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Massachusetts Sweeps In Non-Conference Play, BC Wins League Opener
Boston University and Merrimack Earn Split Weekends

Massachusetts pulled to an even 2-2-0 overall record with a weekend sweep of western Massachusetts rival American International. Josh Lopina extended his goal-scoring streak to three straight games with tallies in each win, including a power-play goal for the game-winner in Friday’s road contest. Lucas Mercuri scored his first collegiate goal, a game-winner, with 2:19 remaining in regulation on Saturday, breaking a 2-2 tie and sending the Minutemen on to a 4-2 win, while Matt Murray was the only league netminder to win two starts last weekend, kicking out 38 of 41 shots he faced.

Boston College earned its first win in league play on Friday night, toppling #18 Northeastern on home ice, 5-3. Marc McLaughlin pushed his goal scoring streak to three consecutive outings and now has five goals in just four games to start the season. Jack McBain dished out three assists in Friday’s victory, including one on the power-play and one shorthanded helper. He added a goal on Saturday to push his point streak to four games, with at least one point in each of the Eagles’ contests to date. He has six assists and one goal for seven points.

Merrimack earned a weekend split on the road at Colgate thanks to a wild, four-goal third period on Saturday that saw two goals from Ben Brar. Max Newton had a massive weekend at Colgate to pace the Warrior offense with four points (1g, 3a). He scored the team’s lone goal Friday, then added two more tallies and an assist on Saturday, including the game-winning goal, to complete a 5-3 comeback road win. He ended the set with four points and now leads the team in points with six (4g, 2a) through just four games.

Boston University took a weekend split against Sacred Heart. After falling, 3-2, with just 13 seconds left in Friday’s contest, the Terriers rebounded for a 4-1 victory on Saturday. Domenick Fensore led the Terriers with four points (1g, 3a). The junior blueliner had a goal and added an assist on Friday against Sacred Heart before tallying two assists in the Terriers’ 4-1 win the next night. Fensore also blocked five shots.

RECENT RESULTS

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Ice Breaker (Duluth, Minn.)
#1/1 Minnesota State 5, #10/10 PC 2

Non-Conference
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at Ohio State 4, UConn 3 (OT)
#9/9 UMass 5 at AIC 1
at Arizona State 5, UNH 1
Sacred Heart 3 at #12/15 BU 2

Saturday 10/16
Ice Breaker (Duluth, Minn.)
at #1/1 Minnesota Duluth 3, #10/10 PC 2

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MC 5 at Colgate 3
at Arizona State 5, UNH 1
at #12/15 BU 4, Sacred Heart 1
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at Bentley 6, #6/7 BC 2
#8/8 Quinnipiac 2 at UVM 0

HOCKEY EAST HEADLINES

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HOCKEY EAST PLAYER OF THE WEEK

MAX NEWTON
MERRIMACK

Max Newton (Vancouver, B.C.) had a massive weekend at Colgate to pace the Warrior offense with four points (1g, 3a). He scored the team’s lone goal Friday, then added two more tallies and an assist on Saturday, including the game-winning goal, to complete a 5-3 comeback road win. He ended the set with four points and now leads the team in points with six (4g, 2a) through just four games.

PRO AMBITIONS ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

LUCAS MERUCRI
MASSACHUSETTS

Lucas Mercuri (Montreal, Que.) scored his first collegiate goal, a game-winner, with 2:19 remaining in regulation against American International on Saturday, breaking a 2-2 tie and sending the Minutemen on to a 4-2 win to complete the weekend sweep of the Yellow Jackets. Also added an assist in the contest for first career multi-point game.

HOCKEY EAST DEFENDER OF THE WEEK

DOMENICK FENSORE
BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Domenick Fensore (Thornwood, N.Y.) led the Terriers with four points (1g, 3a) in two games this weekend. The junior blueliner scored a goal and added an assist on Friday against Sacred Heart before tallying two assists in the Terriers’ 4-1 win the next night. Fensore also blocked five shots.

HOCKEY EAST GOALTENDER OF THE WEEK

MATT MURRAY
MASSACHUSETTS

Matt Murray (St. Albert, Alta.) was the only league netminder to win two starts last weekend, kicking out 38 of 41 shots he faced in a home-and-home set with American International. He made 24 saves on 25 shots in Friday’s road victory before turning aside 14 in Saturday’s home win.
HOCKEY EAST WEEKLY TOP PERFORMERS

Marc McLaughlin, BC (Sr., F; North Billerica, Mass.) Pushed his goal scoring streak to three consecutive outings, netting two in the Eagles’ 5-3 win over Northeastern on Friday to begin league play. One of his tallies came shorthanded after leading the nation in shorthanded strikes in 2020-21. He also found the pack of the net Saturday night at Bentley. The BC captain has five goals in just four games to start the season. He won 33 of his 47 faceoffs against NU and Bentley (70.2 percent) and skated in his 100th career game on Friday night.

Jack McBain, BC (Sr., F: Toronto, Ont.) Dished out three assists in Boston College’s 5-3 victory over Northeastern on Friday, including one on the power-play and one shorthanded helper. He added a goal on Saturday to push his point streak to four games, with at least one point in each of the Eagles’ contests to date. He has six assists and one goal for seven points.

Ethan Phillips, BU (Jr., F; Dartmouth, N.S.) Phillips tallied a goal and an assist in the Terriers’ 4-1 win over Sacred Heart as part of a three-point weekend. His goal came on the power play thanks to a nifty redirection in front of the net.

Tyler Boucher, BU (Fr., F; Haddonfield, N.J.) Boucher scored his first collegiate goal in the Terriers’ 4-1 win over Sacred Heart on Saturday night.

Drew Commesso, BU (So., G; Norwell, Mass.) Made 61 saves on 65 shots over the weekend, including 30 in a 4-1 win over Sacred Heart on Saturday night.

Josh Lopina, UMass (So., F; Minooka, Ill.) Extended his goal-scoring streak to three straight games with tallies in each win over American International this past weekend, including a power-play goal for the game-winner in Friday’s road contest. The sophomore also added an assist in Friday’s victory for a three-point weekend. The Anaheim Ducks draft pick currently has four points through the first four games of the season.

Hugo Ollas, MC (Fr., G; Linkoping, Sweden) Enjoyed a stellar collegiate debut Friday night for the Warriors at Colgate. He stopped 30 of the 32 shots that he saw to keep Merrimack in the game, as the Warriors fell by a 2-1 score in overtime.

Ben Brar, MC (Jr., F; Abbotsford, B.C.) With the Warriors down, 3-1, entering the third period at Colgate on Saturday, Brar scored twice to help power a four-goal third period in an eventual 5-3 victory. He finished the weekend with three points, two goals and one assist, in a split weekend for the Warriors.
Hockey East Scoring Leaders

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PNC Bank Three Stars Award

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A record 82 alumni of the Hockey East Association have begun the 2021-22 season on National Hockey League rosters. The number also nearly doubles the 44 league alumni who suited up in the NHL on opening night in 2011, showing the steady growth of the league’s talent over the last decade, and sets a new mark for Hockey East products in the NHL on opening night for the 10th season in a row.

Eleven schools are represented on 31 of 32 NHL teams, led by 21 from Boston College alone. Boston University boasts 15 Terriers in the NHL, Massachusetts claims 10 players, Providence sends eight, New Hampshire developed six, five Northeastern Huskies and Maine Black Bears have suited up on opening night alongside three UMass Lowell River Hawks, and one alumnus each from UConn and Vermont. Additionally, six Notre Dame alumni who competed in Hockey East for the Fighting Irish made an NHL club.

NCHC foes Denver and Colorado College make a road trip east this weekend as the Pioneers will square off at #12/14 Providence on Friday and at #10/10 Boston College on Saturday while the Tigers take on the Eagles Friday and #20 Northeastern on Saturday. Hockey East and the NCHC have clashed twice already this season, as Maine traveled to Omaha for a set against the Mavericks to begin the season.

Maine welcomes Sacred Heart to Alfond Arena on Friday, marking the first time the Black Bears will play at home in front of fans for just the first time in 595 days since they toppled Providence, 1-0, in Orono. Maine was unable to play at home for nearly all of 2020-21 due to COVID-19 restrictions, but welcomed New Hampshire for one playoff game on March 10 after they were eased.

New Hampshire will play its first conference game of the season when the Wildcats take on #12/14 Providence on Sunday 5 p.m. at the Whittemore Center. It will be the first of the three straight tilts between the Friars and Wildcats as the teams will play at Schneider Arena on Friday, Oct. 29 and back at New Hampshire on Saturday, Oct. 30, both at 7 p.m. Providence has won the last three tilts against New Hampshire.
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