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EAGLES SOAR AT NORTHEAST REGIONAL Maine wins East Regional to give Hockey East two teams in Frozen Four

A 1-5-1 record to close the regular season is a distant memory for the Boston College Eagles, who now boast a 5-1 record in the postseason and are advancing to their 19th Frozen Four (tied for 3rd most in NCAA history) and sixth in the last nine years. The Eagles rolled through the field at the Northeast Regional in Worcester, winning back-to-back 5-0 games vs. Miami and BU, only a week removed from a 2-1 OT loss vs. the Terriers in the Hockey East championship game.

Although sophomore goaltender Cory Schneider was the easy selection for Most Outstanding Player (33 saves vs. Miami and 28 vs. BU), there was credit to be doled out to several Eagles. Rookie Benn Ferriero scored two goals in 2:40 to open the second period against a Miami team that was ranked No. 1 in the country in defense. He added another goal and an assist in the triumph vs. BU, but was upstage by junior Joe Rooney's two short-handed goals and two assists.

Despite the loss to BC, Hockey East champ BU represented the league well with a dominating 9-2 performance vs. Nebraska-Omaha, its second 9-2 win in a week. Rookie Chris Higgins led the way with a hat trick during a six-goal second period explosion for BU.

Maine seemed to be cruising to a similar fortune as BC with a 3-0 lead in the first period of the East Regional finale vs. Michigan State following a 6-1 win vs. Harvard, but the Black Bears had to hold off a furious Spartan rally before triumphing 5-4. Senior forward John Hopson was named the regional's Most Outstanding Player with a goal vs. Harvard and two vs. Michigan State. Michel Léveillé had a goal and two assists to lead the charge vs. Harvard.

Michigan State advanced courtesy of a narrow 1-0 win vs. UNH. The only goal came 2:14 into the contest off a perfectly-placed slapshot from rookie Tim Crowder that rang off the far post and in behind Wildcat stopper Jeff Pietrasiak. Pietrasiak was impenetrable after that, totalling 29 saves, several at point-blank range, but UNH could not get the equalizer despite a spirited 36-shot effort.

HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	GF (Avg.)	GA (Avg.)	Overall
1. Boston University	27	17	7	3	37	89 (3.40)	67 (2.48)	26-10-4
2. Boston College	27	17	8	2	36	86 (3.19)	58 (2.15)	25-12-3
Maine	27	17	8	2	36	93 (3.44)	60 (2.22)	28-11-2
4. New Hampshire	27	14	7	6	34	85 (3.15)	63 (2.33)	20-13-7
5. Providence	27	14	10	3	31	78 (2.89)	67 (2.48)	17-16-3
6. Vermont	27	10	11	6	26	65 (2.41)	62 (2.30)	18-14-6
7. UMass Lowell	27	11	14	2	24	74 (2.74)	96 (3.56)	14-20-2
8. Massachusetts	27	10	15	2	22	60 (2.22)	77 (2.85)	13-21-2
9. Northeastern	27	3	17	7	13	57 (2.11)	88 (3.26)	3-24-7
10. Merrimack	27	3	19	5	11	43 (1.59)	92 (3.41)	6-23-5

CCM / RBK HOCKEY PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

John Hopson, Maine (Sr. F; Pr. George, BC)
 East Regional MVP scored three goals in the two wins, two in the finale vs. Michigan State.

Cory Schneider, BC (So. G; Marblehead, MA)
 Northeast Regional MVP was a perfect 61-for-61 in posting back-to-back 5-0 shutouts.

SUPERSKILLS HOCKEY ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

CHRIS HIGGINS – Boston University
 Freshman Forward; Lynnfield, MA

Notched the fourth fastest hat trick in NCAA tournament history with three goals in a 5:31 span to lead a 9-2 win over Nebraska-Omaha Friday.

HOCKEY EAST TOURNAMENT

Friday, March 17 – Semifinals

Boston University 9, New Hampshire 2
 Boston College 4, Maine 1

Saturday, March 18 - Championship

Boston University 2, Boston College 1 (OT)

NCAA TOURNAMENT

Friday, March 24

Northeast Regional at Worcester, MA
 Boston University 9, Nebraska-Omaha 2
 Boston College 5, Miami 0

West Regional at Grand Forks, ND

Holy Cross 4, Minnesota 3 (OT)
 at North Dakota 5, Michigan 1

Saturday, March 25

East Regional at Albany, NY
 Michigan State 1, New Hampshire 0
 Maine 6, Harvard 1

Midwest Regional at Green Bay, WI

Wisconsin 4, Bemidji State 0
 Cornell 3, Colorado College 2

Northeast Regional Final

Boston College 5, Boston University 0
West Regional Final
 at North Dakota 5, Holy Cross 2

Sunday, March 26

East Regional Final
 Maine 5, Michigan State 4
Midwest Regional Final
 Wisconsin 1, Cornell 0 (3OT)

Thursday, April 6

Semifinals at Milwaukee, WI (ESPN2)
 Boston College vs. North Dakota (3pm)
 Maine vs. Wisconsin (8pm)

Saturday, April 8

Championship Game (ESPN - 7pm)

All times Eastern

REGIONAL ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM SELECTIONS

Northeast Regional at Worcester, MA

Brian Boyle, Jr. F, BC (*Hingham, MA*)
 Chris Higgins, Fr. F, BU (*Lynnfield, MA*)
 Joe Rooney, Jr. F, BC (*Canton, MA*)
 Peter Harrold, Sr. D, BC (*Kirtland Hills, OH*)
 Sean Sullivan, Jr. D, BU (*Braintree, MA*)
 Cory Schneider, So. G, BC (*Marblehead, MA*)

Most Outstanding Player: **Cory Schneider, BC**

East Regional at Albany, NY

Tim Crowder, Fr. F, Michigan State (*Victoria, BC*)
 John Hopson, Sr. F, Maine (*Prince George, BC*)
 Michel Léveillé, Jr. F, Maine (*Levis, QC*)
 Matt Duffy, Fr. D, Maine (*Windham, ME*)
 Corey Potter, Sr. D, Michigan State (*Mason, MI*)
 Ben Bishop, Fr. G, Maine (*Des Peres, MO*)

Most Outstanding Player: **John Hopson, Maine**

LEADING SCORERS (League games only - Final)

Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1 Chris Collins, BC	Sr	27	18	21	39
2 Brian Boyle, BC	Jr	27	18	15	33
3 Peter MacArthur, BU	So	27	11	18	29
4 Jacob Micflikier, UNH	Jr	24	9	19	28
Brett Hemingway, UNH	Jr	25	13	15	28
Daniel Winnik, UNH	Jr	26	10	18	28
Greg Moore, Maine	Sr	27	18	10	28
8 Josh Soares, Maine	Jr	27	9	18	27
9 Brad Zancanaro, BU	Sr	27	10	15	25
Torrey Mitchell, UVM	So	27	8	17	25
Chase Watson, PC	Jr	27	5	20	25
12 Kenny Roche, BU	Jr	26	14	10	24
13 Michel Léveillé, Maine	Jr	22	10	13	23
Jon Rheault, PC	So	27	15	8	23
Torry Gajda, PC	Sr	27	9	14	23

LEADING SCORERS (All games)

Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1 Chris Collins, BC	Sr	40	31	29	60
2 Brian Boyle, BC	Jr	40	22	30	52
3 Greg Moore, Maine	Sr	41	28	16	44
4 Jacob Micflikier, UNH	Jr	37	16	26	42
5 Brett Hemingway, UNH	Jr	38	19	22	41
Daniel Winnik, UNH	Jr	39	15	26	41
7 Torrey Mitchell, UVM	So	38	12	28	40
Josh Soares, Maine	Jr	41	15	25	40
9 Michel Léveillé, Maine	Jr	36	15	24	39
Peter MacArthur, BU	So	40	14	25	39
11 Brad Zancanaro, BU	Sr	40	14	22	36
12 Brady Leisenring, UVM	Sr	37	11	24	35
Derek Damon, Maine	Sr	40	15	20	35
14 Torry Gajda, PC	Sr	36	14	20	34
15 Chase Watson, PC	Jr	36	6	27	33



LEADING GOALTENDERS (League games only - Final)

Player, School	Cl	GP	Min	W	L	T	GAA	SP
1 Cory Schneider, BC	So	26	1561	16	8	2	1.96	.932
2 John Curry, BU	Jr	26	1502	17	5	3	2.12	.922
3 Joe Fallon, UVM	So	23	1334	7	11	5	2.20	.899
4 Jeff Pietrasiak, UNH	Sr	14	729	8	2	2	2.22	.928
5 Ben Bishop, Maine	Fr	20	1125	13	5	2	2.24	.904
Tyler Sims, PC	So	26	1497	14	10	2	2.24	.919
7 Kevin Regan, UNH	So	16	922	6	5	4	2.28	.925
8 Gabe Winer, UMass	Sr	18	942	7	8	1	2.55	.913
9 Patrick Watson, PC	Fr	11	576	2	4	3	2.71	.922
10 Jon Quick, UMass	Fr	13	685	3	7	1	2.89	.927

LEADING GOALTENDERS (All games)

Player, School	Cl	GP	Min	W	L	T	GAA	SP
1 Joe Fallon, UVM	So	33	1931	14	14	5	2.02	.907
2 Cory Schneider, BC	So	37	2241	23	12	2	2.03	.930
3 Jeff Pietrasiak, UNH	Sr	23	1169	12	5	2	2.21	.929
4 Ben Bishop, Maine	Fr	30	1728	21	7	2	2.22	.908
5 John Curry, BU	Jr	37	2166	24	8	4	2.24	.918
6 Tyler Sims, PC	So	34	1988	17	15	2	2.32	.916
7 Gabe Winer, UMass	Sr	24	1259	9	11	1	2.48	.920
8 Kevin Regan, UNH	So	23	1298	8	8	5	2.63	.914
9 Patrick Watson, PC	Fr	15	727	2	7	3	2.72	.920
10 Jon Quick, UMass	Fr	17	904	4	10	1	2.98	.920

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

Team	GP	G	GPG
1. Maine.....	27	93	3.44
2. Boston University...	27	89	3.30
3. Boston College.....	27	86	3.19
4. New Hampshire.....	27	85	3.15
5. Providence.....	27	78	2.89
6. UMass Lowell.....	27	74	2.74
7. Vermont.....	27	65	2.41
8. Massachusetts.....	27	60	2.22
9. Northeastern.....	27	57	2.11
10. Merrimack.....	27	43	1.59

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1. Boston College.....	27	58	2.15
2. Maine.....	27	60	2.22
3. Vermont.....	27	62	2.30
4. New Hampshire.....	27	63	2.33
5. Boston University...	27	67	2.48
Providence.....	27	67	2.48
7. Massachusetts.....	27	77	2.85
8. Northeastern.....	27	88	3.26
9. Merrimack.....	27	92	3.41
10. UMass Lowell.....	27	96	3.56

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1. Maine.....	27	37	161	8	.230
2. New Hampshire.....	27	28	135	2	.207
3. Vermont.....	27	29	154	0	.188
4. Providence.....	27	25	145	3	.172
5. UMass Lowell.....	27	21	132	1	.159
6. Boston University...	27	24	154	3	.156
7. Massachusetts.....	27	20	129	6	.155
8. Northeastern.....	27	22	151	2	.146
9. Boston College.....	27	22	161	3	.137
10. Merrimack.....	27	18	140	4	.129

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1. Boston College.....	27	16	145	5	.890
2. Maine.....	27	17	127	3	.866
3. Providence.....	27	20	141	5	.858
4. New Hampshire.....	27	19	127	4	.850
5. Vermont.....	27	19	113	1	.832
6. Boston University...	27	27	149	2	.819
Northeastern.....	27	34	188	3	.819
8. Merrimack.....	27	36	186	3	.806
9. UMass Lowell.....	27	33	166	3	.801
10. Massachusetts.....	27	25	120	3	.792

PENALTY MINUTES

Team	GP	P	PiM	PMPG
1. Vermont.....	27	158	376	13.93
2. Providence.....	27	176	401	14.85
3. Boston University...	27	178	405	15.00
4. New Hampshire.....	27	184	472	17.48
5. Maine.....	27	202	480	17.78
6. Massachusetts.....	27	175	483	17.89
7. Boston College.....	27	214	487	18.04
8. Northeastern.....	27	252	594	22.00
9. Merrimack.....	27	252	651	24.11
10. UMass Lowell.....	27	243	657	24.33

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

Team	GP	G	GPG
1. Boston University...	40	140	3.50
2. Boston College.....	40	139	3.47
3. Maine.....	41	141	3.44
4. New Hampshire.....	40	120	3.00
5. Providence.....	36	105	2.92
6. UMass Lowell.....	36	104	2.89
7. Vermont.....	38	97	2.55
8. Massachusetts.....	36	77	2.14
9. Northeastern.....	34	67	1.97
10. Merrimack.....	34	64	1.88

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1. Vermont.....	38	82	2.16
2. Boston College.....	40	88	2.20
Maine.....	41	90	2.20
4. Boston University...	40	96	2.40
5. New Hampshire.....	40	102	2.55
6. Providence.....	36	94	2.61
7. Massachusetts.....	36	103	2.86
8. Merrimack.....	34	118	3.47
9. Northeastern.....	34	120	3.53
10. UMass Lowell.....	36	132	3.67

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1. Maine.....	41	56	249	11	.225
2. Vermont.....	38	43	214	2	.201
3. New Hampshire.....	40	42	211	3	.199
4. Providence.....	36	35	193	4	.181
5. Boston University...	40	39	224	5	.174
6. UMass Lowell.....	36	29	174	1	.167
7. Massachusetts.....	36	28	173	6	.162
8. Boston College.....	40	36	235	4	.153
9. Merrimack.....	34	27	189	4	.143
10. Northeastern.....	34	24	193	3	.124

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1. Maine.....	41	22	202	3	.891
2. New Hampshire.....	40	27	199	6	.864
Vermont.....	38	23	169	1	.864
4. Boston College.....	40	33	232	12	.858
5. Providence.....	36	32	191	6	.832
6. Boston University...	40	37	214	3	.827
8. Massachusetts.....	36	31	164	4	.811
Northeastern.....	34	47	249	4	.811
9. Merrimack.....	34	50	255	3	.804
10. UMass Lowell.....	36	43	212	5	.797

PENALTY MINUTES

Team	GP	P	PiM	PMPG
1. Boston University...	40	252	553	13.82
2. Vermont.....	38	232	543	14.29
3. Providence.....	36	235	568	15.78
4. Massachusetts.....	36	228	600	16.67
5. New Hampshire.....	40	273	683	17.08
6. Maine.....	41	306	734	17.90
7. Boston College.....	40	328	734	18.35
8. UMass Lowell.....	36	306	783	21.75
9. Northeastern.....	34	322	759	22.32
10. Merrimack.....	34	336	841	24.74