MVP: Brian Boyle, Boston College

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	40	18	36	54
2 Preston Callander, UNH	Sr	40	24	29	53
3 Patrick Eaves, BC	Jr	34	19	29	48
Jason Guerriero, NU	Sr	38	17	31	48
5 Ryan Shannon, BC	Sr	36	14	30	43
6 Brett Hemingway, UNH	So	40	22	21	43
7 Jacob Micflikier, UNH	So	40	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 Daniel Winnik, UNH	So	40	16	21	37
12 Brian Yandle, UNH (D)	Jr	39	13	22	35
13 Andrew Martin, UML	Jr	33	12	20	32
14 Bryan Schmidt, MC (D)	Jr	36	13	18	31
Justin Aikins, UNH	Sr	39	9	22	31
David Van der Gulik, BU	Jr	40	18	13	31

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	16	991	12	0	4	1.51	.933
2 Matti Kaltainen, BC	Sr	23	1360	12	6	3	1.81	.921
3 John Curry, BU	So	32	1889	18	10	3	1.91	.926
4 Jim Howard, Maine	Jr	38	2247	19	12	7	1.95	.922
5 Kevin Regan, UNH	Fr	21	1141	14	3	2	2.36	.926
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	23	1279	11	7	3	2.91	.904



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.....	40	161	4.03
2.UMass Lowell.....	36	120	3.33
3.Boston College.....	38	122	3.21
4.Maine.....	39	124	3.18
5.Boston University... 6.Northeastern.....	40	111	2.78
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.....	38	69	1.82
2.Maine.....	39	78	2.00
3.Boston University... 4.UMass Lowell.....	40	97	2.42
5.New Hampshire.....	36	96	2.67
6.Northeastern.....	40	108	2.70
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.....	40	55	225	3	.244
2.UMass Lowell.....	36	44	190	2	.232
3.Boston College.....	38	45	236	4	.191
4.Merrimack.....	36	39	215	8	.181
5.Northeastern.....	36	33	196	3	.168
6.Maine.....	39	39	236	3	.165
7.Boston University... 8.Massachusetts.....	40	39	240	8	.162
9.Providence.....	38	25	178	6	.140
	37	22	175	4	.126

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1.Boston College.....	38	27	232	7	.884
2.Maine.....	39	25	199	3	.874
3.Merrimack.....	36	35	222	5	.842
4.Boston University... 5.New Hampshire.....	40	34	205	7	.834
6.Providence.....	40	32	182	7	.824
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.....	40	249	525	13.12
3.UMass Lowell.....	36	236	543	15.08
4.Boston University... 5.Maine.....	40	262	608	15.20
6.Massachusetts.....	39	287	631	16.18
7.Providence.....	38	280	617	16.24
8.Boston College.....	37	291	620	16.76
9.Merrimack.....	38	310	655	17.24
	36	309	691	19.19

TEAM NOTES

Boston College: The Eagles' special teams were outstanding in the tournament, converting on six of 15 power plays (40 percent) and killing off 18 of 19 opposing chances (94.7 percent) ... Andrew Alberts became just the third defenseman to score an overtime goal in Hockey East tournament history, and the first to do it in a semifinal contest.

Boston University: The Terriers will be making their 28th appearance in the NCAA Tournament, tying them with Michigan for the second-most appearances ever. Minnesota leads the way with 29 appearances ... Jack Parker will be making his 20th appearance in the Tournament, the second most of any coach. Former Michigan State and Bowling Green coach Ron Mason holds the record with 22 appearances. Parker holds the record for most NCAA Tournament victories with 24 to date.

University of Maine: Jimmy Howard stopped 36 of 38 shots in the semifinal game against Boston College, including nine in the first overtime period ... Maine has advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the seventh straight season, the longest streak in Hockey East and the second longest streak in the nation, trailing only Michigan's 15 straight ... The Black Bears are 4-8 this season in one-goal games after going 15-5 in one-goal games last season.

New Hampshire: UNH's 2005 senior class is only the second class in school history to make NCAA appearances in all four seasons at UNH ... UNH has only met Harvard once in the history of the NCAA Tournament, a 7-1 UNH loss on March 26, 1994 ... The Wildcats are the only team in the nation to have four 40-point scorers on the roster ... Senior forward Preston Callander finished the Hockey East tournament as the leading scorer with eight points on five goals and three assists. He has a nine-game point streak with seven goals and eight assists in that span. Linemate Sean Collins has also posted at least one point in each of his last nine contests with a 4-11-15 line during that stretch.

Tournament Notes / Records:

- The semifinal night was a sellout (17,565) for the third straight year. The championship game was a sellout for the first time ever, maxing the two-night total at 35,130.
- BU's John Curry ended his tournament-record consecutive scoreless minutes streak at 182:23. Maine's Jimmy Howard held the old mark of 164:13.
- BC's Cory Schneider set a new mark for saves by a rookie in a semifinal game (39) just one week after PC's Tyler Sims established a new overall tourney mark for rookies with 51 saves in a 4-1 win at Boston University.
- Friday's BC-Maine game was the longest semifinal in Hockey East history at 89:09, surpassing the 85:00 mark set in a 2003 BC-BU tilt.
- UNH's Preston Callander notched just the sixth short-handed goal in semifinal history, and the first since UNH's Chad Onufrechuk and PC's Mike Omicioli did it in the same game in 1999.

TOURNAMENT STATISTICS

LEADING SCORERS

	Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1	Preston Callander, UNH	Sr	4	5	3	8
2	Sean Collins, UNH	Sr	4	1	6	7
3	Brian Boyle, BC	Fr	4	4	2	6
4	Patrick Eaves, BC	Jr	2	2	3	5
	Keenan Hopson, ME	Fr	3	0	5	5
	Joe Rooney, BC	So	4	2	3	5
	Daniel Winnik, UNH	So	4	2	3	5
	Ryan Shannon, BC	Sr	4	1	4	5
9	Michel Léveillé, ME	So	3	2	2	4
	Bret Tyler, ME (D)	Fr	3	1	3	4
	Brett Hemingway, UNH	So	4	2	2	4
	Andrew Alberts (D)	Sr	4	1	3	4

LEADING GOALTENDERS

	Player, School	Cl	W-L-T	GAA	SP
1	Cory Schneider, BC	Fr	3-0-0	0.86	.964
2	Jim Howard, Maine	Jr	2-1-0	1.18	.954
3	Kevin Regan, UNH	Fr	2-0-0	1.50	.933
4	Jeff Pietrasiak, UNH	Jr	1-1-0	1.53	.952
5	Tyler Sims, PC	Fr	1-2-0	1.69	.952
6	Matti Kaltainen, BC	Sr	1-0-0	1.70	.909
7	John Curry, BU	So	2-2-0	1.77	.920

TEAM OFFENSE

Team	GP	G	GPG
1. Maine.....	3	13	4.33
2. New Hampshire.....	4	16	4.00
3. Boston College.....	4	13	3.25
4. Boston University...	4	7	1.75

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1. Boston College.....	4	5	1.25
2. New Hampshire.....	4	6	1.50
3. Maine.....	3	5	1.67
Providence.....	3	5	1.67
5. Boston University...	4	9	2.25

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1. Boston College.....	4	6	15	0	.400
2. New Hampshire.....	4	7	24	0	.292
3. Maine.....	3	6	21	0	.286
4. Boston University...	4	3	22	1	.136

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1. Boston College.....	4	1	19	1	.947
2. Providence.....	3	1	16	0	.938
3. New Hampshire.....	4	3	20	1	.850
4. Maine.....	3	2	13	0	.846
5. Boston University...	4	3	19	0	.842