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LATE GOALS GOOD FOR UMASS, MAINE, NORTHEASTERN Byrnes, Yandle each enjoy four-point performances

Late-game goals and high-scoring periods were the order of the week in Hockey East. UMass went to overtime in both of its contests, winning Friday vs. Lowell on a Stephen Werner goal and losing Sunday vs. Connecticut. Northeastern also potted an overtime win, downing another ranked opponent (Colgate) on the road when sophomore defenseman Bryan Cirullo found the back of the net with just four seconds remaining in OT. The game featured a back-and-forth second period during which the teams combined for five goals.

The second of a two-game set between Wayne State and Merrimack also featured a five-goal period. Warrior defenseman Bryan Schmidt scored two of those on the power play and also had one assist in a four-minute outburst to lead a late-game rally. Matt Byrnes had four assists in the game and set up five of the six Merrimack goals in the weekend split. With the wins by Merrimack and Northeastern, Hockey East took an early lead in the Commissioners' Cup standings at 2-0.

After outduelling Lowell 3-2 on Tuesday, Boston College suffered a 3-2 loss at Notre Dame on Friday, despite outshooting the Irish by an incredible total of 52-17. BC found itself down 2-0 late before

CCM HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE WEEK

MATT BYRNES – Merrimack Sophomore Forward; Lincoln, RI

Set up five of the six goals the Warriors scored in a weekend split vs. Wayne State, including four of five in Saturday's 5-4 victory. netting two goals just 15 seconds apart in the third period to tie the game. But the Irish got the last lick, scoring short-handed at 19:45. Maine was on the other side of the coin, rebounding from a 1-0 loss to St. Lawrence Friday to win 4-3 on a goal in the final minute of regulation in Saturday's rematch.

BU got 22 saves and an assist from goaltender John Curry to defeat Providence 3-2 on Friday. UNH defenseman Brian Yandle led a 5-4 win over Mercyhurst Saturday with four assists.

HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

<u>Team</u>	GP	w	L	Τ	Pts	Overall	Offense	Defense
Boston College	1	1	0	0	2	2-1-0	3.67 GPG	2.33 GAPG
Boston University	1	1	0	0	2	2-2-0	2.50 GPG	3.75 GAPG
Massachusetts	1	1	0	0	2	3-2-0	2.60 GPG	2.20 GAPG
Providence	2	1	1	0	2	2-1-0	3.67 GPG	3.00 GAPG
Maine	0	0	0	0	0	4-3-0	3.57 GPG	2.43 GAPG
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0	0	3-1-1	3.80 GPG	3.20 GAPG
Northeastern	0	0	0	0	0	2-3-0	3.20 GPG	4.40 GAPG
Merrimack	1	0	1	0	0	2-3-0	3.60 GPG	4.20 GAPG
UMass Lowell	2	0	2	0	0	1-2-0	2.33 GPG	2.67 GAPG

SUPERSKILLS HOCKEY ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

PETER MacARTHUR – Boston U. Freshman Forward; Clifton Park, NY

Scored his fourth goal in as many games and set up the game-winning goal in a slim 3-2 triumph over Providence, BU's Hockey East opener.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

CORY SCHNEIDER – Boston College Freshman Goaltender; Marblehead, MA

Rated prospect enjoyed a successful collegiate debut, turning aside 23 of 25 shots faced in a 3-2 Hockey East victory at UMass Lowell.

RECENT RESULTS

Tuesday, October 19 Boston College 3, at UMass Lowell 2 * Rensselaer 7, at Northeastern 4

Friday, October 22

at Massachusetts 3, UMass Lowell 2 (OT) * at Boston University 3, Providence 2 * St. Lawrence 1, at Maine 0 at Notre Dame 3, Boston College 2 Wayne State 5, at Merrimack 1

Saturday, October 23

Northeastern 4, at Colgate 3 (OT) # at New Hampshire 5, Mercyhurst 4 at Maine 4, St. Lawrence 3 at Merrimack 5, Wayne State 4 #

Sunday, October 24 Connecticut 3, at Massachusetts 2 (OT)

UPCOMING GAMES

Friday, October 29

Maine at Merrimack * Massachusetts at Providence (CoxSports) * UMass Lowell at Rensselaer North Dakota at BC (8pm - CSTV) #

Saturday, October 30

Providence at Massachusetts * UMass Lowell at Union North Dakota at Northeastern

Sunday, October 31 Maine at Boston University (1pm - NESN) *

> * Hockey East game # Commisioners' Cup series Games start at 7pm unless indicated. All game times are Eastern Time.

HOCKEY EAST HONOR ROLL

- Preston Callander, UNH (Sr. F; Regina, SK) Scored twice in a 5-4 win vs. Mercyhurst.
- Jeff Caron, MC (So. D; Moncton, NB) Set up three goals in a 5-4 victory over Wayne State Saturday.
- Chris Chaput, PC (Sr. F; Pawtucket, RI) Scored one goal and assisted on another at BU on Friday.
- John Curry, BU (So. G; Shorewood, MN) Made 22 saves and had one assist in a 3-2 win over Providence.
- Patrick Eaves, BC (Jr. F; Faribault, MN) Powered BC to a 3-2 win at Lowell by scoring two goals and setting up the other.
- Matt Fornataro, UNH (Fr. F; Calgary, AB) Scored the game-winning goal and added one assist as UNH downed Mercyhurst, 5-4.
 Cleve Kinley, UML (So. D, Powell River, BC) Scored a power-play goal and had one assist Friday at Massachusetts.
- Greg Moore, Maine (Jr. F; Lisbon, ME) Had two goals, including the final minute game-winner, and one assist in a 4-3 win vs. SLU.
- Mike Morris, NU (Jr. F; Braintree, MA) Had two goals and three assists in a 1-1 week for Northeastern.
- Bryan Schmidt, MC (Jr. D; Bloomington, MN) Netted two goals and one assist in a 4:17 span to lead a 5-4 win over Wayne State.
- Bret Tyler, Maine (Fr. D; Matnard, MA) Scored his first career goal and added an assist in the Black Bears' 4-3 win on Saturday.
- Stephen Werner, UMass (Jr. F; Chevy Chase, MD) Scored the OT goal and had one assist in a 3-2 win over UMass Lowell.
- Brian Yandle, UNH (Jr. D; Milton, MA) Set up four of five Wildcat goals in a 5-4 triumph over Mercyhurst.

LEADING SCORERS (All Games)

	Player, School	CI	GP	G	Α	Pts	
1	Derek Damon, Maine	Jr	7	5	5	10	
2	Mike Morris, NU	Jr	5	4	5	9	
	Brian Yandle, UNH *	Jr	5	0	9	9	
4	Patrick Eaves, BC	Jr	3	3	5	8	
	Matt Byrnes, MC	So	5	1	7	8	
6	Matt Anderson, UMass	So	5	4	3	7	
	Jeff Caron, MC *	So	5	1	6	7	
	Greg Moore, Maine	Jr	7	5	2	7	
9	Brett Hemingway, UNH	So	5	4	2	6	
	Preston Callander, UNH	Sr	5	3	3	6	
	Sean Collins, UNH	Sr	5	3	3	6	
	Bryan Schmidt, MC *	Jr	5	3	3	6	
	Jason Guerriero, NU	Sr	5	2	4	6	
	Stephen Werner, UMass	Jr	5	2	4	6	
	Ben Murphy, Maine	Sr	7	2	4	6	

* defenseman



LEADING GOALTENDERS (All Games)

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	Player, School	CI	GP	Min	w	L	т	GAA	SP
1	John Curry, BU	So	3	150	2	0	0	1.19	.951
2	Tim Warner, UMass	Sr	2	124	1	1	0	1.92	.927
3	Cory Schneider, BC	Fr	1	60	1	0	0	2.00	.920
4	Gabe Winer, UMass	Jr	3	180	2	1	0	2.33	.914
5	Matti Kaltiainen, BC	Sr	2	120	1	1	0	2.50	.868
6	Jim Howard, Maine	Jr	6	357	3	3	0	2.52	.903
7	Chris Davidson, UML	Sr	3	180	1	2	0	2.66	.904
8	Jeff Pietrasiak, UNH	Jr	3	184	2	0	1	2.92	.903
9	David Cacciola, PC	Sr	3	179	2	1	0	3.00	.903
10	Keni Gibson, NU	Sr	4	244	2	2	0	3.44	.876

FIRST COLLEGIATE GOAL

Matt Burto, UMass (Fr. F; Orange, CT) – 10/24/04 vs. Connecticut Matt Fornataro, UNH (Fr. F; Calgary, AB) – 10/23/04 vs. Mercyhurst Chris Murphy, MC (Fr. F; Sparta, NJ) – 10/23/04 vs. Wayne State Bret Tyler, Maine (Fr. D; Matnard, MA) – 10/23/04 vs. St. Lawrence

WHO'S HOT?

• Jordan Black, MC (So. F; Canton, MI) Has recorded at least one point in four of the first five games this season.

• Matt Byrnes, MC (So. F; Lincoln, RI) Has seven assists in just five games.

• Brett Hemingway, UNH (So. F; Surrey, BC) Has scored a point in all five games this season.

• Colin McDonald, PC (So. F; Wethersfield, CT) Has scored at least one goal in each of three games so far this season.

• Brian Yandle, UNH (Jr. D; Milton, MA) Leading the nation with nine assists already.

TEAM STATISTICS (All Games)

TEAM OFFENSE

Team	GP	G	GPG
 New Hampshire Boston College Providence Merrimack Maine Northeastern Massachusetts 	5	19	3.80
	3	11	3.67
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	5	18	3.60
	7	25	3.57
	5	16	3.20
	5	13	2.60
8.Boston University	4	10	2.50
9.UMass Lowell	3	7	2.33

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1.Massachusetts	5	11	2.20
2.Boston College	3	7	2.33
3.Maine	7	17	2.43
4.UMass Lowell	3	8	2.67
5.Providence	3	9	3.00
6.New Hampshire	5	16	3.20
7.Boston University	4	15	3.75
8.Merrimack	5	21	4.20
9.Northeastern	5	22	4.40

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1.New Hampshire	5	11	41	1	.268
2.UMass Lowell	3	7	31	0	.226
3.Massachusetts	5	6	29	0	.207
4.Northeastern	5	8	39	0	.205
5.Merrimack	5	9	46	4	.196
6.Maine	7	9	51	1	.176
7.Providence	3	5	29	1	.172
8.Boston College	3	4	28	1	.143
9.Boston University	4	4	37	1	.108

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1.UMass Lowell	3	2	20	0	.900
2.Maine	7	5	46	1	.891
3.Providence	3	4	30	1	.867
4.Boston College	3	4	29	2	.862
5.Merrimack	5	7	43	1	.837
6.Boston University	4	6	35	1	.829
Massachusetts	5	6	35	1	.829
8.New Hampshire	5	7	30	0	.767
9.Northeastern	5	12	38	0	.684

PENALTY MINUTES

Team	GP	Р	PiM	PMPG
1.Massachusetts	5	38	79	15.80
2.New Hampshire	5	41	82	16.40
3.Northeastern	5	44	88	17.60
4.UMass Lowell	3	21	53	17.67
5.Maine	7	63	145	20.71
6.Boston College	3	33	66	22.00
Boston University	4	44	88	22.00
Merrimack	5	55	110	22.00
9.Providence	3	36	72	24.00

TEAM NOTES

Boston College: BC scored two goals within 15 seconds of each other to turn a 2-0 deficit at Notre Dame into a 2-2 tie. Unfortunately, the Irish struck back in the closing seconds to take a 3-2 decision.

Boston University: The Terriers have already accomplished something this year they did not do during the entire regular season last year – they have won back-to-back games ... The injury bug has already hit the Terriers with Kenny Roche recovering from a concussion sustained in practice last week. Freshman left wing Bryan Ewing sustained a separated right shoulder Friday vs. Providence.

University of Maine: Maine lost 1-0 to St. Lawrence on Friday. Four of Maine's five shutouts suffered last season were by the score of 1-0 ... The short-handed goal allowed on Saturday night was the first of the season against the Black Bears ... Nine of Maine's 25 goals this season have come on the power play.

University of Massachusetts: UMass has posted a 3-1-3 record in its last seven game against foes ranked in the Top 15.

UMass Lowell: All seven of UMass Lowell's goals this season have come on the power play ... All three River Hawk games this year have been decided by 3-2 scores and two of the three have gone into overtime ... Junior forwards Danny O'Brien and Ben Walter each have three-game point streaks.

Merrimack College: Goaltenders Jim Healey, Casey Guenther and Frank McLaughlin all saw action in Friday night's 5-1 loss to Wayne State. McLaughlin made six saves over the final 7:45 on Friday in his first collegiate appearance ... Merrimack has given up a shorthanded goal in each of the last four games ... The Merrimack power play unit was held scoreless for the first time this season on Friday night. The Warriors then scored three power play goals on Saturday night. Nine of the team's 18 goals have come on the power play this year.

University of New Hampshire: UNH's power play ranks fourth in the country at 26.8 percent. The unit has scored 11 goals this season in 41 chances and has scored at least once in all five games this season ... Nine of UNH's 18 skaters scored a point in the Mercyhurst game, including four players who registered multiple-point efforts ... The 'Cats registered 50 shots against the Lakers, their highest shot total of the season.

Northeastern University: The Huskies held a 1-0 lead through the end of the first period against Colgate. It was the first time this season that Northeastern scored first and also the first time the Huskies led after the first period ... Northeastern went 3-for-7 (.429) on the power play vs. Colgate after starting the season 5-for-32 (.156) ... The OT win against Colgate was Northeastern's first overtime victory since Feb. 15, 2002 when NU beat UNH 5-4.

Providence College: Providence played its last game at Walter Brown Arena on Friday, finishing with a 12-29-5 all-time record there.