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MAINE, LOWELL SPLIT OPENING WEEKENDS Hockey East leaves no doubt in exhibition matches

Even though it was a loss, it could be called a successful debut for Maine's rookie goaltender Ben Bishop, who stopped 34 of 37 shots faced in a 3-2 overtime loss at Colorado College in the Ice Breaker finale on Saturday. The sixth-ranked Tigers ultimately emerged victorious, but were 0-for-7 on the power play while the Black Bears converted twice on their seven opportunities, launching 16 of their 33 shots with the man advantage. Senior captain Greg Moore had 10 of those on his own, and finished with one goal and one assist. Michel Léveillé also had a goal and an assist. Derek Damon led the way in a 3-1 opening win vs. Air Force, tallying a goal and an assist as well.

UMass Lowell rebounded from a 6-2 season-opening loss at Colgate with a 5-3 comeback win over visiting Rensselaer. The River Hawks surrendered the early 2-0 lead to RPI and trailed 3-1 at the game's midpoint, but stormed back with four unanswered goals to claim victory. Mark Pandolfo scored two goals, including the game-winner, while Andrew Martin had a goal and two assists. Pandolfo also had one of UML's two goals at Colgate and has been selected as the first CCM Hockey Player of the Week for 2005-06.

Seven other Hockey East teams dominated in exhibition play on the weekend, combining to outscore their opponents 40-14, as a couple of sophomore snipers stole headlines. Vermont's Torrey Mitchell had a hat trick and an assist in overpowering St. Francis Xavier, 10-3, while Merrimack's Hank Carisio had two goals and two assists in an 8-4 win over New Brunswick. Three Boston University goaltenders combined to shut out Toronto Friday, 4-0, while Northeastern christened a new line with eight points from the trio of Carter Lee, Joe Vitale and Ryan Ginard in a 5-3 win over Toronto on Saturday.

2005-06 STANDINGS

<u>GP</u>	W	L	Τ	Pts	<u>Overall</u>	<u>Offense</u>	Defense
0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	-	-
0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	-	-
0	0	0	0	0	1-1-0	2.50 GPG	2.00 GAPG
0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	-	-
0	0	0	0	0	1-1-0	3.50 GPG	4.50 GAPG
0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	-	-
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CCM HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE WEEK

MARK PANDOLFO – UMass Lowell Senior Forward; North Andover, MA

Had three goals over two games on the weekend, two of them (including the game-winner) coming in a 5-3 comeback win over Rensselaer on Sunday.

SUPERSKILLS HOCKEY ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

BEN BISHOP – Maine Freshman Goaltender; Des Peres, MO

Was solid in his first collegiate action, stopping 34 of 37 shots, including three in overtime, in a slim 3-2 OT loss at sixthranked Colorado College.

RECENT RESULTS

Friday, October 7 at Colgate 6, UMass Lowell 2 <u>IceBreaker Invitational at Colo. College</u> Maine 3, Air Force 1 at Boston University 4, Toronto 0 (exh.) at Merrimack 8, New Brunswick 4 (exh.) at Vermont 10, St. Francis Xavier 3 (exh.)

Saturday, October 8

IceBreaker Invitational at Colo. College at Colorado College 3, Maine 2 (OT) at UMass 5, St. Francis Xavier 2 (exh.) at UNH 6, New Brunswick 1 (exh.) at Northeastern 5, Toronto 3 (exh.) at Providence 2, St. Thomas 1 (OT - exh.)

Sunday, October 9 at UMass Lowell 5, Rensselaer 3

UPCOMING GAMES

Friday, October 14 Massachusetts at St. Lawrence Providence at Clarkson Merrimack at Bowling Green Boston College at Michigan (7:30pm) Denver at Maine (CSTV - 8pm) Northeastern at North Dakota (8:30pm) <u>Maverick Stampede at Nebraska-Omaha</u> New Hampshire vs. Ferris St. (6pm) Army at Nebraska-Omaha (9pm) Nye Frontier Classic at Alaska-Anchorage Vermont vs. Michigan Tech (9pm) Rensselaer at UA-Anchorage (12 midnight)

Saturday, October 15

UMass Lowell at Boston University * Denver at Maine (WABI) Boston College at Bowling Green Massachusetts at Clarkson Providence at St. Lawrence Northeastern at North Dakota (8:30pm) <u>Maverick Stampede</u> (6/9pm) <u>Nye Frontier Classic at Alaska-Anchorage</u> Rensselaer vs. Michigan Tech (8pm) Vermont at Alaska-Anchorage (11pm)

> Sunday, October 16 Merrimack at Michigan (3pm)

* Hockey East game Games start at 7pm EST unless indicated