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WEEKEND PREVIEW #19

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NO. 1 BOSTON COLLEGE AND NORTHEASTERN TO SQUARE OFF AGAIN IN TWO-GAME SET ~ No. 5 Merrimack plays two with UMass; No. 9 UNH travels to Vermont ~

No. 9 UNH at Vermont - Two-Game Series (Fri. CBSCSN, Sat. at Gutterson Fieldhouse)

• UNH need two points to secure home ice in the quarterfinal round for a league-record 15th straight season.

 Senior captain Mike Sislo has 28 assists this season for the Wildcats. The last Wildcat to dish out 30+ assists in a season was Sean Collins in 2004-05 with 37 helpers.

- Wildcats forward Paul Thompson ranks first in the nation in power play goals with 11 man-advantage tallies.
- Vermont has scored 16 goals in its last three outings, averaging 5.33 goals per contest.
- Sophomore forward Sebastian Stalberg has 17 points in the last 15 contests for the Catamounts.

Maine at UMass-Lowell - Two-Game Series (Fri., Sat. NESN, at Tsongas Center)

• Friday night will mark the 105th all-time meeting between the two programs, with Maine holding a commanding 72-29-3 (.293) record. UMass Lowell is is just 4-12-0 vs. Maine since the opening of the Tsongas Center.

• The River Hawks are two wins away from the program's 700th victory.

• Maine Junior standout Gustav Nyquist has tallied at least one goal in four straight games. Over that span, he has seven goals and one assist for eight points.

Northeastern vs. No. 1 Boston College - Two-Game Series (Fri. at BC, Sat. at NU)

• Northeastern and Boston College will conclude their season series against each other this weekend. The Eagles have edged out two victories in as many meetings this year with scores of 2-0 on Oct. 9, and more recently a thriller Beanpot Championship game 7-6 (OT) on Monday.

- The Eagles need one point to clinch home ice for the Hockey East quarterfinal playoff round.
- Huskies forward Tyler McNeely enters this weekend with a career high seven-game point streak (4g,5a).

No. 5 Merrimack vs. Massachusetts - Two-Game Series (Fri. at UM, Sat. at MC)

• UMass will be looking to bounce back in front of its home crowd after Merrimack skated away with an 11-2 win over the Minutemen two weeks ago at Lawler Arena. The Minutemen own a 34-32-5 all-time mark against Merrimack.

• Merrimack goaltender Joe Cannata stopped 65 of 69 shots (.942 save%) last weekend and in the weekend sweep of UNH, earning him Athletic Republic Player of the Week honors.

Providence vs. No. 15 Boston University - Two-Game Series (Fri. at BU, Sat. at PC)

• The Terriers lead, 98-51-12 in the all-time series and they also captured the first meeting this season (2-1 at Agganis Arena) on October 23.

• The Friars have played in 10 overtime games this season, matching a school record that was established in 1984-85 and 2007-08.

 \bullet In the last 13 games, the Friars have killed off 72 of 79 penalties (91.1 %), including 54 of the last 59 penalties.

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Rk. Team	GP	W	L	Т	Pts	Overall	Conf. Off.	Cor
1. Boston College *	21	16	5	0	32	22-6-0	3.76 (79)	2.
New Hampshire *	21	15	4	2	32	17-7-4	3.38 (71)	1.8
3. Merrimack *	21	13	5	3	29	19-5-4	3.48 (73)	2.2
4. Boston University	* 21	11	5	5	27	14-9-7	2.90 (61)	2.6
5. Maine	21	9	8	4	22	12-10-6	3.14 (66)	3.1
6. Northeastern	21	8	8	5	21	10-12-6	2.52 (53)	2.2
7. Massachusetts	21	5	11	5	15	6-16-5	2.52 (53)	3.2
8. Vermont	21	5	12	4	14	7-16-5	2.14 (45)	3.1
9. Providence	21	3	12	6	12	7-14-7	1.95 (41)	3.4
10. UMass-Lowell	21	3	18	0	6	4-22-2	2.10 (44)	3.9
* clinched playoff berth								

RECENT RESULTS

Monday, February 7 59th annual Beanpot Tournament Northeastern 4 vs. Harvard 0 No. 1 BC 3 vs. No. 14 Boston U. 2 (OT)

Friday, February 11

No. 1 Boston College 3 at Providence 0 * No. 11 Merrimack 4 at No. 6 UNH 2 * No. 14 Boston U. 4 at UMass 3 (OT) * Northeastern 3 at UMass-Lowell 2 (OT) * Vermont 7 at Maine 2 *

Saturday, February 12

at No. 11 Merrimack 3, No. 6 UNH 2 (OT) * at Maine 4, Vermont 2 * Providence 3 at Massachusetts 3 (OT) *

Monday, February 14

59th annual Beanpot Tournament (at TD Garden) Harvard 5 vs. No. 15 Boston U. 4 No. 1 Boston College 7 vs. Northeastern 6 OT

<u>UPCOMING GAMES</u> Friday, February 18

No. 9 UNH at Vermont * (7:30p, CBSCSN) Maine at UMass-Lowell * Northeastern at No. 1 Boston College * No. 5 Merrimack at Massachusetts * Providence at No. 15 Boston U. *

Saturday, February 19

Maine at UMass-Lowell * (7:30pm, NESN) No. 9 UNH at Vermont * No. 1 Boston College at Northeastern * (7:30pm) Massachusetts at No. 5 Merrimack * No. 15 Boston U. at Providence *

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

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* information as of 2/17/2011 2010-11 HOCKEY EAST SEASON SUPERLATIVES

SHUTOUTS

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Date	Goalie	Team	Opponent S	Svs	Result
10/9	John Muse	BC	at Northeastern	35	W, 2-0
10/16	Parker Milner	BC	at Denver	20	W, 3-0
11/5	Alex Beaudry	PC	vs. Merrimack	29	W, 2-0
11/12	Matt DiGirolamo	UNH	vs. Massachusetts	19	W, 3-0
11/19	John Muse	BC	vs. Maine	32	W, 4-0
11/20	Chris Rawlings	NU	vs. Providence	29	W, 5-0
12/2	Matt DiGirolamo	UNH	at UMass-Lowell	25	W, 3-0
12/5	Martin Ouellette	Maine	at Providence	32	W, 5-0
1/15	Chris Rawlings	NU	vs. Vermont	17	W, 2-0
1/15	Joe Cannata	МС	vs. UAH	24	W, 7-0
1/19	Chris Rawlings	NU	vs. Harvard	34	W, 3-0
1/22	Paul Dainton	UMass	at Vermont	26	W, 6-0
1/28	Chris Rawlings	NU	vs. Massachusetts	26	W, 3-0
2/4	John Muse	BC	vs. Massachusetts	14	W, 5-0

40+ SAVES

Date	Goalie	Team	Opponent	Svs	Result
10/22	Chris Rawlings	NU	vs. UNH	43	T, 2-2
11/6	Doug Carr	UML	vs. UNH	41	L, 1-2
11/13	Paul Dainton	UMass	at UNH	43	T, 3-3
11/19	Kieran Millan	BU	at UNH	44	L, 2-5
11/20	Grant Rollheiser	BU	vs. UNH	41	W, 4-2
11/23	Paul Dainton	UMass	vs. Vermont	44	W, 4-1
11/27	Matt DiGirolamo	UNH	vs. Merrimack	41	W, 2-1
12/10	Doug Carr	UML	at Princeton	40	L, 2-5
1/22	Marc Boulanger	UML	at BC	41	L, 3-5
1/29	Kieran Millan	BU	at Maine	41	T, 1-1
2/11	Alex Beaudry	PC	at Massachusetts	42	T, 3-3

INDIVIDUAL HIGHS

3 by 8 Players Goals: Mike Sislo, UNH (12/5 vs. Vermont) Assists: 5 Mike Sislo, UNH (12/5 vs. Vermont) Points: 5 Chris Barton, MC (2/5 vs. Massachusetts) Stephane Da Costa, MC (11/26 to 1/28 22 pts.) Point Streak: 12 Paul Thompson (11/12 to 12/10) 19 pts. (8g) 8 In League Play: Kieran Millan, BU (11/19 at UNH) Saves: 44 Paul Dainton, UMass (11/23 vs. Vermont)

TEAM HIGHS

Goals:	11	Merrimack College (2/5 vs. Massachusetts)
In league play:	11	Merrimack College (2/5 vs. Massachusetts)
Shots on Goal:	50	Merrimack (1/1 at RIT)
Consecutive Wins:	7	Boston College (11/28 to 1/8)
In league play:	6	Merrimack College (1/28 to present)
Unbeaten Streak:	10	Boston University (10/8 to 11/13; 6-0-4)

LEAGUE SCORING RACE (CONFERENCE GAMES ONLY) Dte

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1.	Paul Thompson, UNH	37 pts. (21g,16a)
2.	Chris Barton, MC	27 pts. (11g,16a)
	Cam Atkinson, BC	27 pts. (18g,9a)
	Mike Sislo, UNH	27 pts. (4g,23a)
5.	Brian Gibbons, BC	26 pts. (7g,19a)
	Gustav Nyquist, Maine	26 pts. (11g,15a)
	Alex Chiasson, BU	26 pts. (9g,17a)

LEAGUE SAVE% LEADERS (CONFERENCE GAMES ONLY)

Rk.	Player, Team	Save%
1.	John Muse, BC	.941
2.	Matt DiGirolamo, UNH	.935
3.	Chris Rawlings, NU	.933
4.	Kieran Millan, BU	.927
5.	Joe Cannata, MC	.925

HAT TRICKS

Date	Player	Team	Opponent	Result
10/8	Wahsontiio Stacey	Vermont	Denver	L, 3-5
11/12	Kyle MacKinnon	PC	at UAH	W, 3-1
11/19	Jesse Todd	MC	at UML	W, 4-3
12/5	Paul Thompson	UNH	vs. Vermont	W, 5-1
1/1	Karl Stollery	МС	at RIT	W, 5-3
1/7	Paul Thompson	UNH	vs. UML	W, 5-2
1/29	Mike Collins	МС	vs. Vermont	W, 7-1
2/4	Joe Cucci	МС	at NU	W, 4-3
OVERTII	ME GOALS			
Date	Player	Team	Opponent	Result
10/22	Riley Wetmore	UML	Providence	W, 5-4
10/30	Spencer Abbott	Maine	at Vermont	W, 3-2
12/10	Jeff Silengo	UNH	at Maine	W, 4-3
12/30	Matt Mangene	Maine	vs. Cornell	W, 3-2
12/30	Jesse Todd	MC	at Army	W, 2-1
1/14	Brian Flynn	Maine	vs. PC	W, 4-3
1/21	Paul Thompson	UNH	vs. PC	W, 4-3
2/4	Joe Cucci	МС	at NU	W, 4-3
2/7	Tommy Cross	BC	vs. BU	W, 3-2
2/11	Garrett Noonan	BU	at UMass	W, 4-3
2/11	Jamie Oleksiak	NU	at UML	W, 3-2
2/12	Jordan Heywood	МС	vs. UNH	W, 3-2
2/14	Jimmy Hayes	BC	vs. NU	W, 7-6

THE LAST TIME

A player had four goals: Bobby Butler, UNH (1/30/10 vs. Providence)

A rookie had a hat trick:

Stephane Da Costa, Merrimack (10/17/09 vs. Army; 5 goals) In league play: Mike Collins, MC, 1/29/11 vs. Vermont

A defenseman had a hat trick:

Karl Stollery, Merrimack (1/1/11at RIT)

A goaltender recorded 50 saves: Andrew Brathwaite, Merrimack, 2/2/08 vs. Providence In league play: Andrew Brathwaite, Merrimack, 2/2/08 vs. PC (50 saves)

A team won five games in a row: Merrimack, 1/28 to present (6 games) In League Play: Merrimack, 1/28 to present (6 games)

A team won 10 games in a row: Boston University, 1/7/06 to 2/13/06 (11 games) In league play: New Hampshire, 11/12/06 to 1/19/07 (11 games)

! – rookie

A team was unbeaten in 10 straight games: Boston University, 10/8 to 11/13 (10 games; 6-0-4) In league play: UNH, 11/14/09 to 1/23/10 (11 games; 9-0-2)

A team recorded 50 shots-on-goal:

Merrimack, 1/1/11 at RIT (50 shots) In league play: Providence, 2/15/08 vs. UNH (53 shots)

* - defenseman

* neutral site game

THE ROAD TO 100 CAREER POINTS

Gustav Nyquist, Maine Wade MacLeod, NU Chris Barton, MC Cam Atkinson, BC Mike Sislo, UNH Paul Thompson, UNH Phil DeSimone, UNH Tanner House, Maine Brian Flynn, Maine Tyler McNeely, NU Scott Campbell, UML Chris Connolly, BU Stephane Da Costa, MC David Vallorani, UML

129 pts. (10/22 vs. North Dakota) 124 pts. (11/19 at Providence) 112 pts. (1/29 vs. Vermont) 108 pts. (1/16 at Maine) 106 pts. (1/28 at Providence) 104 pts. (2/4 vs. Maine) 99 pts. 98 pts. 97 pts. 96 pts. 85 pts. 82 pts. 81 pts. 74 pts.