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## VERMONT ICES TOURNEY WIN; MAINE BURIES GOPHERS

### *Hockey East squads dominate in exhibition matches*

The Maine Black Bears served notice this weekend that they'll be a force both in Hockey East and on the national level when they knocked off the 2<sup>nd</sup>-ranked Minnesota Golden Gophers, 3-1, in the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame game on Friday. Not to be outdone, the Vermont Catamounts presented Coach Kevin Sneddon with his 100<sup>th</sup> career win with an impressive victory in the Ice Breaker Invitational in Ohio.

In St. Paul, the 11th-ranked Black Bears relied on the brick-wall goaltending of sophomore Ben Bishop (Des Peres, MO), and timely first-period tallies from Josh Soares (Hamilton, ON) and Bryan Plaszcz (Apple Valley, MN). Bishop finished with 29 saves, many of the spectacular variety, despite the Gophers enjoying a territorial advantage due, in part, to eight penalties called against the Black Bears. Freshman forward Teddy Purcell (St. John's, NF) sealed the win with an empty-net tally with only 26 seconds remaining.

At Miami University, Vermont's Joe Fallon (Bemidji, MN) stopped 54 of 55 shots over two nights, and the Catamounts stormed past Colgate and host Miami to win the Ice Breaker. Sophomore Corey Carlson (Two Harbors, MN), registered two goals in the final, and freshman Colin Vock (Plymouth, MI) scored the game-winner to power Vermont. In Friday's semifinal against 14<sup>th</sup>-ranked Colgate, Vermont rode four power-plays goals and 23 saves by Fallon to send the Raiders into the consolation game, 6-0.

In exhibitions, Hockey East teams took five or six from Canadian visitors. Providence shut out St. Thomas, 4-0, Massachusetts tipped New Brunswick, 4-2, and UMass Lowell swept past St. Francis Xavier, 6-2, behind two goals by freshman Nick Schaus (Orchard Park, NY). On Saturday, top-ranked Boston College beat St. Thomas, 5-3, Boston University edged New Brunswick, 3-2, and St. Francis Xavier caged UNH, 3-2.

### RECENT RESULTS

#### Friday, October 6

Vermont 6, Colgate 0 #  
 Maine 3, at Minnesota 1  
 at Massachusetts 4, New Brunswick 2 (exh.)  
 at Providence 4, St. Thomas 0 (exh.)  
 at UMass Lowell 6, St. Francis Xavier 2 (exh.)

#### Saturday, October 7

Vermont 4, Miami 1 #  
 at Boston College 5, St. Thomas 3 (exh.)  
 at Boston University 3, New Brunswick 2 (exh.)  
 St. Francis Xavier 3, at New Hampshire 2 (exh.)

### UPCOMING GAMES

#### Tuesday, October 10

Northeastern at Boston College \*

#### Friday, October 13

Sacred Heart at Massachusetts  
 Clarkson at Providence  
 Bemidji State at Maine  
 UMass Lowell at Minnesota-Duluth (8pm)  
 U.S. Under-18 Team at Boston College (exh.)  
*Nye Frontier Classic at Alaska-Anchorage*  
*Merrimack at Alaska-Anchorage (midnight)*

#### Saturday, October 14

Northeastern at Vermont \*  
 Boston University at Rensselaer  
 Bemidji State at Maine (8pm)  
 St. Lawrence at Providence  
 Clarkson at Massachusetts  
 UMass Lowell at Minnesota-Duluth (8pm)  
 U.S. Under-18 Team at New Hampshire (exh.)  
*Nye Frontier Classic at Alaska-Anchorage*  
*Merrimack vs. Colorado College (8pm)*

\* Hockey East game

Games start at 7pm EST unless indicated

## 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   | 1-0-0   | 3.00 GPG | 1.00 GAPG |
| 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   | 2-0-0   | 5.00 GPG | 0.50 GAPG |

### CCM HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE WEEK

**JOE FALLON – Vermont**  
*Junior Goaltender; Bemidji, MN*

Allowed only a single power play goal against in both weekend games, as Vermont took the Ice Breaker Invitational and Coach Kevin Sneddon got win No. 100.

### SUPERSKILLS HOCKEY ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

**COLIN VOCK – Vermont**  
*Freshman Forward; Plymouth, MI*

Scored the game-winner in Vermont's 4-1 victory over Miami in the Ice Breaker final, giving Hockey East six champions in the tourney's 10-year history.

### PURE HOCKEY DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

**BEN BISHOP – Maine**  
*Sophomore Goaltender; Des Peres, MO*

Towering 6-foot-7 goaltender was a huge factor in the Black Bears knocking off highly ranked Minnesota in the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame game, 3-1.