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SCHMIDT HIGHLIGHTS WEEKEND SWEEP FOR MERRIMACK Lowell is 8-0 in non-league play and undefeated in last six games overall

Lifting their record to 3-1-2 over the last six games, the Merrimack Warriors swept the visiting Princeton Tigers this weekend, getting a four-point outburst from junior defenseman Bryan Schmidt on Friday. Schmidt's two-goal, two-assist night paced a slim 4-3 win for Merrimack, and lifted his total to nine goals in 18 games, by far the best total for any defenseman in Division-I hockey this season. His first goal came with nine seconds to play in the second period. His second goal won the game with nine seconds remaining in regulation. Schmidt was held off the scoresheet in Saturday's rematch, but still finished with a +2 in a 4-2 win, and was +5 for the weekend. Goaltender Jim Healey stopped 58 of 63 shots faced to post Merrimack's first back-to-back wins of the season.

UMass Lowell upped its NCAA-best non-league record to 8-0 with a 4-3 win at Dartmouth on Friday. Ben Walter scored his 16th goal of the season to run his point streak to eight straight games, but was held pointless for just the second time this season in Saturday's 2-2 tie at Northeastern. Peter Vetri had 34 saves and Elias Godoy had both UML goals to help pick up a vital point in league play for the River Hawks. Lowell has quietly put together a six-game undefeated streak, matching the best by a Hockey East team this season. The other streak ended Saturday when Maine was downed 4-1 at Harvard despite launching 40 shots on goal.

Northeastern settled for the 2-2 tie vs. Lowell following a near-miss 2-1 overtime loss at BC on Friday. Husky goaltender Keni Gibson stopped 67 of 71 shots faced over two league games.

BU's Brad Zancanaro picked up his second straight two-goal game and third straight game-winning goal in Saturday's 4-1 win at Rensselaer. UMass got a goal and an assist from rookie P.J. Fenton in a 2-1 win over Sacred Heart on Saturday, rebounding from a 4-0 shutout suffered at UNH on Thursday. The Wildcats were led by Sean Collins (two goals, one assist) and Jeff Pietrasiak, who needed to make just 17 saves for his first career shutout.

HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	HE Offense	HE Defense
Boston University	9	8	1	0	16	10-6-0	4.33 GPG	2.22 GAPG
New Hampshire	8	6	1	1	13	11-3-2	3.62 GPG	2.38 GAPG
Maine	10	6	3	1	13	10-7-2	3.60 GPG	2.10 GAPG
Boston College	8	4	1	3	11	7-3-3	2.50 GPG	1.75 GAPG
Massachusetts	10	4	5	1	9	8-10-1	2.60 GPG	3.70 GAPG
Northeastern	8	3	4	1	7	6-8-2	2.88 GPG	2.88 GAPG
Providence	10	2	6	2	6	5-9-2	2.50 GPG	3.10 GAPG
Merrimack	10	1	8	1	3	6-10-2	2.00 GPG	4.30 GAPG
UMass Lowell	7	0	5	2	2	8-5-2	2.57 GPG	4.00 GAPG

RECENT RESULTS

Wednesday, December 8
 at Rensselaer 4, Providence 3

Thursday, December 9
 at New Hampshire 4, Massachusetts 0 *

Friday, December 10
 at Boston College 2, Northeastern 1 (OT) *
 UMass Lowell 4, at Dartmouth 3
 at Merrimack 4, Princeton 3

Saturday, December 11
 at Northeastern 2, UMass Lowell 2 (OT) *
 Boston University 4, at Rensselaer 1
 at Harvard 4, Maine 1 #
 at Massachusetts 2, Sacred Heart 1
 at Merrimack 4, Princeton 2
 at UNH 3, U.S. Under-18 Team 2 (exh.)

UPCOMING GAMES

Wednesday, December 22
Dodge Holiday Classic at Minnesota
 Harvard vs. Northern Michigan (5pm)
 Merrimack vs. Minnesota (8pm)

Thursday, December 23
Dodge Holiday Classic (5/8pm)

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

CCM HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE WEEK

BRYAN SCHMIDT – Merrimack
 Junior Defenseman; Bloomington, MN

Had two goals, including the game-winner with nine seconds remaining, and added two assists to dominate a 4-3 win over Princeton on Friday.

SUPERSKILLS HOCKEY ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

PETER VETRI – UMass Lowell
 Freshman Goaltender; Windham, NH

Made 34 saves in a 2-2 tie at Northeastern Saturday night, earning a vital point in league play for Lowell.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

CORY SCHNEIDER – Boston College
 Freshman Goaltender; Marblehead, MA

Stopped 28 of 29 shots faced in a gritty 2-1 overtime win over Northeastern on Friday. He remains undefeated at 4-0-3.

HOCKEY EAST HONOR ROLL

- **Sean Collins, UNH** (Sr. F; Reading, MA) – Scored twice and added one assist to lead a 4-0 win over UMass.
- **John Curry, BU** (So. G; Shorewood, MN) – Stopped 26 of 27 shots faced to earn a 4-1 win at Rensselaer.
- **P.J. Fenton, UMass** (Fr. F; Longmeadow, MA) – Set up the first UMass goal and scored the game-winner in a 2-1 win over Sacred Heart.
- **Keni Gibson, NU** (Sr. G; Stittsville, ON) – Stopped 67 of 71 shots (.944 save percentage) over two OT games.
- **Elias Godoy, UML** (Jr. F, West Vancouver, BC) – Scored both goals in UML's 2-2 tie at Northeastern after setting up the game-winning goal in a 4-3 win at Dartmouth.
- **Jim Healey, MC** (So. G; Holyrood, NF) – Posted back-to-back wins vs. Princeton, stopping 58 of 63 shots faced.
- **Jeff Pietrasiak, UNH** (Jr. G; Shrewsbury, MA) – Made 17 saves in the first shutout of his Wildcat career, 4-0 vs. UMass.
- **Brad Zancanaro, BU** (Jr. F, Trenton, MI) – Had his second straight two-goal game with a pair of goals in the Terriers' 4-1 win at Rensselaer on Saturday.

LEADING SCORERS (League Games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1	Pete MacArthur, BU	Fr	9	7	6	13
2	Jason Guerriero, NU	Sr	8	2	8	10
	John Laliberte, BU	Jr	9	5	5	10
	Bryan Miller, BU	Sr	9	3	7	10
	John Ronan, Maine	Sr	10	5	5	10
	Matt Anderson, UMass	So	10	4	6	10
	Jon Jankus, Maine	Jr	10	2	8	10
8	Preston Callander, UNH	Sr	8	4	5	9
	Sean Collins, UNH	Sr	8	3	6	9
	Brett Hemingway, UNH	So	8	3	6	9
	David Van der Gulik, BU	Jr	9	5	4	9
	Brad Zancanaro, BU	Jr	9	4	5	9
	Chris Bourque, BU	Fr	9	3	6	9
	P.J. Fenton, UMass	Fr	10	6	3	9
	Chris Chaput, PC	Sr	10	3	6	9

* defenseman

LEADING SCORERS (All Games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1	Ben Walter, UML	Jr	15	16	5	21
	Sean Collins, UNH	Sr	16	7	14	21
3	Brett Hemingway, UNH	So	16	12	8	20
	Matt Anderson, UMass	So	18	7	13	20
5	Elias Godoy, UML	Jr	15	3	16	19
	Preston Callander, UNH	Sr	16	7	12	19
	Jason Guerriero, NU	Sr	16	6	13	19
8	Bryan Schmidt, MC *	Jr	18	9	9	18
9	Patrick Eaves, BC	Jr	13	7	10	17
	Pete MacArthur, BU	Fr	16	9	8	17
	Derek Damon, Maine	Jr	19	10	7	17
12	Andrew Martin, UML	Jr	15	7	9	16
	John Laliberte, BU	Jr	16	7	9	16
14	Mike Morris, NU	Jr	12	6	9	15
	Brian Yandle, UNH *	Jr	15	2	13	15
	Daniel Winnik, UNH	So	16	8	7	15
	P.J. Fenton, UMass	Fr	19	9	6	15

* defenseman

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LEADING GOALTENDERS (League Games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	Min	W	L	T	GAA	SP
1	Cory Schneider, BC	Fr	6	379	3	0	3	1.58	.938
2	Jeff Pietrasiak, UNH	Jr	6	364	4	1	1	2.14	.909
3	Jim Howard, Maine	Jr	10	529	6	3	1	2.15	.903
4	John Curry, BU	So	7	419	6	1	0	2.29	.912
5	David Cacciola, PC	Sr	7	422	2	4	1	2.42	.926
6	Keni Gibson, NU	Sr	8	488	3	4	1	2.70	.923
7	Gabe Winer, UMass	Jr	9	509	4	4	1	3.18	.893
8	Peter Vetri, UML	Fr	5	268	0	2	2	3.36	.893
9	Frank McLaughlin, MC	Jr	5	212	1	3	0	3.39	.908
10	Jim Healey, MC	So	7	350	0	5	1	4.28	.881

LEADING GOALTENDERS (All Games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	Min	W	L	T	GAA	SP
1	Cory Schneider, BC	Fr	7	439	4	0	3	1.77	.927
2	John Curry, BU	So	12	688	8	3	0	2.00	.919
3	Matti Kaltainen, BC	Sr	6	357	3	3	0	2.01	.906
4	Jim Howard, Maine	Jr	18	1011	9	7	2	2.25	.908
5	Peter Vetri, UML	Fr	9	508	4	2	2	2.48	.911
6	Jeff Pietrasiak, UNH	Jr	11	669	7	2	2	2.69	.900
7	David Cacciola, PC	Sr	10	600	3	6	1	2.70	.916
8	Keni Gibson, NU	Sr	15	916	6	7	2	2.75	.910
9	Gabe Winer, UMass	Jr	13	749	6	6	1	2.88	.897
10	Chris Davidson, UML	Sr	7	346	3	3	0	3.29	.888

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

Team	GP	G	GPG
1. Boston University...	9	39	4.33
2. New Hampshire.....	8	29	3.62
3. Maine.....	10	36	3.60
4. Northeastern.....	8	23	2.88
5. Massachusetts.....	10	26	2.60
6. UMass Lowell.....	7	18	2.57
7. Boston College.....	8	20	2.50
Providence.....	10	25	2.50
9. Merrimack.....	10	20	2.00

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1. Boston College.....	8	14	1.75
2. Maine.....	10	21	2.10
3. Boston University...	9	20	2.22
4. New Hampshire.....	8	19	2.38
5. Northeastern.....	8	23	2.88
6. Providence.....	10	31	3.10
7. Massachusetts.....	10	37	3.70
8. UMass Lowell.....	7	28	4.00
9. Merrimack.....	10	43	4.30

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1. Boston University...	9	16	63	1	.254
2. UMass Lowell.....	7	9	37	1	.243
3. New Hampshire.....	8	9	40	2	.225
4. Providence.....	10	9	60	1	.150
5. Northeastern.....	8	5	36	1	.139
6. Maine.....	10	8	61	0	.131
7. Merrimack.....	10	7	54	1	.130
8. Boston College.....	8	6	50	2	.120
9. Massachusetts.....	10	3	50	1	.060

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1. Merrimack.....	10	5	64	2	.922
2. Maine.....	10	4	46	0	.913
3. Boston College.....	8	5	49	0	.898
4. New Hampshire.....	8	5	36	1	.861
5. Northeastern.....	8	5	35	1	.857
6. Providence.....	10	10	68	2	.853
7. Boston University...	9	10	53	3	.811
8. Massachusetts.....	10	17	64	1	.734
9. UMass Lowell.....	7	11	36	0	.694

PENALTY MINUTES

Team	GP	P	PiM	PMPG
1. Northeastern.....	8	45	90	11.25
2. New Hampshire.....	8	52	115	14.38
3. UMass Lowell.....	7	42	106	15.14
4. Merrimack.....	10	85	170	17.00
5. Massachusetts.....	10	76	171	17.10
6. Boston College.....	8	70	140	17.50
7. Maine.....	10	79	177	17.70
8. Providence.....	10	95	201	20.10
9. Boston University...	9	72	185	20.56

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

Team	GP	G	GPG
1. New Hampshire.....	16	61	3.81
2. UMass Lowell.....	15	54	3.60
3. Boston University...	16	55	3.44
4. Maine.....	19	62	3.26
5. Boston College.....	13	39	3.00
6. Northeastern.....	16	47	2.94
7. Merrimack.....	18	51	2.83
8. Providence.....	16	43	2.69
9. Massachusetts.....	19	48	2.53

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1. Boston College.....	13	25	1.92
2. Maine.....	19	42	2.21
3. New Hampshire.....	16	44	2.75
4. UMass Lowell.....	15	44	2.93
5. Boston University...	16	47	2.94
6. Providence.....	16	48	3.00
7. Northeastern.....	16	52	3.25
8. Massachusetts.....	19	62	3.26
9. Merrimack.....	18	70	3.89

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1. UMass Lowell.....	15	27	94	1	.287
2. New Hampshire.....	16	22	95	3	.232
3. Boston University...	16	21	109	4	.193
4. Merrimack.....	18	22	115	4	.191
5. Northeastern.....	16	15	93	1	.161
6. Providence.....	16	15	95	1	.158
7. Maine.....	19	18	123	1	.146
8. Boston College.....	13	12	94	3	.128
9. Massachusetts.....	19	12	96	2	.125

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1. Merrimack.....	18	14	125	3	.888
2. Maine.....	19	12	103	1	.883
3. Boston College.....	13	10	82	2	.878
4. Providence.....	16	17	113	2	.850
5. Boston University...	16	16	96	5	.833
New Hampshire.....	16	13	78	2	.833
7. Massachusetts.....	19	24	118	2	.797
8. Northeastern.....	16	19	90	1	.789
9. UMass Lowell.....	15	16	73	1	.781

PENALTY MINUTES

Team	GP	P	PiM	PMPG
1. Northeastern.....	16	110	220	13.75
2. UMass Lowell.....	15	86	216	14.40
3. New Hampshire.....	16	108	235	14.69
4. Massachusetts.....	19	139	308	16.21
5. Boston College.....	13	108	224	17.23
6. Merrimack.....	18	164	328	18.22
7. Boston University...	16	128	297	18.56
8. Maine.....	19	159	364	19.16
9. Providence.....	16	149	309	19.31

TEAM NOTES

Boston College: Dave Spina's OT goal was his team-leading third game-winner of the season. All three have come in the last five games ... Matt Greene scored his first career goal in Friday's 2-1 OT win vs. NU ... Goaltender Cory Schneider was selected to represent Team USA at the upcoming World Junior Championships.

Boston University: The Terriers were a perfect 5-for-5 in killing penalties vs. Rensselaer. In the last 14 games, the Terriers are 66-of-78 (.846) in killing penalties ... The Terriers have not had a single tie this season. Last year, they set a team record with nine ties ... Rookie Chris Bourque was selected to represent Team USA at the upcoming World Junior Championships.

University of Maine: Maine has outshot its opponents 149-85 over the last four games, but only have one win (two ties) to show for it ... The three-goal loss at Harvard was the largest margin of defeat for the Black Bears since a 6-3 loss to New Hampshire on November 8, 2003. Over the past three seasons, Maine is 33-6-0 when the goal differential is three goals or more.

University of Massachusetts: The Minutemen are 7-2-2 at the Mullins Center this season and six of their next seven contests will be played at home ... The Minutemen are undefeated (6-0-1) when scoring the first goal of a game ... Rookie defenseman David Leaderer has at least one point in seven of the last nine games.

UMass Lowell: UML's 8-0 non-conference record is the best in the nation. The River Hawk power play is also tops in the NCAA at 28.7 percent ... UML has scored the first goal of the game in 13 of its 15 games this year. Ben Walter has netted six of those ... Ten of UML's 15 games have been decided by one goal or less, and the River Hawks are 5-3-2 in those games ... Peter Vetri is unbeaten in his last five starts (3-0-2).

Merrimack College: Merrimack has gone 3-1-2 over its last six games. Bryan Schmidt, Jordan Black and Mike Alexiou each have four goals in that span ... The Warriors swept Princeton in a weekend series for the second straight year having defeated the Tigers twice in New Jersey last year.

University of New Hampshire: The 'Cats are 8-0 at the Whittemore Center this season ... Brett Hemingway's first five goals of the season came on the power play. His seven since have come at even strength ... In the last three games, UNH has outscored its opponents 13 to 4 ... UNH's offense ranks fifth in the nation scoring at 3.81 goals per game and also in power play efficiency at 23.2 percent.

Northeastern University: NU has a 3-4-1 through eight Hockey East games. Last year, they were 0-7-1 in their first eight league games ... Freshman Jimmy Russo scored his first collegiate goal and point against UMass Lowell on Saturday ... With an overtime loss to BC on Friday, Northeastern is an even 1-1-1 in overtime games this season.

Providence College: Sophomore Jamie Carroll is on a six-game point streak ... The Friars are still looking for their first road victory this season as they have gone, 0-6-1 with their lone tie coming at Boston College ... The loss at RPI was PC's first defeat against the Engineers since 1992 ... The Friar sophomore class has accounted for 24 of the team's 43 goals.

WHO'S HOT

• **Sean Collins and Brett Hemingway, UNH** – The two Wildcats each boast a seven-game point streak, combining for 24 points in that span. Collins has three goals and five assists in just the last three games.

• **Cory Schneider, BC** (Fr. G; Marblehead, MA) – Remains undefeated (4-0-3) and is leading all Hockey East goaltenders in goals-against-average and save percentage in both league play and overall play.

• **Brad Zancanaro, BU** (Jr. F, Trenton, MI) – Has five goals in the last three games, including three straight game-winners. He had just five goals total in each of his first two seasons.

• **Merrimack's Penalty-Kill** – Killed 25 straight penalties before Princeton scored with the man advantage in the second period Saturday night. Earlier in the year, Merrimack had a streak of 37 straight kills. The Warriors are first in Hockey East and fourth in the nation on the penalty kill (88.8).

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
Sean Collins	Sr	F	UNH
Peter MacArthur	Fr	F	BU
Frank McLaughlin	Jr	G	MC
Stephen Werner	Jr	F	UMass
Brad Zancanaro	Jr	F	BU

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Happy Holidays
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Holiday Press Release Schedule

Dec. 20: No release

Dec. 27: Weekly Release
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