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MAINE SWEEPS TO SET UP THRILLING FINAL WEEK *Massachusetts, UMass Lowell clinch final playoff spots*

The Maine Black Bears continued their recent hot streak (9-1-1) with back-to-back wins at Merrimack this past weekend (4-1, 2-1) to move within two points of first-place Boston College. Michel Léveillé led the way with three of the six Maine goals in the series, while rookie goaltender Ben Bishop allowed just one goal in each game for the second straight weekend. At the other end, Merrimack's Jim Healey was strong Saturday (31 saves), but just missed getting a point.

UNH picked up three points in a key weekend series vs. Providence, giving the Wildcats a two-point edge over the Friars for fourth-place, which carries with it a home ice berth in the Hockey East quarterfinal round. Kevin Regan was given back-to-back starts vs. Providence, and stopped 49 of the 52 shots he faced. Rookie Trevor Smith had two goals in Saturday's 4-1 win at UNH, while fellow rookie Cody Wild set up all three Friar goals in the two-game set.

Boston College dominated a Thursday match vs. Lowell, getting a hat trick from Brian Boyle and 26 saves from Cory Schneider en route to a 6-0 shutout win. The River Hawks solved Schneider in Saturday's rematch, however, notching five second-period goals and ending up with a 6-3 victory. Rookie goaltender Vinnie Monaco was outstanding with 36 saves in the win, which clinched a playoff berth for Lowell.

That BC loss enabled both UNH and Maine to gain ground on BC, and stay in the hunt for the league title. Boston University also stayed within striking distance by recording two ties at Vermont, the first on a Dan Spang goal with just 27 seconds remaining on Friday. The Catamounts held one-goal leads headed into the third period both nights, but had to survive heavy BU barages in each to preserve the ties.

UMass locked up a playoff spot with a win and a tie in a weekend series vs. Northeastern. P.J. Fenton was the biggest contributor, with a goal in each game and two assists in Saturday's 4-2 triumph.

RECENT RESULTS

Thursday, February 23

at Boston College 6, UMass Lowell 0 *

Friday, February 24

at Vermont 1, Boston University 1 (OT) *
 Maine 4, at Merrimack 1 *
 at Northeastern 2, Massachusetts 2 (OT) *
 at Providence 2, New Hampshire 2 (OT) *

Saturday, February 25

at UMass Lowell 6, Boston College 3 *
 at Vermont 2, Boston University 2 (OT) *
 Maine 2, at Merrimack 1 *
 at Massachusetts 4, Northeastern 2 *
 at New Hampshire 4, Providence 1 *

UPCOMING GAMES

Thursday, March 2

UNH at Boston College (CN8 - 7:30 pm) *

Friday, March 3

Providence at Merrimack *
 Massachusetts at Maine *
 Vermont at UMass Lowell (NESN) *
 Boston University at Northeastern *

Saturday, March 4

Merrimack at Providence (6:30 pm) *
 Massachusetts at Maine (WABI / WPFO) *
 Vermont at UMass Lowell *
 Northeastern at Boston University *
 Boston College at UNH (NHPTV) *

* Hockey East game

Games start at 7pm EST unless indicated

HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Remaining Games
Boston College #	25	17	7	1	35	20-10-2	UNH, at UNH
Boston University ^	25	15	7	3	33	19-9-4	at NU, NU
Maine ^	25	16	8	1	33	23-10-1	UMass (2)
New Hampshire ^	25	13	7	5	31	17-11-6	at BC, BC
Providence ^	25	13	9	3	29	16-13-3	at MC, MC
Vermont ^	25	10	9	6	26	18-10-6	at UML (2)
Massachusetts ^	25	10	14	1	21	13-18-1	at Maine (2)
UMass Lowell ^	25	9	14	2	20	12-18-2	UVM (2)
Northeastern	25	3	15	7	13	3-22-7	BU, at BU
Merrimack	25	2	18	5	9	5-22-5	PC, at PC

clinched home ice in the quarterfinal round ^ clinched playoff berth

CCM / RBK HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE WEEK

P.J. FENTON – Massachusetts
Sophomore Forward; Longmeadow, MA

Had a goal and two assists in a 5-2 win vs. Northeastern Saturday to lift UMass into the playoffs. Also scored a goal in Friday's 2-2 tie at Northeastern.

SUPERSKILLS HOCKEY ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

VINNI MONACO – UMass Lowell
Freshman Goaltender; Andover, MA

Drew his first career start Saturday against first-place Boston College and responded with an impressive 36-for-39 performance in posting a 6-3 win.

PURE HOCKEY DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

KEVIN REGAN – New Hampshire
Sophomore Goaltender; South Boston, MA

Stopped 49 of 52 shots faced in a vital weekend set vs. Providence, picking up a 2-2 tie on the road and a 4-1 win in the rematch at home.

HONOR ROLL

- **Ben Bishop, Maine** (Fr. G; Des Peres, MO) – Allowed just one goal in each of two wins at Merrimack, totalling 29 saves in the sweep.
- **Brian Boyle, BC** (Jr. F; Hingham, MA) – Hat trick led 6-0 win vs. UML Thursday and he added another goal in Saturday's rematch.
- **John Curry, BU** (Jr. G; Shorewood, MN) – Stopped 37 of 40 shots faced over back-to-back ties at Vermont.
- **Joe Fallon, UVM** (So. G; Bemidji, MN) – Shut out BU for 59:33, totalling 25 saves in a 1-1 tie on Friday.
- **Jeremy Hall, UML** (Jr. F; Mays Landing, NJ) – Scored twice to lead a five-goal second-period outburst in a 6-3 win vs. BC.
- **Jim Healey, MC** (Jr. G; Holyrood, NF) – Stopped 31 of 33 shots faced in a narrow 2-1 loss vs. Maine Saturday.
- **John Hopson, Maine** (Sr. F; Prince George, BC) – Had a goal in each game of a sweep at Merrimack, including the short-handed game-winner in the third period of Saturday's 2-1 win.
- **Michel Léveill , Maine** (Jr. F; Levis, QC) – Scored three of Maine's six goals in a sweep at Merrimack.
- **Torrey Mitchell, UVM** (So. F; Greenfield Park, QC) – Set up both UVM scores in a 2-2 tie vs. BU on Saturday.
- **Mike Radja, UNH** (So. F; Yorkville, IL) – Had a goal in each game plus one assist over a win and a tie vs. Providence.
- **Cory Schneider, BC** (So. G; Marblehead, MA) – Stopped all 26 shots he faced in a 6-0 win vs. Lowell.
- **Trevor Smith, UNH** (Fr. F; No. Vancouver, BC) – Scored twice to lead UNH's 4-1 win over Providence Saturday.
- **Cody Wild, PC** (Fr. D; No. Providence, RI) – Rookie blueliner set up all three Friar goals in a two-game set vs. UNH.
- **Gabe Winer, UMass** (Sr. G; Stoughton, MA) – Preserved a 2-2 tie at Northeastern Friday with 34 saves.

LEADING SCORERS (League games only)

Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1 Chris Collins, BC	Sr	25	18	20	38
2 Brian Boyle, BC	Jr	25	16	15	31
3 Daniel Winnik, UNH	Jr	24	9	18	27
4 Brett Hemingway, UNH	Jr	23	13	13	26
Greg Moore, Maine	Sr	25	17	9	26
6 Jacob Micflikier, UNH	Jr	22	7	18	25
Josh Soares, Maine	Jr	25	8	17	25
8 Peter MacArthur, BU	So	25	10	14	24
Torrey Mitchell, UVM	So	25	8	16	24
Chase Watson, PC	Jr	25	5	19	24
11 Torry Gajda, PC	Sr	25	9	14	23
12 Kenny Roche, BU	Jr	24	12	10	22

LEADING SCORERS (All games)

Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1 Chris Collins, BC	Sr	32	26	25	51
2 Brian Boyle, BC	Jr	32	17	23	40
3 Torrey Mitchell, UVM	So	34	12	25	37
4 Daniel Winnik, UNH	Jr	33	12	24	36
5 Brett Hemingway, UNH	Jr	32	18	17	35
Greg Moore, Maine	Sr	34	22	13	35
7 Torry Gajda, PC	Sr	32	14	20	34
Brady Leisenring, UVM	Sr	33	11	23	34
9 Jacob Micflikier, UNH	Jr	31	10	23	33
10 Chase Watson, PC	Jr	32	6	26	32
Josh Soares, Maine	Jr	34	12	20	32



SUPERSKILLS



LEADING GOALTENDERS (League games only)

Player, School	Cl	GP	Min	W	L	T	GAA	SP
1 Cory Schneider, BC	So	24	1436	16	7	1	1.84	.935
2 Joe Fallon, UVM	So	21	1245	7	9	5	2.02	.904
3 John Curry, BU	Jr	24	1382	15	5	3	2.04	.926
4 Tyler Sims, PC	So	24	1377	13	9	2	2.13	.925
5 Ben Bishop, Maine	Fr	18	1000	12	5	1	2.22	.905
6 Jeff Pietrasiak, UNH	Sr	13	669	7	2	2	2.24	.927
Kevin Regan, UNH	So	15	857	6	5	3	2.24	.925
8 Gabe Winer, UMass	Sr	17	883	7	7	1	2.38	.919
9 Patrick Watson, PC	Fr	10	516	1	4	3	2.67	.922
10 Jon Quick, UMass	Fr	12	620	3	7	0	3.00	.923

LEADING GOALTENDERS (All games)

Player, School	Cl	GP	Min	W	L	T	GAA	SP
1 Matt Lundin, Maine	So	15	731	7	4	0	1.72	.934
2 Joe Fallon, UVM	So	29	1725	14	10	5	1.77	.914
3 Ben Bishop, Maine	Fr	23	1303	16	6	1	2.12	.909
4 Cory Schneider, BC	So	29	1732	18	10	1	2.15	.925
5 John Curry, BU	Jr	29	1686	17	7	4	2.24	.920
6 Tyler Sims, PC	So	30	1715	16	12	2	2.27	.918
7 Gabe Winer, UMass	Sr	22	1141	9	9	1	2.31	.926
8 Jeff Pietrasiak, UNH	Sr	19	938	10	4	2	2.37	.925
9 Kevin Regan, UNH	So	20	1131	7	7	4	2.49	.916
10 Patrick Watson, PC	Fr	14	667	1	7	3	2.70	.920

TEAM STATISTICS (League games only)**TEAM OFFENSE**

Team	GP	G	GPG
1. Maine.....	25	86	3.44
2. Boston College.....	25	81	3.24
3. Boston University...	25	79	3.16
4. New Hampshire.....	25	77	3.08
5. Providence.....	25	70	2.80
6. UMass Lowell.....	25	66	2.64
7. Vermont.....	25	61	2.44
8. Massachusetts.....	25	55	2.20
9. Northeastern.....	25	51	2.04
10. Merrimack.....	25	36	1.44

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1. Boston College.....	25	50	2.00
2. Vermont.....	25	54	2.16
3. Maine.....	25	55	2.20
4. New Hampshire.....	25	58	2.32
5. Providence.....	25	60	2.40
6. Boston University...	25	61	2.44
7. Massachusetts.....	25	70	2.80
8. Northeastern.....	25	78	3.12
9. Merrimack.....	25	84	3.36
10. UMass Lowell.....	25	92	3.68

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1. Maine.....	25	34	156	8	.218
2. New Hampshire.....	25	26	124	2	.210
3. Vermont.....	25	28	146	0	.192
4. Providence.....	25	22	132	2	.167
5. UMass Lowell.....	25	19	123	1	.154
6. Boston University...	25	20	137	3	.146
7. Massachusetts.....	25	18	124	6	.145
8. Boston College.....	25	21	149	3	.141
9. Northeastern.....	25	19	143	2	.133
10. Merrimack.....	25	16	130	4	.123

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1. Boston College.....	25	14	134	5	.896
2. Maine.....	25	15	122	3	.877
3. Providence.....	25	18	131	5	.863
4. New Hampshire.....	25	18	115	4	.843
5. Vermont.....	25	17	104	1	.837
6. Boston University...	25	24	141	2	.830
7. Northeastern.....	25	30	171	3	.825
8. Merrimack.....	25	33	174	2	.810
9. Massachusetts.....	25	22	114	3	.807
10. UMass Lowell.....	25	32	158	3	.797

PENALTY MINUTES

Team	GP	P	PiM	PMPG
1. Vermont.....	25	143	346	13.84
2. Providence.....	25	163	375	15.00
3. Boston University...	25	167	383	15.32
4. New Hampshire.....	25	168	440	17.60
5. Boston College.....	25	198	455	18.20
6. Maine.....	25	195	458	18.32
7. Massachusetts.....	25	167	459	18.36
8. Northeastern.....	25	232	554	22.16
9. Merrimack.....	25	238	626	25.04
10. UMass Lowell.....	25	229	629	25.16

TEAM STATISTICS (All games)**TEAM OFFENSE**

Team	GP	G	GPG
1. Boston College.....	32	110	3.44
2. Maine.....	34	114	3.35
3. Boston University...	32	102	3.19
4. New Hampshire.....	34	104	3.06
5. Providence.....	32	96	3.00
6. UMass Lowell.....	32	90	2.81
7. Vermont.....	34	89	2.62
8. Massachusetts.....	32	70	2.19
9. Northeastern.....	32	61	1.91
10. Merrimack.....	32	57	1.78

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1. Vermont.....	34	65	1.91
2. Maine.....	34	70	2.06
3. Boston College.....	32	73	2.28
4. Boston University...	32	78	2.44
5. New Hampshire.....	34	86	2.53
Providence.....	32	81	2.53
7. Massachusetts.....	32	88	2.75
8. Merrimack.....	32	110	3.44
Northeastern.....	32	110	3.44
10. UMass Lowell.....	32	120	3.75

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1. Maine.....	34	46	219	9	.210
2. Vermont.....	34	40	196	1	.204
3. New Hampshire.....	34	36	188	3	.191
4. Providence.....	32	31	172	2	.180
5. UMass Lowell.....	32	25	153	1	.163
6. Boston College.....	32	31	192	4	.161
7. Boston University...	32	27	177	3	.153
8. Massachusetts.....	32	24	158	6	.152
9. Merrimack.....	32	25	179	4	.140
10. Northeastern.....	32	21	185	3	.114

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1. Maine.....	34	16	172	3	.907
2. Vermont.....	34	19	151	1	.874
3. New Hampshire.....	34	23	171	5	.865
4. Boston College.....	32	28	187	8	.850
5. Providence.....	32	28	176	6	.841
6. Boston University...	32	29	178	3	.837
7. Massachusetts.....	32	26	151	4	.828
8. Northeastern.....	32	43	232	4	.815
9. Merrimack.....	32	47	243	2	.807
10. UMass Lowell.....	32	39	192	4	.797

PENALTY MINUTES

Team	GP	P	PiM	PMPG
1. Vermont.....	34	200	471	13.85
2. Boston University...	32	205	459	14.34
3. Providence.....	32	217	532	16.62
4. Massachusetts.....	32	211	558	17.44
5. New Hampshire.....	34	238	613	18.03
6. Boston College.....	32	262	594	18.56
7. Maine.....	34	261	636	18.71
8. UMass Lowell.....	32	271	713	22.28
9. Northeastern.....	32	302	719	22.47
10. Merrimack.....	32	322	816	25.50

TEAM NOTES

Boston College: Chris Collins registered his eighth multiple-goal game this season with two goals Saturday at Lowell ... Brian Boyle has 11 goals in eight career games vs. Lowell, including two hat tricks this season ... Cory Schneider has six shutouts this season, a new BC record.

Boston University: BU is unbeaten versus Vermont in their last seven meetings (4-0-3) ... BU was held to under three goals in both games at Vermont this weekend (1-1 and 2-2) after scoring three or more in 13 straight ... BU outshot Vermont 25-5 during the third period and overtime in this past weekend's series.

University of Maine: Maine is 17-0-0 this season when entering the third period with the lead ... Maine has swept the season series against three Hockey East opponents this year, including first-place Boston College.

University of Massachusetts: Gabe Winer earned his 50th career win Saturday in his last Mullins Center appearance ... Prior to Friday's 2-2 tie at NU, UMass was the only D-I team in the nation without a single tie this season ... Stephen Werner's goal on Saturday was his 12th of the season, but first on the power play and first game-winner.

UMass Lowell: After notching just one multiple-point outing in his first 25 games this season, Jeremy Hall has three in his last five games. In his last six games, he has doubled his season goal total from five to 10.

Merrimack College: Jim Healey stopped Maine's Mike Hamilton on a penalty shot Friday. Healey is a perfect 3-for-3 against the penalty shot this season ... Derek Pallardy scored Merrimack's second short-handed goal of the season in Friday ... Merrimack was held to a season-low 13 shots-on-goal Saturday vs. Maine.

University of New Hampshire: Rookie Trevor Smith has five goals and seven points in his last seven games ... The Wildcats have outscored their opponents 34-16 in the third period in 25 league games so far this year ... UNH is the only Hockey East team that has not lost a season series this year ... Senior defenseman Brian Yandle needs only four points to reach the 100-point plateau for his career.

Northeastern University: Dennis McCauley had a modest three-game goal scoring streak snapped on Saturday at UMass. Josh Robertson had the first assist on all three goals, which included a game-winning goal and a game-tying goal ... NU is 2-6-3 this season when having equal or less penalty minutes than its opponent and 1-15-4 when having more penalty minutes than its opponent.

Providence College: Junior Tony Zancanaro has 11 goals this season. He totalled seven over his first two seasons ... Cody Wild's six goals is the most by a PC rookie defenseman since 1984-85 (Sean Whitham) ... With 13 league wins, the Friars are two shy of tying the school record for most Hockey East victories in one year, set in the inaugural season of 1984-85.

University of Vermont: Six of Vermont's last nine games have gone to overtime. The Catamounts are 3-0-6 in overtime this season and 5-0-10 in their last 15 overtime games dating back to January of 2004 ... Vermont is tied with Miami for the No. 1 defense in the country, allowing just 1.91 goals per game this season ... Vermont sold out all 20 games at Gutterson Fieldhouse this season and has sold out 37 straight home games dating back to last season.

WHO'S HOT

• **Ben Bishop, Maine** (Fr. G; Des Peres, MO) – Is 8-0-1 in his last nine starts, and has limited his opponent to just one goal in four straight games and five of the last six.

• **Michel Léveillé, Maine** (Jr. F; Levis, QC) – Has at least one point in eight straight Maine games, and has a personal 14-game personal point streak that pre-dates a recent injury absence.

• **Kevin Regan, UNH** (So. G; South Boston, MA) – Has a 3-1-1 record in his last five starts with a 1.97 GAA and a .934 save percentage in that span.

• **BC Penalty Kill** – Has killed off 41 of the last 43 penalties, including a perfect 9-for-9 in a split vs. Lowell this past weekend.

• **Maine Black Bears** – Boast a four-game winning streak, a six-game undefeated streak and a 9-1-1 record in their last 11 games.

ITECH THREE STAR LEADERS

At the conclusion of each Hockey East game, the ITECH "Three Stars of The Game" are selected. The player earning the most points over the course of the season will be honored at season's end. The leaders to date:

Name	Cl	Pos	School
Chris Collins	Sr	F	BC
Jeff Corey	Sr	F	UVM
Torry Gajda	Sr	F	PC
Adam Geragosian	Jr	G	NU
Jacob Micflikier	Jr	F	UNH
Torrey Mitchell	So	F	UVM
Kenny Roche	Jr	F	BU
Cory Schneider	So	G	BC
Tyler Sims	So	G	PC

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