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MEN'S HOCKEY WEEKLY EAST RELEASE

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MERRIMACK, VERMONT DEFEATED IN NON-CONFERENCE GAMES ~League teams have 24-15-5 non-league record at break; .500 or better vs. every league~



ATHLETIC REPUBLIC PLAYER OF THE WEEK

#4 NICK BRUNETEAU, VERMONT (Sophomore Defenseman; Omaha, Neb.)

Bruneteau scored his first goal of the season on the power play against St. Lawrence on Saturday and recorded two shots on goal for the Catamounts.





HOCKEY EAST DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

#35 JOE CANNATA, MERRIMACK (Senior Goaltender; Wakefield, Mass.)

Cannata made 31 stops against No. 12 ranked Union, including 12 with his team shorthanded, in his 100th career game for the Warriors on Saturday night at Lawler Arena.

NOTE: There will be no weekly release next Monday, December 26th. The league will issue its next full weekly release on Monday, January 2nd. Happy Holidays from Hockey East!

2011-2012 HEA STANDINGS

Rk.	Team	GP	W	L	Т	Pts	Overall	Conf. Off.	Conf. Def.
1.	Boston College	13	9	4	0	18	12-6-0	3.62 (47)	2.46 (32)
2.	Boston University	13	8	4	1	17	10-5-1	3.38 (44)	2.77 (36)
3.	Merrimack	10	7	2	1	15	10-3-2	2.80 (28)	2.00 (20)
4.	UMass-Lowell	11	7	4	0	14	10-5-0	3.45 (38)	2.91 (32)
5.	Providence	10	6	4	0	12	8-7-1	3.70 (37)	2.90 (29)
6.	Maine	12	5	6	1	11	6-7-2	3.17 (38)	3.33 (40)
7.	Northeastern	13	4	7	2	10	7-7-2	2.62 (34)	2.85 (37)
8.	New Hampshire	12	4	7	1	9	6-9-2	2.67 (32)	3.25 (39)
9.	Massachusetts	11	2	6	3	7	5-7-4	2.64 (29)	3.55 (39)
10.	Vermont	11	1	9	1	3	3-12-1	2.18 (24)	4.27 (47)

RECENT RESULTS Saturday, December 17

No. 12 Union 3 at No. 5 Merrimack 1 St. Lawrence 2 at Vermont 1

UPCOMING GAMES
Tuesday, December 27

Russian Red Stars at Vermont (Exh) Thursday, December 29

Catamount Cup
Lake Superior State at Vermont (WCAX-TV)
Great Lakes Invitational
Michigan vs. Boston College (7:30pm)
Florida College Classic
Clarkson vs. Maine (4pm)

Cornell vs. Massachusetts (7:30pm) **UConn Tournament**Rensselaer vs. UMass-Lowell (4pm)

Friday, December 30 Catamount Cup

Ferris State at Vermont (WCAX-TV) Brown at UNH

Great Lakes Invitational
MSU/MTU vs. Boston College (4/7:30pm)
Florida College Classic

Maine vs. Massachusetts/Cornell (4/7:30pm) Massachusetts vs. Clarkson/Maine (4/7:30pm)

UConn Tournament
Army/UConn vs. UMass-Lowell (4/7pm)
Dartmouth Tournament
St. Lawrence vs. Merrimack (4pm)

Mariucci Classic
Princeton vs. Northeastern (5pm)

Saturday, December 31
Boston U. at Notre Dame (7:30pm, VERSUS)
Dartmouth Tournament
Dartmouth/Holy Cross vs. Merrimack (4/7pm)
Mariucci Classic
Niagara/Minnesota vs. Northeastern (4/7pm)

Sunday, January 1

Brown at Providence (Mayor's Cup, 4pm)

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

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