



MEN'S PREVIEW

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Three-Way Tie For Eighth Place, Top-Ranked Tilts Highlight Weekend in Hockey East No. 10 UML Faces No. 19 Merrimack in Home-and-Home; UNH Travels to Notre Dame

No. 2 Boston University vs. Massachusetts*/vs. Harvard - Fri. 1/30 at BU; Mon. 2/2 at TD Garden

• After taking three of four points from then-No. 14 Merrimack, Pro Ambitions Rookie of the Week **Dennis Kravchenko** and the Massachusetts Minutemen travel to No. 2 Boston University. **David Quinn's** Terriers are riding high after a road sweep over No. 15 Vermont, backstopped by Hockey East Defensive Player of the Week, **Matt O'Connor**.

• Despite dealing with a delayed contest due to blizzard conditions, UMass managed to take three of four points from then-No. 14 Merrimack last weekend. Friday's draw marked the first time the Minutemen had earned a point at Lawler Rink since Feb. 8, 2008.

• The Terriers look to reclaim the Beanpot for the first time since 2009 after falling to Harvard in the consolation game in both 2014 and 2013. Coincidentally, when BU last captured the tournament title in 2009, they defeated the Crimson in the semifinals, 4-3.

No. 10 UMass Lowell vs. No. 19 Merrimack* - Fri. 1/30 at MC, Sat. 1/31 at UML

• No. 10 UMass Lowell leads the all-time series against No. 19 Merrimack with a record of 74-36-9 in 119 meetings. The River Hawks took the most recent outing Jan. 3rd in non-conference play in the Mariucci Classic championship game by a score of 3-1. UML

• The Warriors own a 2-2-1 record in their last five games, coming off a loss and a draw in a home-and-home series last weekend against Massachusetts.

No. 14 Boston College vs. No. 12 Providence*/Northeastern - Fri. 1/30 at BC; Mon. 2/2 at TD Garden

• No. 12 Providence heads into the weekend after sweeping No. 10 UMass Lowell for the first time since Nov. 23-24, 2005, by a combined score of 11-4. The Friars bounced back from a two-game skid, suffering losses to Brown (5-3) and New Hampshire (2-1) the week prior.

• No. 14 Boston College will be looking to exact revenge after a 1-0 road loss to the Friars Nov. 29, thanks in part to PC goaltender **Jon Gillies** stopping all 43 shots from the Eagles.

• After claiming two wins over UConn and then-No. 14 Merrimack at home, Boston College climbed five spots in both the Pairwise and USCHO.com rankings.

• Monday marks the beginning of the 63rd annual Beanpot tournament, pitting Boston College against Northeastern in the semifinals. The Eagles and the Huskies have met in the Beanpot final in three of the last four years. **Jerry York's** team has emerged victorious on each occasion.

No. 15 Vermont vs. Penn State - Sat. 1/31 at Wells Fargo Center

• Vermont and Penn State will go head-to-head for the third consecutive year in the Philadelphia College Hockey Faceoff at the Wells Fargo Center Saturday. The Catamounts won last year's College Hockey Faceoff, 5-2, evening the two-program series at one game apiece. Penn State won the inaugural event in 2013.

New Hampshire vs. Notre Dame* - Fri. 1/30, Sat. 1/31 at UND

• New Hampshire travels west to South Bend for their ninth and tenth all-time meetings against Notre Dame. The Wildcats hold a 6-2-0 advantage in the series. UNH head coach **Dick Umile** is just one win away from the 500th of his career.

• Notre Dame looks to avenge being swept last weekend at Northeastern with a 3-2 loss Friday and a 4-2 dropped decision Saturday.

UConn vs. Maine* - Fri. 1/30 at Maine, Sun. 2/1 at UConn

• UConn, Maine, and No. 19 Merrimack are all tied for eighth place in the Hockey East standings with 10 points apiece heading into this weekend.

• Maine leads the all-time series against UConn with a 2-0-1 record, but the two teams have met just once since the Huskies made the jump to Division I in 1998-99.

Upcoming Games

Friday, January 30

No. 10 UMass Lowell at No. 19 Merrimack - 7 p.m. *
 (WBIN, ESPN3, FCSP)

No. 12 Providence at No. 14 Boston College - 7:30 p.m. *
 Massachusetts at No. 2 Boston University - 7:30 p.m. *

UConn at Maine - 7:30 p.m. *
 (FCS, WVII, WFVX, WPME)

New Hampshire at Notre Dame - 7:35 p.m. *

Saturday, January 31

New Hampshire at Notre Dame - 6:35 p.m. *
 (NBCSN)

No. 19 Merrimack at No. 10 UMass Lowell - 7 p.m. *
 No. 15 Vermont vs. Penn State - 1 p.m. ^

Sunday, February 1

Maine at UConn - 2:05 p.m. *

Monday, February 2

No. 4 Harvard vs No. 2 Boston University - 5 p.m. \$
 (NESN)

Northeastern vs. No. 14 Boston College - 8 p.m. \$
 (NESN)

^ Philadelphia College Hockey Faceoff
 (Wells Fargo Center)

\$ Beanpot Tournament
 (TD Garden)

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.	Boston University	14	10	2	2	22	15-4-4	3.57 (1)	2.07 (2)
2.	UMass Lowell	14	8	4	2	18	15-7-3	3.29 (2)	2.36 (6)
	Boston College	15	8	5	2	18	15-8-2	2.67 (7)	2.20 (4)
4.	Providence	13	8	5	0	16	16-8-1	2.31 (8)	1.46 (1)
5.	Vermont	14	7	6	1	15	15-8-2	2.93 (4)	2.14 (3)
6.	Northeastern	15	6	7	2	14	10-11-4	2.27 (9)	2.93 (9)
7.	Notre Dame	12	5	4	3	13	10-13-3	3.00 (3)	2.58 (7)
8.	Maine	12	5	7	0	10	10-15-1	2.75 (5)	3.00 (10)
	Connecticut	12	4	6	2	10	7-12-5	2.25 (10)	2.92 (8)
	Merrimack	12	4	6	2	10	13-8-3	2.08 (12)	2.33 (5)
11.	New Hampshire	12	3	8	1	7	8-14-2	2.25 (10)	3.42 (11)
	Massachusetts	15	3	11	1	7	8-16-1	2.73 (6)	4.73 (12)

HEA In The Polls

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

Rk.	School	Pts. (FPV)	Record	LR
2.	Boston University	479	15-4-4	2
10.	UMass Lowell	204	15-7-3	5
11.	Providence	153	16-8-1	NR
14.	Vermont	71	15-8-2	12
15.	Boston College	57	15-8-2	NR

Others receiving votes: Merrimack, 2

USCHO.com Div. I Men's Poll

Rk.	School	Pts. (FPV)	Record	LW
2.	Boston University	933	15-4-4	3
10.	UMass Lowell	584	15-7-3	5
12.	Providence	448	16-8-1	18
14.	Boston College	337	15-8-2	19
15.	Vermont	310	14-8-1	12
19.	Merrimack	142	13-8-3	14