



MEN'S PREVIEW

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UMass Travels East for League Showdown with Northeastern, No. 6/8 Boston College UConn Eyes First HEA Win at Vermont; Big Ten/HEA Challenge Resumes at No. 12/13 BU, No. 7/9 UML

Massachusetts at Northeastern; No. 6/8 Boston College

• UMass split their trip last weekend at Michigan State, falling 5-3 on Friday and winning Saturday's contest, 4-3, thanks to **Patrick Lee**, who scored with just 9.9 seconds remaining in regulation and securing three points in the Big Ten/Hockey East Challenge.

• Northeastern has dropped the last three games entering Friday's league game at home, but the Huskies boast a 6-1-3 record in the last three seasons after three-game losing streaks.

• Keep an eye out Saturday night for Warrior Hockey Player of the Week **Steven Iacobellis** and Hockey East Defensive Player of the Week **Teddy Doherty**. Iacobellis put up four points in UMass's 4-3 win last weekend against Michigan State, while Doherty tallied three points, and finished with a +4 rating in BC's 6-2 victory at RIT.

No. 6/8 Boston College vs. Colorado College

• The Eagles open the 2014-15 home schedule by welcoming the Tigers to Conte Forum. Under head coach Jerry York, Boston College holds a 12-7-1 record in home openers and have lost only one Kelly Rink-opening game since 2007.

• Since opening in 1988, Kelly Rink has seen the Eagles capture a record of 288-111-35 at home.

No. 12/13 Boston University vs. Michigan State; vs. No. 14/10 Michigan

• After downing the U.S. National Under-18 Team, No. 12/13 Boston University returns to regular season play for their home opener against Michigan State. The Terriers' high-powered offense (26 goals in three games, including exhibition play) doubles back against No. 14/10 Michigan Saturday night at home.

UConn at No. 17 Vermont

• UConn is coming off of a 4-1 win last Tuesday against No. 15 Quinnipiac, thanks in part to a 36 save effort from sophomore netminder **Rob Nichols**.

• Undefeated No. 17 Vermont, who has allowed only three goals in three games, is quickly climbing the national polls after sweeping Clarkson in a home-and-home series this past weekend.

Maine vs. No. 20 Alaska Anchorage

• Maine is looking for its first win on the season in familiar foe No. 20 Alaska Anchorage after losing to the Seawolves, 3-1, in their season opener at the Kendall Hockey Classic.

No. 7/9 UMass Lowell vs. No. 14/10 Michigan; Michigan State

• Forward **Evan Campbell** and undefeated No. 7/9 UMass Lowell welcomes No. 14/10 Michigan to the Tsongas Center Friday night for week three of the Big Ten/Hockey East Challenge.

• After their first three games, No. 7/9 UMass Lowell is averaging 4.67 goals for, thanks in part to eight players who are averaging a point or more per game.

Merrimack at Mercyhurst

• After a come-from-behind overtime win at home last Saturday against UConn, undefeated Merrimack looks to continue their winning ways as they hit the road for a weekend series at Mercyhurst.

Notre Dame vs. Niagara

• Coming off of a weekend sweep of Lake Superior State, Notre Dame plays host to Niagara in a series that will mark the Purple Eagles' first visit to the Compton Family Ice Arena, and just the second and third meetings between the two schools.

New Hampshire vs. Colorado College

• New Hampshire returns to Durham for their home opener against Colorado College after splitting last weekend's series at Michigan. Pro Ambitions Rookie of the Week **Andrew Poturalski** put on a strong showing with a plus-two weekend rating, and his first collegiate points (1G, 1A) in a 5-1 win Friday night.

• The Wildcats are 15-5-1 all-time against Colorado College, including winning 12 of the last 14.

No. 5 Providence at No. 3 North Dakota

• This showdown between top-five ranked teams will mark the first meetings between No. 3 North Dakota and No. 5 Providence since the 1988-89 season, as well as Providence's first trip to Grand Forks, N.D., since the 1987-88 season.

Upcoming Games

Friday, October 24

Massachusetts at Northeastern * - 7 p.m.
 Colorado College at No. 6/8 Boston College - 7 p.m.
 No. 20 Alaska Anchorage at Maine - 7 p.m.
 Merrimack at Mercyhurst - 7 p.m.

No. 14/10 Michigan at No. 7/9 UMass Lowell - 7 p.m. ^ (NESN)

Michigan State at No. 12/13 Boston University - 7 p.m. ^
 Niagara at Notre Dame - 7 p.m.
 No. 5 Providence at No. 3 North Dakota - 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 25

UConn at No. 17 Vermont - 7 p.m.
 Massachusetts at No. 6/8 Boston College - 7 p.m.
 No. 14/10 Michigan at No. 12/13 Boston University - 7 p.m. ^
 No. 20 Alaska Anchorage at Maine - 7 p.m.
 Merrimack at Mercyhurst - 7 p.m.

Niagara at Notre Dame - 7 p.m. (NBCSN)

Michigan State at No. 7/9 UMass Lowell - 7 p.m. ^
Colorado College at New Hampshire - 7 p.m. (WBIN, FCS)
 No. 5 Providence at No. 3 North Dakota - 8 p.m.

^ Big Ten/Hockey East Challenge
 + Played at Webster Bank Arena

All game times are EST
*** denotes league games**

HEA In The Polls

USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine Men's College Hockey Poll

| Rk. | School, Pts. (FPV) | Record | LR |
|-----|------------------------|--------|----|
| 5. | Providence, 340 | 1-1-0 | 5 |
| 6. | Boston College, 308 | 1-1-0 | 6 |
| 8. | UMass Lowell, 263 | 2-0-1 | 9 |
| 11. | Boston University, 131 | 1-0-0 | 13 |

Others receiving votes: Vermont, 33; Notre Dame, 18; Merrimack 6, New Hampshire, 1.

USCHO.com Div. I Men's Poll

| Rk. | School, Pts. (FPV) | Record | LW |
|-----|------------------------|--------|----|
| 5. | Providence, 734 | 1-1-0 | 5 |
| 6. | Boston College, 682 | 1-1-0 | 5 |
| 7. | UMass Lowell, 675 | 2-0-1 | 9 |
| 12. | Boston University, 369 | 1-0-0 | 14 |
| 17. | Vermont, 209 | 3-0-0 | NR |

Others receiving votes: Notre Dame, 62; Merrimack, 27; New Hampshire, 21; Northeastern, 6.

2014-2015 HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

| Rk. | Team | GP | W | L | T | Pts | Overall | Conf. Off. | Conf. Def. |
|-----|-------------------|----|---|---|---|-----|---------|------------|------------|
| 1. | Boston University | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1-0-0 | 8.00 (1) | 1.00 (1) |
| | UMass Lowell | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2-0-1 | 5.00 (3) | 2.00 (3) |
| | Merrimack | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3-0-0 | 2.00 (4) | 1.00 (1) |
| | Vermont | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3-0-0 | 6.00 (2) | 2.00 (3) |
| 5. | Maine | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-4-0 | 0.00 (0) | 0.00 (0) |
| | New Hampshire | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1-2-0 | 0.00 (0) | 0.00 (0) |
| | Notre Dame | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2-2-0 | 0.00 (0) | 0.00 (0) |
| | Providence | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1-1-0 | 0.00 (0) | 0.00 (0) |
| | Boston College | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1-1-0 | 2.00 (4) | 5.00 (5) |
| | UConn | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1-2-1 | 1.00 (7) | 2.00 (3) |
| | Massachusetts | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0-1-0 | 1.00 (7) | 8.00 (8) |
| | Northeastern | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0-3-0 | 2.00 (4) | 6.00 (7) |