



MEN'S PREVIEW

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Maine and New Hampshire Set to Clash in Pair of Neutral Site Games UMass Looks to End Three Game Skid Against NU; No. 16 BC Welcomes Michigan to the Heights

No. 16 Boston College vs. Michigan - Sat. 12/13 at BC

• No. 16 Boston College and Michigan meet for one game Saturday night at Kelley Rink. The showdown between the Eagles and Wolverines marks just the third time Michigan has played at Chestnut Hill, with BC winning the prior two meetings Dec. 2, 1988 and Dec. 2, 1990.

• Last season, No. 16 Boston College and Michigan opened the 2013-14 season at Yost Ice Arena. The Wolverines claimed a 3-1 victory in that contest and currently carries a 12-6-0 advantage all-time. Saturday marks the 19th meeting between the two teams.

• Saturday's meeting will showcase a total of 1,767 career wins between the two head coaches. BC's **Jerry York** claims 971 total victories as the winningest head coach in NCAA history, while Michigan's **Red Berenson** is the second-winningest active head coach and fourth-winningest of all time with 796 wins.

No. 2 Boston University vs. RPI - Sat. 12/13 at RPI

• Warrior Hockey Player of the Week **Danny O'Regan** and No. 2 Boston University travel to RPI for their 68th matchup against the Engineers. The Terriers hold a slight lead in the all-time series with a 34-30-3 record and are 14-13-2 on the road at RPI. BU looks to build off of last weekend, when the Terriers went 1-0-1 against No. 19 Merrimack.

Maine vs. New Hampshire - Fri. 12/12 in Manchester, Sat. 12/13 in Portland

• Maine and New Hampshire wrap up the first semester with two non-league, neutral site home-and-home games this weekend. The Black Bears and Wildcats will play at the Verizon Wireless Arena in Manchester on Friday night and at the Cross Arena in Portland on Saturday.

• Maine lost their eighth game in a row last Saturday at UMass Lowell by a score of 3-2 in overtime. Black Bear netminder **Sean Romeo** made 36 saves in the effort, and falls to 1-8-0 on the season.

• New Hampshire is looking to bounce back from winless weekend against No. 16 Boston College. Despite three goals in two games from senior captain **Matt Willows**, the Wildcats went 0-1-1 against the Eagles. The penalty kill has been a strong suit this season for UNH, ranking 13th overall in the nation having killed off 45-of-50 (90.0%) power play opportunities.

Massachusetts vs. Northeastern - Sat. 12/13 at UMass

• Massachusetts welcomes Northeastern to Amherst for their fourth consecutive home game. The Minutemen's lone Hockey East win this season came against the Huskies, 3-2, Oct. 24 at Matthews Arena.

• Northeastern enters the weekend as winners of three of their last four games, all of which were against ranked opponents (No. 19 Merrimack, No. 7 Minnesota, No. 18 Providence). Senior netminder **Clay Witt** looks to get his first shot at Massachusetts this season after being out with an injury when the Huskies dropped a 3-2 decision to the Minutemen Oct. 24.

No. 10 Vermont vs. St. Lawrence - Fri. 12/12 at UVM, Sat. 12/13 at SLU

• Through 15 games, No.10 Vermont sits third in Hockey East with an 11-3-1 record. At this point last year, the Catamounts carried a record of 8-6-1. UVM kicks off the month of December with a home-and-home series against St. Lawrence.

• The Catamounts are looking to win their fifth game in a row and sweep their third straight weekend series after winning two games against UMass and two games against Maine.

Upcoming Games

Friday, December 12

Maine at New Hampshire # - 7 p.m.
 (WBIN, FCS)

St. Lawrence at No. 10 Vermont - 7:05 p.m.

Saturday, December 13

Michigan at No. 16 Boston College - 7 p.m.

New Hampshire at Maine ^ - 7 p.m.

No. 2 Boston University at RPI - 7 p.m.

No. 10 Vermont at St. Lawrence - 7 p.m.

Tuesday, December 16

Northeastern at Massachusetts - 7 p.m.

at Verizon Wireless Arena, Manchester, NH
 ^ at Cross Insurance Arena, Portland, ME

All game times are EST

*** denotes league games**

2014-2015 HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Rk.	Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Conf. Off.	Conf. Def.
1.	UMass Lowell	9	7	0	2	16	10-3-3	4.11 (1)	1.78 (2)
	Boston University	10	7	1	2	16	10-3-2	3.80 (2)	1.90 (4)
3.	Vermont	11	7	3	1	15	11-3-1	3.36 (3)	1.82 (3)
4.	Providence	10	6	4	0	12	9-6-1	1.80 (11)	1.30 (1)
5.	Notre Dame	8	4	2	2	10	8-8-2	2.88 (4)	2.50 (7)
6.	Boston College	9	4	4	1	9	8-7-1	2.67 (5)	2.33 (6)
	Merrimack	9	4	4	1	9	10-5-2	2.11 (9)	2.00 (5)
8.	Northeastern	10	3	6	1	7	4-10-1	2.00 (10)	3.40 (10)
9.	UConn	7	2	4	1	5	3-8-4	2.14 (8)	2.86 (8)
10.	Maine	8	2	6	0	4	3-12-1	2.38 (6)	3.50 (11)
11.	New Hampshire	7	1	5	1	3	4-9-1	1.71 (12)	3.14 (9)
12.	Massachusetts	10	1	9	0	2	4-11-0	2.20 (7)	5.30 (12)

HEA In The Polls

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

Rk.	School, Pts.	Record	LR
2.	Boston University, 449	10-3-1	2
8.	UMass Lowell, 296	10-3-3	7
10.	Vermont, 207	11-3-1	10

Others receiving votes: Merrimack, 18; Providence, 9; Boston College, 6

USCHO.com Div. I Men's Poll

Rk.	School, Pts.	Record	LW
2.	Boston University, 900	10-3-2	3
8.	UMass Lowell, 707	9-3-3	7
10.	Vermont, 548	11-3-1	11
16.	Boston College, 177	8-7-1	17
18.	Providence, 161	9-6-1	16
19.	Merrimack, 138	10-5-2	18