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WALTER LEADS LOWELL TO CAPITAL DISTRICT SWEEP

Curry quiets Maine to extend BU's three-game win streak

Lifting UMass Lowell to 3-0 in non-conference play, junior Ben Walter scored five goals in two River Hawk wins this weekend. The first four came in a dominating performance in Friday's 5-3 win at RPI. For an encore, Walter found the empty net in the final minute of Saturday's 3-2 win at Union, rendering Union's power play goal just seconds later meaningless, and enabling goaltender Peter Vetri to register a win in his collegiate debut. He finished with 30 saves.

Vetri was just one of many goaltenders to enjoy a successful weekend. Maine's Jimmy Howard posted his first shutout of the season (and 10th of his career) in keeping Merrimack scoreless on 21 shots on Friday night. He allowed just two goals on 32 shots Sunday at BU, only to suffer a loss thanks to the heroics of John Curry at the other end. Curry stopped 25 of 26 Black Bear attempts and picked up his third straight win. The forgotten man in the BU goaltending picture at the start of the season, Curry is now 3-0 with a GAA of 1.14 and a save percentage of .954, certainly good enough for ITECH Goaltender of the Month honors. (See related release.)

Gabe Winer of UMass was runner-up in that category, and posted a shutout in his only action of the weekend, a 2-0 win over Providence to avenge the team's 6-2 loss to the Friars the night before. Colin McDonald and rookie Jon Rheault each had two goals for Providence on Friday, as did UMass rookie P.J. Fenton, who also set up Saturday's game-winning goal.

Boston College came out on top in the nation's headline college hockey event this weekend, No. 2 BC vs. No. 3 North Dakota on Friday. CCM Player of the Month Patrick Eaves set up three goals as BC jumped out to a 4-0 lead and held on for a 5-3 win. Rookie Dan Bertram scored twice for the Eagles.

Bent on a split, North Dakota built a 3-1 lead headed into the third period of Saturday's game at Northeastern, only to be outshot 12-1 and outscored 2-0 in the final frame. NU's Brian Swiniarski had both goals in the comeback tie.

HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Offense	Defense
Boston University	2	2	0	0	4	3-2-0	2.40 GPG	3.20 GAPG
Massachusetts	3	2	1	0	4	4-3-0	2.43 GPG	2.43 GAPG
Providence	4	2	2	0	4	3-2-0	3.40 GPG	2.60 GAPG
Boston College	1	1	0	0	2	3-1-0	4.00 GPG	2.50 GAPG
Maine	2	1	1	0	2	5-4-0	3.22 GPG	2.11 GAPG
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0	0	3-1-1	3.80 GPG	3.20 GAPG
Northeastern	0	0	0	0	0	2-3-1	3.17 GPG	4.17 GAPG
Merrimack	2	0	2	0	0	2-4-0	3.00 GPG	4.00 GAPG
UMass Lowell	2	0	2	0	0	3-2-0	3.00 GPG	2.60 GAPG

RECENT RESULTS

Friday, October 29
Maine 3, at Merrimack 0 *
at Providence 6, Massachusetts 2 *
UMass Lowell 5, at Rensselaer 3
Boston College 5, North Dakota 3 #

Saturday, October 30
at Massachusetts 2, Providence 0 *
UMass Lowell 3, at Union 2
at Northeastern 3, North Dakota 3 (OT)

Sunday, October 31
at Boston University 2, Maine 1 *

UPCOMING GAMES

Friday, November 5
Merrimack at Massachusetts *
Boston College at Maine (WABI) *
Boston University vs. New Hampshire *
(8pm - CSTV – at Manchester, NH)
Connecticut at Northeastern
Wayne State at Providence (CoxSports)

Saturday, November 6
Massachusetts at Merrimack *
Wayne State at Providence

Sunday, November 7
New Hampshire at Maine (2pm) *

**** Hockey East game***
 # Commisioners' Cup series
Games start at 7pm unless indicated.
All game times are Eastern Time.

CCM HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE WEEK

BEN WALTER – UMass Lowell
Junior Forward; Langley, BC

Scored four of UML's five goals in a 5-3 win at RPI Friday and added another goal, the game-winner, in a 3-2 win at Union on Saturday.

SUPERSKILLS HOCKEY ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

DAN BERTRAM – Boston College
Freshman Forward; Calgary, AB

Scored the first goal and the last goal in a big 5-3 win for Boston College over third-ranked North Dakota.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

JOHN CURRY – Boston University
Sophomore Goaltender; Shorewood, MN

Stopped 25 of 26 shots faced in out-dueling Maine's Jimmy Howard, 2-1, on Sunday. It was his third straight start and third straight win.

HOCKEY EAST HONOR ROLL

- **Matt Anderson, UMass** (So. F; West Islip, NY) – Had a hand in three of the four goals UMass scored in a split with Providence.
- **Patrick Eaves, BC** (Jr. F; Faribault, MN) – Set up three of five BC goals in a 5-3 win vs. North Dakota.
- **Grant Farrell, UML** (Fr. D; Calgary, AB) – Notched a power-play goal and an assist in Saturday's 3-2 win at Union.
- **P.J. Fenton, UMass** (Fr. F; Longmeadow, MA) – Scored both UMass goals in a 6-2 loss at Providence Friday and set up the game winner in the rematch, a slim 2-0 UMass victory.
- **Jimmy Howard, Maine** (Jr. G; Ogdensburg, NY) – Stopped 51 of 53 shots faced (.962) over two games this weekend, including all 21 in a 3-0 shutout win at Merrimack.
- **Jon Jankus, Maine** (Jr. F; Stoney Creek, ON) – Scored twice in a 3-0 win at Merrimack.
- **Colin McDonald, PC** (So. F; Wethersfield, CT) – Scored two goals, including the game winner, in Friday's 6-2 win over UMass.
- **Jon Rheault, PC** (Fr. F; Deering, NH) – Collected his first two collegiate goals and added one assist in a 6-2 win over UMass.
- **Brian Swiniarski, NU** (Jr. F; Newburyport, MA) – Scored two third-period goals in NU's 3-3 tie vs. No. 3 North Dakota.
- **Peter Vetri, UML** (Fr. G; Windham, NH) – Stopped 30 of 32 shots faced in his collegiate debut, a 3-2 win at Union.
- **Gabe Winer, UMass** (Jr. G; Stoughton, MA) – Made 20 saves in a shutout win over Providence on Saturday.

LEADING SCORERS (All Games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1	Patrick Eaves, BC	Jr	4	3	8	11
2	Matt Anderson, UMass	So	7	5	5	10
	Derek Damon, Maine	Jr	9	5	5	10
4	Brian Yandle, UNH *	Jr	5	0	9	9
	Mike Morris, NU	Jr	6	4	5	9
6	Ben Walter, UML	Jr	5	7	1	8
	Matt Byrnes, MC	So	6	1	7	8
	Ben Murphy, Maine	Sr	9	2	6	8
9	Elias Godoy, UML	Jr	5	1	6	7
	Jason Guerriero, NU	Sr	6	2	5	7
	Jeff Caron, MC *	So	6	1	6	7
	Stephen Werner, UMass	Jr	7	2	5	7
	Greg Moore, Maine	Jr	9	5	2	7

* defenseman

WHO'S HOT?

- **Patrick Eaves, BC** (Jr. F; Faribault, MN)
Leading the nation with a 2.75 points per game average.

- **Brett Hemingway, UNH** (So. F; Surrey, BC)
Has scored a point in each of five games this season.

- **Colin McDonald, PC** (So. F; Wethersfield, CT)
Has five goals in five games so far this season.

- **Ben Walter, UML** (Jr. F; Langley, BC)
Has notched at least one point in each of five games this season, a total that includes seven goals.

- **Brian Yandle, UNH** (Jr. D; Milton, MA)
Second in the nation with nine assists already.

- **UMass Lowell's power play –** Clicking at just over 25 percent, the unit has scored 11 of Lowell's 15 goals.

- **Merrimack's penalty kill** – Has killed 21 straight, including a 7-for-7 showing against Maine.

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LEADING GOALTENDERS (All Games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	Min	W	L	T	GAA	SP
1	John Curry, BU	So	4	210	3	0	0	1.14	.954
2	Gabe Winer, UMass	Jr	4	240	3	1	0	1.75	.931
3	Jim Howard, Maine	Jr	8	475	4	4	0	2.14	.918
4	Matti Kaltiainen, BC	Sr	2	120	1	1	0	2.50	.868
	Cory Schneider, BC	Fr	2	120	2	0	0	2.50	.886
6	Chris Davidson, UML	Sr	4	186	1	2	0	2.57	.910
7	David Cacciola, PC	Sr	5	298	3	2	0	2.61	.908
8	Jeff Pietrasiak, UNH	Jr	3	184	2	0	1	2.92	.903
9	Tim Warner, UMass	Sr	3	184	1	2	0	3.24	.888
10	Keni Gibson, NU	Sr	5	308	2	2	1	3.30	.879

FIRST COLLEGIATE GOAL

Jon Rheault, PC (Fr. F; Deering, NH)
10/29/04 vs. Massachusetts

Grant Farrell, UML (Fr. D; Calgay, AB)
10/30/04 at Union

TEAM STATISTICS (All Games)

TEAM OFFENSE

Team	GP	G	GPG
1.Boston College.....	4	16	4.00
2.New Hampshire.....	5	19	3.80
3.Providence.....	5	17	3.40
4.Maine.....	9	29	3.22
5.Northeastern.....	6	19	3.17
6.UMass Lowell.....	5	15	3.00
Merrimack.....	6	18	3.00
8.Massachusetts.....	7	17	2.43
9.Boston University...	5	12	2.40

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1.Maine.....	9	19	2.11
2.Massachusetts.....	7	17	2.43
3.Boston College.....	4	10	2.50
4.UMass Lowell.....	5	13	2.60
Providence.....	5	13	2.60
6.Boston University...	5	16	3.20
New Hampshire.....	5	16	3.20
8.Merrimack.....	6	24	4.00
9.Northeastern.....	6	25	4.17

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1.New Hampshire.....	5	11	41	1	.268
2.UMass Lowell.....	5	11	43	0	.256
3.Northeastern.....	6	9	45	0	.200
4.Providence.....	5	8	44	1	.182
5.Massachusetts.....	7	7	40	0	.175
6.Merrimack.....	6	9	52	4	.173
7.Boston College.....	4	6	36	1	.167
8.Maine.....	9	9	61	1	.148
9.Boston University...	5	5	42	1	.119

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1.Maine.....	9	6	57	1	.895
2.Boston College.....	4	4	35	2	.886
3.Providence.....	5	5	41	1	.878
4.UMass Lowell.....	5	4	31	1	.871
5.Merrimack.....	6	7	50	1	.860
6.Boston University...	5	6	38	1	.842
7.Massachusetts.....	7	9	50	1	.820
8.New Hampshire.....	5	7	30	0	.767
9.Northeastern.....	6	13	42	0	.690

PENALTY MINUTES

Team	GP	P	PiM	PMPG
1.Northeastern.....	6	48	96	16.00
2.Massachusetts.....	7	55	113	16.14
3.New Hampshire.....	5	41	82	16.40
4.Providence.....	5	48	96	19.20
5.Boston College.....	4	39	78	19.50
6.UMass Lowell.....	5	34	101	20.20
7.Maine.....	9	83	196	21.78
8.Boston University...	5	50	111	22.20
9.Merrimack.....	6	67	134	22.33

TEAM NOTES

Boston College: BC is 3-0 against ranked opponents ... Freshman Brian O'Hanley tallied two assists against North Dakota which brings his total to three points, leading all defensemen on BC's squad.

Boston University: BU boast a three-game winning streak, best in the league this season ... In the last three games between BU and Maine, there have been a total of five goals scored. In the game just before that, there were 12 goals scored, as Maine defeated BU, 8-4 ... The Terriers prevailed 2-1 over Maine Sunday despite skating five freshmen forwards.

University of Maine: Prior to giving up a power play goal in the second period of the Boston University game, the Black Bears had killed 19 straight power plays over the course of five games. Maine has allowed opponents just six goals on 57 power play chances ... Maine was 15-5 last season in one-goal games, including a streak of eight straight, but is only 2-3 to start this year.

University of Massachusetts: Saturday's shutout was the first ever for UMass against Providence and the first shutout UMass has posted for its home fans since Jan. 13, 2001 (2-0 vs. Northeastern) ... The Minutemen lost 6-2 at Providence on Friday. Last year, they went on a 5-1-1 run immediately following a 6-2 loss to the Friars.

UMass Lowell: UML has scored the first goal in each of its five contests this season ... On Friday, Ben Walter became the first River Hawk to score four goals since Neil Donovan posted four at Massachusetts on Nov. 10, 1995 ... Goaltender John Yaros posted a win Friday at RPI, his first start of the season, but had to leave the game in the third period due to injury ... Andrew Martin's first-period goal against Rensselaer was the River Hawks' first even-strength goal of the year ... Four of UML's five games this season have been decided by 3-2 scores.

Merrimack College: Merrimack was shut out by Maine for the first time since a 4-0 loss on Feb. 28, 1999 at Maine. It was the first time the Black Bears have ever shut out the Warriors at the Volpe Center. The shutout ended three-game point streaks for Matt Byrnes and Jordan Black.

University of New Hampshire: UNH is a perfect 3-0 at home this season ... The Wildcats visit Maine on Sunday – UNH has not won a game at Maine since January 8, 2000 ... UNH's power play ranks third in the country at 26.8 percent. The unit has scored 11 goals this season in 41 chances and has scored at least once in all five games this season.

Northeastern University: The line of Brian Swiniarski, Ray Ortiz and Jared Mudryk has a combined line of 4-2-6 in just two games together. Mudryk has only dressed in those two games and has two goals ... After missing the first two games of his career, senior defenseman Tim Judy returned and had an assist Saturday against North Dakota.

Providence College: Twelve of PC's 17 goals this season have been scored by sophomores ... The Friars are undefeated (3-0) at home this season ... Chris Chaput opened his senior season with a four-game point streak.