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No. 20 Merrimack vs. Canisius - Sun. 12/20 at Merrimack

- No. 20 Merrimack tied its only game of last week, 3-3, at the XL Center in Hartford, Connecticut against UConn.
- After falling behind to the Huskies, 2-0, **Ludvig Larsson** (Malmo, Sweden) was able to bring the Warriors within one on an even-strength goal in the third period. Larsson's goal was his first on the year.
- **Justin Hussar** (Lancaster, N.Y.) scored the go-ahead goal for the Warriors in the third period to put them up, 3-2, before the Huskies eventually tied the game with less than two minutes left off the stick of freshman **Joseph Masonius** (Spring Lake, N.J.).
- Merrimack will finish the first half of the year with a home game against Atlantic Hockey foe Canisius Sunday afternoon at 4:05pm.

UMass vs. U.S. National Junior Team - Fri. 12/18 at UMass

- UMass dropped its only game of the weekend, 4-3, to Union at the Mullins Center Dec. 11.
- **Shane Walsh** (West Roxbury, Mass.) tied the game at three goals apiece eight minutes into the third period. Walsh's goal was his 12th on the year and now ranks third in Hockey East for goals scored.
- **Ray Pigozzi** (Evanston, Ill.) netted two goals for the Minutemen in the setback. He now has 16 points on seven goals and nine assists on the season.
- UMass will host the U.S. National Junior team for an exhibition game Friday night as Team USA prepares for the IIHF World Junior Championship.
- Team USA could have as many as five Hockey East skaters wearing red, white, and blue Friday night, as Boston College's **Casey Fitzgerald** (North Reading, Mass.), **Colin White** (Hanover, Mass.), Boston University's **Brandon Fortunato** (North Hills, N.Y.), **Charlie McAvoy** (Long Beach, N.Y.) and Notre Dame's **Anders Bjork** (Mequon, Wis.) are all in camp with USA Hockey.

Northeastern vs. Michigan State - Sat. 12/19 at Northeastern

- Northeastern enjoyed a bye week last weekend; the Huskies' last game was a 4-3 loss to Boston College Dec. 6.
- In that game, **Mike McMurty** (Greely, Ont.) dished out two assists for the Huskies while **Eric Williams** (Newmarket, Ont.) found the back of the net twice to push his point streak to three games (2g, 2a).
- **Zach Aston-Reese** (Staten Island, N.Y.) also netted a goal in the Dec. 6 contest and leads the team with 15 points on five goals and 10 assists.
- Aston-Reese has tallied points in four straight games, collecting three goals and three assists in that span.

Vermont vs. Union - Sun. 12/20 at Union

- Vermont split a weekend series with St. Lawrence last weekend. The Catamounts won Friday night, 4-0, before falling to St. Lawrence at Appleton Arena, 4-1, on Saturday.
- The Catamounts were backed by strong goaltending Friday night. Freshman netminder **Packy Munson** (Hugo, Minn.) recorded a 23-save shutout in his collegiate debut Friday night at Gutterson Fieldhouse and was named Pro Ambitions Rookie of the Week for his efforts. He turned aside 51 saves on the weekend.
- **Kevin Irwin** (Akron, Ohio) (1g, 2a) and **Jarrid Privitera** (Old Tappan, N.J.) (1g, 1a) each recorded multi-point games in Friday night's victory for the Catamounts.

UPCOMING GAMES

Friday 12/18

U.S. Nat'l Jr. Team at UMass - 7pm@

@Exhibition

Saturday 12/19

Mich. State at Northeastern - 7pm^

^NBCSN/TSN3

Sunday 12/20

Vermont at Union - 4pm

Canisius at Merrimack - 4:05pm



**USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine
Men's College Hockey Poll - 12/14**

Rk.	School, Pts. (FPV)	Record	LW
1.	Providence College, 510 (34)	12-0-3	1
2.	Quinnipiac, 460	15-1-2	2
3.	North Dakota, 446	16-2-2	4
4.	Boston College, 376	13-2-1	3
5.	St. Cloud State, 369	14-4-2	6
6.	Omaha, 338	12-3-1	5
7.	Harvard, 323	6-1-3	7
8.	UMass Lowell, 251	10-3-4	8
9.	Cornell, 232	8-1-2	10
10.	Michigan, 200	9-3-3	9
11.	Boston University, 142	9-6-3	11
12.	Yale, 110	6-4-2	15
13.	Bowling Green, 99	11-3-5	14
14.	St. Lawrence, 76	10-5-2	13
15.	Penn State, 75	11-2-3	NR

Others receiving votes: Denver, 32; **Notre Dame, 27**; Minnesota State, 7; Rensselaer, 6; Duluth, 1.

**USCHO.com
Men's College Hockey Poll - 12/14**

Rk.	School, Pts. (FPV)	Record	LW
1.	Providence College, 996 (48)	12-0-3	1
2.	North Dakota, 932 (1)	16-2-2	4
3.	Quinnipiac, 880 (1)	15-1-2	2
4.	Boston College, 798	13-2-1	3
5.	St. Cloud State, 793	14-4-0	6
6.	Omaha, 779	12-3-1	5
7.	Harvard, 696	6-1-3	7
8.	UMass Lowell, 629	10-3-4	8
9.	Cornell, 564	8-1-2	10
10.	Michigan, 532	9-3-3	9
11.	Boston University, 476	9-6-3	12
12.	Bowling Green, 428	11-3-5	14
13.	Yale, 368	6-4-2	15
14.	Penn State, 336	11-2-3	16
15.	St. Lawrence, 320	10-5-2	13
16.	Notre Dame, 306	9-4-4	18
17.	Denver, 254	7-7-2	11
18.	Minnesota State, 124	10-6-4	20
19.	Duluth, 88	7-7-3	17
20.	Merrimack, 84	6-4-5	19

Others receiving votes: Rensselaer, 50; Michigan Tech, 36; Holy Cross, 14; Robert Morris, 11; Minnesota, 6.



HOCKEY EAST WEEKLY AWARDS

WARRIOR HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Week	Player
Oct. 12	Trevor Mingoia - PC
Oct. 19	Dennis Kravchenko - UMass
Oct. 26	Dan Correale - UNH
Nov. 2	Jake Walman - PC
Nov. 9	Thatcher Demko - BC
Nov. 16	Nick Ellis - PC
Nov. 23	Mark Jankowski - PC
Nov. 30	Andrew Poturalski - UNH
Dec. 7	Andrew Poturalski - UNH
Dec. 14	Dennis Gilbert - ND

PRO AMBITIONS ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Week	Player
Oct. 12	Austin Plevy - UMass
	Max Letunov - UConn
Oct. 19	Colin White - BC
Oct. 26	Bobby Nardella - ND
Nov. 2	Tage Thompson - UConn
Nov. 9	Austin Plevy - UMass
Nov. 16	Jacob Forsbacka Karlsson - BU
Nov. 23	Nick Master - UML
Nov. 30	Colin White - BC
Dec. 7	Tage Thompson - UConn
Dec. 14	Pack Munson - UVM

HEA DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Week	Player
Oct. 12	Mike Santaguida - UVM
Oct. 19	Kevin Boyle - UML
Oct. 26	Thatcher Demko - BC
Nov. 2	Cal Petersen - ND
Nov. 9	Matt Grzelczyk - BU
Nov. 16	Kevin Boyle - UML
	Connor LaCouvee - BU
Nov. 23	Dan Renouf - Maine
Nov. 30	Dylan Zink - UML
Dec. 7	Rob Nichols - UConn
Dec. 14	Sean Maguire - BU



HOCKEY EAST MONTHLY AWARDS

WARRIOR HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE MONTH

Month	Player
Oct.	Dennis Kravchenko - UMass
Nov.	Andrew Poturalski - UNH

PRO AMBITIONS ROOKIE OF THE MONTH

Month	Player
Oct.	Max Letunov - UConn
Nov.	Colin White - BC

STOP IT GOALTENDER OF THE MONTH

Month	Player
Oct.	Thatcher Demko - BC
Nov.	Thatcher Demko - BC

2015-2016 HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Rk.	Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Conf. Off.	Conf. Def.
1.	UMass Lowell	11	6	2	3	15	10-3-4	2.55 (6)	2.55 (6)
2.	Notre Dame	9	6	1	2	14	9-4-4	3.33 (3)	1.89 (4)
3.	Boston College	8	6	1	1	13	13-2-1	4.12 (1)	1.75 (3)
4.	Providence	6	4	0	2	10	12-0-3	3.00 (5)	1.17 (1)
	Boston University	9	4	3	2	10	9-6-3	3.22 (4)	3.00 (77)
6.	Merrimack	10	2	3	5	9	6-4-5	2.00 (11)	2.40 (5)
7.	New Hampshire	7	2	1	4	8	6-6-4	3.71 (2)	3.43 (9)
	Massachusetts	10	2	4	4	8	6-8-4	2.50 (7)	3.60 (12)
	Vermont	10	3	5	2	8	5-11-2	2.40 (8)	2.90 (6)
10.	Connecticut	11	3	7	1	7	5-10-1	2.36 (9)	3.55 (11)
11.	Maine	8	2	5	1	5	4-9-4	1.62 (12)	3.00 (77)
12.	Northeastern	11	0	8	3	3	2-12-3	2.18 (10)	3.45 (10)

