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MEN'S HOCKEY WEEKEND EAST PREVIEW

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WEEKEND Preview #10

MAINE HOSTS NO. 12 BU SATURDAY ON CBS SPORTS NETWORK; UML ENTERTAINS NO. 3 BC \sim UMass-Lowell travels to Northeastern Saturday; No. 5 Merrimack takes on Colgate \sim

No. 3 Boston College at UMass-Lowell (Fri. at the Tsongas Center)

- Boston College won the first two meetings of the season series on Oct. 28 (4-2) and Oct. 29 (6-3).
- Doug Carr has won seven straight starts for the River Hawks, owning a 1.71 GAA, .941 save percentage with two shutouts during his win streak.
 - Chris Kreider's 16 points (8g,8a) is third best among skaters in conference play.
 - The River Hawks have outscored their opponents 18 to 9 in the third period this season.

No. 12 Boston University at Maine (Sat. at Alfond Arena, CBS Sports Network)

- The Terriers won the season series with the Black Bears last season, 1-0-2, with BU getting a win and tie at Alfond last January.
- Chris Connolly became the third active Hockey East player to notch 100 career points with an assist in BU's 2-1 win at UNH on Thursday night. Connolly has amassed 30 goals and 70 assists in 129 career games with the Terriers.
- Maine's Spencer Abbott was named Athletic Republic Player of the Week on Monday for this nine-point (5g,4a) performance in a two-game sweep at Vermont. Abbott also went over 100 career points that weekend to join his teammate Brian Flynn.

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

- The Huskies swept the River Hawks in the regular-season set last year in a combined score of 9-4.
- Dating back to the Boston College game on Nov. 11, NU's line of Steve Quailer, Braden Pimm and Cody Ferriero have tallied 25 points (13-12-25) with a combined plus/minus rating of +25 in the last seven games (5-2-0 record).
- Sophomore netminder Doug Carr owns the country's best winning percentage (88.9%). Carr ranks fifth nationally in GAA (1.78) and save percentage (.935).

No. 5 Merrimack at Colgate (Sat. at Starr Rink)

- Merrimack is 8-7-0 lifetime against the Raiders. The teams have not met since November of 2001 and not at Colgate since November of 1996.
- Senior Jeff Velleca tallied his first career two goal, two assist and four point game, while Brendan Ellis added a career-high four assists from the blue line in the 5-2 victory over Vermont on Wednesday.
 - The Warriors own a 3-0-0 record in non-conference play so far this season.

<u>RECENT RESULTS</u> Friday, December 2

at Providence 2, No. 1 Merrimack 1 (OT) *
No. 13 Boston U. 5 at No. 3 Boston College 3 *
at UMass-Lowell 3, UNH 2*
Maine 6 at Vermont 4 *
Northeastern 9 at No. 2 Notre Dame 2
Harvard 4 at Massachusetts 4 (OT)

Saturday, December 3

No.3 Boston College 6 at No. 13 Boston U. 1 *
Providence 6 at No. 1 Merrimack 1 *
UMass-Lowell 5 at UNH 3*
Maine 5 at Vermont 2 *
Northeastern 2 at No. 2 Notre Dame 1

Tuesday, December 6 at No. 3 Boston College 4, Providence 1 *

Wednesday, December 7 at No. 5 Merrimack 5, Vermont 2 * at Massachusetts 3, Yale 1

Thursday, December 8

No. 12 Boston University 2 at UNH 1 *

<u>UPCOMING GAMES</u> Friday, December 9

No. 3 Boston College at UMass-Lowell *

Saturday, December 10

No. 12 Boston U. at Maine * (7:30pm, CBSSN) UMass-Lowell at Northeastern * No. 5 Merrimack at Colgate

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

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2011-2012 HEA STANDINGS

Rk.	Team	GP	W	L	Т	Pts	Overall	Conf. Off.	Conf. Def.
1.	Boston College	12	9	3	0	18	12-5-0	3.75 (45)	2.42 (29)
2.	Merrimack	10	7	2	1	15	10-2-1	2.80 (28)	2.00 (20)
	Boston University	12	7	4	1	15	9-5-1	3.25 (39)	2.92 (35)
4.	UMass-Lowell	9	6	3	0	12	9-4-0	3.67 (33)	3.00 (27)
	Providence	10	6	4	0	12	8-7-1	3.70 (37)	2.90 (29)
6.	Maine	11	5	5	1	11	6-6-2	3.36 (37)	3.18 (35)
7.	New Hampshire	12	4	7	1	9	6-9-2	2.67 (32)	3.25 (39)
8.	Northeastern	12	3	7	2	8	6-7-2	2.58 (31)	2.92 (35)
9.	Massachusetts	11	2	6	3	7	5-7-4	2.64 (29)	3.55 (39)
10.	Vermont	11	1	9	1	3	3-11-1	2.18 (24)	4.27 (47)



HOCKEY 2011-12 HOCKEY EAST SEASON SUPERLATIVES

SHUTOUTS

Date	Goalie	Team	Opponent	Svs	Result
10/8	Kieran Millan (6)	BU	vs. UNH	35	W, 5-0
10/14	Chris Rawlings (9)	NU	vs. UNH	27	W, 4-0
10/22	Sam Marotta (1)	MC	vs. UConn	25	W, 5-0
11/11	Alex Beaudry (2)	PC	vs. UAH	21	W, 3-0
11/13	Kieran Millan (7)	BU	at BC	21	W, 5-0
11/18	Matt Di Girolamo (3)	UNH	vs. UML	31	W, 5-0
11/19	Doug Carr (1)	UML	vs. UMass	16	W, 4-0
11/23	Joe Cannata (6)	MC	vs. UAH	19	W, 6-0
11/25	Doug Carr (2)	UML	vs. UAH	20	W, 3-0

40+ SAVES

<u>Date</u>	Goalie	Team	Opponent	Svs	<u>Result</u>
12/2	Kevin Boyle	UMass	vs. Harvard	40	T, 4-4
12/2	Kieran Millan	BU	at Boston Colleg	e 42	W, 5-3
12/3	Brian Billett	BC	at Boston U.	40	W, 6-1

INDIVIDUAL HIGHS

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Goals:	4	Stevie Moses, UNH (11/26 vs. UAH)
Assists:	5	Nick Sorkin, UNH (11/26 vs. UAH)
Points:	5	Spencer Abbott, ME (12/2 at UVM; 3-2-5)
		Nick Sorkin, UNH (11/26 vs. UAH; 0-5-5)
		Brian Flynn, ME (10/9 vs. NU; 1-4-5)
Point Streak:	9	Kevin Hayes, BC (10/14 to 11/13; 4-9-13)
In League Play:	8	Kevin Hayes, BC (10/15 to 11/13; 3-8-11)
Goal Streak:	6	Matt Nieto, BU (10/8 to 11/5)

Saves:

42 Kieran Millan, BU (12/2 vs. Boston College) **TEAM HIGHS** Goals: Northeastern at Notre Dame (12/2/11) New Hampshire vs. UAH (11/26/11) 7 UMass-Lowell vs. Boston U. (11/5/11) In league play: Merrimack vs. Alabama-Huntsville (11/23/11) Shots on Goal: 48 Merrimack (10/7/11 to 10/29) Consecutive Wins: 6

Boston College (10/15/11 to 11/4) In league play: 6 Unbeaten Streak: 10 Merrimack (10/7/11 to 12/2; 9-0-1)

ACTIVE OVERALL POINT LEADERS

Rk. Player	GP	PPG	G	Α	P
1. Brian Flynn, Maine (Sr., F)	127	1.02	57	72	129
2. Spencer Abbott, Maine (Sr., F)	126	0.85	43	64	107
3. Chris Connolly, BU (Sr., F)	129	0.78	30	70	100
4. David Vallorani, UML (Sr., F)	124	0.77	34	61	95
5. Stevie Moses, UNH (Sr., F)	128	0.64	36	46	82

ACTIVE LEAGUE POINT LEADERS

Rk	. Player	GP	PPG	G	Α	<u> </u>
1.	Brian Flynn, Maine (Sr., F)	92	1.11	43	59	102
2.	Spencer Abbott, Maine (Sr., F)	92	0.78	31	41	72
3.	Chris Connolly, BU (Sr., F)	87	0.82	22	49	71
	David Vallorani, UML (Sr., F)	90	0.79	25	46	71
5.	Jesse Todd, MC (Sr., F)	86	0.69	24	35	59

HAT TRICKS

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Date	Player	Team	Opponent	Result
10/14	Michael Pereira (1)	UMass	vs. Bentley	W, 5-3
11/4	Tim Schaller (1)	PC	vs. Vermont	W, 5-2
11/11	Conor Allen (1)	UMass	vs. HC	W, 7-2
11/26	Stevie Moses (1)	UNH	vs. UAH	W, 9-1
12/2	Spencer Abbott (1)	ME	at UVM	W, 6-4

OVERTIME GOALS

Date	Player	Team	Opponent	Score
10/22	Bill Arnold	BC	at NU	W, 4-3
10/28	Brian Flynn	Maine	vs. Providenc	e W, 5-4
10/28	Kevin Goumas	UNH	vs. Union	W, 2-1
10/29	Matt Nieto	BU	vs. UMass	W, 5-4
11/5	Ryan Flanigan	MC	at NU	W, 3-2
11/11	Connor Toomey	MC	at BU	W, 3-2
11/26	Ross Gaudet	BU	vs. Cornell*	W, 3-2
12/2	Ross Mauermann	PC	vs. Merrimac	k W, 2-1

THE LAST TIME

A player had four goals: Stevie Moses, UNH (11/26/11 vs. Alabama-Huntsville)

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:

Conor Allen, UMass (11/11/11 vs Holy Cross)

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

A team won five games in a row: Boston College, 10/15/11 to 11/5 (6 games) Merrimack, 10/7/11 to 10/29 (6 games) In League Play: Boston College, 10/15/11 to 11/5/11; 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)

A team was unbeaten in 10 straight games:Merrimack, 10/7/11 to 12/2/11 (10 games; 9-0-1)
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 (In parentheses denotes career total)