



MEN'S PREVIEW

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Boston University and Providence Prepare for 2015 Frozen Four Terriers Draw North Dakota in a Battle of No. 1 Seeds; Friars and Omaha Set for Date at TD Garden

No. 1 Boston University vs. No. 1 North Dakota - Thu. 4/9 at TD Garden

• No. 1 Boston University advanced to the 22nd Frozen Four in program history by downing Yale and Minnesota-Duluth in the NCAA Northeast Regional at the Verizon Wireless Center in Manchester, New Hampshire. The Terriers have previously won two tournament titles at the TD Garden this year, winning the Beanpot and Hockey East Tournament.

• BU last claimed the NCAA national title in 2009 at the Verizon Center in Washington, D.C. That season, the Terriers also advanced out of the Northeast Regional in Manchester as the No. 1 seed. Former BU defenseman **Matt Gilroy** was named the Most Outstanding Player and captured the Hobey Baker Award that year.

• BU senior forward **Evan Rodrigues** was named the Most Outstanding Player of the Northeast Regional after amassing two goals and two assists, including the game-winner over Minnesota-Duluth and assisting on the overtime strike against Yale. Rodrigues was also named Hockey East Warrior Player of the Month for March as he lead the charge for the Terriers, notching four goals and eight assists en route to claiming the Hockey East Tournament and NCAA Northeast Regional crowns and leading the nation with 2.00 points per game (4g, 8a, 12 GP).

• Boston University freshman forward and Warrior Hockey Player of the Year and Pro Ambitions Rookie of the Year and Rookie of the Month for March **Jack Eichel** leads the nation in assists (43), points (67), power-play points (22) and plus-minus (plus-49). Eichel was named a Hobey Baker Hat Trick Finalist on April 2.

• Head coach **David Quinn** was named a finalist for the Spencer Penrose Award, given annually to the NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Coach of the Year. Quinn has guided the Terriers to the Frozen Four and the second most potent offense in the nation this year after going 10-21-4 in 2013-14.

No. 4 Providence vs. No. 2 Omaha - Thu. 4/9 at TD Garden

• Providence head coach **Nate Leaman** has led his team back to the Frozen Four for the first time since 1985 with wins over Miami and Denver in the NCAA East Regional, held at the Dunkin' Donuts Center in Providence, Rhode Island. It is the fourth time the Friars have appeared in the Frozen Four (1964, 1983, 1985) while they advanced to the national title game once in 1985.

• The Friars have faced NCHC opponents six times thus far in 2014-15, claiming a 4-1-1 record in those contests. The four wins are the most against the NCHC by any Hockey East team this year, while Hockey East as a whole has gone 10-8-1 this season against NCHC foes, including 3-1 in the NCAA tournament, and 21-14-5 since the NCHC started play in October 2013. Both Friar wins in the NCAA Tournament this year have been against NCHC opponents, including Denver and NCHC tournament champion Miami.

• Providence has met Omaha just twice previously and has yet to defeat the Mavericks, holding a 0-2-0 record. The programs most recently met in 2005, a 4-2 Omaha win at the Houston Field House in Troy, New York during the RPI Holiday Tournament.

• Leaman was named a finalist for the Spencer Penrose Award, given annually to the NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Coach of the Year. After finishing second in Hockey East during the regular season, Providence has now won 24 games for the first time since the 1982-83 season, when the Friars emerged with 33 victories. Leaman previously won the award in 2011.

2015 FROZEN FOUR

Thursday, April 9

No. 4 Providence vs. No. 2 Omaha - 5 p.m.
 (ESPN2)

No. 1 Boston University vs. No. 1 North Dakota - 8:30 p.m.
 (ESPN2)

Saturday, April 11

2015 NCAA Championship Game - 7:30 p.m.
 (ESPN)

All game times are EST
*** denotes league games**



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	27-7-5	4.00 (1)	2.50 (6)
2.	Providence	22	13	8	1	27	24-13-2	2.77 (8)	1.68 (1)
	Boston College	22	12	7	3	27	21-14-3	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, 492	27-7-5	2
4.	Providence, 367	24-13-2	14
14.	Boston College, 83	21-14-3	12

Others receiving votes: UMass Lowell, 13

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