



MEN'S PREVIEW

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Hockey East Preseason Favorites No. 12 Boston College and No. 20 Providence College Face Off Notre Dame Looks to Capture Shillelagh Tournament; No. 1 BU Welcomes No. 9 Colgate to Agganis

No. 1 Boston University vs. No. 9 Colgate/ vs. Dartmouth - Sat. 11/29 at BU; Sun. 11/30 at DC

- Despite a late goal from **Ahti Oksanen**, No. 1 Boston University fell to No. 18 Harvard Tuesday. Warrior Hockey Player of the Week **Jack Eichel** and the Terriers look to bounce back on home ice against No. 9 Colgate.
- The top-ranked Terriers have scored 14 goals in the first period but have tallied 24 markers in the third frame. With an offensive output of 3.55 goals per game, BU currently sits second in the league standings.

No. 12 Boston College vs. No. 3 Minnesota/ vs. No. 20 Providence - Sat. 11/29 at PC; Fri. 11/28 at BC

- Last season, BC finished with a 3-2-1 record against the Big Ten, including a 0-1-1 mark against Minnesota. The Eagles are 44-55-5 (.447) all-time against the conference.
- No. 12 Boston College and No. 20 Providence College face off for the first time in 2014-15. The Friars enter the weekend on a two-game win streak, while the Eagles have won three in a row dating back to Nov. 14.
- Providence and BC were predicted to finish first and second, respectively, in the 2014-15 Hockey East Preseason Coaches' Poll. Presently, the Friars are in fifth place with eight points, while the Eagles sit in sixth place with six points.

Northeastern vs. No. 3 Minnesota/ vs. No. 20 Providence - Sat. 11/29, Wed. 12/3 at NU

- Northeastern enters the weekend with wins in two of its last three games against Hockey East foes New Hampshire and Merrimack. The Huskies look to continue their success in the faceoff circle, as they have won 52.1% of faceoffs this season and won over 60% in their two recent victories.
- The Northeastern/Minnesota tilt is the final contest in the 2014 Big Ten/Hockey East Challenge. The Big Ten currently holds a 22-20 lead.

No. 4 UMass Lowell vs. No. 18 Harvard/ vs. UConn - Sat. 11/29, Wed. 12/3 at UML

- After going 4-1-2 this month, No. 4 UMass Lowell will cap off November at home against No. 18 Harvard, rolls into the Tsongas Center after knocking off No. 1 Boston University, 3-2, in overtime on Tuesday.

No. 13 Vermont vs. Maine - Fri. 11/28, Sat. 11/29 at Maine

- No. 13 Vermont travels to Orono for a two-game, non-conference series against Maine. After a 3-1 victory over UMass Tuesday, the Catamounts improved to 5-2-1 in the month of November.
- Maine enters the weekend at 3-9-1 overall and holds a 2-5-0 record in Hockey East play. Rookie forward **Cam Brown** leads the Black Bears with five goals and is tied with junior forward **Steven Swavely** for the team lead in assists with six.

Massachusetts vs. No. 14 Quinnipiac - Fri. 11/28 at QU; Sat. 11/29 at UMass

- UMass is coming off of a 3-1 loss at No. 13 Vermont Tuesday night in Burlington. Freshman forward **Dennis Kravchenko** scored the Minutemen's lone goal of the night for his team-leading fifth goal of the season. He now has eight points (5g, 3a) over the past seven games.

Notre Dame vs. No. 17 Union/ vs. Ohio State/Western Michigan - Fri. 11/28, Sat. 11/29 at UND

- Notre Dame and Union have met four times, each team taking two games apiece. The last time the Irish and Dutchmen met was in the 2009 Shillelagh Tournament, a game Notre Dame won by a score of 3-1.

Merrimack vs. Clarkson - Fri. 11/28, Sat. 11/29 at MC

- Merrimack and Clarkson met last year, splitting a two-game series. This weekend marks just the second time Clarkson has traveled to North Andover. The first meeting at Merrimack in 1989 ended in a 2-1 victory for the Warriors.

UConn vs. Brown - Sat. 11/29 at Brown

- UConn hits the road Saturday afternoon with a trip to Providence against Brown. Pro Ambitions Rookie of the Week **Spencer Naas** and the Huskies are coming off a 1-1-1 week, including a victory over No. 13 Vermont. Brown and UConn have not met since 2009-10 and the Bears lead the all-time series, 4-1-1.

Upcoming Games

Friday, November 28

- Clarkson at Merrimack - 4 p.m.
- No. 13 Vermont at Maine - 7 p.m.
- Massachusetts at No. 14 Quinnipiac - 7 p.m.
- No. 3 Minnesota at No. 12 Boston College - 7:07 p.m. ^
- No. 17 Union at Notre Dame - 7:35 p.m. #

Saturday, November 29

- No. 12 Boston College at No. 20 Providence - 7 p.m. * (OSN)**
- UConn at Brown - 4 p.m.
- No. 9 Colgate at No. 1 Boston University - 4 p.m.
- Clarkson at Merrimack - 4 p.m.
- No. 18 Harvard at No. 4 UMass Lowell - 4 p.m.
- No. 13 Vermont at Maine - 7 p.m. (FCS, WVII, WFVX, WPME)**
- No. 3 Minnesota at Northeastern - 7 p.m. ^
- No. 14 Quinnipiac at Massachusetts - 7 p.m.
- OSU/Western Michigan at Notre Dame - 7:35 p.m. #

Sunday, November 30

- No. 1 Boston University at Dartmouth - 4 p.m.

Wednesday, December 3

- No. 20 Providence at Northeastern - 7 p.m. *
- UConn at UMass Lowell - 7 p.m. *
- ^ Big Ten/Hockey East Challenge
- # Shillelagh Tournament

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
1.	Boston University	497	8-1-1	2
4.	UMass Lowell	367	8-2-3	5
11.	Boston College	166	7-5-0	12
12.	Vermont	140	8-3-1	10

Others receiving votes: Merrimack, 5; Providence, 5

USCHO.com Div. I Men's Poll

Rk.	School	Pts. (FPV)	Record	LW
1.	Boston University	988	8-1-1	3
4.	UMass Lowell	806	8-2-3	5
12.	Boston College	425	7-5-0	12
13.	Vermont	423	8-3-1	11
20.	Providence	115	5-5-1	19

Others receiving votes: Merrimack, 30; Notre Dame, 2

2014-2015 HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Rk.	Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Conf. Off.	Conf. Def.
1.	Vermont	11	7	3	1	15	9-3-1	3.40 (3)	1.90 (4)
2.	Boston University	8	6	1	1	13	8-2-1	4.13 (1)	2.00 (5)
3.	UMass Lowell	7	5	0	2	12	8-2-3	4.00 (2)	1.43 (1)
4.	Merrimack	7	4	3	0	8	8-4-1	2.29 (6)	1.86 (3)
	Providence	7	4	3	0	8	6-5-1	1.57 (12)	1.43 (1)
6.	Boston College	6	3	3	0	6	7-5-0	3.00 (4)	2.67 (8)
	Notre Dame	6	2	2	2	6	6-6-2	2.00 (9)	2.50 (7)
8.	UConn	6	2	3	1	5	3-6-4	1.83 (10)	2.33 (6)
	Northeastern	8	2	5	1	5	2-9-1	2.13 (8)	3.50 (10)
10.	Maine	7	2	5	0	4	3-9-1	2.43 (5)	3.57 (11)
11.	New Hampshire	5	1	4	0	2	4-8-0	1.60 (11)	3.20 (9)
	Massachusetts	8	1	7	0	2	3-8-0	2.29 (6)	5.57 (12)