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WEEKLY RELEASE #1

22ND SEASON SET TO BEGIN

Maine, UMass Lowell first to see regular season action

Eight of Hockey East's 10 teams will get a warm-up this weekend, hosting one exhibition match each. The two others, however, will jump right into regular season play, and neither will slide in easily.

Maine will play in the annual IceBreaker Invitational, opening against Air Force on Friday. After that, the Black Bears, ranked 11th in the preseason polls, will take on tourney host Colorado College, ranked 6th, in what should be the first headline battle of many this coming season.

UMass Lowell also has its work cut out, opening its season at Colgate. The Red Raiders are ranked 18th in USCHO's preseason poll while the River Hawks stand at No. 16. Victorious or defeated, the River Hawks return to Lowell for a Sunday game against Rensselaer.

It's Game On again for the NHL, which opened its 2005-06 season last night. Over 40 former Hockey East players were on opening night rosters, including 2005 Boston College grad Andrew Alberts, who made his NHL debut in a 2-1 Bruins' loss vs. Montreal. Also making his first NHL appearance was Merrimack's Matthew Foy, who set up the game-winning goal in Minnesota's 6-3 win vs. Calgary. Former BC sniper Brian Gionta stole headlines with two goals and one assist in leading New Jersey to a 5-1 win vs. Pittsburgh.

IN THE POLLS

Team	USAT	USCHO
Boston College	5	3
New Hampshire	9	9
Maine	11	11
Boston University	12	13
UMass Lowell	ORV	16
Vermont	ORV	19
Massachusetts	ORV	ORV

ORV – Others receiving votes

2005-06 STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Offense	Defense
Boston College	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	-	-
Boston University	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	-	-
Maine	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	-	-
Massachusetts	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	-	-
UMass Lowell	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	-	-
Merrimack	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	-	-
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	-	-
Northeastern	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	-	-
Providence	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	-	-
Vermont	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	-	-

UPCOMING GAMES

Friday, October 7

UMass Lowell at Colgate
IceBreaker Invitational at Colo. College
 Maine vs. Air Force (7pm)
 Union at Colorado College (10pm)
 St. Thomas at Boston College (exh.)
 Toronto at Boston University (exh.)
 New Brunswick at Merrimack (exh.)
 St. Francis Xavier at Vermont (exh. - 7:30pm)

Saturday, October 8

IceBreaker Invitational at Colo. College
 Union vs. Air Force (7pm)
 Maine at Colorado College (10pm)
 St. Francis Xavier at UMass (exh. - 6pm)
 New Brunswick at New Hampshire (exh.)
 Toronto at Northeastern (exh.)
 St. Thomas at Providence (exh.)

Sunday, October 9

Rensselaer at UMass Lowell (2pm)

* Hockey East game

Games start at 7pm EST unless indicated

All game times are Eastern Time

2004-05 FINAL 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