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PROVIDENCE SWEEPS UP AT MINNESOTA STATE

Top-ranked BC gains a split at No. 3 North Dakota

Hockey East teams had to play road warriors this weekend, with two games each away from their home rinks. Only one emerged unscathed.

Providence College continued a perfect start to its season, recording back-to-back victories at Minnesota State. Sophomore stopped Bobby Goepfert was outstanding in the opener, turning aside 34 of the 35 shots he faced to lead the Friars to a 2-1 win. In the rematch, it was freshman Chase Watson doing the honors with a pair of goals and an assist in a 5-3 win. Watson was named Rookie of the Week for the second straight time.

Boston College suffered its first loss of the season Friday, surrendering 6-4 at No. 3 North Dakota, despite a goal and two assists from captain Ben Eaves. The Eagles came back with a key 2-1 win in the rematch, shutting out the Sioux power play on 10 chances and picking up one short-handed goal, the game-winner, from Stephen Gionta.

UMass Lowell almost came home with Hockey East's fourth tourney title of the early season, but came up just short in a 1-0 loss to host Alaska-Anchorage in the Nye Frontier Classic. The River Hawks advanced to the title game courtesy of a 4-2 shootout victory over Miami following a 4-4 tie. Ben Walter posted his second consecutive two-goal game.

At home, Maine had no trouble with the U.S. Under-18 team nor with Holy Cross. The Black Bears outscored their opponents by a combined 16-2 in easily taking the Mid-Maine Communications Black Bear Classic. UMass also enjoyed a convincing home win, toppling St. Lawrence by a 5-1 final, while UNH ousted Merrimack 4-1 behind two goals from Brian Yandle in the only Hockey East league game of the week.

CCM HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE WEEK

CHRIS CAPRARO – Massachusetts
Sophomore Forward; Medford, MA

Had his second three-point game of this season with a pair of goals (a career high) and an assist in powering UMass to a 5-1 win over visiting St. Lawrence.

2003-04 STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Offense	Defense
Massachusetts	1	1	0	0	2	3-0-0	4.67 GPG	2.00 GAPG
New Hampshire	1	1	0	0	2	2-0-0	3.50 GPG	0.50 GAPG
Boston College	0	0	0	0	0	3-1-1	3.40 GPG	2.60 GAPG
Boston University	0	0	0	0	0	1-0-1	3.50 GPG	2.00 GAPG
Maine	0	0	0	0	0	3-0-0	5.67 GPG	0.67 GAPG
Northeastern	0	0	0	0	0	0-2-1	2.67 GPG	4.67 GAPG
Providence	0	0	0	0	0	4-0-0	4.75 GPG	2.00 GAPG
UMass Lowell	1	0	1	0	0	0-2-1	2.00 GPG	2.67 GAPG
Merrimack	1	0	1	0	0	1-2-0	2.00 GPG	3.00 GAPG

SUPERSKILLS HOCKEY ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

CHASE WATSON – Providence
Freshman Forward; Media, PA

A repeat honoree, Watson had another fine weekend, contributing two goals and two assists as Providence picked up two wins at Minnesota State.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

BOBBY GOEPFERT – Providence
Sophomore Goaltender; Kings Park, NY

Stopped 34 of 35 shots in a slim 2-1 win Friday at Minnesota State. Saturday's encore was a 21-save performance in a 5-3 victory which completed the sweep.

RECENT RESULTS

Thursday, October 16
at New Hampshire 4, Merrimack 1 *

Friday, October 17
at North Dakota 6, Boston College 4
Providence 2, at Minnesota State 1
at Denver 5, Northeastern 2
Nye Frontier Classic at Alaska-Anchorage
UMass Lowell 4, vs. Miami 4 (OT)
(UMass Lowell wins shootout, 4-2)
at Alaska-Anchorage 5, Air Force 4
Black Bear Classic at Maine
Holy Cross 4, vs. Sacred Heart 2
at Maine 9, U.S. Under-18 Team 2

Saturday, October 18
at Massachusetts 5, St. Lawrence 1
Boston University 2, at Vermont 2 (OT)
at Union 3, Merrimack 1
Boston College 2, at North Dakota 1
Providence 5, at Minnesota State 3
at Denver 6, Northeastern 3
Nye Frontier Classic
at Alaska-Anchorage 1, UMass Lowell 0
Black Bear Classic
at Maine 7, Holy Cross 0

UPCOMING GAMES

Friday, October 24
Boston University at Providence *
Merrimack at Northeastern *
Notre Dame at Boston College *(CSTV)*
Maine at St. Lawrence
Holy Cross at Massachusetts
Punch Imlach Showcase at Buffalo, NY
UMass Lowell vs. Niagara (5pm)
New Hampshire vs. Canisius (8pm)

Saturday, October 25
Providence at Merrimack *
Maine at St. Lawrence
Xerox Punch Imlach Showcase
New Hampshire vs. Niagara (4pm)
UMass Lowell vs. Canisius (7pm)

**** Hockey East game***
Games start at 7pm EST unless indicated.
All game times are Eastern Standard Time.

HOCKEY EAST HONOR ROLL

- **Luciano Aquino, Maine** (Fr. F; Mississauga, ON) – Rookie registered a hat trick in a 9-2 win over the U.S. Under-18 team.
- **Mike Ayers, UNH** (Sr. G; Hingham, MA) – Stopped 22 of 23 Merrimack shots in UNH's first league game, a 4-1 victory.
- **Chris Davidson, UML** (Jr. G; Hudson, QC) – Stopped 25 of 26 shots vs. host UAA in the title game of the Nye Frontier Classic.
- **Frank Doyle, Maine** (Sr. G; Guelph, ON) – Stopped all 19 shots he faced vs. Holy Cross for his third career shutout.
- **Keith Johnson, Maine** (Fr. F; Windsor, CT) – Scored the first two goals of his career to lead Maine to a 7-0 win over Holy Cross.
- **Matti Kaltiainen, BC** (Jr. G; Espoo, Finland) – Stopped 16 of 17 shots to backstop BC to a slim 2-1 win at North Dakota Saturday.
- **Greg Moore, Maine** (So. F; Lisbon, ME) – Scored two goals and added two assists en route to being selected as the Most Valuable Player of the Mid-Maine Communications Black Bear Classic.
- **Ben Murphy, Maine** (Jr. F; North Andover, MA) – Set up three of Maine's seven goals vs. Holy Cross.
- **Brian Swiniarski, NU** (So. F; Newburyport, MA) – Scored a goal in each game for the Huskies at Denver.
- **Ben Walter, UML** (So. F; Langley, BC) – Scored two goals, including the game-tying goal, in a 4-4 tie vs. Miami Friday.
- **Gabe Winer, UMass** (So. G; Stoughton, MA) – Earned 20th career victory by stopping 16 of 17 shots vs. St. Lawrence.
- **Brian Yandle, UNH** (So. D; Milton, MA) – Tallied two power play goals and registered five shots in a 4-1 win over Merrimack.

LEADING SCORERS (All Games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1	Thomas Pöck, UMass *	Sr	3	3	4	7
	Chase Watson, PC	Fr	4	4	3	7
	Torry Gajda, PC	So	4	3	4	7
4	Chris Capraro, UMass	So	3	2	4	6
	Peter Zingoni, PC	Sr	4	5	1	6
	Jonathan Goodwin, PC	Sr	4	2	4	6
	Cody Loughlean, PC	Sr	4	2	4	6
	Tony Voce, BC	Sr	5	4	2	6
	Ben Eaves, BC	Sr	5	2	4	6
10	Todd Jackson, Maine	Sr	3	4	1	5
	Michel Leveille, Maine	So	3	0	5	5
	Chris Chaput, PC	Jr	4	1	4	5
13	Nathan Martz, UNH	Sr	2	1	3	4
	Ben Walter, UML	So	3	4	0	4
	Greg Moore, Maine	So	3	1	3	4
	Patrick Eaves, BC	So	4	1	3	4

* defenseman

WHO'S HOT

- **Mike Ayers, UNH** (Sr. G; Hingham, MA) – Has allowed just one goal in two games so far.
- **Thomas Pöck, UMass** (Sr. D; Klagenfurt, Austria) – Riding a six-game scoring streak in which he has netted four goals and eight assists.
- **Ben Walter, UML** (So. F; Langley, BC) – Four goals in three games – scored just five in 35 games last year.
- **Maine defense and goaltending** – Has two shutouts over the first three games.
- **UMass offense** – The Minutemen have scored four or more goals in six of the last seven games.
- **Maine penalty kill** – Nine for 10 with three short-handed goals in just three games.
- **UNH power play** – Already has five goals on just 16 opportunities (31.2 percent).
- **Hockey East special teams** – Six Hockey East teams have a power play clicking at 20 percent or better and five have a penalty-killing rating of 90 percent or better. They've collectively scored 11 short-handed goals in just 26 games played.

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LEADING GOALTENDERS (All Games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	Min	W	L	T	GAA	SP
1	Jim Howard, ME	So	1	60	1	0	0	0.00	1.000
2	Mike Ayers, UNH	Sr	2	119	2	0	0	0.50	.975
3	Frank Doyle, ME	So	2	120	2	0	0	1.00	.957
4	Sean Fields, BU	Sr	2	120	1	0	1	2.00	.900
	Bobby Goepfert, PC	So	4	240	3	0	0	2.00	.927
	Gabe Winer, UMA	So	3	180	3	0	0	2.00	.903
7	Matti Kaltianen, BC	Jr	5	304	3	1	1	2.56	.877
8	Chris Davidson, UML	Jr	3	183	0	2	1	2.62	.910
9	Casey Guenther, MC	Jr	3	179	1	2	0	3.01	.886
10	Keni Gibson, NU	Jr	2	125	0	1	1	3.84	.833

FIRST COLLEGIATE GOAL

Brian Boyle, BC (Fr. F; Hingham, MA) **–** at North Dakota
Kevin Schaeffer, BU (Fr. D; South Huntington, NY) – at Vermont
Mark Matheson, UMass (Fr. D; Calgary, AB) – vs. St. Lawrence
Keith Johnson, Maine (Fr. F; Windsor, CT) – vs. Holy Cross

TEAM STATISTICS (All Games)

TEAM OFFENSE

Team	GP	G	GPG
1.Maine	3	17	5.67
2.Providence	4	19	4.75
3.Massachusetts	3	14	4.67
4.Boston University	2	7	3.50
New Hampshire	2	7	3.50
6.Boston College	5	17	3.40
7.Northeastern	3	8	2.67
8.UMass Lowell	3	6	2.00
Merrimack	3	6	2.00

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1.New Hampshire	2	1	0.50
2.Maine	3	2	0.67
3.Boston University	2	4	2.00
Massachusetts	3	6	2.00
Providence	4	8	2.00
6.Boston College	5	13	2.60
7.UMass Lowell	3	8	2.67
8.Merrimack	3	9	3.00
9.Northeastern	3	14	4.67

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1.New Hampshire	2	5	16	0	.312
2.Maine	3	4	13	0	.308
3.Massachusetts	3	4	17	0	.235
Providence	4	4	17	0	.235
5.UMass Lowell	3	3	14	1	.214
6.Boston College	5	7	35	0	.200
7.Merrimack	3	3	16	1	.188
8.Northeastern	3	4	22	2	.182
9.Boston University	2	1	8	0	.125

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1.Massachusetts	3	1	16	2	.938
2.Boston College	5	2	28	2	.929
3.Boston University	2	1	10	0	.900
Maine	3	1	10	3	.900
New Hampshire	2	1	10	1	.900
6.Merrimack	3	4	22	0	.818
7.Providence	4	5	27	2	.815
8.UMass Lowell	3	3	15	0	.800
9.Northeastern	3	7	20	1	.650

PENALTY MINUTES

Team	GP	P	PiM	PMPG
1.Maine	3	16	32	10.67
2.Boston University	2	13	26	13.00
3.Boston College	5	34	68	13.60
4.UMass Lowell	3	19	41	13.67
5.Merrimack	3	23	46	15.33
Northeastern	3	23	46	15.33
7.New Hampshire	2	16	32	16.00
8.Massachusetts	3	27	54	18.00
9.Providence	4	35	89	22.25

TEAM NOTES

Boston College: Defenseman Greg Lauze, a transfer from Merrimack, scored his first goal as a member of the Eagles on Friday night ... Top defenseman J.D. Forrest returned to the lineup Friday and scored a goal.

Boston University: The Terriers' defense suffered a major blow on Friday when sophomore Jekabs Redlihs suffered a broken collarbone. He is expected to be out of action 4-6 weeks ... Terrier senior goalie Sean Fields has played every minute of the Terriers' last 31 games. The last game he missed was vs. Cornell on November 30, 2002.

University of Maine: The Black Bears had 53 shots on goal vs. Holy Cross on Saturday. The last time they had at least 50 shots was when they recorded 52 vs. Mercyhurst on Nov. 2, 2002 ... Three Black Bears were selected to the Mid-Maine Communications Black Bear Classic All-Tournament Team: Luciano Aquino, Troy Barnes and Colin Shields.

University of Massachusetts: The Minutemen are 3-0-0 for the first time since the 1995-96 season. They are 8-0-1 in their last nine non-conference games and 6-0 in their last six games vs. ECAC foes ... UMass has scored at least one power-play goal in five straight games. The UMass penalty kill gave up its first goal in 16 opportunities early in the third period against St. Lawrence.

UMass Lowell: Four of the five River Hawks who participated in Friday's shootout tiebreaker vs. Miami scored, including Niklas Storm, who has never scored a "real" goal in his collegiate career. Interestingly, the only shooter who didn't score in the shootout was Ben Walter, who scored twice in regulation of the 4-4 tie. Walter and defenseman Jerramie Domish were selected to the Nye Frontier Classic All-Tournament team.

Merrimack College: The Warriors surrendered a combined six goals and committed a combined 11 penalties in the third period of the two games last week, both losses ... Merrimack's home rink has been renamed the J. Thom Lawler Arena in honor of the legendary coach who led the Warriors to the 1978 Division II National Championship. The school will hold a special dedication ceremony at its rink this Saturday against Providence.

University of New Hampshire: Three of UNH's four goals vs. Merrimack Thursday came from defensemen. Five of UNH's seven goals this season have come by way of the power play ... UNH extended its unbeaten streak vs. Merrimack to 26-0-3 in the last 29 games ... The Wildcats take on Canisius and Niagara this weekend at the Punch Imlach College Hockey Showcase in Buffalo, N.Y. The last meeting with Niagara was a stunning 4-1 loss for UNH in the first round of the 2000 NCAA West Regional, when current UMass Lowell head coach Blaise MacDonald was still behind the Niagara bench.

Northeastern University: The Huskies have eight goals this season, scored by seven different players. Only three have been scored at even strength ... junior defenseman Donny Grover has a three-game assist streak.

Providence College: Peter Zingoni, Jonathan Goodwin, Torry Gajda and Chase Watson have each tallied at least one point in the first four games ... The Friars scored just one power play goal in their first three games, but scored three at Minnesota State on Saturday.

Media Advisory

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BOSTON, MA - Joining a stellar lineup of past and current hockey greats recognized for outstanding accomplishments and contributions to the sport of ice hockey in Massachusetts, seven men and one woman will be inducted into the Massachusetts Hockey Hall of Fame on Monday, October 27, 2003. The 9th annual induction ceremony will take place at the Legend's Dining Room at the FleetCenter, with a 6:30 reception followed by the dinner and induction ceremony at 7:30 p.m.

The 2003 inductees include: Gary Dineen (Montreal, QU), USA Hockey president Ron DeGregorio (East Boston, MA), Kelly Dyer (Acton, MA), John Hart (Braintree, MA), Myles Lane (Melrose, MA), Jim Logue (Melrose, MA), Joe McConville (Quincy, MA) and Paul Stewart (Dorchester/Jamaica Plain, MA).

Past inductees read like a "who's who" list of hockey heroes who over the past 40 years have helped position Massachusetts as a hotbed of hockey in the United States. Massachusetts-bred members of the 1960, 1972, 1980, and 2002 Men's Olympic teams, the 1998 and 2002 Women's Olympic teams; and the 2002 Paralympic Sled Hockey Gold Medal Team. Also, college coaching legends, and grass roots builders and pioneers contributing the growth of the game of hockey in Massachusetts at all levels - professional, international, collegiate and youth hockey.

Nominees of the Massachusetts Hockey Hall of Fame are chosen on the basis of accomplishments in the game of hockey, sportsmanship, character, and contributions to his or her teams or organizations in college, amateur or professional hockey, or on international teams representing the United States. Each nominee must have distinguished himself or herself by exceptional performance and outstanding character reflecting favorably upon the game of hockey. He or she must have made a significant contribution to the game of hockey in Massachusetts, be in good public standing in the community, an appropriate role model for young hockey players and an exemplary representative of the game of hockey.

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A limited number of tickets ($40) to the Hall of Fame event are still available, and may be purchased by contacting Jim Prior at (617) 268-9811 or ejhl@net1plus.com.

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