



MEN'S PREVIEW

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Hockey East Squads Set to Skate in NCAA Regionals BU Takes Top Seed in Northeast Region; Boston College, Providence to Battle in East Region

No. 1 Boston University vs. Yale - Fri. 3/27 at Verizon Wireless Arena

• No. 1 Boston University won its eighth Hockey East title in program history Saturday night at TD Garden to claim the top seed in the Northeast Regional with a 25-7-5 record entering this weekend behind Hockey East's Bauer Coach of the Year **David Quinn**.

• Appearing in the NCAA Tournament for the 33rd time, the Terriers last advanced to the regionals in 2012. In 2009, when Boston University captured the fifth NCAA title in its history, they did so after owning the No. 1 seed in Manchester, New Hampshire, where they will play Friday. Yale won its only NCAA title in 2013.

• Boston University freshman forward and Warrior Hockey Player of the Year and Pro Ambitions Rookie of the Year **Jack Eichel** leads the nation in assists (42), points (66), power-play points (22) and plus-minus (plus-46). Last week, Eichel was named a Hobey Baker Top 10 Finalist.

• BU and Yale have never met in the NCAA Tournament and last squared off Nov. 25, 2006 when the Terriers topped the Bulldogs, 2-1, in overtime. Overall, the series record between the two programs is locked at 30-30-3.

Boston College vs. Denver - Fri. 3/27 at Dunkin' Donuts Center

• **Jerry York's** Eagles draw the Denver Pioneers in the NCAA regionals for the second consecutive year. Last season, Boston College trumped Denver, 6-2, in Worcester, Massachusetts in the first round of the tournament.

• BC's entry into the NCAA Tournament is the 34th time the Eagles have made an appearance, including their 16th in the last 18 season. Overall, BC holds a 47-40 record in the NCAA postseason and has captured five NCAA titles.

• Friday's meeting will be the fourth between the two programs in the NCAA Tournament, while Boston College and Denver have previously faced each other 28 times. In those contests, Denver owns a 15-13 advantage but are 6-8 against the Eagles since York has been behind the Boston College bench.

• The Eagles and Pioneers split a 2014-15 season series Oct. 31 - Nov. 1, 2014. Sophomore forward **Ryan Fitzgerald** scored twice in the opener to drop Denver before BC fell in overtime the next night.

Providence vs. No. 4 Miami University - Fri. 3/29 at Dunkin' Donuts Center

• Friars head coach **Nate Leaman** will lead his team at the Dunkin' Donuts Center for the first time since joining Providence. The building is the same arena in which PC claimed the first-ever Hockey East Tournament Title in 1985 in double overtime.

• Friday will mark the Friar's 11th overall appearance in the NCAA Tournament and the first time in program history that they have advanced to the regionals in back-to-back seasons. In 2014, Providence downed Quinnipiac, 4-0, to improve their NCAA Tournament record to 10-16.

• Providence and Miami will faceoff for the fourth straight season Friday in the 11th meeting overall between the Friars and Red Hawks. Each of the last four matchups have gone into overtime, while each program stands at 1-1-2 in those games.

• Hockey East First Team All-Star and Friars junior goaltender **Jon Gillies** has appeared in two NCAA Tournament tilts, carrying a 1-1 record, including the 4-0 shutout of Quinnipiac in 2014, and boasting a 1.53 goals against average with a .956 save percentage.

Upcoming Games

Friday, March 27

No. 3 Boston University vs. No. 13 Yale - 2 p.m. #
 (ESPNU)

Saturday, March 28

No. 11 Boston College vs. No. 5 Denver - 3 p.m. !
 (ESPN2)

No. 15 Providence vs. No. 4 Miami - 6:30 p.m. !
 (ESPNU)

Northeast Regional (Manchester, NH)

! East Regional (Providence, RI)

All game times are EST



2014-2015 FINAL HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Rk.	Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Conf. Off.	Conf. Def.
1.	Boston University	22	14	5	3	31	25-7-5	4.00 (1)	2.50 (6)
2.	Providence	22	13	8	1	27	22-13-2	2.77 (8)	1.68 (1)
	Boston College	22	12	7	3	27	21-13-3	2.73 (9)	2.27 (2)
4.	UMass Lowell	22	11	7	4	26	21-12-6	3.18 (2)	2.36 (3)
5.	Notre Dame	22	10	7	5	25	18-19-5	2.91 (5)	2.45 (5)
6.	Northeastern	22	11	9	2	24	16-16-4	3.18 (2)	3.14 (9)
7.	Vermont	22	10	9	3	23	22-15-4	2.82 (7)	2.41 (4)
8.	New Hampshire	22	10	11	1	21	19-19-2	3.00 (4)	3.09 (8)
9.	UConn	22	7	11	4	18	10-19-7	1.91 (11)	3.36 (10)
	Maine	22	8	12	2	18	14-22-3	2.91 (5)	3.36 (10)
11.	Merrimack	22	5	14	3	13	16-18-4	1.73 (12)	2.55 (7)
12.	Massachusetts	22	5	16	1	11	11-23-2	2.68 (10)	4.64 (12)

HEA In The Polls

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

Rk.	School, Pts.	Record	LR
2.	Boston University, 466	25-7-5	3
12.	Boston College, 148	21-13-3	11
14.	Providence, 70	22-13-2	14
15.	UMass Lowell, 56	21-12-6	12

USCHO.com Div. I Men's Poll

Rk.	School, Pts.	Record	LW
2.	Boston University, 934	25-7-5	3
12.	Boston College, 475	21-13-3	11
14.	UMass Lowell, 333	21-12-6	12
15.	Providence, 319	22-13-2	14
19.	Vermont, 93	22-15-4	16