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Hockey East Quarterfinal Pairs Set *Eight Teams Vie for 2019 Lamoriello Trophy*

WAKEFIELD, Mass. - The Hockey East Association has announced the four pairings for the best-of-three quarterfinal round of the 2019 Hockey East Tournament. Playoff games begin Friday, March 15. The top four seeds, No. 1 Massachusetts, No. 2 Providence, No. 3 Northeastern, and No. 4 UMass Lowell, will play host to No. 8 New Hampshire, No. 7 Boston College, No. 6 Maine, and No. 5 Boston University, respectively, for the right to advance to the championship weekend at TD Garden March 22-23. A full schedule can be found below.

No. 1 Massachusetts (26-8-0, 18-6-0 HEA) draws No. 8 New Hampshire (12-13-9, 8-10-6 HEA) after claiming the first-ever regular season crown in program history. The Minutemen earn hosting duties for the quarterfinal round for the first time since 2007, while New Hampshire finished with its highest ranking since 2015 (8th.) All-time in the Hockey East Tournament, the Wildcats own a 6-1 record against the Minutemen in six series. The two programs have not met in the postseason since the 2008 quarterfinals. During the regular season, UMass took a 2-0-0 mark against UNH. The Minutemen have not appeared in the semifinals since 2007.

No. 2 Providence (21-9-6, 14-7-3 HEA) will play host to No. 7 Boston College (11-20-3, 10-11-3 HEA) in the eighth-ever playoff series between the two schools, with BC holding a 7-3 advantage in all games. The Eagles took a 2-1-0 mark against the Friars during the regular season, winning twice at home, although the lone PC win came on March 7, a 3-0 win in Providence. The Eagles have moved on to three consecutive semifinal weekends, while Providence has advanced to the TD Garden in five of the last seven years. Providence earned the second seed for just the second time in program history, while Boston College hasn't been the road team in a quarterfinal series since 2009 at New Hampshire.

No. 3 Northeastern (23-10-1, 15-8-1 HEA) welcomes No. 6 Maine (14-15-4, 10-9-4 HEA) to Matthews Arena for the first time since an Opening Round series sweep in 2016. Despite the 2016 series, the Black Bears own a 6-3 record against the Huskies all-time in the Hockey East Tournament, including a 4-0 mark in quarterfinal games. Maine looks to advance to the semifinals for the first time since 2012, a year in which they appeared in the title game, while Northeastern hopes to make it to the TD Garden for the second year in a row. The Huskies took the regular season series, 2-0-0, by a combined score of 7-2 on Jan. 11-12 in Orono.

No. 4 UMass Lowell (18-11-5, 12-7-5 HEA) will host No. 5 Boston University (14-16-4, 12-9-3 HEA) in the quarterfinals after earning the right to home ice in the final game of the regular season. Historically, the Terriers own a 9-5 postseason record against the River Hawks, including a 5-3 win in the 2015 title game. Most recently, the River Hawks swept Boston University in the 2016 quarterfinals at Tsongas Arena. During the 2018-19 regular season, the two squads split the two-game regular season series, with each team winning on the road.

2019 Hockey East Tournament Quarterfinal Schedule

Date	Match Up	Time
Fri., March 15	#7 Boston College at #2 Providence	7pm
Fri., March 15	#6 Maine at #3 Northeastern	7pm
Fri., March 15	#8 New Hampshire at #1 Massachusetts	7:05pm
Fri., March 15	#5 Boston University at #4 UMass Lowell	7:15pm
Sat., March 16	#7 Boston College at #2 Providence	7pm
Sat., March 16	#6 Maine at #3 Northeastern	7pm
Sat., March 16	#8 New Hampshire at #1 Massachusetts	7:05pm
Sat., March 16	#5 Boston University at #4 UMass Lowell	7:05pm
Sun., March 17 *	#8 New Hampshire at #1 Massachusetts	5pm
Sun., March 17 *	#7 Boston College at #2 Providence	5pm
Sun., March 17 *	#6 Maine at #3 Northeastern	7pm
Sun., March 17 *	#5 Boston University at #4 UMass Lowell	4:05pm
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