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# **MEN'S** HOCKEY WEEKEND **PREVIEW**

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WEEKEND PREVIEW #4

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# NO. 2 BC PLAYS HOME-AND-HOME WITH MERRIMACK; NO. 5 BU SKATES FACES UML ~No. 6 Maine heads to UVM; PC and UMass play two; No. 10 UNH travels to Cornell~

#### No. 5 Boston U. at UMass-Lowell (Fri.), at BU (Sat.) Two-Game Series

- The Terriers won the season series with UML last year, 2-1-0, including the last meeting at the Tsongas Center on Feb. 5, a 3-2 BU win.
- BU has scored eight of its 17 goals in the first period this year and have allowed only one goal in the second frame.
  - BU and Merrimack are the only two teams in the league to remain undefeated on the season.

### Providence at Massachusetts (Fri.) at PC (Sat.) Two-Game Series

- Providence holds a 32-21-3 edge in the all-time series. The Minutemen took the season series last year with a 2-1-0 mark, with both victories coming on the road at Schneider Arena by a combined score of 9-4
  - Defensemen account for 7 of UMass' 12 goals this season.
- A record 7,021 fans turned out for last weekend's home opener at the Mullins Center against Boston University. It was the largest crowd ever for a UMass Hockey home-opener.

#### Merrimack at No. 2 Boston College (Fri.) at MC (Sat.) Two-Game Series

- The Eagles have the top-ranked scoring defense in the country, allowing only 1.00 goals per game.
- BC won the season series vs. Merrimack last year, 2-1-0.
- Stephane Da Costa's 2.00 points per game ranks third nationally among Div. I skaters.

#### Holy Cross (Fri.), Bentley (Sat.) at Northeastern (at Matthews Arena)

- . Chris Rawlings has made 170 saves so far this seasons, which ranks second in the country and first among HEA netminders.
- The Huskies owned a 5-2-0 record in non-conference play last season and tied RPI, 2-2, on Oct. 15th in their first non-conference game of the year. NU downed Bentley, 3-2, last year on Oct. 16 at Matthews Arena.

#### No. 10 New Hampshire at No. 15 Cornell (Fri. at Lynah Rink)

- The Wildcats and Big Red have met 24 times in the all-time series history with an even 12-12-0 mark. UNH won the last meeting, a 6-2 victory over the Big Red on March 26 at the NCAA East Regional in Albany.
  - Mike Sislo (3g) and Paul Thompson (2g) have both recorded three career points vs. Cornell in two games.

# No. 6 Maine at Vermont (Sat. at Gutterson Fieldhouse)

- Maine junior Spencer Abbott lead the league with 11 points (6g.5a) in six contests this season.
- Rob Madore's 2.22 GAA ranks fourth in the league this season, while his 2.66 GAA last year was third best in the league.

2010 2011 HEA STANDINGS

- The Black Bears' 4.67 goals per game ranks fifth among Div. I teams in scoring offense.
- Maine's 23.9% success rate on the power play ranks first among conference teams.

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Rk.	Team	GP	W	L	Т	Pts	Overall	Conf. Off.	Conf. Def.
1.	Boston University	3	2	0	1	5	4-0-1	2.67 (8)	2.00 (6)
2.	Northeastern	4	1	2	1	3	1-2-2	1.75 (7)	2.00 (8)
3.	Boston College	1	1	0	0	2	3-1-0	2.00 (2)	0.00 (0)
	Maine	1	1	0	0	2	3-1-2	8.00 (8)	2.00 (2)
5.	UMass-Lowell	3	1	2	0	2	1-2-2	2.67 (8)	5.00 (15)
	Providence	3	1	2	0	2	1-4-0	2.67 (8)	3.33 (9)
7.	Merrimack	1	0	0	1	1	1-0-2	2.00 (2)	2.00 (2)
	New Hampshire	1	0	0	1	1	1-1-2	2.00 (2)	2.00 (2)
	Vermont	1	0	0	1	1	0-1-2	2.00 (2)	2.00 (2)
10.	Massachusetts	2	0	1	1	1	0-3-1	2.50 (5)	3.00 (6)

## **RECENT RESULTS** Friday, October 22

No. 8 Boston U. 4 at Massachusetts 3 \* No. 7 UNH 2 at Northeastern 2 \* (OT) at UMass-Lowell 5. Providence 4 \* (OT) at No. 11 Maine 7, No. 2 North Dakota 3

#### Saturday, October 23

at No. 11 Maine 4, No. 2 North Dakota 2 Northeastern 3 at UMass-Lowell 1 \* at No. 8 Boston U. 2. Providence 1 \* Merrimack 2 at Vermont 2 \* (OT) at Notre Dame 2, No. 1 Boston College 1

# **UPCOMING GAMES** Friday, October 29

No. 5 Boston U. at UMass-Lowell \* Providence at Massachusetts \* Merrimack at No. 2 Boston College \* Holy Cross at Northeastern (8pm) No. 10 UNH at No. 15 Cornell

#### Saturday, October 30

UMass-Lowell at No. 5 Boston U. \* Massachusetts at Providence \* No. 2 Boston College at Merrimack \* No. 6 Maine at Vermont \* Bentley at Northeastern

ALL TIMES EST, 7PM, unless noted \* denotes conference game

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