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BU, MAINE BOUNCE BACK WITH WINS *Providence outlasts Merrimack 5-4 in league opener*

Still smarting from a sweep at the hands of North Dakota last weekend, the Maine Black Bears got back in the win column with back-to-back victories over visiting Niagara. Derek Damon led the charge with three goals and one assist in the series.

Boston University picked up its first "W" of the season with a 4-1 decision vs. Vermont on Saturday. BU goaltender John Curry continued an impressive start to his sophomore season by stopping 24 of 25 shots faced. Across town, BC left no doubt in downing defending NCAA champ Denver 6-2 on Friday, thanks to two goals from rookie Dan Bertram and four points from junior Patrick Eaves. Denver came back to win Saturday, however, downing Northeastern 4-2.

In Friday's Hockey East opener in Providence, Merrimack got two goals each from Jordan Black and Matt Johnson, but it was not enough to hold off a charge by Friar sophomore Bill McCreary who responded with two goals of his own, including the game-winner, in a 5-4 PC win.

UNH picked up a big 4-4 tie at No. 3 Michigan on Friday, getting 44 saves from Jeff Pietrasiak

and two more goals from suddenly hot sophomore Josh Ciocco. On Sunday at Michigan State, the Wildcats again surrendered a barrage of shots and this time fell 5-1. Rookie goaltender Kevin Regan saw plenty of action, making 45 saves on 50 shots faced.

UMass was also on the road and nearly survived a battle against Minnesota before yielding the game's only goal in the final minute of a 1-0 loss. The Minutemen rebounded with a 2-1 win over Canisius on Saturday night.

CCM HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE WEEK

BILL McCREARY – Providence
Sophomore Forward; Howell, MI

Scored two goals, including the game-winner, in the Hockey East opener, a narrow 5-4 victory over visiting Merrimack.

HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Offense	Defense
Providence	1	1	0	0	2	2-0-0	4.50 GPG	3.00 GAPG
Boston College	0	0	0	0	0	1-0-0	6.00 GPG	2.00 GAPG
Boston University	0	0	0	0	0	1-2-0	2.33 GPG	4.33 GAPG
Maine	0	0	0	0	0	3-2-0	4.20 GPG	2.60 GAPG
Massachusetts	0	0	0	0	0	2-1-0	2.67 GPG	2.00 GAPG
UMass Lowell	0	0	0	0	0	1-0-0	3.00 GPG	2.00 GAPG
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0	0	2-1-1	3.50 GPG	3.00 GAPG
Northeastern	0	0	0	0	0	1-2-0	2.67 GPG	4.00 GAPG
Merrimack	1	0	1	0	0	1-2-0	4.00 GPG	4.00 GAPG

SUPERSKILLS HOCKEY ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

DAN BERTRAM – Boston College
Freshman Forward; Calgary, AB

Scored two goals in his collegiate debut, a 6-2 triumph over defending national champion Denver.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

JEFF PIETRASIAK – New Hampshire
Junior Goaltender; Shrewsbury, MA

Made a career-high 44 saves on 48 shots faced to register an impressive 4-4 tie at No. 3 Michigan.

RECENT RESULTS

Friday, October 15

at Providence 5, Merrimack 4 *
 at Boston College 6, Denver 2
 at Maine 4, Niagara 3

New Hampshire 4, at Michigan 4 (OT)
Nye Frontier Classic at Alaska-Anchorage
 Minnesota 1, Massachusetts 0

Saturday, October 16

Denver 4, at Northeastern 2
 at Boston University 4, Vermont 1
 at Maine 6, Niagara 2

Nye Frontier Classic
 Massachusetts 2, Canisius 1

Sunday, October 17

at Michigan State 5, New Hampshire 1

UPCOMING GAMES

Tuesday, October 19

Boston College at UMass Lowell *
 Rensselaer at Northeastern

Friday, October 22

Providence at Boston University *
 UMass Lowell at Massachusetts *
 St. Lawrence at Maine (WABI)
 Wayne State at Merrimack
 Boston College at Notre Dame (7:30pm)

Saturday, October 23

St. Lawrence at Maine
 Wayne State at Merrimack
 Mercyhurst at New Hampshire
 Northeastern at Colgate

Sunday, October 24

Connecticut at Massachusetts (3pm)

* Hockey East game

Games start at 7pm unless indicated.
 All game times are Eastern Time.

HOCKEY EAST HONOR ROLL

- **Jordan Black, MC** (So. F; Canton, MI) – Netted a pair of goals in a 5-4 loss at Providence Friday.
- **Chris Chaput, PC** (Sr. F; Pawtucket, RI) – Scored a short-handed goal and added one assist in a 5-4 win over Merrimack.
- **Josh Ciocco, UNH** (So. F; Atco, NJ) – Scored twice in a 4-4 tie at third-ranked Michigan.
- **John Curry, BU** (So. G; Shorewood, MN) – Won his first collegiate start by stopping 24 of 25 shots for a 4-1 win over Vermont.
- **Derek Damon, Maine** (Jr. F; Bangor, ME) – Led the Black Bears with three goals and one assist in a sweep over Niagara.
- **Patrick Eaves, BC** (Jr. F; Faribault, MN) – Opened his junior season with a goal and three assists to power a 6-2 win over Denver.
- **Jon Jankus, Maine** (Jr. F; Stoney Creek, ON) – Scored two goals in Maine's 6-2 win over Niagara Saturday.
- **Matt Johnson, MC** (Jr. F; Eden Prairie, MN) – Scored two goals, including one short-handed, in a 5-4 loss at Providence Friday.
- **Matt Lundin, Maine** (Fr. G; Apple Valley, MN) – Stopped 28 of 30 shots in his first career start, a 6-2 win over Niagara.
- **Mike Lundin, Maine** (So. D; Apple Valley, MN) – Had three assists in Saturday's 6-2 win and was +4 on the weekend.
- **David Van der Gulik, BU** (Jr. F; Abbottsford, BC) – Scored twice and added an assist to lead BU over Vermont, 4-1.
- **Gabe Winer, UMass** (Jr. G; Stoughton, MA) – Stopped No. 5 Minnesota on five power plays and 20 shots before finally surrendering a goal in the final minute of a 1-0 loss.

LEADING SCORERS (All Games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1	Derek Damon, Maine	Jr	5	5	3	8
2	Ben Murphy, Maine	Sr	5	2	4	6
3	Matt Anderson, UMass	So	3	3	2	5
	Sean Collins, UNH	Sr	4	3	2	5
	Jason Guerriero, NU	Sr	3	1	4	5
	Brett Hemingway, UNH	So	4	4	1	5
	Brian Yandle, UNH *	Jr	4	0	5	5
8	Patrick Eaves, BC	Jr	1	1	3	4
	Bill McCreary, PC	So	2	4	0	4
	Chase Watson, PC	So	2	1	3	4
	Mike Morris, NU	Jr	3	2	2	4
	Jeff Caron, MC *	So	3	1	3	4
	Stephen Werner, UMass	Jr	3	1	3	4
	Tom Zabkowicz, Maine	So	3	1	3	4
	Preston Callander, UNH	Sr	4	1	3	4
	Greg Moore, Maine	Jr	5	3	1	4
	Michel Léveill�e	Jr	5	2	2	4
	Josh Soares, Maine	So	5	2	2	4

* defenseman

FIRST COLLEGIATE GOAL

Dan Bertram, Boston College
(Fr. F; Calgary, AB)
10/15/04 vs. Denver

Dylan Cox, Providence
(Fr. F; Newbury, MA)
10/15/04 vs. Merrimack

Bryan Esner, Northeastern
(So. F; Paradise Valley, AZ)
10/16/04 vs. Denver

P.J. Fenton, Massachusetts
(Fr. F; Longmeadow, MA)
10/16/04 vs. Canisius

LEADING GOALTENDERS (All Games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	Min	W	L	T	GAA	SP
1	John Curry, BU	So	2	91	1	0	0	0.66	.973
2	Tim Warner, UMass	Sr	1	60	1	0	0	1.00	.947
3	Chris Davidson, UML	Sr	1	61	1	0	0	1.97	.889
4	Matti Kaltiainen, BC	Sr	1	60	1	0	0	2.00	.905
5	Jeff Pietrasiak, UNH	Jr	2	125	1	0	1	2.40	.924
6	Gabe Winer, UMass	Jr	2	120	1	1	0	2.51	.907
7	Jim Howard, Maine	Jr	4	238	2	2	0	2.77	.892
8	Keni Gibson, NU	Sr	2	120	1	1	0	3.00	.914
	David Cacciola, PC	Sr	2	120	2	0	0	3.00	.893
10	Kevin Regan, UNH	Fr	2	120	1	1	0	3.50	.920

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TEAM STATISTICS (All Games)

TEAM OFFENSE

Team	GP	G	GPG
1. Boston College.....	1	6	6.00
2. Providence.....	2	9	4.50
3. Maine.....	5	21	4.20
4. Merrimack.....	3	12	4.00
5. New Hampshire.....	4	14	3.50
6. UMass Lowell.....	1	3	3.00
7. Massachusetts.....	3	8	2.67
Northeastern.....	3	8	2.67
9. Boston University...	3	7	2.33

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1. Boston College.....	1	2	2.00
Massachusetts.....	3	6	2.00
UMass Lowell.....	1	2	2.00
4. Maine.....	5	13	2.60
5. New Hampshire.....	4	12	3.00
Providence.....	2	6	3.00
7. Merrimack.....	3	12	4.00
Northeastern.....	3	12	4.00
9. Boston University...	3	13	4.33

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1. New Hampshire.....	4	8	33	0	.242
2. Massachusetts.....	3	5	21	0	.238
3. Maine.....	5	8	38	0	.211
4. UMass Lowell.....	1	3	15	0	.200
5. Merrimack.....	3	5	26	2	.192
6. Northeastern.....	3	4	25	0	.160
7. Providence.....	2	3	19	1	.158
8. Boston College.....	1	1	10	0	.100
9. Boston University...	3	2	25	1	.080

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1. UMass Lowell.....	1	0	8	0	1.000
2. Boston College.....	1	1	10	2	.900
3. Providence.....	2	2	18	1	.889
4. Maine.....	5	5	38	1	.868
5. New Hampshire.....	4	4	26	0	.846
6. Boston University...	3	4	25	1	.840
7. Massachusetts.....	3	4	23	1	.826
8. Merrimack.....	3	4	22	1	.818
9. Northeastern.....	3	7	26	0	.731

PENALTY MINUTES

Team	GP	P	PiM	PMPG
1. UMass Lowell.....	1	8	16	16.00
2. New Hampshire.....	4	35	70	17.50
3. Massachusetts.....	3	26	55	18.33
4. Northeastern.....	3	30	60	20.00
5. Merrimack.....	3	31	62	20.67
6. Boston University...	3	32	64	21.33
7. Providence.....	2	22	44	22.00
8. Maine.....	5	52	112	22.40
9. Boston College.....	1	14	28	28.00

TEAM NOTES

Boston College: Both BC and Denver went only 1-for-10 with the man advantage Friday, but BC won the special teams battle with two short-handed goals.

Boston University: The Terriers had their final season-opening game at Brown Arena when they hosted the University of Vermont on Saturday night. The win lifted them to 20-12-2 all-time in openers at Brown Arena. Next year, the Terriers will begin their season at the new Agganis Arena, which opens in January.

University of Maine: Maine played Niagara for the first time in school history ... In five games so far this season, Maine has scored eight first-period goals while limiting their opponents to just one ... Derek Damon has been hot to start his junior season. He is tied for first in the nation in goals (5) and ranks third in points (8) ... In the second period on Saturday night, Maine scored three goals and was not called for a penalty. It was the first penalty-free period of the season for the Black Bears.

University of Massachusetts: Senior goaltender Tim Warner has won his last four starts, following three playoff wins in 2003-04 with a victory in his first game this season ... UMass played Canisius and Minnesota for the first time in history this weekend. The 2-1 win over Canisius was the first ever win for the Minutemen in the state of Alaska.

UMass Lowell: The River Hawks open their league schedule against defending regular season champ BC on Tuesday. On Friday, they will travel to UMass. Last season, UML shut out Massachusetts in back-to-back games but later had to forfeit both due to the use of an ineligible player.

Merrimack College: Five of the last seven games Merrimack and Providence have played have been decided by one goal or ended in a tie ... Merrimack had six freshman and just two seniors in its lineup on Friday night ... Sophomore Jordan Black has netted three goals in three games played this year, the same total he had in 37 games played last season.

University of New Hampshire: Kevin Regan made 45 saves in just his second career start, a 5-1 loss at Michigan State ... Eight of UNH's 14 goals this season have come by the way of the power play ... Sophomore Josh Ciocco has three goals already this season. He did not record a goal in 17 games as a freshman.

Northeastern University: With an assist against Denver, captain Jason Guerriero has points in all three of Northeastern's games this season. He has an eight-game scoring streak, dating back to Feb. 22 against New Hampshire. Mike Morris also has points in all three games for Northeastern.

Providence College: Providence improved to 11-8-2 in Hockey East openers with Friday's win over Merrimack ... Seven of PC's nine goals this season have been scored by sophomores. Bill McCreary has scored four goals already after scoring five goals in 36 games as a freshman ... Providence has started 2-0 for the third consecutive season.