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REGIONAL PLAY FAVORS WCHA *Hockey East shut out of Frozen Four for first time since 1992*

All good things must come to an end.

Hockey East's impressive run of 12 straight trips to the Frozen Four came to a screeching halt this weekend, as the league's four NCAA Tournament representatives were ousted in regional tournament play by determined squads from the Western Collegiate Hockey Association. With final victories in all four regionals, the WCHA became the first conference ever to sweep the Frozen Four berths. Only three times before has one conference received even three of the Frozen Four berths – the last was Hockey East in 1999.

North Dakota was the one team most responsible for shutting down Hockey East, posting convincing victories over both Boston University (4-0) and Boston College (6-3) in winning the East Regional at Worcester. BC's Eagles did not quite live up to their billing as the tourney's No. 1 overall seed, just edging past No. 16 seed Mercyhurst 5-4 in the regional semifinal. BC wunderkind Cory Schneider was in net for both games, suffering his first career defeat in the finale vs. UND.

UNH had its hands full Saturday vs. Harvard, but emerged victorious on a crisp tic-tac-toe goal late in the first overtime. Daniel Winnik finished off the play that transferred through three Wildcat players in a matter of seconds. Winnik added a penalty-shot goal and an assist in the Northeast Regional final vs. Denver, but it was not enough as the defending NCAA champion Pioneers prevailed 4-2. UNH rookie goaltender Kevin Regan was selected as the regional's All-Tournament goaltender, stopping 81 of 86 shots over the two games.

In arguably the toughest of all the brackets, Maine was outlasted by host Minnesota in the first round by a 1-0 OT final. Black Bear goaltender Jimmy Howard pulled out every stop in his bag of tricks to finish with a season-high 37 saves, but received no offensive support to complement his efforts.

FINAL HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GPG	GA	GAPG	Overall
1. Boston College	24	14	3	7	35	78	3.25 (2)	47	1.96 (1t)	26-7-7
2. Boston University	24	15	5	4	34	76	3.17 (3t)	54	2.25 (23)	23-14-4
New Hampshire	24	15	5	4	34	90	3.75 (1)	59	2.46 (5)	26-11-5
4. Maine	24	13	6	5	31	75	3.12 (5)	47	1.96 (1t)	20-13-7
5. UMass Lowell	24	11	10	3	25	76	3.17 (3t)	66	2.75 (6)	20-12-4
6. Northeastern	24	10	10	4	24	66	2.75 (6)	58	2.42 (4)	15-18-5
7. Providence	24	6	14	4	16	54	2.25 (7)	73	3.04 (7)	12-20-4
8. Massachusetts	24	6	16	2	14	48	2.00 (8)	96	4.00 (8)	13-23-2
9. Merrimack	24	1	22	1	3	41	1.71 (9)	104	4.33 (9)	8-26-2

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 5, Mercyhurst 4

North Dakota 4, Boston University 0

Saturday, March 26

Northeast Regional at Amherst, MA

New Hampshire 3, Harvard 2 (OT)

West Regional at Minneapolis, MN

at Minnesota 1, Maine 0 (OT)

East Regional Final

North Dakota 6, Boston College 3

Sunday, March 27

Northeast Regional Final

Denver 4, New Hampshire 2

CCM HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE WEEK

DANIEL WINNIK – New Hampshire
Sophomore Forward; Mississauga, ON

Scored the overtime goal to down Harvard 3-2 on Saturday and added a penalty shot goal and one assist in a 4-2 loss on Sunday vs. Denver.

SUPERSKILLS HOCKEY ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

KEVIN REGAN – New Hampshire
Freshman Goaltender; South Boston, MA

Northeast Regional All-Tournament goaltender stopped 81 of 86 shots faced, 39 of 41 in a 3-2 OT win vs. Harvard and 42 of 45 in a 4-2 loss vs. Denver.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

JIMMY HOWARD – Maine
Junior Goaltender; Ogdensburg, NY

Stopped all but the last of 38 shots faced at Minnesota, losing 1-0 in overtime. He held the host Gophers scoreless on nine power play attempts.

HOCKEY EAST HONOR ROLL

- **Chris Collins, BC** (Jr. F; Fairport, NY) – Scored two of BC's three goals in a 6-3 loss vs. North Dakota.
- **Sean Collins, UNH** (Sr. F; Reading, MA) – Had one goal and one assist in a 3-2 overtime win vs. Harvard.
- **Brian Boyle, BC** (So. F; Hingham, MA) – Named to the East Regional All-Tournament Team as a leader on the power play for Boston College.
- **Greg Lauze, BC** (Sr. D; Merrimack, NH) – Scored one goal and added two assists in the East Regional.
- **Tyson Teplitsky, UNH** (Sr. D; Saskatoon, SK) – Selected to the Northeast Regional All-Tournament Team after setting up two goals in a 3-2 OT win vs. Harvard.

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	42	19	37	56
2 Preston Callander, UNH	Sr	42	25	29	54
3 Patrick Eaves, BC	Jr	36	19	29	48
Jason Guerriero, NU	Sr	38	17	31	48
5 Ryan Shannon, BC	Sr	38	14	31	45
6 Jacob Micflikier, UNH	So	42	20	24	44
7 Brett Hemingway, UNH	So	42	22	21	43
8 Daniel Winnik, UNH	So	42	18	22	40
9 Mike Morris, NU	Jr	34	19	20	39
Elias Godoy, UML	Jr	34	12	27	39
Ben Walter, UML	Jr	36	26	13	39
12 Brian Yandle, UNH (D)	Jr	41	13	22	35
13 Andrew Martin, UML	Jr	33	12	20	32
Justin Aikins, UNH	Sr	41	9	23	32
14 Bryan Schmidt, MC (D)	Jr	36	13	18	31
David Van der Gulik, BU	Jr	41	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 Matti Kaltainen, BC	Sr	24	1369	12	6	3	1.80	.922
2 Cory Schneider, BC	Fr	18	1102	13	1	4	1.90	.916
3 Jim Howard, Maine	Jr	39	2310	19	13	7	1.92	.924
4 John Curry, BU	So	33	1950	18	11	3	1.97	.923
5 Kevin Regan, UNH	Fr	23	1276	15	4	2	2.35	.928
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	59	2.46
6.UMass Lowell.....	24	66	2.75
7.Providence.....	24	73	3.04
8.Massachusetts.....	24	96	4.00
9.Merrimack.....	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	15	113	3	.133
8.Merrimack.....	24	16	128	5	.125
9.Massachusetts.....	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
		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	192	422	17.58
9.Merrimack.....	24	202	477	19.88

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

Team	GP	G	GPG
1.New Hampshire.....	42	166	3.95
2.UMass Lowell.....	36	120	3.33
3.Boston College.....	40	130	3.25
4.Maine.....	40	124	3.10
5.Boston University... 6.Northeastern.....	41	111	2.71
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.....	40	79	1.98
Maine.....	40	79	1.98
3.Boston University... 4.UMass Lowell.....	41	101	2.46
5.New Hampshire.....	36	96	2.67
6.Northeastern.....	42	114	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.....	42	57	237	3	.241
2.UMass Lowell.....	36	44	190	2	.232
3.Boston College.....	40	48	256	4	.188
4.Merrimack.....	36	39	215	8	.181
5.Northeastern.....	36	33	196	3	.168
6.Maine.....	40	39	240	3	.162
7.Boston University... 8.Massachusetts.....	41	39	250	8	.156
9.Providence.....	38	25	178	6	.140
	37	22	175	4	.126

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1.Maine.....	40	25	208	3	.880
2.Boston College.....	40	30	247	8	.879
3.Merrimack.....	36	35	222	5	.842
4.Boston University... 5.New Hampshire.....	41	35	211	7	.834
6.Providence.....	42	33	194	7	.830
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.....	42	263	553	13.17
3.UMass Lowell.....	36	236	543	15.08
4.Boston University... 5.Massachusetts.....	41	270	624	15.22
6.Maine.....	38	280	617	16.24
7.Providence.....	40	297	651	16.27
8.Boston College.....	37	291	620	16.76
9.Merrimack.....	40	332	699	17.48
	36	309	691	19.19