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PRINCETON TIGERS (9-13-1 OVERALL, 6-9-1 ECACHL) VS. DARTMOUTH BIG GREEN (11-10-2 OVERALL, 9-5-2 ECACHL)

THOMPSON ARENA • HANOVER, N.H.

TALE OF THE TAPE

PRINCETON TIGERS		DARTMOUTH BIG GREEN
9-13-1 (.413)	Overall Record	11-10-2 (.522)
6-9-1 (.406), 13 points/T-9thI	ECACHL Record/Place	
Not ranked	National Rank	Not ranked
2.61 GPG (10th ECACHL/43rd NCAA) \$	Scoring Offense (Rank)	3.57 GPG (1st ECACHL/5th NCAA)
2.96 GPG (T-6th ECACHL/T-30th NCAA) \$	coring Defense (Rank).	2.96 GPG (T-6th ECACHL/T-30th NCAA)
26-143; 18.2% (4th ECACHL/19th NCAA)	Power Play	28-129; 21.7% (1st ECACHL/5th NCAA)
121-144; 84.0% (6th ECACHL/24th NCAA)	Penalty Kill	114-137; 83.2% (7th ECACHL/29th NCAA)
Grant Goeckner-Zoeller, Jr., F (12-9-21; 5 PP	G) Top Scorers Mike	e Ouellette, Sr., F (10-17–27; 4 PPG, 2 SHG)
Kevin Westgarth, Jr., F (5-10–15)		Eric Przepiorka, Sr., F (9-16–25)
Brett Wilson, Fr., F (9-5-14; 6 PPG)		David Jones, So., F (8-18-26; 3 GWG)
Eric Leroux, Sr. (6-8-0, 2.46 GAA, .921 sv%)	Top Goalie Mil	ke Devine, So. (10-6-2, 2.46 GAA, .911 sv%)
Guy Gadowsky (Colorado College '89)	. Coach (Alma Mater)	Bob Gaudet (Dartmouth '81)
85-122-26 (.421), Seventh season Ca	reer Record (Pct.), Years	s218-263-65 (.459), 18th season
17-33-4 (.352), Second season Reco	ord at School, (Pct.), Yea	rs 125-121-34 (.507), Ninth season

THE PRINCETON-DARTMOUTH SERIES

All-Time	Dartmouth leads, 86-78-12
At Hanover	Dartmouth leads, 36-30-6
Current Series Streak	Princeton, won three
	unbeaten 4 (3-0-1)
First Meeting	. Jan. 9, 1907 (PRI 5, DRT 2)
	at New York, N.Y.
Last Meeting	lov. 4, 2005 (DRT 0, @PRI 3)
2004-05 Season Series	Princeton won, 2-0-0

Special Series Notes:

- Dartmouth owns a 36-30-6 edge against Princeton at home, but the Tigers are 15-4-6 in Hanover since the start of the 1981-82 season.
- Though the two teams met for the first time in 1907, Princeton and Dartmouth played at neutraal sites until 1923, when the Big Green traveled to Old Nassau. The Tigers wouldn't make the return trip to Hanover until 1931.

ABOUT LAST WEEKEND...

What these two teams did their last time out:

PRINCETON: The Tigers won for the third and fourth times in the last five games after posting back-to-back wins against St. Lawrence and Clarkson at Baker Rink last weekend. On Friday, Patrick Neundorfer's second goal of the game with 1:24 left in regulation provided the final margin of victory as Princeton beat St. Lawrence, 4-3. In the 4-2 win over Clarkson Saturday, the Tigers' Grant Goeckner-Zoeller scored a goal and added an asist, defenseman Seamus Young added three assists and goalie Eric Leroux made 37 saves.

DARTMOUTH: The Big Green extended its unbeaten streak to five with a 6-4 win at Yale and a 2-2 overtime tie against Brown last weekend. Eric Przepiorka had a goal and two assists against the Bulldogs, and Tanner Glass, Mike Ouellette and J.T. Wyman each tallied two points. The Big Green salvaged a tie with the Bears when David Jones scored with 55 seconds left in the third period.

PRINCETON TIGERS ROSTER

<u>No.</u>	<u>Player</u>	Pos.
1	B.J. Sklapsky	G
2	Seamus Young	D
5	Patrick Neundorfer	F
6	Lee Jubinville	F
7	Darroll Powe	F
	Note: Has five goals this season, four or	f which
	he's scored in the Tigers' last five game	s.
8	Will Harvey	F
9	Grant Goeckner-Zoeller	F
	Note: The reigning ECACHL Player of the	ne Week
	enters the weekend with a seven-game	point
	streak during which he has scored 6-5-	11.
10	Landis Stankievech	F
12	Christian Read	F
13	Sebastian Borza	F
15	Kevin Westgarth	F
	Note: Has 15 points this season, which	is two
	more than he scored in his freshman an	d
	sophomore campaigns combined.	
16	Brett Wilson	F
	Note: Freshman forward ranks fourth am	nong
	ECACHL rookies in scoring in league ga	ames
	with 7-4–11.	
17	Brian Carthas	D
	Note: Has six assists in five games sind	ce
	sitting out the Tigers' Jan. 7 tie at Brow	n as a
	healthy scratch.	
18	B.J. Mackasey	D
19	Mark Masters	F
20	Brandan Kushniruk	F
21	Mike Moore	D
22	Brett Westgarth	D
23	Keith Shattenkirk	F
24	Max Cousins	D
25	Kyle Hagel	F
27	Daryl Marcoux	D
30	Eric Leroux	G
	Note: At 6-8-0 thus far, needs one more	win
	to set a personal best for victories in a s	single
	season.	
34	Thomas Sychterz	G
	Head Coach: Guy Gadowsky	
	Assistants: Keith Fisher, John Riley	

PRINCETON NEED TO KNOW...

• HOW SWEEP IT IS!: The Tigers posted wins against visiting St. Lawrence and Clarkson last weekend for their second consecutive ECAC Hockey League series sweep. Princeton had defeated Colgate and Cornell at Baker Rink in its last league contests Jan. 13-14. Prior to its back-to-back victories against the Raiders and Big Red, the Tigers hadn't recorded a weekend sweep in conference play since taking back-to-back games against Brown and Harvard in the final weekend of the 2001-02 regular season.

BEEN A LONG TIME...LIKE NEVER: Princeton hadn't recorded consecutive league sweeps since the ECACHL adopted its current travel partner setup prior to the start of the 1984-85 campaign.

- ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR WE WANT MORE: The Tigers' current four-game conference winning streak is the team's longest since 1994-95, when Princeton defeated Yale, Colgate, Cornell and Rensselaer in consecutive fashion. Since joining the ECACHL for the 1961-62 season, the Tigers have never won five league matches in a row.
- DOZEN IT SOUND GREAT?: With three wins in its last six regular season games, Princeton will have 12 wins. The Tigers haven't collected more than 11 victories in a season since the 1998-99 campaign, when current Washington Capital Jeff Halpern paced Princeton to a 20-12-2 overall mark.
- SCORE TACTICS: Though Princeton enters the weekend ranked 10th among ECACHL teams in scoring offense at 2.61 goals per game, the Tigers have picked up the pace as of late. In the last six games, Princeton has averaged 3.33 goals per contest. Not surprisingly, they're 4-1-1 during that stretch.
- THE OVER-UNDER: The Tigers are 9-1-0 this season in games in which they've scored three or more goals, and they're 0-12-1 when tallying two or fewer goals. The team's lone blemish when getting 3+ goals came on Nov. 18, when Princeton dropped a 4-3 overtime decision at Clarkson.
- **GETTING NICKED IN CLOSE SHAVES:** Prior to last weekend's 4-3 win against St. Lawrence at Baker Rink, Princeton was 0-5 in one-goal games.
- THE GOALIE GIVES BACK: Princeton netminder Eric Leroux is one of seven finalists for the Hockey Humanitarian Award. The senior has volunteered at a malaria clinic in Ecuador, interned at an HIV/AIDS clinic in Kenya, established a New Jersey-based organization that donates hockey equipment and a local effort that donates medical supplies to those in need.

DARTMOUTH BIG GREEN ROSTER

<u>No.</u>	<u>Player</u>	Pos.
1	Mike Devine	G
2	Mike Hartwick	D
4	Will Boardman	D
5	Chris Johnson	D
6	Sean Offers	D
7	Jon Grecu	F
8	Garret Overlock	D
9	Jarrett Sampson	F
10	John Gibson	D
11	Dan Shribman	F
12	Ben Lovejoy	D
14	Ryan Bellows	F
	Note: Nephew of Brian Bellows, who sco	ored
	1,022 points during a 17-year NHL cared	er that
	included tours of duty with the Minnesot	a North
	Stars, Montreal, Tampa Bay, Anaheim a	nd
	Washington.	
15	Tanner Glass	F
16	J.T. Wyman	F
17	Connor Shields	F
18	Eric Przepiorka	F
	Note: Needs five points to become the 3	3rd
	player in Dartmouth hockey history to e	clipse
	the 100-career point plateau.	
21	Kevin Swallow	F
22	Rob Pritchard	F
23	David Jones	F
24	Grant Lewis	D
25	Nick Johnson	F
	Note: An ECACHL all-rookie team selec	
	2005, Johnson's father, Kevin, also play	
	hockey at Dartmouth and led the Big Gr	een in
	points in 1977.	
26	Brandon Harrington	F
28	Mike Ouellette	F
	Note: With his next point, the Kamloops	
	native will move past Bill Harrison into s	
	possession of eighth place on the Dartm	
	all-time scoring list. Ouellette enters the	
	weekend with career totals of 54-72–128	_
33	Dan Goulding	G
	Head Coach: Bob Gaudet	
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	Assistants: Dave Peters, Brendan Whit	iei

DARTMOUTH NEED TO KNOW...

- PROTECT THIS HOUSE: Since dropping its home opener to Colgate on Nov. 11, Dartmouth has reeled off six straight wins against ECAC Hockey League opponents at Thompson Arena. In its seven home dates against conference foes, the Big Green has averaged 5.01 goals per game while allowing 2.14 goals per game.
- BIG GREEN 12-PACK: Dartmouth has posted a 7-3-2 record since Dec. 10-11, when the Big Green lost back-to-back games against Boston University and UMass Lowell. The team's only defeats during that 12-game span were decisions against non-conference opponents Vermont, New Hampshire and Holy Cross. That trio entered the week with a combined mark of 50-24-8.
- **GETTING AHEAD OF OURSELVES:** The Big Green's 6-4 win against Yale at Ingalls Rink last weekend marked the first time this season that Dartmouth earned a victory after trailing at the first intermission. It was also the first time this year the Big Green won after giving up the game's first goal.
- THREE WITH FOUR: A trio of sophomore forwards Nick Johnson, David Jones and J.T. Wyman enter the weekend with four-game point streaks in tow. Johnson has 3-2–5 during that span, Jones has accumulated 2-5–7 in that stretch, and Wyman has totalled 2-3–5 over the Big Green's last two series.
- HOT IN HERE: Senior forward Mike Ouellette has a point in eight of Dartmouth's last 10 games. The team's leading scorer with 10-17–27 in 23 games has three goals and nine assists in that time frame.

Another senior forward, Eric Przepiorka, has been nearly as torrid over that span with 3-6–9 in his last 10 starts. Przepiorka, the Big Green's second-leading scorer with 9-16–25, hasn't been held scoreless in back-to-back games this season.

- I GOT FIVE ON IT: As of Feb. 8, Dartmouth boasted the country's fifth-best scoring offense (averaging 3.57 goals per game) and the fifth-best power play unit (28 goals in 129 man-advantage opportunities for a 21.9% success rate.) Not surprisingly, of the 10 highest-scoring teams in the Division I ranks, seven are also among the top 10 in power play percentage joining the Big Green in that group are Colorado College, Holy Cross, Mercyhurst, Michigan, Minnesota and Niagara.
- 20-20 VISION: Coach Bob Gaudet has guided his alma mater to 20 wins twice in the last three seasons. Dartmouth won 20 games in a season twice between 1905 the first year of varsity hockey at the institution and 2002, when Gaudet recorded his first 20-win campaign.