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MAINE'S PERFECT START GARNERS CLEAN SWEEP Nation's No. 1 team takes all three monthly Hockey East awards

The University of Maine Black Bears have skyrocketed to the top of the national polls on the strength of their 6-0-0 start, including key road wins over Minnesota and North Dakota. Much of Maine's success can be traced to these three players.



CCM/Rbk Hockey Player of the Month
Michel Léveillé – Maine
 Senior Forward; Levis, QC

The senior has done all that Maine Coach Tim Whitehead could ask of his captain. Léveillé is leading by example, as his six goals and five assists through the season's first six games will attest, putting him squarely atop the Hockey East scoring race. He was also a +7 for the season's opening month.

Oct.	Opponent	Result	G-A-P
6	at Minnesota	W 3-1	0-2-2
13	Bemidji State	W 7-1	1-0-1
14	Bemidji State	W 6-3	0-1-1
20	at N. Dakota	W 6-2	1-2-3
21	at N. Dakota	W 3-1	2-0-2
28	UMass	W 4-1	2-0-2
Totals		6-0	6-5-11



Itech Goalie of the Month
Ben Bishop – Maine

Sophomore Goaltender; Des Peres, MO

The imposing 6-foot-7 Bishop has been nearly flawless for the Black Bears in the early season, leading the league in almost every statistical category while backstopping his squad to a perfect 6-0-0 slate for October. For the month, the Missouri native stopped 134 of 142 shots, posting a 1.40 goals against average and a gaudy .944 save percentage.



Oct.	Opponent	Result	Min	Svs	GA
6	at Minnesota	W 3-1	60:00	29	1
13	Bemidji State	W 7-1	51:00	21	1
14	Bemidji State	W 6-3	60:00	20	3
20	at N. Dakota	W 6-2	51:00	15	1
21	at N. Dakota	W 3-1	60:00	33	1
28	UMass	W 4-1	60:00	16	1
Totals		6-0-0	342:00	134	8
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Superskills Rookie of the Month
Teddy Purcell – Maine

Freshman Forward; St. John's, NF

The pride of St. John's, Newfoundland, has been a real sparkplug for Maine, especially in big games. In two road tilts against the highly ranked Fighting Sioux of North Dakota, Purcell notched two goals and two assists. He's currently tied for third in the Hockey East scoring standings, and is a +8 on the young season.

