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MERRIMACK WAKES UP WITH COFFEE POT TITLE

Ben Walter nets another hat trick to up total to 13 goals in 11 games

It's been a challenging year so far for the Merrimack Warriors, but they won some redemption Sunday by defeating Providence 5-2 to clinch the Dunkin' Donuts Coffee Pot Tournament title. It wasn't a league game, but it was plenty to build on for the Warriors in midseason. Four Merrimack players and two Providence players were named to the All-Tournament team, led by MVP Mike Alexiou of Merrimack, who had three goals on the weekend. Junior defenseman Bryan Schmidt assured Merrimack's berth in the title game by scoring the game-tying goal in the semifinal vs. Union and scoring on the Warriors' final shootout attempt that gave them a 2-1 shootout victory. Goaltender Jim Healey stopped four of five attempts by Union in the shootout after stopping all four Union shots in overtime. He followed that up by stifling Providence with 34 saves on 36 shots faced in the final.

UMass Lowell is also seeking to build momentum following a 3-3 tie vs. UNH and a convincing 8-0 win over Bentley. Ben Walter notched his second hat trick of the season in leading the attack vs. Bentley.

Boston College remained undefeated in league play with a 4-1 win at Northeastern Saturday, thanks to 29 saves from Cory Schneider. Earlier in the week, Northeastern picked up two points with a 5-1 win at Merrimack. Three different Huskies contributed three points each in the victory.

CCM HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE WEEK

MIKE ALEXIOU – Merrimack
Sophomore Forward; Pickering, ON

Most Valuable Player of the Dunkin' Donuts Coffee Pot Tournament had one goal in the semifinal vs. Union and two in the title game vs. Providence.

HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	HE Offense	HE Defense
Boston University	7	6	1	0	12	7-6-0	4.14 GPG	2.43 GAPG
New Hampshire	7	5	1	1	11	8-3-2	3.57 GPG	2.71 GAPG
Maine	8	5	3	0	10	9-6-1	3.62 GPG	2.38 GAPG
Boston College	5	3	0	2	8	6-2-2	3.00 GPG	1.80 GAPG
Massachusetts	7	3	3	1	7	6-8-1	3.14 GPG	3.43 GAPG
Northeastern	6	3	3	0	6	6-6-1	3.33 GPG	3.17 GAPG
Providence	8	2	5	1	5	5-7-1	2.75 GPG	3.38 GAPG
Merrimack	8	1	7	0	2	4-9-1	2.25 GPG	4.50 GAPG
UMass Lowell	6	0	5	1	1	5-5-1	2.67 GPG	4.33 GAPG

SUPERSKILLS HOCKEY ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

PETER VETRI – UMass Lowell
Freshman Goaltender; Windham, NH

Earned UML its first league point of the season with 27 saves in a 3-3 tie vs. UNH and followed that up with a 16-save shutout vs. Bentley.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

JIMMY HOWARD – Maine
Junior Goaltender; Ogdensburg, NY

Notched his second shutout of the season and 11th of his career with 33 saves in a 0-0 tie at Dartmouth.

RECENT RESULTS

Monday, November 22
 at Boston College 5, Holy Cross 0

Tuesday, November 23
 at UMass Lowell 3, New Hampshire 3 (OT) *
 Northeastern 5, at Merrimack 1 *
 Harvard 2, at Boston University 1
 at Vermont 5, Massachusetts 2

Friday, November 26
 at Denver 4, Boston University 1
 at Colorado College 3, Massachusetts 1

Saturday, November 27
 Boston College 4, at Northeastern 1 *
 at UMass Lowell 8, Bentley 0
 Maine 0, at Dartmouth 0 (OT)
 at Colorado College 7, Boston University 3
 at Denver 6, Massachusetts 1 #
 at Vermont 5, New Hampshire 4
Coffee Pot at Providence, RI
 Merrimack 4, Union 4 (OT)
 (Merrimack wins shootout, 2-1)
 Providence 3, Holy Cross 1

Sunday, November 28
Dunkin' Donuts Coffee Pot
 Merrimack 5, Providence 2

UPCOMING GAMES

Friday, December 3
 BC at BU (8pm - CSTV) *
 Merrimack at Maine (WABI) *
 Providence at Massachusetts *
 St. Lawrence at UMass Lowell
 Clarkson at New Hampshire (NHPTV)

Saturday, December 4
 Providence at Boston College *
 Boston U. at Massachusetts (NESN) *
 Merrimack at Maine *
 Clarkson at UMass Lowell
 St. Lawrence at New Hampshire
 Northeastern at Vermont

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

HOCKEY EAST HONOR ROLL

- **Jordan Black, MC** (So. F; Canton, MI) – All-Tourney selection netted one goal each night of the Dunkin' Donuts Coffee Pot Tournament and added an assist in the championship game.
- **Jim Healey, MC** (So. G; Holyrood, NF) – Coffee Pot All-Tournament goaltender stopped 34 of 36 shots in the title game, including all 18 he faced in the third period. In the semifinal vs. Union, he stopped four shots in overtime and four of five for a shootout victory.
- **Brett Hemingway, UNH** (So. F; Surrey, BC) – Had two goals and one assist over two games.
- **Bryan Horan, PC** (So. F; Farmington, CT) – Had his first collegiate goal and recorded two assists en route to an All-Tourney selection at the Dunkin' Donuts Coffee Pot Tournament.
- **Matti Kaltiainen, BC** (Sr. G; Espoo, Finland) – Stopped 15 shots against Holy Cross to pick up his seventh career shutout.
- **Bobby Robins, UML** (Jr. F; Peshtigo, WI) – Had one goal and one assist in each of two games, a win and a tie.
- **Bryan Schmidt, MC** (Jr. D; Bloomington, MN) – Highlighted semifinal vs. Union with the game-tying goal in the third period and the shootout-winning goal that sent Merrimack to the title game, where he set up the tourney-winning goal. Selected to the All-Tourney team.
- **Cory Schneider, BC** (Fr. G; Marblehead, MA) – Stopped 29 of 30 shots faced for a 4-1 win at Northeastern.
- **Brian Swinarski, NU** (Jr. F; Newburyport, MA) – Scored twice and added on assist to lead NU at Merrimack, 5-1.
- **Ben Walter, UML** (Jr. F; Langley, BC) – Notched his second hat trick of the season and added one assist in an 8-0 romp of Bentley.

LEADING SCORERS (League Games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1	Pete MacArthur, BU	Fr	7	4	6	10
	Bryan Miller, BU	Sr	7	3	7	10
3	Jason Guerriero, NU	Sr	6	2	7	9
	Matt Anderson, UMass	So	7	4	5	9
	P.J. Fenton, UMass	Fr	7	6	3	9
	John Ronan, Maine	Sr	8	4	5	9
7	John Laliberte, BU	Jr	7	4	4	8
	David Van der Gulik, BU	Jr	7	4	4	8
	Chris Chaput, PC	Sr	8	3	5	8
10	Joe Santilli, NU	So	6	3	4	7
	Preston Callander, UNH	Sr	7	3	4	7
	Brett Hemingway, UNH	So	7	3	4	7
	Jacob MicFlikier, UNH	So	7	3	4	7
	Jon Jankus, Maine	Jr	8	2	5	7

* defenseman

LEADING SCORERS (All Games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1	Matt Anderson, UMass	So	15	7	12	19
2	Jason Guerriero, NU	Sr	13	6	12	18
3	Ben Walter, UML	Jr	11	13	3	16
	Derek Damon, Maine	Jr	15	9	7	16
5	Preston Callander, UNH	Sr	13	6	9	15
6	Mike Morris, NU	Jr	9	5	9	14
	Patrick Eaves, BC	Jr	10	5	9	14
	Brian Yandle, UNH *	Jr	12	2	12	14
	Brett Hemingway, UNH	So	13	8	6	14
10	Pete MacArthur, BU	Fr	13	6	7	13
	Bryan Miller, BU	Sr	13	5	8	13
	Chris Chaput, PC	Sr	13	4	9	13
	Sean Collins, UNH	Sr	13	4	9	13
	Mike Alexiou, MC	So	14	8	5	13
	Bryan Schmidt, MC *	Jr	14	6	7	13
	Jeff Caron, MC *	So	14	3	10	13
	P.J. Fenton, UMass	Fr	15	8	5	13

* defenseman

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LEADING GOALTENDERS (League Games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	Min	W	L	T	GAA	SP
1	Cory Schneider, BC	Fr	4	250	2	0	2	1.92	.922
2	Jim Howard, Maine	Jr	8	404	5	3	0	2.52	.901
3	Jeff Pietrasiak, UNH	Jr	5	304	3	1	1	2.56	.897
4	John Curry, BU	So	5	299	4	1	0	2.61	.898
5	David Cacciola, PC	Sr	5	297	2	3	0	2.62	.907
6	Gabe Winer, UMass	Jr	6	337	3	2	1	2.85	.908
7	Keni Gibson, NU	Sr	6	358	3	3	0	3.01	.916
8	Frank McLaughlin, MC	Jr	4	199	1	3	0	3.31	.910
9	Peter Vetri, UML	Fr	4	203	0	2	1	3.84	.875
10	Tyler Sims, PC	Fr	3	184	0	2	1	4.23	.888

LEADING GOALTENDERS (All Games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	Min	W	L	T	GAA	SP
1	Matti Kaltiainen, BC	Sr	5	298	3	2	0	1.81	.908
2	Cory Schneider, BC	Fr	5	310	3	0	2	2.13	.909
3	John Curry, BU	So	9	508	5	3	0	2.24	.907
4	Jim Howard, Maine	Jr	14	761	8	6	0	2.52	.902
5	David Cacciola, PC	Sr	7	417	3	4	0	2.73	.906
6	Peter Vetri, UML	Fr	6	323	2	2	1	2.78	.901
7	Gabe Winer, UMass	Jr	9	516	4	4	1	2.79	.903
8	Jeff Pietrasiak, UNH	Jr	9	549	5	2	2	2.95	.892
9	Keni Gibson, NU	Sr	12	727	6	5	1	3.05	.902
10	Tim Warner, UMass	Sr	6	323	2	3	0	3.15	.887

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

Team	GP	G	GPG
1.Boston University...	7	29	4.14
2.Maine.....	8	29	3.62
3.New Hampshire.....	7	25	3.57
4.Northeastern.....	6	20	3.33
5.Massachusetts.....	7	22	3.14
6.Boston College.....	5	15	3.00
7.Providence.....	8	22	2.75
8.UMass Lowell.....	6	16	2.67
9.Merrimack.....	8	18	2.25

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1.Boston College.....	5	9	1.80
2.Maine.....	8	19	2.38
3.Boston University...	7	17	2.43
4.New Hampshire.....	7	19	2.71
5.Northeastern.....	6	19	3.17
6.Providence.....	8	27	3.38
7.Massachusetts.....	7	24	3.43
8.UMass Lowell.....	6	26	4.33
9.Merrimack.....	8	36	4.50

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1.Boston University...	7	14	53	1	.264
2.UMass Lowell.....	6	8	34	1	.235
3.New Hampshire.....	7	7	34	2	.206
4.Maine.....	8	8	49	0	.163
5.Providence.....	8	8	51	1	.157
6.Merrimack.....	8	7	47	1	.149
7.Boston College.....	5	5	35	1	.143
Northeastern.....	6	4	28	1	.143
9.Massachusetts.....	7	1	35	0	.029

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1.Boston College.....	5	3	34	0	.912
2.Merrimack.....	8	5	52	2	.904
3.Maine.....	8	4	39	0	.897
4.Providence.....	8	8	56	2	.857
5.Northeastern.....	6	4	27	1	.852
6.New Hampshire.....	7	5	31	1	.839
7.Boston University...	7	9	45	1	.800
8.Massachusetts.....	7	13	50	1	.740
9.UMass Lowell.....	6	11	32	0	.656

PENALTY MINUTES

Team	GP	P	PiM	PMPG
1.Northeastern.....	6	34	68	11.33
2.New Hampshire.....	7	46	103	14.71
3.UMass Lowell.....	6	37	96	16.00
4.Merrimack.....	8	72	144	18.00
5.Massachusetts.....	7	60	131	18.71
6.Boston College.....	5	47	94	18.80
7.Maine.....	8	71	161	20.12
8.Providence.....	8	78	167	20.88
9.Boston University...	7	62	165	23.57

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

Team	GP	G	GPG
1.New Hampshire.....	13	48	3.69
2.Maine.....	15	54	3.60
3.UMass Lowell.....	11	38	3.45
4.Boston College.....	10	34	3.40
5.Northeastern.....	13	44	3.38
6.Boston University...	13	41	3.15
7.Merrimack.....	14	41	2.93
8.Providence.....	13	37	2.85
9.Massachusetts.....	15	42	2.80

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1.Boston College.....	10	20	2.00
2.Maine.....	15	36	2.40
3.New Hampshire.....	13	40	3.08
Providence.....	13	40	3.08
5.UMass Lowell.....	11	35	3.18
6.Massachusetts.....	15	48	3.20
7.Boston University...	13	43	3.31
8.Northeastern.....	13	46	3.54
9.Merrimack.....	14	58	4.14

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1.UMass Lowell.....	11	20	74	1	.270
2.New Hampshire.....	13	19	80	3	.237
3.Boston University...	13	19	94	4	.202
4.Merrimack.....	14	20	102	4	.196
5.Northeastern.....	13	14	79	1	.177
6.Providence.....	13	14	82	1	.171
7.Maine.....	15	17	104	1	.163
8.Boston College.....	10	11	79	2	.139
9.Massachusetts.....	15	9	75	1	.120

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1.Maine.....	15	9	89	1	.899
2.Boston College.....	10	8	67	2	.881
3.Merrimack.....	14	13	100	3	.870
4.Providence.....	13	14	97	2	.856
5.Boston University...	13	15	82	2	.817
6.Massachusetts.....	15	20	101	2	.802
7.New Hampshire.....	13	13	65	1	.800
8.UMass Lowell.....	11	13	57	1	.772
9.Northeastern.....	13	18	76	1	.763

PENALTY MINUTES

Team	GP	P	PiM	PMPG
1.Northeastern.....	13	90	180	13.85
2.New Hampshire.....	13	91	201	15.46
3.UMass Lowell.....	11	66	176	16.00
4.Massachusetts.....	15	119	260	17.33
5.Boston College.....	10	85	178	17.80
6.Merrimack.....	14	134	268	19.14
7.Boston University...	13	110	261	20.08
8.Providence.....	13	127	265	20.38
9.Maine.....	15	139	316	21.07

TEAM NOTES

Boston College: BC overcame an 0-for-18 power-play drought with two man-up scores vs. Holy Cross. BC had eight players notch points against the Crusaders, five of whom had multi-point games ... Rookie goalie Cory Schneider is unbeaten (3-0-2) in his five starts.

Boston University: Junior John Laliberte has scored six goals in the Terriers' first 13 games this year, representing a career high. He had five goals in 26 games as a freshman and five goals in 35 games as a sophomore ... The Terriers have outshot their opponents in 10 of 13 games this year.

University of Maine: Maine has been outshot in six games this season and has a 1-4-1 record in those games ... Maine has been shut out twice this season in 15 games. Last season, Maine was shut out only four times in 44 games.

University of Massachusetts: UMass has played four consecutive teams ranked in the Top 15 (all losses) ... Nine of the next 11 games will be played in the Mullins Center where UMass has a 5-1 record this season ... The Minutemen are now 0-14 all-time against defending NCAA title holders.

UMass Lowell: Ben Walter is the first UML player to post two hat tricks in a season since Greg Koehler last did it in 1997-98 ... UML's power play continues to be among the nation's best, with a conversion rate of 27 percent. They have failed to convert in only two games this season. Four of the River Hawks' eight goals Saturday came with the man advantage ... Tuesday's game against UNH marked the first time this season that UML gave up the first goal of the game.

Merrimack College: Merrimack picked up the 700th win in program history with its 5-2 victory over Providence in the title game of the Dunkin' Donuts Coffee Pot Tournament on Sunday night, marking just the second D-I tournament title Merrimack has ever won. The first was when the Warriors claimed the 2002 RPI Tournament ... The Warriors outshot Union 37-29 Saturday. It was the first time they have outshot any opponent this season. That margin included a 19-3 advantage in the second period, the most shots Merrimack has recorded in a single frame this year ... Mike Alexiou and Rob LaLonde each boast a four-game point streak.

University of New Hampshire: UNH snapped an eight-game winning streak against Vermont Saturday, losing to the Catamounts for the first time since October 19, 1996. UNH had an active shutout streak of 143:32 vs Vermont before UVM's first goal Saturday ... UNH is only Hockey East team with a perfect record at home this year (6-0-0) ... The Wildcats have scored at least four goals in nine of their 13 contests in 04-05.

Northeastern University: Jason Guerriero, Brian Swiniarski and Joe Santilli each had three points in a 5-1 win at Merrimack Tuesday. It marked the third time Guerriero has potted three assists in one game and the second time this season that Swiniarski has had two goals ... Forward Mike Morris returned to the lineup against BC on Saturday after missing four games with injury. He had one assist against BC and now has a 5-9-14 line in nine games.

Providence College: The Friars have not won a regular season tournament since 1999 ... The PC sophomore class has recorded 20 of the team's 37 goals this season ... Jamie Carroll has a three-game point streak.

WHO'S HOT

• **Matt Anderson, UMass** (So. F; West Islip, NY) – Has posted seven assists in the last six games.

• **Preston Callander, UNH** (Sr. F; Regina, SK) – Has three goals and six assists over the last six games.

• **Brett Hemingway, UNH** (So. F; Surrey, BC) – Has a three-game goal-scoring streak and a four-game point streak.

• **Bobby Robins, UML** (Jr. F; Peshtigo, WI) – Has seven points (2g, 5a) in his last four games played

• **Dave Spina, BC** (Sr. F; Mesa, AZ) – Has notched at least one goal in four consecutive games.

• **Ben Walter, UML** (Jr. F; Langley, BC) – Has 13 goals in 11 games played (1.18 GPG), the highest average in the nation. He also boasts a five-game point streak.

ITECH THREE STARS

As part of a long-term agreement between Hockey East and ITECH, SIDs and media will designate ITECH "Three Stars of The Game" in each of the 108 Hockey East league games. The player earning the most points over the course of the season will be recognized at the Hockey East championship banquet at season's end. The leaders to date:

Name	Cl	Pos	School
Matt Anderson	So	F	UMass
Chris Bourque	Fr	F	BU
Preston Callander	Sr	F	UNH
P.J. Fenton	Fr	F	UMass
Keni Gibson	Sr	G	NU
Peter MacArthur	Fr	F	BU
Frank McLaughlin	Jr	G	MC
Gabe Winer	Jr	G	UMass
Daniel Winnik	So	F	UNH

FIRST CAREER GOAL

Bryan Boulay, Merrimack
(Jr. D; Auburn, MA)
11/28/04 vs. Providence

Bryan Horan, Providence
(So. F; Unionville, CT)
11/28/04 vs. Merrimack

David Leaderer, Massachusetts
(Fr. D; Rochester, NY)
11/27/04 at Denver