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Colorado College wing Derek Patrosso, right, was unable to deflect the puck past New Hampshire goalie Kevin Regan during the first period of Saturday night's game.

# UNH too much for CC

## Wildcats jump to early lead, win fifth straight over Tigers

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THE GAZETTE

New Hampshire's Jerry Pollastrone paused in front of Colorado College goalie Matt Zaba. He had two, maybe three, seconds to secure a loose puck. Then, with ease, he poked it between the pipes.



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Colorado College (3-2-1) has lost five straight to No. 12-ranked New Hampshire (2-0). Scott McCulloch had two goals for the Tigers, increasing his season total to seven.

"(New Hampshire) had too much giddy-up for us," CC coach Scott Owens said. "I was happy with the first period. I thought we had plenty of opportunities."

A New Hampshire skate as-

sisted the Tigers' first goal. From the right side of New Hampshire goalie Kevin Regan, CC's Jimmy Kilpatrick swiped a pass intended for the slot. Instead, the puck deflected off a New Hampshire skate and to the side of the net, where McCulloch directed it into the net.

The 1-1 tie lasted 24 seconds. As the announcer barked the Tigers' power play goal, Trevor Smith found the back of the net for a 2-1 Wildcats lead. The Tigers could not snatch momentum.

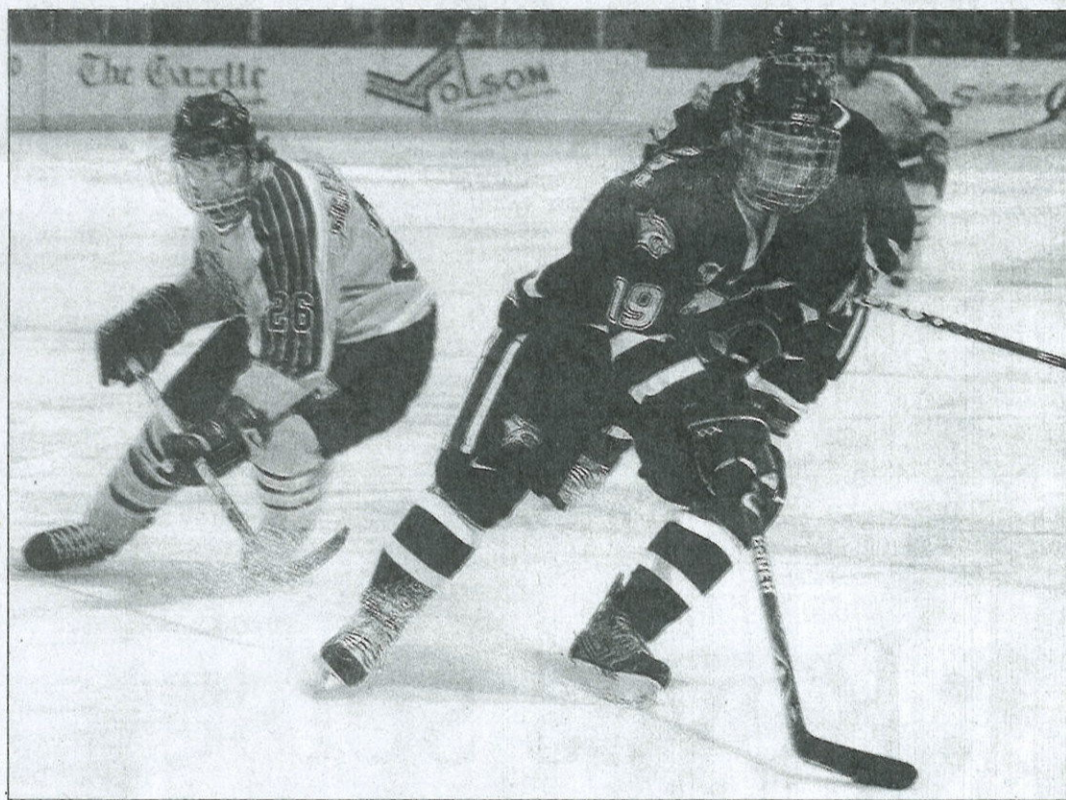
"The next shift after a goal is important," McCulloch said. "We had lots of chances to tie after that."

New Hampshire scored first in the second period. The Wildcats struck 8:19 into the first when Smith skated to the net alone. He crossed the puck to the left, then the right, before flipping it over Zaba's shoulder for a 1-0 lead.

Less than two minutes into the second, New Hampshire's Chris Murray touched a puck that slid between the legs of Zaba.

In the third, New Hampshire needed 18 seconds to score. Craig Switzer's goal put the Wildcats up 6-2.

"Obviously, we had problems at the end defending the rush," Owens said. "They've got some horses up front, and they took advantage of our youth."



CC winger Scott McCulloch, left, scored two goals for the Tigers, increasing his season total to seven.

Owens pulled Zaba midway through the second period.

Zaba allowed five goals and stopped 16 shots. Drew O'Connell entered, allowed two goals and made 17 saves in 29:29.

"Zaba was hardly to blame," Owens said.

Colorado College's poor defensive performance came a night after defenseman Nate Prosser suffered a concussion 45 seconds into New Hampshire's 4-3 win.

Prosser is out at least two weeks. The Tigers also lost Jake Gannon, who picked up a

game-misconduct penalty in the first period.

On Saturday, Owens rested defenseman Brandon Straub, a senior co-captain.

Although CC is inexperienced, New Hampshire coach Dave Umile thinks the Tigers have upside.

"They're going to be fine," Umile said. "Obviously they have some young players but they're fast and skilled. Tonight's score was not indicative of the game."

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New Hampshire 7, Colorado College 2  
First period — 1. NH, Smith (Fornataro, Pollastrone) 8:19; 2. CC, McCulloch (Kilpatrick, Lumpl) 16:49, pp; 3. NH, Smith (Pollastrone) 17:13. Penalties — NH, Murray (holding) 2:21; NH, Vinz (tripping) 9:27; Brannigan (slashing) 12:14; NH, Ciocco (hooking) 15:06; CC, Connelly (slashing) 17:49.  
Second — 4. NH, Pollastrone (Murray, Smith) 1:41; 5. CC, McCulloch (Rau, Cox) 4:52; 6. NH, Radja (Hemingway, Micflikier) 9:01; 7. NH, Pollastrone (Fornataro, Smith) 10:31. Ties — NH, Murray (holding) 3:24; NH, Connelly (high sticking) 4:02; CC, McMillan (sticking) 11:42; NH, Fortney (tripping) 14:37.  
Third — NH, 8. Switzer (Flaishans, Micflikier) 1:18, pp; 9. NH, Radja (Hemingway, Micflikier) 4:20, pp. Penalties — CC, Cox (hooking) 1:12; CC, McCulloch (slashing, 10-min, misconduct) 3:22; NH, Pollastrone (hooking) 18:22.  
Shots on goal — NH, 40; CC, 35. Power opportunities — NH, 2 of 5; CC, 2 of 7. Goals — Regan (NH) 29 saves-53.35; F. O'Connell (CC) 17-29-29. Penalties — 7-14; CC, 6-20. A — 7,037.