Concord-Carlisle 10, Reading 7

Thursday, April 17, 2025, at Concord

When the Patriots (5-1) fell behind, 4-1, in the first half of a nonleague clash against the No. 5 Rockets (5-1), first-year coach Jonathan Smith thought, "Here we go again." Smith spent 20-plus years as an assistant at Concord-Carlisle and Reading has had their number over the past decade, except for the Patriots' 2021 state semifinals win over the Rockets en route to a state title. But on Thursday, the Patriots climbed back to tie the game, 4-4, and held the Rockets scoreless for nearly 20 minutes in the second and third quarters with Henry Morgan (14 saves) standing tall in net. Making their second appearances of the season, senior pole Stoddard Healy, faceoff specialist Chris Bono, and senior attack Jason Swain (goal) made key contributions and sophomore Alex Fivek led the way with six goals. Alex Kosicki (2 goals) and John Anderson chipped in during a 4-0 run in the fourth quarter to pull away. "We had six kids out over the first four games," said Smith. "Once they came back against Newburyport [on Monday] we felt complete. This was a week where, looking in their eyes, they're starting to believe. Everything is working and we're coming together. It's been fun to see."

Concord-Carlisle 9, Newburyport 8

Monday, April 14, 2025, at Newburyport

Senior captain Eric Palmer posted two goals and two assists, including the winning tally with 50 seconds to go, as the Patriots (4-1) earned a thrilling nonleague win. Senior Jason Swaim added three goals for C-C, sophomore Alex Fivek scored two, and senior goalie Henry Morgan made eight saves.