

# MEN'S PREVIEW

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#### #5 Boston College vs. #10 Northeastern (home-and-home)

- With three weeks remaining in the Hockey East regular season, a crucial top-10 home-and-home between #5 Boston College and #10 Northeastern kicks off Thursday night at Matthews Arena. The last time the two faced off was in the 2019 Hockey East championship game, where the Huskies claimed a 3-2 victory.
- Most recently, the Eagles completed a two-game sweep of Merrimack, 3-2 and 6-2.
- Hockey East Player of the Week **Alex Newhook** (St. John's, New.) extended his point streak to seven games (7g, 6a) after recording a career-best five point game (2g, 3a) on Saturday. Newhook racked up eight points (4g, 4a) in three games last week, the most of any player in the NCAA.
- Pro Ambitions Rookie of the Week **Matt Boldy** (Millis, Mass.) assisted on the game-winning goal in Friday's 3-2 victory over Merrimack and contributed two goals and another helper in Saturday night's 6-2 outing. Boldy's point streak now stands at five games with three goals and six assists.
- The Huskies swept an important Hockey East series with #14 UMass Lowell last weekend. **Craig Pantano** (Bridgewater, Mass.) was named Hockey East Defensive Player of the Week after blocking 54 of the 55 shots that came his way over the weekend and recording a shutout in a 3-0 victory on Friday night. No goaltender in the country had more saves than Pantano's 84 in three games last week.
- Northeastern pulled off a 2-1 win with a game-winning goal from freshman **Matt Demelis** (Hlngham, Mass.) at 9:26 in the third.

#### #8 Massachusetts vs. #14 UMass Lowell (home-and-home)

- Four conference points are up for grabs between UMass and UMass Lowell as the two rival programs are separated by just two points in the Army ROTC Hockey East Standings.
- Coming off a bye weekend, the Minutemen are tied for first place in Hockey East. **Greg Carvel's** squad most recently swept a home-and-home of then-#10 Providence.
- The River Hawks fell twice last weekend, defeated by the-#12 Northeastern Huskies, 3-0 on Friday, and 3-2 on Saturday at Matthews Arena.
- UMass Lowell took an early lead on Saturday, going up 1-0 in the first period off a goal from **Reid Stefanson** (Winnipeg, Man.), but ended up falling, 3-2.

#### Vermont at #17 Maine

- Vermont travels to Orono to face off with Maine in search of its first conference win, where the Black Bears boast a 11-1-2 record at home this season. It was this past October when the Black Bears last saw the Catamounts and were able to grab a 2-1 victory on the road in Burlington.
- Last weekend, UVM lined up with #15 Providence twice, ending in a 1-1 draw on Friday night.
   Senior netminder Stefanos Lekkas (Elburn, III.) had 37 saves on Friday and another 31 on Saturday.
- A trio of Catamount goals on the weekend came from **Vlad Dzhioshvili** (Moscow, Russia) to tie the game on Friday, and **Max Kaufman** (Rochester, N.Y.), and **Andrew Lucas** (Alexandria, Va.) the following night in a 3-2 setback.
- Maine hosted UConn this past weekend, splitting the two-game series with the Huskies. The #17 Black Bears were defeated, 3-2, on Friday as they suffered their first home loss of the year. The next night saw a 41-save performance **Jeremy Swayman** (Anchorage, Alaska) and an overtime goal from **Mitchell Fossier** (Alpharetta, Ga.) at 4:07 of the extra frame in a 1-0 victory.

#### #15 Providence vs. Merrimack (home-and-home)

- #15 Providence lines up with the Warriors of Merrimack twice for a home-and-home this weekend. The last time these two met was during the 2018-19 season in a three-game series. The Friars outscored the Warriors, 20-7, across those three games as Providence earned all a trio of wins.
- The Friars return home from a trip to Burlington where they earned three out of four conference points in a crowded Army ROTC Hockey East Standings. After a period of overtime play, Friday night's contest ended in a 1-1 draw as **Michael Lackey** (Washington, D.C.) recorded 32 saves.
- Saturday night was a tally in the win column for Providence. The Friars got 39 saves from Lackey made and goals from **Patrick Moynihan** (Millis, Mass.), **Tyce Thompson** (Milford, Conn.), and **Max Crozier** (Calgary, Alta.) in a 3-2 victory.
- The Warriors are coming off a two-game battle with then-#6 Boston College, where they fell twice to the Eagles. Friday night's 3-2 result was back-and-froth with goals coming from forwards **Chase Gresock** (Powell, Ohio), and **Regan Kimens** (Vaughn, Ontario).
- Saturday's match up ended in a 6-2 defeat, but Kimens was able to find the back of the net again, along with **Liam Walsh** (Bridgeville, Pa.) to get the Warriors on the board.

#### Boston University vs. UConn (home-and-home)

- The Boston University Terriers and UConn Huskies have a home-and-home series on tap. The last time the Terriers took on UConn was last February. when the two split a weekend series. The Huskies took the first game in overtime before the Terriers grabbed game two's win.
- The pair also faced off in the 2018 Friendship Four in Belfast, Northern Ireland last November, where the Terriers claimed a 3-2 victory overseas.
- Boston University swept the UNH Wildcats last weekend, winning, 4-1, on Friday night, and following up with a 3-1 win on Saturday. **Sam Tucker** (Wilton, Conn.) denied 69 of 71 shots New Hampshire challenged him with over the two-game spread.
- Freshman Trevor Zegras (Bedford, N.Y.) posted a game-high three points on Friday with a goal and two assists.
- Last weekend, UConn handed Maine its first loss at home this season with a 3-2 win at Alfond Arena on Friday night. **Benjamin Freeman** (Falmouth, Maine) had a career-high three points and a hand in all three UConn goals in Friday's win, including the game-winning goal the third period to deliver the Huskies their fifth-straight Hockey East win
- On Saturday, UConn proceeded to take the Black Bears to overtime, where they fell 1-0, despite 25 saves from sophomore **Tomáš Vomáčka** (Trutnov, Czech Republic.) Vomáčka stopped 49 of 52 shots he saw at #17 Maine last weekend.

#### **UPCOMING GAMES**

# Thursday 2/20

#5 BC at #10 NU - 7pm \*^

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## Friday 2/21

UVM at #17 Maine - 7pm \*
MC at #15 PC - 7pm \*
#10 NU at #5 BC - 7pm \*^+
BU at UConn - 7:05pm \*
#8 UMass at #14 UML - 7:15pm \*

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## Saturday 2/22

UVM at #17 Maine - 4:30pm \*^ UConn at BU - 7pm \*^ #15 PC at MC - 7pm \* #14 UML at #8 UMass - 7pm \*+

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USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine Men's College Hockey Poll - 2/17							
Rk.	School, Pts. (FPV)	Record	LW				
1.	North Dakota, 510 (34)	23-3-3	1				
2.	Cornell, 458	19-2-4	2				
3.	Minnesota State, 452	26-4-2	3				
4.	Minnesota Duluth, 398	17-9-2	4				
5.	Boston College, 352	19-8-1	6				
6.	Clarkson, 344	22-6-2	7				
7.	Denver, 300	17-8-5	5				
8.	Massachusetts, 272	18-9-2	8				
9.	Arizona State, 206	22-9-3	10				
10.	Northeastern, 199	17-8-3	12				
	Penn State, 199	19-10-3	9				
12.	Ohio State, 113	16-10-4	13				
13.	Bemidji State, 85	18-8-4	NR				
14.	Quinnipiac, 50	18-10-2	15				
15.	UMass Lowell, 48	15-9-5	11				

Other Receiving Votes: **Maine 30**, Minnesota 21, **Providence 20**, Western Michigan 17, Harvard 4, AIC 2.

USCHO.com Men's College Hockey Poll - 2/17								
Rk.	School, Pts. (FPV)	Record	LW					
1.	North Dakota, 999 (49)	23-3-3	1					
2.	Cornell, 929	19-2-4	2					
3.	Minnesota State, 910 (1)	26-4-2	3					
4.	Minnesota Duluth, 833	17-9-2	4					
5.	Clarkson, 786	22-6-2	5					
6.	Boston College, 754	19-8-1	7					
7.	Denver, 684	17-8-5	6					
8.	Massachusetts, 664	18-9-2	8					
9.	Arizona State, 545	22-9-3	10					
10.	Northeastern, 543	17-8-3	12					
11.	Penn State, 528	19-10-3	9					
12.	Ohio State, 396	16-10-4	13					
13.	Bemidji State, 374	18-8-4	16					
14.	UMass Lowell, 342	15-9-5	11					
15.	Providence, 327	15-9-6	14					
16.	Quinnipiac, 259	18-10-2	15					
17.	Maine, 190	16-10-4	17					
18.	Minnesota, 123	14-11-5	NR					
19.	Western Michigan, 103	15-10-5	NR					
20.	Harvard, 53	11-8-6	18					

Other Receiving Votes: AIC 43, Michigan 32, Sacred Heart 21, Northern Michigan 18, **Boston University 15**, Michigan State 14, Notre Dame 12, Bowling Green 3.

# 2019-20 ARMY ROTC HEA STANDINGS

Rk	. Team	GP	W	L	Т	Pts	Overall	Conf. Off.	Conf. Def.
1.	Boston College	18	12	6	0	24	19-8-1	3.61 (1)	2.17 (2)
	Massachusetts	19	11	6	2	24	18-9-2	2.89 (5)	1.95 (1)
3.	Boston University	19	9	5	5	23	12-9-8	3.16 (4)	2.53 (3)
4.	UMass Lowell	19	9	6	4	22	15-9-5	2.42 (8)	2.53 (3)
	Maine	20	10	8	2	22	16-10-4	2.35(9)	2.60 (5)
6.	Northeastern	18	10	7	1	21	17-8-3	3.22 (3)	2.61 (7)
	Providence	20	9	8	3	21	15-9-6	3.25 (2)	2.75 (7)
8.	UConn	19	9	8	2	20	12-13-4	2.84 (6)	3.26 (9)
9.	New Hampshire	20	9	8	1	19	15-13-2	2.30 (10)	2.95 (8)
10.	Merrimack	21	5	13	3	13	7-21-3	2.71 (7)	3.29 (10)
11.	Vermont	19	0	16	3	3	3-21-5	1.89 (11)	3.84 (11)























