



# MEN'S PREVIEW

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## **#1 UMass vs. #7 Boston College**

- #1 UMass (28-8-0, 18-6-0 HEA) returns to the Hockey East semifinals for the first time since 2007 and the first time as the number one seed.
- The Minutemen have only appeared in the semifinals three times, facing New Hampshire on each occasion. They advanced past the Wildcats in 2004 for their first and only trip to the Hockey East Championship game, where they fell to Maine, 2-1, in triple overtime.
- #7 Boston College (13-21-3, 10-11-3 HEA) enters the TD Garden for its fourth straight appearance in the semifinals, and will look to return to the championship game for the first time since 2017, a 4-3 loss to UMass Lowell.
- This weekend marks the 25th time that the Eagles have advanced to the final four of the Hockey East Tournament. They have posted a 17-7-0 record through their first 24 appearances and have gone on to capture the Hockey East tournament title a league leading 11 times, including nine under current head coach **Jerry York**.
- Friday night marks the first meeting at this stage of the tournament for the Minutemen and Eagles. Boston College holds the advantage with an 8-1-0 all-time record in tournament play over the Minutemen. UMass' lone win came in the opening round of the 1995 tournament, while the Eagles have swept four quarterfinal series.
- UMass sophomore defenseman **Cale Makar** (Calgary, Alta.) was named as a Top 10 Finalist for the 2019 Hobey Baker Memorial Award on Wednesday. He is the lone representative from Hockey East in that field, one that includes six defensemen.

## **#3 Northeastern vs. #5 Boston University**

- #3 Northeastern (25-10-1, 15-8-1 HEA) takes on #5 Boston University (16-17-4, 12-9-3 HEA) in the semifinal round of the Hockey East Tournament for just the second time in league history. Their first meeting came in the form of a 5-2 Terriers' victory back in 1994.
- The Huskies are 2-8-0 in semifinal appearances and have captured the tournament title in each of their two appearances in the title game. Their most recent championship win came in 2016, 28 years after their first win in 1988.
- The reigning Hockey East Tournament champion Terriers return to the semifinals for the third straight season after defeating UMass Lowell in the best-of-three quarterfinal round.
- Boston University is tied with Boston College for most appearances in final four of the Hockey East tournament with 25. The Terriers are 12-12-0 in the semifinals and have gone on to capture nine tournament crowns. Their most recent came in a 2-0 shut out over Providence last year to earn an automatic bid into the NCAA Tournament.

## **35th Hockey East Championship Game**

- With a win on Friday night, Boston College head coach **Jerry York** will become the all-time winningest coach in the Hockey East Tournament with 63 wins. He is currently tied with long-time rival and Boston University bench boss, **Jack Parker**.
- This year's Hockey East semifinals feature the first, third, fifth, and seventh seeds, the first time that combination of seeds has advanced to the semifinal round of the Hockey East Tournament.
- The lowest seed to ever claim the Hockey East Tournament crown came in 2016 when Northeastern won the Lamoriello Trophy as the sixth seed.
- **Albie O'Connell** is just the first first-year head coach in 22 years to lead his team to the Hockey East Semifinals at the TD Garden, the last time coming when Tim Whitehead brought the UMass Lowell River Hawks to Boston in his first season with the program in 1997. A first-year head coach has never claimed the Hockey East Tournament title.
- Boston College and Boston University are both making their league-record 25th appearance in the tournament semifinals.
- The top seed has won the Hockey East Tournament 17 times, most recently in 2017 when UMass Lowell downed Boston College in the championship game. Meanwhile, the third seed has just three titles, the last in 1999, while the five seed has never won the Hockey East Tournament.
- The 2019 NCAA Tournament Selection Show will take place on Sunday, March 24 at 7pm on ESPNU.

## **UPCOMING GAMES**

### **Friday 3/22**

Hockey East Semifinals  
#3 NU vs. #5 BU - 4pm ^  
#1 UMass vs. #7 BC - 7:30pm ^

^ NESNplus, FloHockey.TV

### **Saturday 3/23**

35th Hockey East Championship - 7pm ^

^ NESNplus, FloHockey.TV



**USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine  
Men's College Hockey Poll - 3/18**

Rk.	School, Pts. (FPV)	Record	LW
1.	St. Cloud State, 509 (33)	29-4-3	1
<b>2.</b>	<b>Massachusetts, 474 (1)</b>	<b>28-8-0</b>	<b>2</b>
3.	Minnesota State, 439	31-7-2	3
4.	Minnesota Duluth, 410	23-11-2	4
5.	Denver, 368	21-10-5	7
6.	Quinnipiac, 332	25-9-2	5
7.	Ohio State, 304	20-10-5	6
<b>8.</b>	<b>Northeastern, 256</b>	<b>25-10-1</b>	<b>9</b>
9.	Clarkson, 242	24-10-2	11
10.	Cornell, 200	19-9-4	10
11.	Harvard, 150	19-9-3	14
<b>12.</b>	<b>Providence, 129</b>	<b>22-11-6</b>	<b>8</b>
13.	Arizona State, 95	21-12-1	13
14.	Western Michigan, 67	21-14-1	12
15.	Bowling Green, 51	20-13-3	NR

Others Receiving Votes: Notre Dame 21, Penn State 12, **UMass Lowell 4.**

**USCHO.com  
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Rk.	School, Pts. (FPV)	Record	LW
1.	St. Cloud State, 999 (49)	29-4-3	1
2.	Minnesota State, 920	31-7-2	2
<b>3.</b>	<b>Massachusetts, 910 (1)</b>	<b>28-8-0</b>	<b>3</b>
4.	Minnesota Duluth, 864	23-11-2	4
5.	Denver, 777	21-10-5	8
<b>6.</b>	<b>Northeastern, 713</b>	<b>25-10-1</b>	<b>9</b>
7.	Quinnipiac, 670	25-9-2	5
8.	Ohio State, 649	20-10-5	6
9.	Clarkson, 581	24-10-2	11
10.	Cornell, 572	19-9-4	10
<b>11.</b>	<b>Providence, 470</b>	<b>22-11-6</b>	<b>7</b>
12.	Harvard, 408	19-9-3	14
13.	Bowling Green, 368	25-9-5	15
14.	Arizona State, 356	21-12-1	13
15.	Western Michigan, 346	21-14-1	12
16.	Notre Dame, 305	21-13-3	16
17.	Penn State, 271	22-14-2	17
<b>18.</b>	<b>UMass Lowell, 70</b>	<b>19-13-5</b>	<b>18</b>
19.	American International, 57	20-16-1	NR
20.	North Dakota, 51	18-17-2	19

Other Receiving Votes: Union 43, Lake Superior 42, Minnesota 18, Brown 15, **Boston University 14**, **Boston College 5**, Colorado College 3, Northern Michigan 3.

**2018-19 ARMY ROTC HEA STANDINGS**

Rk.	Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Conf. Off.	Conf. Def.
1.	Massachusetts	24	18	6	0	36	28-8-0	3.83 (1)	2.12 (2)
2.	Providence	24	14	7	3	31	22-11-6	3.17 (T2)	1.83 (1)
	Northeastern	24	15	8	1	31	25-10-1	3.17 (T2)	2.17 (3)
4.	UMass Lowell	24	12	7	5	29	19-13-5	2.71 (4)	2.29 (4)
5.	Boston University	24	12	9	3	27	16-17-4	2.67 (T5)	2.71 (8)
6.	Maine	24	11	9	4	26	15-17-4	2.67 (T5)	2.50 (T6)
7.	Boston College	24	10	11	3	23	13-21-3	2.58 (7)	2.50 (T6)
8.	New Hampshire	24	8	10	6	22	12-15-9	2.29 (8)	2.79 (9)
9.	UConn	24	7	15	2	16	12-20-2	2.17 (9)	3.21 (10)
10.	Vermont	24	5	16	3	13	12-19-3	1.71 (11)	2.46(5)
11.	Merrimack	24	4	18	2	10	7-24-3	2.00 (11)	4.38 (11)



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