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LEAGUE SQUADS AGAIN A FORCE ON THE ROAD

Merrimack gets first win; UML earns three points; Maine holds at home

Hockey East squads again showed strength on the road. Boston College went into Madison, WI, to battle the defending national champion Badgers, and left with two sparkling wins, 3-0 and 4-1. Northeastern almost mirrored that feat, losing a tough overtime match to Michigan (4-3, on a power-play goal) before rebounding the next night to decrawl the Wolverines, 3-2. Massachusetts, Merrimack and UMass Lowell also scored big road wins against HE opponents, while Maine held serve.

Boston College, in its first meeting with Wisconsin since losing the NCAA title tilt last March, throttled the Badgers behind the outstanding goaltending of Cory Schneider (Marblehead, MA). The junior stopped 56 of 57 shots in the two-game series. Meanwhile, BC's Nathan Gerbe (Oxford, MI) netted two goals Friday, and sophomore Benn Ferriero (Essex, MA) got a pair in Saturday's 4-1 victory.

In Ann Arbor, Northeastern wasn't awed by 6th-ranked Michigan on Friday, battling the Wolverines for 60 minutes before losing a heartbreaker, 4-3 in overtime. Undeterred, the Huskies came back with a vengeance Saturday, and pinned a 3-2 loss on the Maize & Blue behind a 45-save effort by freshman goaltender Brad Thiessen (Aldergrove, BC). Chad Costello (Johnston, IA) potted the game-winner.

On Thursday, the UMass Minutemen topped the 8th-ranked UNH Wildcats in Durham, 3-2. Senior Kevin Jarman (Aurora, ON) got the winning tally, tipping in a shot from freshman Justin Braun (Vadnais Heights, MN). Sophomore netminder Jon Quick (Hampden, CT) was outstanding, recording 34 saves.

UMass Lowell's River Hawks came into Boston University's Agganis Arena gunning, outshooting the 4th-ranked Terriers 24-18 and taking the game, 2-1. UML freshman goalie Carter Hutton (Thunder Bay, ON) made 17 saves in his first collegiate win. Merrimack got on the winning track when senior Jim Healey (Holyrood, NF) stopped 33 Providence shots and the Warriors tripped the Friars at Schneider Arena, 3-2. MC's Chris Kane (Irvine, CA) got the game-winner with the first goal of his career.

Providence garnered a point on the weekend the next night, when the Friars tied up the River Hawks, 2-2, in Lowell. New Hampshire's frustrations continued, as an opportunistic Yale team notched a 4-3 overtime win in Durham. In Orono, UMass couldn't complete the road sweep, as the top-ranked Maine Black Bears skated away with a 4-1 win. On Sunday, Vermont was nipped by Dartmouth, 3-2.

RECENT RESULTS

Tuesday, October 24

Holy Cross 2, at Merrimack 1

Thursday, October 26

Massachusetts 3, at New Hampshire 2 * #

Friday, October 27

UMass Lowell 2, at Boston University 1 *

Merrimack 3, at Providence 2 *

Boston College 3, at Wisconsin 0

at Michigan 4, Northeastern 3 (OT)

Saturday, October 28

at Maine 4, Massachusetts 1 *

Providence 2, at UMass Lowell 2 *

Northeastern 3, at Michigan 2 &

Boston College 4, at Wisconsin 1 &

Brown 3, at Merrimack 3

Yale 4, at New Hampshire 3 (OT)

Sunday, October 29

at Dartmouth 3, Vermont 2

UPCOMING GAMES

Friday, November 3

Boston University at UMass Lowell *

Maine at Merrimack *

Providence at Massachusetts *

Northeastern at New Hampshire *

Saturday, November 4

Vermont at Boston College *

Maine at Boston University *

Massachusetts at Providence *

Merrimack at UMass Lowell *

New Hampshire at Northeastern *

Sunday, November 5

Ottawa at Vermont (4pm - exh.)

* Hockey East game
 & Commissioner's Series Cup game
 # Hannaford/Kraft Kids' Club event
 Games start at 7pm EST unless indicated

2006-07 HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Goals	Goals Against
Boston University	3	2	1	0	4	2-1-1	13	10
UMass Lowell	2	1	0	1	3	2-2-2	18	19
Boston College	1	1	0	0	2	4-1-0	18	11
Maine	1	1	0	0	2	6-0-0	29	9
Massachusetts	2	1	1	0	2	2-1-1	10	11
Merrimack	2	1	1	0	2	1-4-1	10	22
Vermont	1	0	0	1	1	2-3-1	18	12
Providence	2	0	1	1	1	1-4-0	12	23
Northeastern	3	0	2	1	1	2-3-1	18	17
New Hampshire	1	0	1	0	0	2-2-0	16	12

CCM/RBK HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE WEEK

CORY SCHNEIDER – Boston College
Junior Goaltender; Marblehead, MA

Stopped 56-of-57 shots as No. 5 Boston College took two road victories at No. 2 Wisconsin, recording his 10th career shutout in the 3-0 victory on Friday.

SUPERSKILLS HOCKEY ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

CHAD COSTELLO – Northeastern
Freshman Forward; Johnston, IA

Scored the game-winning goal in NU's 3-2 win over No. 6 Michigan on Saturday after getting two assists in NU's 4-3 overtime loss on Friday.

PURE HOCKEY DEFENSIVE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

BRAD THIESSEN – Northeastern
Freshman Goaltender; Aldergrove, BC

JIM HEALEY – Merrimack
Senior Goaltender; Holyrood, NF

Thiessen made 45 saves in NU's 3-2 win over No. 6 Michigan. Healey had 67 saves in two games as MC went 1-0-1.

HONOR ROLL

Benn Ferriero, Boston College (So. F; Essex, MA) – Scored twice – his second multiple-goal game this season – in the team's 4-1 win at No. 2 Wisconsin on Saturday. Ferriero contributed one assist in Friday's 3-0 shutout win.

Michel Léveill , Maine (Sr. F; Levis, QC) – Scored two goals for Maine in the 4-1 win over Massachusetts on Saturday night. He scored the first goal of the game and added an empty net goal.

Mike Alexiou, Merrimack (Sr. F; Pickering, ON) – Had a goal and two assists as the Warriors went 1-1-1 last week. He had an assist in a win over Providence on Friday and another the following night against Brown. He also scored his first of the season against Holy Cross.

Trevor Smith, UNH (So. F; North Vancouver, B.C.) – Notched two goals on the week, one in each game against UMass and Yale.

J.C. Robitaille, Merrimack (Fr. F; Des Ruisseaux, QC) – Had a goal and an assist as the Warriors went 1-1-1 last week.

Jason Tejchma, UML (Sr. F; Muskegon, MI) – Had a team-high three points (1g, 2a) in UML's unbeaten weekend.

Carter Hutton, UML (Fr G; Thunder Bay, ONT) – Went 1-0-1 with a 1.94 GAA and a .932 save percentage, including 2-1 win over BU.

Dean Strong, UVM (So. F; Mississauga, Ontario) – Notched two power-play goals in a 3-2 loss to No. 17 Dartmouth on Sunday.

Ben Bishop, Maine (So. G; Des Peres, MO) – Stopped 16 of 17 shots faced on Saturday night against Massachusetts.

Mark Roebothan, UML (So. F; St. John's, NF) – Scored game-winning goal Friday at BU and notched an assist Saturday night.

Paul Worthington, UML (Fr. F; Langhorne, PA) - Had two assists - one in each game - to extend his point streak to four games.

John Curry, BU (Sr. G; Shorewood, MN) – Made 22 saves, many sparkling, in the Terriers' 2-1 loss to UMass Lowell.

Jeremy Hall, UML (Sr. F; Mays Landing, NJ) – Scored the game-tying, extra-attacker goal with 26 seconds remaining in Saturday's 2-2

COLLEGIATE MILESTONES

Chad Costello, Northeastern (Fr., F; Johnston, IA)
First collegiate goal and first game-winner on Oct. 28, 2006, in NU's 3-2 victory over Michigan

Will Ortiz, UMass (Fr. F; Framingham, MA)
First career goal against the Maine Black Bears on Oct. 28, 2006.

Chris Kane, Merrimack (So. D; Irvine, CA)
First career goal, and first game-winner, in the Warriors 3-2 victory at Providence, Oct. 27, 2006.

Brad Thiessen, Northeastern (Fr., G; Aldergrove, BC)
Notched his first career win, 3-2, over 6th-ranked Michigan on Oct. 28, 2006.

Brian Strait, BU (Fr. D; Waltham, MA)
First career goal against UMass Lowell on Oct. 27, 2006.

Mike Morris, Northeastern (Sr. F; Braintree, MA)
Husky captain, who has overcome numerous injuries, played in his 100th game on Oct. 28, 2006.

Pat Kimball, Merrimack (Fr. F; Framingham, MA)
First career goal against Providence on Oct. 27, 2006.

LEADING SCORERS (All Games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1	Michel Léveill�, Maine	Sr	6	6	5	11
2	Brock Bradford, BC	So	5	3	6	9
3	Joe Rooney, BC	Sr	5	2	6	8
	Teddy Purcell, Maine	Fr	6	5	3	8
5	Trevor Smith, UNH	So	4	5	2	7
	Benn Ferriero, BC	So	5	4	3	7
	Jason Tejchma, UML	Sr	6	4	3	7
	Dean Strong, UVM	So	6	4	3	7
	Bret Tyler, Maine	Jr	6	1	6	7
	Torrey Mitchell, UVM	Jr	6	1	6	7
11	Pete MacArthur, BU	Jr	4	4	2	6
	Mike Radja, UNH	Jr	4	4	2	6
	Sean Sullivan, BU	Sr	4	1	5	6
	Brian Boyle, BC	Sr	5	3	3	6
	Wes Clark, Maine	Jr	6	4	2	6
	Josh Soares, Maine	Sr	6	2	4	6
	Dennis McCauley, NU	So	6	2	4	6
18	Kenny Roche, BU	Sr	4	2	3	5
	Jacob Micflikier, UNH	Sr	4	2	3	5
	Jerry Pollastrone, UNH	So	4	2	3	5
	Eric Thomassian, BU	Sr	4	0	5	5
	Brett Hemingway, UNH	Sr	4	0	5	5
	Matt Fornataro, UNH	Jr	4	0	5	5
	Corey Carlson, UVM	So	5	2	3	5
	Colin McDonald, PC	Sr.	6	5	0	5
	Jon Rheault, PC	Jr	6	3	2	5
	Mark Roebothan, UML	So	6	3	2	5
	Keith Johnson, Maine	Sr	6	2	3	5
	Mike Morris, NU	Sr	6	2	3	5
	Jeremy Hall, UML	Sr	6	2	3	5
	Kory Falite, UML	Fr	6	2	3	5
	Keenan Hopson, Maine	Jr	6	1	4	5

LEADING GOALTENDERS (All Games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	Min	W	L	T	GAA	SP
1	Ben Bishop, Maine	So	6	342	6	0	0	1.40	.944
2	Joe Fallon, UVM	Jr	5	304	2	2	1	1.97	.912
3	Cory Schneider, BC	Jr	5	294	4	1	0	2.04	.927
4	Jon Quick, UMass	So	3	184	1	1	1	2.29	.924
5	John Curry, BU	Sr	4	244	2	1	1	2.46	.908
6	Carter Hutton, UML	Fr	5	306	1	2	2	2.94	.894
7	Tyler Sims, PC	Jr	4	237	0	3	1	3.04	.881
8	Kevin Regan, UNH	Jr	4	234	2	2	0	3.07	.898
9	Brad Thiessen, NU	Fr	5	305	1	3	1	3.34	.906
10	Jim Healy, MC	Sr	4	225	1	2	1	3.47	.887
	Andy Braithwaite, MC	Fr	2	138	0	2	0	3.47	.900



SUPERSKILLS



TEAM STATISTICS (All Games)

TEAM OFFENSE

Team	GP	G	GPG
1 Maine	6	29	4.83
2 New Hampshire	4	16	4.00
3 Boston College	5	18	3.60
4 Boston University	4	13	3.25
5 Northeastern	6	18	3.00
UMass Lowell	6	18	3.00
Vermont	6	18	3.00
8 Massachusetts	4	10	2.50
9 Providence	6	12	2.00
10 Merrimack	6	10	1.67

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1 Maine	6	9	1.50
2 Vermont	6	12	2.00
3 Boston College	5	11	2.20
4 Boston University	4	10	2.50
5 Massachusetts	4	11	2.75
6 Northeastern	6	17	2.83
7 New Hampshire	4	12	3.00
8 UMass Lowell	6	19	3.17
9 Merrimack	6	22	3.67
10 Providence	6	23	3.83

POWER PLAY

Team	Totals	SHGA	Pct
1 Maine	12/44	0	27.3
2 Boston University	6/28	0	21.4
3 Vermont	11/59	0	18.6
4 Boston College	6/34	0	17.6
5 Northeastern	7/40	1	17.5
6 Massachusetts	4/23	0	17.4
7 New Hampshire	3/22	0	13.6
8 Merrimack	4/32	1	12.5
9 UMass Lowell	4/38	0	10.5
10 Providence	3/39	2	7.7

PENALTY KILL

Team	Totals	SHG	Pct
1 Boston College	32/35	2	91.4
2 Vermont	46/51	0	90.2
3 Massachusetts	16/18	0	88.9
Northeastern	48/54	1	88.9
5 Providence	34/39	1	87.2
6 Boston University	26/30	1	86.7
7 Maine	30/36	1	83.3
8 Merrimack	40/51	0	78.4
9 New Hampshire	21/27	0	77.8
10 UMass Lowell	19/31	3	61.3

PENALTY MINUTES

Team	GP	PiM	PMPG
1 Northeastern	6	169	28.2
2 Merrimack	6	144	24.0
3 Boston College	5	115	23.0
4 Boston University	4	85	21.2
5 Vermont	6	120	20.0
6 Maine	6	118	19.7
7 New Hampshire	4	75	18.8
8 Providence	6	97	16.2
9 UMass Lowell	6	77	12.8
10 Massachusetts	4	50	12.5

TEAM NOTES

Boston College: With two victories, BC improved to 10-9-0 in the series with Wisconsin ... Friday's 3-0 victory marked the first shutout in the 19-game series ... The two-game series sweep marked BC's first two-game sweep of Wisconsin since the 1984-85 season, when BC captured 5-2 and 6-2 road victories over Wisconsin on Jan. 4-5.

Boston University: The Terriers suffered their first loss in a 2-1 against UMass Lowell at home ... Senior assistant captain Kenny Roche (South Boston, MA) set up freshman Brian Strait's first career goal on a third-period power play for BU's lone tally ... Goalie John Curry made 22 saves in the loss.

University of Maine: Maine is the only Hockey East school currently in the top 15 nationally in both offense (4.83, third) and defense (1.50, second) ... Of the eight goals allowed by Ben Bishop this season, only two have been even-strength ... Maine has only allowed nine goals this season, three each in the first, second and third periods ... Alford Arena has been sold-out (5,450) for all three home games this season.

University of Massachusetts: The Minutemen's win over New Hampshire was their second consecutive at the Whittemore Center, marking the first back-to-back road victories over the Wildcats since 1930 ... UMass capitalized twice on the power play over the weekend, and the team's penalty kill was a perfect 100 percent against both squads ... Sam D'Agostino (Fr. F; Medford, MA) skated in his first two collegiate games after red-shirting last season.

UMass Lowell: The River Hawks defeated Boston University, 2-1, Friday and skated to a 2-2 draw with Providence Saturday to earn three of a possible four points on the weekend ... The River Hawks are unbeaten after their first two Hockey East games for the first time since the 2001-02 season when they opened that season with wins against Boston College and Providence.

Merrimack College: The Warriors earned points in consecutive games last week for the first time since a pair of ties against UNH and UML on Feb. 10-11, 2006 ... MC has won its last two games at Schneider Arena following an 0-6-1 stretch in its previous seven decisions there ... Merrimack's win over PC was its earliest win in HEA since the 2003-04 season (two games).

University of New Hampshire: UNH lost two games in a row at home for only the second time in the history of the Whittemore Center...UNH is 12-0-3 against Northeastern in the last 15 meetings with the Huskies last win coming on Feb. 15, 2002, at 5-4 Northeastern win at Matthews Arena.

Northeastern University: Northeastern's penalty kill was superb in the Huskies' 3-2 win over Michigan on Saturday, holding the Wolverines scoreless in 12 opportunities. Michigan went 3-19 on power plays over both games. Northeastern ranks third in Hockey East in penalty kill (.889), fifth in power play percentage (.175) and leads the league in combined special teams (.585).

Providence College: Colin McDonald (Weathersfield, CT) has scored a goal in five of the six games this season ... Senior Tony Zancanaro (Trenton, MI) has played 116 consecutive games. He is on pace to finish in the Top 10 in career games at PC ... The Friars are winless in their last four games (0-3-1), their longest streak since 2004-05.

University of Vermont: The Catamounts have lost three straight games by one goal ... Sophomore Dean Strong's (Mississauga, Ontario) four power-play goals are the most among Hockey East players so far this season ... Vermont travels to No. 5 Boston College next Saturday. The Catamounts have not defeated BC over a span of 11 games dating back to 1994 in a 3-2 win at Kelley Rink.