



MEN'S PREVIEW

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In-State Rivals No. 14 Providence and Brown Face Off in 29th Annual Mayor's Cup No. 16 BC and NU Meet for Home-and-Home; No. 2 BU Travels to Madison for Weekend Series

No. 2 Boston University vs. Wisconsin - Fri. 1/9, Sat. 1/10 at WU

- **David Quinn's** Terriers head west for a pair of tilts with Big Ten rival Wisconsin, the first meeting of the two programs in Madison since the 1988-89 season.
- This weekend marks the return of freshman standout **Jack Eichel** to the Boston University squad after skating with Team USA during the IIHF World Junior Championship. Eichel leads the NCAA in points per game (1.69), assists per game (1.19) and plus/minus (+21).

No. 12 Vermont vs. Dartmouth - Sun. 1/11 at Dartmouth

- The Catamounts prepare for a one-game series with the Big Green after falling to another ECAC foe, No. 19 Yale, 3-1, last Saturday.
- Prior to falling to the Bulldogs, Vermont began the season 14-4-1, the best start to a campaign since the 1995-96 season. **Kevin Sneddon's** squad has only lost one non-conference game this year, falling to No. 14 Providence.

No. 14 Providence vs. Brown - Fri. 1/9 at Brown, Sat. 1/10 at PC

- No. 14 Providence and Brown will meet for the 94th and 95th times this weekend to decide the 29th annual Mayor's Cup. Instead of the Mayor's Cup being decided by a single game as it has been for the past 28 years, this year it will be played as a two-game series. The Friars have won each of the last two Mayor's Cups, and are 16-9-3 in Mayor's Cup games.

No. 16 Boston College vs. Northeastern - Fri. 1/9 at NU, Sat. 1/10 at BC

- After starting the 2014-15 season with a 0-8-1 record, Northeastern has posted a 7-2-1 mark over the last 10 games. No. 16 Boston College also posted a 7-2-1 record in their last 10 games, including four consecutive victories dating back to Dec. 6 after starting the season 4-5-0.
- The Eagles lead the Huskies with a 161-47-14 record in the all-time series and hold a 74-30-9 advantage in Hockey East tilts.

UConn vs. Army/ vs. No. 6 UMass Lowell - Fri. 1/9 at Army, Fri. 1/10 at UConn

- UConn plays its final non-conference game of 2014-15 with a tilt against former Atlantic Hockey rival Army at West Point. Sophomore netminder **Rob Nichols** has made at least 30 saves for the Huskies in each of his last four outings and 10 times on the season.
- **Norm Bazin's** River Hawks travel to Hartford to take on UConn after claiming two holiday tournament titles. Sophomore defender **Dylan Zink** was named MVP of both tournaments.

Maine vs. Massachusetts - Fri. 1/9, Sat. 1/10 at UMass

- Massachusetts sophomore **Frank Vatrano** claimed Warrior Hockey Player of the Month for December after posting nine points (6g, 3a) in five games. Vatrano is currently riding a four-game scoring streak.
- Maine looks to extend its two-game winning streak after sweeping Canisius last weekend. Pro Ambitions Rookie of the Week **Nolan Vesey** leads all Black Bear freshmen with nine points (4g, 5a).

New Hampshire vs. Dartmouth - Fri. 1/9 at UNH

- UNH is set to duel with in-state rival Dartmouth for the 56th time in program history Friday but it is just the second meeting between the two teams at the Whittamore Center. The Wildcats have won 34 of the previous contests while falling 19 times and tying twice.
- Wildcat head coach **Dick Umile** claims a 12-6-1 mark against the Big Green, while UNH captain **Matt Willows** boasts a pair of points (1g, 1a).

Notre Dame vs. Western Michigan - Fri. 1/9 at WMU, Sat. 1/10 at UND

- The Irish head to Western Michigan for a pair of televised games. The Broncos lead the all-time series, 43-35-10, but Notre Dame most recently swept a home-and-home series to open the 2013-14 season.
- Prior to a 2-1 loss to Lake Superior State in the Florida College Classic, the Irish were riding a three-game winning streak that saw Notre Dame pour in 14 goals. The stretch included a 3-2 overtime victory over No. 5 Miami.

Upcoming Games

Friday, January 9

No. 16 Boston College at Northeastern - 7 p.m.*
 Maine at Massachusetts - 7 p.m.

Notre Dame at Western Michigan - 7 p.m.
 (CBSSN)

No. 14 Providence at Brown - 7 p.m. %
 UConn at Army - 7:05 p.m.

Dartmouth at New Hampshire - 7:30 p.m.
 (NBCSN)

No. 2 Boston University at Wisconsin - 8 p.m.

Saturday, January 10

Northeastern at No. 16 Boston College - 4 p.m.*
 (NESN)

No. 6 UMass Lowell at UConn - 7:05 p.m. *
Western Michigan at Notre Dame - 6:05 p.m.
 (NBCSN)

Maine at Massachusetts - 7 p.m.
 Brown at No. 14 Providence - 7 p.m. %

No. 2 Boston University at Wisconsin - 8 p.m.

Sunday, January 11

No. 12 Vermont at Dartmouth - 4 p.m.

% Mayor's Cup

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
2.	Boston University	442	11-3-3	1
5.	UMass Lowell	358	14-3-3	7
11.	Vermont	148	14-5-1	9
13.	Providence	108	13-6-1	NR

Others receiving votes: Boston College, 46;
 Merrimack, 16

USCHO.com Div. I Men's Poll

Rk.	School	Pts.	Record	LW
2.	Boston University	915	11-3-3	1
6.	UMass Lowell	752	14-3-3	9
12.	Vermont	448	14-5-1	10
14.	Providence	371	13-6-1	16
16.	Boston College	274	11-7-1	15
18.	Merrimack	183	11-6-2	18

Others receiving votes: Notre Dame, 1

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	12-3-3	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	14-4-1	3.36 (3)	1.82 (3)
4.	Providence	10	6	4	0	12	11-6-1	1.80 (11)	1.30 (1)
5.	Notre Dame	8	4	2	2	10	9-9-2	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 (8)	2.00 (5)
8.	UConn	8	3	4	1	7	5-10-4	2.00 (9)	2.88 (8)
	Northeastern	10	3	6	1	7	7-10-2	2.00 (9)	3.40 (10)
10.	Maine	8	2	6	0	4	4-13-1	2.38 (6)	3.50 (11)
11.	New Hampshire	7	1	5	1	3	6-11-1	1.71 (12)	3.14 (9)
12.	Massachusetts	11	1	10	0	2	5-14-0	2.27 (7)	5.18 (12)