



MEN'S WEEKEND PREVIEW

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NO. 3 BOSTON COLLEGE AND PROVIDENCE MEET IN NESN OPENER FRIDAY NIGHT ~ No. 15 Boston U. travels to Vermont for Sunday game on CBS College Sports ~

No. 3 Boston College vs. Providence - Two-Game Series (Fri. at BC, NESN; Sat. at PC)

- The Eagles swept the season series with PC last year by a combined score of 12-4 in 2009-10.
- PC's senior class has accounted for 29 (62%) of the team's 47 goals and 60 (49%) of the team's 122 pts.
- Junior forward Cam Atkinson enters Friday's game with 98 points in 96 collegiate games for the Eagles
- PC finished the first half of the season with a 7-6-5 (.528) overall record, the first time that the Friars have been over .500 at the Christmas break since the 2005-06 season.
- BC goalie John Muse is 6-2-2 with a 1.87 GAA and a .932 save% in 10 career games against the Friars.

UMass-Lowell at No. 4 UNH (Fri. at the Whittemore Center)

- UNH was victorious in the first meeting of the season series back on Nov. 6 (2-1) at the Tsongas Center
- Maury Edwards has notched seven points (2g,5a) in 10 career games against the Wildcats.
- The Wildcats are 8-0-1 when leading after two periods this season.

Northeastern (Fri.), No. 4 UNH (Sat.) at Massachusetts (at the Mullins Center)

- The Huskies won the season series with the Minutemen last year, 2-1-0, which included a 6-3 NU win on Feb. 13 at Matthews Arena in the last meeting between the two schools
- UNH's Paul Thompson has notched 10 points (2g,8a) in eight career games against the Minutemen.
- The Wildcats are 1-0-1 on the season vs. UMass, including a 3-3 tie in the last meeting on Nov. 13.
- Against Wisconsin, the penalty kill unit was UMass' bright spot going 8-for-9 against the Badgers' No. 2 nationally ranked power play unit.
- Senior Wade MacLeod leads Northeastern in points (8), goals (5) and games played (12) against UMass.

No. 11 Maine at No. 17 Merrimack (Sat. at Lawler Arena, 4pm)

- The Black Bears won the season series last year, 2-1-0 with Maine coming out with a 5-1 victory in the last meeting on Feb. 27 at Lawler Arena. Maine leads the all-time series 58-11-6.
- Joe Cannata's 2.06 GAA ranks 11th in the nation among Division I goaltenders.

UMass-Lowell at Northeastern (Sat. at Matthews Arena)

- NU goalie Chris Rawlings' .925 save percentage ranks second among conference netminders.
- The River Hawks power play currently ranks third in the conference at 17.4%.

No. 15 Boston University at Vermont (Sun. at Gutterson Fieldhouse, CBSCSN)

- Vermont won the season series with BU last year, 2-0-1. The schools last met of Feb. 28 of last season, a 3-2 Catamounts win at Gutterson Fieldhouse.
- The Catamounts have allowed a league-low seven goals in the first period this season.

RECENT RESULTS

Thursday, December 30

No. 17 Merrimack 2 at Army 1 (OT)
 Florida College Classic (at Estero, Fla.)
 No. 8 Maine 3 vs. Cornell 2 (OT)
 Dartmouth Tournament (at Hanover, N.H.)
 No. 4 Boston College 6 vs. Colgate 5
 at No. 15 Wisconsin 5, Massachusetts 1

Friday, December 31

Dartmouth Tournament (at Hanover, N.H.)
 No. 4 Boston College 4 vs. Mercyhurst 1
 at No. 15 Wisconsin 4, Massachusetts 2

Saturday, January 1

No. 17 Merrimack 5 at RIT 3
 Catamount Cup (at Burlington, Vt.)
 Ohio State 3 vs. Vermont 1
 Shillelagh Tournament (at Hoffman Estates, Ill.)
 Brown 6 vs. No. 11 Boston U. 1
 at New Brunswick 3, Providence 1 (Exh.)

Sunday, January 2

St. Lawrence 2 at No. 2 UNH 1 (OT)
 Catamount Cup (at Burlington, Vt.)
 Vermont 3 vs. Harvard 1
 Shillelagh Tournament (at Hoffman Estates, Ill.)
 No. 11 Boston U. 3 vs. Notre Dame 3 (OT)
 Providence 1 at New Brunswick 0 (Exh.)
 at Maine 5, U.S. Under-18 Team 1 (Exh.)

UPCOMING GAMES

Friday, January 7

Providence at No. 3 BC * (7:30pm, NESN)
 Northeastern at Massachusetts *
 UMass-Lowell at No. 4 UNH *

Saturday, January 8

No. 3 Boston College at Providence *
 No. 4 UNH at Massachusetts *
 No. 11 Maine at No. 17 Merrimack * (4pm)
 UMass-Lowell at Northeastern *

Sunday, January 9

No. 15 Boston U. at Vermont * (CBSCSN)

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

2010-2011 HEA STANDINGS

Rk.	Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Conf. Off.	Conf. Def.
1.	New Hampshire	11	8	1	2	18	10-3-4	3.00 (33)	1.64 (18)
	Boston College	13	9	4	0	18	13-5-0	3.85 (50)	2.31 (30)
3.	Boston University	13	6	3	4	16	8-5-6	3.00 (39)	3.00 (39)
4.	Maine	11	6	3	2	14	9-5-4	3.36 (37)	2.36 (26)
5.	Merrimack	12	5	4	3	13	9-4-4	2.33 (28)	2.17 (26)
6.	Providence	11	3	4	4	10	7-6-5	2.27 (25)	3.00 (33)
7.	Northeastern	12	3	6	3	9	3-9-4	2.33 (28)	2.42 (29)
8.	Massachusetts	9	2	4	3	7	3-9-3	2.56 (23)	2.78 (25)
9.	Vermont	10	1	6	3	5	3-10-4	1.90 (19)	3.40 (34)
10.	UMass-Lowell	12	2	10	0	4	2-14-2	1.92 (23)	3.75 (45)

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