



MEN'S PREVIEW

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Hockey East Teams Return to Action in Holiday Tournaments UVM Hosts Catamount Cup; New Hampshire Travels West for Two Games Against Omaha

No. 9 UMass Lowell vs. Sacred Heart / vs. Union / UConn - Sat. 12/27, Sun. 12/28 at Frozen Holiday Classic

- No. 9 UMass Lowell enters the weekend with a 10-3-3 overall record and tied for first in Hockey East with No. 1 Boston University. The River Hawks are the only Hockey East team that has yet to suffer a loss in league play and are one of only two teams in the nation with zero conference losses.
- No. 9 UMass Lowell will take on Sacred Heart Saturday in the Frozen Holiday Classic in Bridgeport, Connecticut and then face either Union or tournament host UConn in second round.

UConn vs. Union / vs. No. 9 UMass Lowell / Sacred Heart - Sat. 12/27, Sun. 12/28 at Frozen Holiday Classic

- UConn will end a 23-day break on Saturday when they take on defending NCAA Champion Union in the first round of the Frozen Holiday Classic at Webster Bank Arena. Saturday's game will be the 11th all-time meeting between UConn and Union, with the Dutchmen leading the series with a 7-0-4 record. In each of the last three meetings, the two teams have skated to a tie.
- In round two of the Frozen Holiday Classic, UConn will face either No. 9 UMass Lowell or Sacred Heart in the championship or consolation game. The Huskies played in one tournament earlier this season, the Liberty Hockey Invitational, reaching the title game against in-state rival Yale before falling in overtime.

Notre Dame vs. No. 6 Miami / vs. LSSU / Cornell - Sun. 12/28, Mon. 12/29 at Florida College Classic

- Notre Dame travels to Estero, Florida to participate in the Florida College Hockey Classic for its third in-season tournament this year. The Irish have finished in fourth place in their two previous tournaments this season, both of which have taken place at Notre Dame's Compton Family Ice Arena
- UND will face off with No. 6 Miami in the opening game of the Florida College Hockey Classic on Sunday before facing either Lake Superior State or Cornell in the second round Monday.

Massachusetts vs. No. 16 Providence / vs. Air Force - Sun. 12/28, Mon. 12/29 at Catamount Cup

- Hockey East foes Massachusetts and No. 16 Providence square off in the first round of the Catamount Cup on Sunday. The Friars lead the series against UMass since head coach **Nate Leaman** took the reigns, holding a 6-1-1 record against the Minutemen.
- Massachusetts will take on Air Force on Monday in game two of the Catamount Cup. Despite a 4-12-0 record overall, the Minutemen are 3-3-0 in non-conference play this season.

No. 10 Vermont vs. Air Force / No. 16 Providence - Sun. 12/28, Mon. 12/29 at Catamount Cup

- No. 10 Vermont play host to the 19th annual Catamount Cup, which dates back to 1990. The Catamounts have won the last two editions of the tournament and four of the last six. UVM goes head-to-head with Air Force in the first round in the seventh all-time meeting between the two programs, with the Catamounts leading the series with a 6-0-0 record.
- Regardless of Sunday's results, No. 10 Vermont will take on Hockey East rival No. 16 Providence on Monday in the second round. The Catamounts and Friars have met twice this season with each school winning one game apiece.

New Hampshire at No. 12 Nebraska-Omaha - Tue. 12/30, Wed. 12/31 at UNO

- New Hampshire enters their two game series with No. 12 Omaha with a 4-5-0 record in non-conference play and are coming off of a 7-4 win on Dec. 13 in a non-conference game against Maine.

Dartmouth at Northeastern (Women) - Wed. 12/31 at Northeastern

- Northeastern returns to action after nearly a month off, last taking the ice Dec. 12 against Union.
- **Kendall Coyne** and the Huskies fell to the Dutchwomen, 1-0, behind a 59-save effort by Union goaltender Shenae Lundberg.

Upcoming Games

Saturday, December 27

No. 9 UMass Lowell vs. Sacred Heart # - 3 p.m.
 Union vs. UConn # - 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 28

No. 9 UML / Sacred Heart vs. UConn # - 3 p.m. / 6 p.m.
 (CPTV Sports)

Union / UConn vs. No. 9 UML # - 3 p.m. / 6 p.m.
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No. 6 Miami vs. Notre Dame ^ - 4 p.m.
 No. 16 Providence vs. Massachusetts % - 4 p.m.
 Air Force at No. 10 Vermont % - 7:05 p.m.

Monday, December 29

Air Force vs. Massachusetts % - 4 p.m.
 LSSU / Cornell vs. Notre Dame ^ - 4 p.m. / 7:30 p.m.
 No. 16 Providence at No. 10 Vermont % - 7:05 p.m.

Tuesday, December 30

New Hampshire at No. 12 Omaha - 8:07 p.m.

Wednesday December 31

New Hampshire at No. 12 Omaha - 5:07 p.m.
 Dartmouth at Northeastern & - 2 p.m.

Frozen Holiday Classic (Bridgeport, CT)
 (CPTV Sports available in CT only)
 ^ Florida College Classic (Estero, FL)
 % Catamount Cup (Burlington, VT)
 & Women's Hockey East Game

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.	Record	LR
1.	Boston University, 472	11-3-2	2
7.	UMass Lowell, 277	10-3-3	8
9.	Vermont, 261	13-3-1	10

Others receiving votes: Boston College, 27; Providence, 25; Merrimack, 20

USCHO.com Div. I Men's Poll

Rk.	School, Pts.	Record	LW
1.	Boston University, 930	11-3-2	2
9.	UMass Lowell, 643	10-3-3	8
10.	Vermont, 612	13-3-1	10
15.	Boston College, 233	9-7-1	16
16.	Providence, 229	9-6-1	18
18.	Merrimack, 158	10-5-2	19

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	11-3-2	3.80 (2)	1.90 (4)
3.	Vermont	11	7	3	1	15	13-3-1	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	9-7-1	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	5-10-1	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	4-13-1	2.38 (6)	3.50 (11)
11.	New Hampshire	7	1	5	1	3	5-10-1	1.71 (12)	3.14 (9)
12.	Massachusetts	10	1	9	0	2	4-12-0	2.20 (7)	5.30 (12)