



# MEN'S WEEKEND PREVIEW

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**WEEKEND PREVIEW #20**

## **BU, VERMONT PLAY TWO-GAME SET ON NESN; MERRIMACK TRAVELS TO MAINE ~ UNH plays home-and-home with NU; BC and UMass meet in series; UML, PC play two ~**

**Vermont at No. 15 Boston University - Two-Game Series (Fri., Sat. at Agganis Arena; NESN)**

- The Terriers are 6-0-1 in their last seven Hockey East contests and are three points away from securing home ice for the eighth straight year.
- The Terriers boast four of the top 10 freshman scorers in all of Hockey East.
- Vermont senior forward Jack Downing had a four-goal game streak snapped on Saturday against UNH. He leads the Catamounts with 12 goals scored this season.

**No. 4 Merrimack at Maine - Two-Game Series (Fri., Sat. at Alford Arena)**

- Merrimack enters this weekend with the third longest unbeaten streak in the nation at eight games. They are 21-5-4 on the season and 15-5-3 in Hockey East. They also received a first place vote for the best team in the nation for the first time in program history.
- Maine freshman goaltender Dan Sullivan and the Black Bears recorded back-to-back shutouts last weekend at UMass Lowell. It is the first time that a Maine goalie has had back-to-back shutouts since Matt Lundin recorded two straight shutouts on Oct. 22 and 29, 2005.

**No. 2 Boston College vs. Massachusetts - Two-Game Series (Fri. at UMass, Sat. at BC)**

- UMass senior goaltender Paul Dainton enters the weekend with 3,031 career saves, needing just 19 to tie the UMass program record, held by Brian Regan (3,050).
- BC and Merrimack need only one point to clinch home ice for the Hockey East quarterfinal playoffs.
- The Eagles' 7-7 tie against Northeastern on Feb. 18 marked its first draw since last March at New Hampshire. BC went 29-6-0 in 37 games between ties.

**No. 9 UNH vs. Northeastern - Two-Game Series (Fri. at UNH, Sat. at NU)**

- UNH became the first in Hockey East to clinch home-ice advantage for the Hockey East quarterfinals. The Wildcats have hosted the quarterfinals for a league-best 15-straight seasons since 1995-96.
- Paul Thompson need two assists to become the fifth Hockey East player in the last 20 years to record 20 goals and 20 assists in league play. Here are the players that have accomplished the feat; Bobby Butler (09-10), Jason Krog (98-99), Chris Drury (95-96) and David Emma (90-91).
- UNH head coach Dick Umile needs two wins in league play to become the second coach in league history to post 300+ victories in league play, Jack Parker's 387 leads the league all-time.
- Northeastern's Tyler McNeely is on the cusp of becoming the 46th member of Northeastern hockey history to reach the 100-point plateau with 99 career points (43g,56a).

**UMass-Lowell vs. Providence - Two-Game Series (Fri. at PC, Sat. at UML)**

- In 93 all-time meetings between the two teams, PC leads, 46-37-10.
- In the last 17 games, the Friars have killed off 82 of 90 penalties (91.1 %).
- When UML visits Schneider Arena, they are 22-24-3 but are 0-4-2 since a 4-3 OT win on Jan. 15, 2006.
- UMass-Lowell won the only meeting this season with Providence 5-4 (OT) on Oct. 22nd.

**RECENT RESULTS**

**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

**Friday, February 18**

No. 9 UNH 6 at Vermont 1 \*  
 Maine 4 at UMass-Lowell 0 \*  
 Northeastern 7 at No. 1 Boston College 7 (OT)\*  
 No. 5 Merrimack 4 at Massachusetts 3 (OT)\*  
 at No. 15 Boston U. 2, Providence 1 \*

**Saturday, February 19**

Maine 3 at UMass-Lowell 0 \*  
 at Northeastern 2, No. 1 Boston College 1 \*  
 at No. 5 Merrimack 2, Massachusetts 1 \*  
 No. 15 Boston U. 1 at Providence 0 \*  
 No. 9 UNH 2 at Vermont 2 (OT) \*

**UPCOMING GAMES**

**Friday, February 25**

Vermont at No. 15 Boston U. \* (7:30pm, NESN)  
 No. 4 Merrimack at Maine \*  
 No. 2 Boston College at Massachusetts \*  
 Northeastern at No. 9 UNH \*  
 UMass-Lowell at Providence \*

**Saturday, February 26**

Vermont at No. 15 Boston U. \* (6pm, NESN)  
 No. 4 Merrimack at Maine \*  
 Massachusetts at No. 2 Boston College \*  
 No. 9 UNH at Northeastern \*  
 Providence at UMass-Lowell \*

**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 * #	23	16	4	3	35	18-7-5	3.43 (79)	2.00 (46)
2.	Boston College *	23	16	6	1	33	22-7-1	3.78 (87)	2.22 (51)
	Merrimack *	23	15	5	3	33	21-5-4	3.43 (79)	2.17 (50)
4.	Boston University *	23	13	5	5	31	16-9-7	2.78 (64)	2.48 (57)
5.	Maine *	23	11	8	4	26	14-10-6	3.17 (73)	2.83 (65)
6.	Northeastern *	23	9	8	6	24	11-12-7	2.70 (62)	2.39 (55)
7.	Massachusetts	23	5	13	5	15	6-18-5	2.48 (57)	3.22 (74)
	Vermont	23	5	13	5	15	7-17-6	2.09 (48)	3.17 (73)
9.	Providence	23	3	14	6	12	7-16-7	1.83 (42)	3.26 (75)
10.	UMass-Lowell	23	3	20	0	6	4-24-2	1.91 (44)	3.87 (89)

\* clinched playoff berth, # clinched home ice for quarterfinal round

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\* information as of 2/24/2011

# 2010-11 HOCKEY EAST SEASON SUPERLATIVES

## SHUTOUTS

Date	Goalie	Team	Opponent	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	MC	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
2/18	Dan Sullivan	ME	at UMass-Lowell	21	W, 4-0
2/19	Dan Sullivan	ME	at UMass-Lowell	28	W, 3-0
2/19	Kieran Millan	BU	at Providence	32	W, 1-0

## 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
2/18	Marc Boulanger	UML	vs. Maine	40	L, 0-4
2/19	Matt DiGirolamo	UNH	at Vermont	40	T, 2-2

## INDIVIDUAL HIGHS

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

Rk.	Player, Team	Pts.
1.	Paul Thompson, UNH	39 pts. (21g, 18a)
2.	Cam Atkinson, BC	31 pts. (21g, 10a)
3.	Brian Gibbons, BC	30 pts. (8g, 22a)
4.	Chris Barton, MC	29 pts. (12g, 17a)
5.	Mike Sislo, UNH	28 pts. (4g, 24a)
	Gustav Nyquist, Maine	28 pts. (13g, 15a)

## LEAGUE SAVE% LEADERS (CONFERENCE GAMES ONLY)

Rk.	Player, Team	Save%
1.	John Muse, BC	.936
	Matt DiGirolamo, UNH	.936
3.	Kieran Millan, BU	.933
4.	Chris Rawlings, NU	.929
5.	Joe Cannata, MC	.925

## HAT TRICKS

Date	Player	Team	Opponent	Result
10/8	Wahsontio 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	MC	at RIT	W, 5-3
1/7	Paul Thompson	UNH	vs. UML	W, 5-2
1/29	Mike Collins	MC	vs. Vermont	W, 7-1
2/4	Joe Cucci	MC	at NU	W, 4-3 OT

## OVERTIME GOALS

Date	Player	Team	Opponent	Score
10/22	Riley Wetmore	UML	Providence	5-4
10/30	Spencer Abbott	Maine	at Vermont	3-2
12/10	Jeff Silengo	UNH	at Maine	4-3
12/30	Matt Mangene	Maine	vs. Cornell	3-2
12/30	Jesse Todd	MC	at Army	2-1
1/14	Brian Flynn	Maine	vs. PC	4-3
1/21	Paul Thompson	UNH	vs. PC	4-3
2/4	Joe Cucci	MC	at NU	4-3
2/7	Tommy Cross	BC	vs. BU	3-2
2/11	Garrett Noonan	BU	at UMass	4-3
2/11	Jamie Oleksiak	NU	at UML	3-2
2/12	Jordan Heywood	MC	vs. UNH	3-2
2/14	Jimmy Hayes	BC	vs. NU	7-6
2/18	Carter Madsen	MC	at UMass	4-3

## 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 (1/1/11 at 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 (8 games)  
In League Play: Merrimack, 1/28 to present (8 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)

**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      ! – rookie      \* neutral site game

## THE ROAD TO 100 CAREER POINTS

Gustav Nyquist, Maine	131 pts. (10/22 vs. North Dakota)
Wade MacLeod, NU	127 pts. (11/19 at Providence)
Chris Barton, MC	114 pts. (1/29 vs. Vermont)
Cam Atkinson, BC	112 pts. (1/16 at Maine)
Mike Sislo, UNH	107 pts. (1/28 at Providence)
Paul Thompson, UNH	106 pts. (2/4 vs. Maine)
Phil DeSimone, UNH	102 pts. (2/18 at Vermont)
Tanner House, Maine	101 pts. (2/19 at UMass-Lowell)
Brian Flynn, Maine	100 pts. (2/19 at UMass-Lowell)
Tyler McNeely, NU	99 pts.
Scott Campbell, UML	85 pts.
Chris Connolly, BU	84 pts.