



# MEN'S PREVIEW

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## No. 3 Boston College and No. 5 Boston University Square Off in Battle for Comm. Ave. No. 15 Notre Dame Looks to Dethrone No. 1 Minnesota; Maine Visits No. 15 UVM for Weekend Series

### No. 5 Boston University at No. 3 Boston College\* - Friday, 11/7 (NBCSN)

• No. 5 Boston University's **Jack Eichel** earned the Hockey Commissioners' Association National Division 1 Rookie of the Month and Hockey East Pro Ambitions Rookie of the Month honors for October after averaging two points per game and posting a plus-nine rating.

• Friday's tilt features two players slated to be taken at the top of the 2015 NHL Entry Draft in BU's Eichel and BC's **Noah Hanifin**. The former teammates at USA Hockey's National Team Development Program could be the highest-drafted NCAA players since 2007.

• Eagle sophomore goaltender **Thatcher Demko** turned aside 21 shots, but it was not enough as the No. 3 Boston College fell to UConn, 1-0, Wednesday. It was the first time in 103 games the Eagles failed to score a goal.

### UConn at No. 5 Boston University\* - Saturday, 11/8

• UConn played its home opener in front of 8,089 fans at the XL Center in Hartford, Connecticut, the highest-ever attendance for an inaugural Hockey East home opener.

• Those fans saw the Huskies up-end No. 3 Boston College, 1-0, with the help of 35 saves from sophomore goaltender **Rob Nichols** and a power-play goal from former Eagle **Evan Richardson**.

### No. 15 Notre Dame at No. 1 Minnesota - Friday, 11/7 (BTN); Sunday, 11/9 (ESPNU)

• No. 15 Notre Dame hits the road for the first time this season, traveling into Minneapolis, Minnesota with a 5-0-1 record in their last six games thanks in part to Warrior Hockey Player of the Month **Mario Lucia**. The junior forward from Plymouth, Minnesota is second in the country in goals with seven through seven games, and enters the game against No. 1 Minnesota riding a six game point streak.

• In 2013-14, the Irish and Gophers split a two-game series at the Compton Family Ice Arena.

### No. 12 Providence vs./at Merrimack\* - Friday, 11/7 at PC; Saturday, 11/8 at MC

• The Hockey East Defensive Player of the Week **Jon Gillies**, and Stop It Goaltender of the Month **Rasmus Tirronen** will match up as No. 12 Providence and Merrimack face-off in a home-and-home series this weekend.

• Coming off of a 6-1 win against Princeton, Merrimack returns home for the first time in three weeks on Saturday night. No. 12 Providence will look to build off of a 2-1 win over previously undefeated No. 5 Boston University.

### Maine at No. 14 Vermont\* - Friday, 11/7; Saturday, 11/8

• After starting the season 0-4-0, Maine is riding a four-game unbeaten streak as the Black Bears travel to No. 15 Vermont for a weekend series. The Catamounts are 4-1-1 on the season and 2-1-1 in Hockey East play after a win and a tie at Notre Dame last weekend.

• Pro Ambitions Rookie of the Week **Liam Pecararo** notched his first collegiate points with a goal and two assists last weekend in Maine's sweep of UMass, helping the Black Bears begin Hockey East play at 2-0-0 for the first time since 2010-11.

### American International at Massachusetts - Friday, 11/7

• After compiling a 2-4-0 record on a six-game road trip, the Minutemen return home for their next three contests starting Friday night against American International.

• Nine freshmen rostered by UMass have provided nine of 19 goals and 16 of the Minutemen's 52 points.

### Northeastern at/vs. No. 6 UMass Lowell\* - Friday, 11/7 at UML; Saturday, 11/8 at NU

• The River Hawks look to build on their unblemished 3-0-0 record in Hockey East play as they enter a home-and-home series with league rival Northeastern, who is in search of its first win of the season.

• Warrior Hockey Player of the Week **Chris Maniccia** and the River Hawks lead Hockey East with an average of 5.00 goals per game in league play and are facing a Northeastern defense that has allowed 4.50 goals per game in league play.

### Michigan State at New Hampshire - Friday, 11/7; Saturday 11/8 (WBIN, FCS)

• The Big Ten/Hockey East Challenge continues in Durham as New Hampshire welcomes Michigan State for a weekend series. The Wildcats are 1-1-0 against Big Ten teams this season, and UNH owns a 6-4-0 all-time record against the Spartans. Thus far, Hockey East leads the Big Ten by a record of 6-5-1

## Upcoming Games

### Friday, November 7

Merrimack at No. 12 Providence \* - 7 p.m.

Maine at No. 14 Vermont \* - 7:05 p.m.

Northeastern at No. 6 UML \* - 7:15 p.m.

### No. 5 BU at No. 3 BC \* - 8 p.m. (NBCSN)

American International at Massachusetts - 7 p.m.

Michigan State at UNH ^ - 7:30 p.m.

### No. 15 Notre Dame at No. 1 Minnesota ^ - 9 p.m. (BTN)

### Saturday, November 8

Connecticut at No. 5 Boston University \* - 7 p.m.

No. 12 Providence at Merrimack \* - 7 p.m.

No. 6 UML at Northeastern \* - 7 p.m.

Maine at No. 14 Vermont \* - 7:05 p.m.

### Michigan State at UNH ^ - 7 p.m. (WBIN, FCS)

### Sunday, November 9

### No. 15 Notre Dame at No. 1 Minnesota ^ - 9 p.m. (ESPNU)

^ Big Ten/Hockey East Challenge

BTN - Big Ten Network

FCS - Fox College Sports

### 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
3.	Boston College	382 (1)	4-2-0	5
5.	Boston University	354	4-1-0	6
7.	UMass Lowell	307	5-1-1	9
9.	Providence	190	3-1-1	8
14.	Notre Dame	73	5-2-1	NR
15.	Vermont	70	4-1-1	14

Others receiving votes: Merrimack, 5

### USCHO.com Div. I Men's Poll

Rk.	School	Pts. (FPV)	Record	LW
3.	Boston College	810	4-2-0	5
5.	Boston University	761	4-1-0	6
6.	UMass Lowell	732	5-1-1	8
12.	Providence	469	2-3-1	9
14.	Vermont	340	4-1-1	13
15.	Notre Dame	249	4-2-0	20

Others receiving votes: Merrimack, 51; Maine, 3

## 2014-2015 HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Rk.	Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Conf. Off.	Conf. Def.
1.	UMass Lowell	3	3	0	0	6	5-1-1	5.00 (1)	1.33 (2)
2.	Vermont	4	2	1	1	5	4-1-1	3.00 (4)	2.00 (4)
3.	Maine	2	2	0	0	4	3-4-1	4.50 (2)	3.50 (9)
	Boston University	3	2	1	0	4	4-1-0	4.33 (3)	1.33 (2)
5.	Notre Dame	2	1	0	1	3	5-2-1	2.50 (6)	2.00 (4)
	Merrimack	1	1	0	0	2	5-1-1	2.00 (8)	1.00 (1)
7.	Boston College	2	1	1	0	2	4-2-0	3.00 (4)	3.00 (8)
	Providence	2	1	1	0	2	2-3-1	1.50 (10)	2.50 (7)
	Massachusetts	5	1	4	0	2	2-5-0	2.40 (7)	4.60 (11)
10.	UConn	2	0	2	0	0	1-4-2	1.00 (11)	2.00 (4)
	New Hampshire	2	0	2	0	0	2-4-0	1.00 (12)	5.00 (12)
	Northeastern	2	0	2	0	0	0-6-0	2.00 (8)	4.50 (10)