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No. 2 Boston College vs. No. 11 UMass Lowell- Fri. 2/26 at BC, Sat. 2/27 at UML

• Heading into the final weekend of the season, Boston College (14-1-5 HEA) has already clinched a first round bye in the Hockey East Tournament and can secure the No. 1 seed with two points this weekend against UMass Lowell. Boston College also owns the longest unbeaten streak in the country at 14 games (10-0-4). The River Hawks (11-5-4 HEA) head into the series tied for fourth place with 26 points and also looking to secure a bye.

• UMass Lowell won its only game of the weekend last week, defeating Massachusetts, 4-2, at the Tsongas Center in non-conference action. Boston College was able to take four points last weekend up at Gutterson Fieldhouse, defeating the Catamounts, 3-1, Friday night and following that up with a 4-1 victory on Saturday to reclaim sole possession of first place in Hockey East.

• This series will showcase two elite goalies in the league. UMass Lowell's **Kevin Boyle** (Manalapan, N.J.), ranks first in Hockey East in goals against average (1.64) and save percentage (.941) and is tied for fourth in win percentage (.650). Boston College's **Thatcher Demko** (San Diego, Calif.) ranks third in Hockey East goals against average (1.86), second in save percentage (.939), and first in win percentage (.833).

• **Ryan Fitzgerald** (North Reading, Mass.) had a three-point night in the second game against Vermont last weekend netting two goals and dishing out an assist. He now boasts a 18-20--38 stat line on the season.

• Leading River Hawk point-getter **C.J Smith** (Des Moines, Iowa) accounted for two points in the victory against Massachusetts on a goal and an assist. Smith now has 14-18--32 on the season.

No. 5 Providence College vs. Massachusetts- Fri. 2/26 at UMass, Sat. 2/27 at PC

• Providence (14-3-3 HEA) enters the final weekend of the regular season in second place and has already secured an opening round bye in the Hockey East tournament and home ice in the quarterfinal round.

• Providence hosted Notre Dame last weekend in a pivotal series and came away with a big four points to clinch an opening round bye. The Friars defeated the Irish, 3-2, in overtime Friday night and picked up a 3-1 victory Saturday. The Friars have now won six games in a row.

• **Trevor Mingoia** (Fairport, N.Y.) netted the overtime winner Friday night. **Mark Jankowski** (St. Catherines, N.Y.) tallied points for the Friars on both nights and now has points in five straight games. **Nick Ellis** (Millersville, Md.) was strong for Providence, picking up the victory on both nights and making 54 saves.

• Massachusetts (2-14-4 HEA) heads in the weekend in 12th place in Hockey East with eight points but has the potential to finish as high as 10th.

• The Minutemen were defeated in their only game of the weekend, 4-2, at the Tsongas Center.

• **Shane Walsh** (West Roxbury, Mass.) netted his team-leading 17th goal of the season against the River Hawks. Walsh's 17 goals rank him tied for 17th nationally. Walsh now has 27 points on the season.

No. 9 Boston University vs. No. 10 Notre Dame- Fri. 2/26, Sat. 2/27 at ND

• Boston University (11-5-4 HEA) is in a precarious position in the Hockey East table, sitting tied for fourth with 26 points. The Terriers can clinch an opening round bye with four points against Notre Dame this weekend, collecting more points than UMass Lowell does against Boston College, or splitting the weekend if UMass Lowell ties twice. BU will also secure the bye if they get zero points and UMass Lowell also gets zero points.

• Notre Dame (14-4-2 HEA) is in third place with 30 points and can clinch an opening round bye with just one point against the Terriers this weekend or if UMass Lowell drops at least one point to Boston College.

• Boston University picked up three points last weekend against New Hampshire to keep pace at the top of the league. The Terriers were led on Friday night by Hockey East Warrior Player of the Week **Danny O'Regan** (Needham, Mass.), who netted a hat trick in a 3-3 overtime tie. O'Regan followed that up with a goal on Saturday in a 3-2 victory at the Whittemore Center for four goals on the weekend. Freshman **Jordan Greenway** (Canton, N.Y.) also tallied three points on the weekend on three assists.

• Notre Dame was swept for the first time in 2015-16 by Providence last weekend. The Irish fell to Providence, 3-2, in overtime Friday night and, 3-1, Saturday night.

• **Jake Evans** (Toronto, Ont.) netted his eighth goal of the season Friday and now has 32 points on eight goals and 24 assists. Evans' 24 assists rank him fifth in Hockey East and 10th nationally. Freshman **Anders Bjork** (Mequon, Wisc.) was a plus-three for the Irish on the weekend. Bjork's plus-19 rating ranks him tied for first in Hockey East and tied for seventh nationally.

Maine vs. Northeastern - Fri. 2/26, Sat. 2/27 at NU

• Maine (5-13-2 HEA) sits 10th in Hockey East with 12 points while Northeastern (8-8-4 HEA) is currently riding a five-game winning streak and are 12-1-2 in their last 15 games. The Huskies have locked in to sixth place and have secured home ice in the opening round next weekend.

• Northeastern picked up four points last weekend in a home-and-home series with Connecticut. **Kevin Roy** (Lac-Beauport, Quebec) netted two goals for Northeastern in a 5-2 victory at the XL Center on Friday night. Roy followed that up with a goal and an assist in a 4-1 victory on Saturday, for four points on the weekend.

• Northeastern goaltender **Ryan Ruck** (Cote De Caza, Calif.) was named Pro Ambitions Rookie of the Week for his efforts against UConn. Ruck picked up the victories both nights and improved to 12-10-4 on the season.

• Maine fell to Merrimack last Friday night, 6-4, before rebounding for a 3-2 overtime victory on Saturday. **Daniel Perez** (Bloomfield, N.J.) picked up the overtime winner for the Black Bears on Saturday.

• **Steven Swavely** (Reading, Pa.) tallied four points on the weekend on a goal and three assists. Swavely ranks third on the team in points with a 9-10--19 stat line.

Merrimack vs. Vermont - Fri. 2/26, Sat. 2/27 at MC

• Merrimack (3-10-7 HEA) currently sits in ninth place in Hockey East with 13 points. The Warriors can clinch home ice in the opening round by picking up four points against Vermont. The Catamounts (6-11-13 HEA) are in seventh place in Hockey East and can clinch home ice in the opening round by picking up three points against Merrimack.

• Merrimack split with Maine last weekend, picking up a 6-4 victory on Friday night before falling to the Black Bears, 3-2, on Saturday.

• **Michael Babcock** (Northville, Mich.) picked up the eventual game-winner on Friday night. **Hampus Gustafsson** (Ljungby, Sweden) had his fifth multi-point game of the season tallying three points on a goal and two assists. Gustafsson is second on the team in points with an 8-14--22 stat line.

• Vermont was swept by Boston College last weekend at Gutterson Fieldhouse. The Catamounts fell, 3-1, on Friday night and suffered a 4-1 setback on Saturday night.

• **Mario Puskarich** (Fort Walton Beach, FL.) picked up his ninth goal of the season on Friday night. Puskarich leads the Catamounts in points with 26 on nine goals and 17 assists.

New Hampshire vs. Connecticut - Fri. 2/26 at UConn, Sat. 2/27 at UNH

• New Hampshire (4-10-6 HEA) occupies the eighth and final home-ice spot in the Hockey East opening round with 14 points. The Wildcats can secure home ice in the opening round by picking up four points against UConn. Connecticut (4-12-4 HEA) sits tied for 10th with Maine with 12 points.

• New Hampshire tied Boston University, 3-3, at Agganis Arena on Friday night. **Daniel Tirone** (Trumbull, Conn.) was strong for the Wildcats making 37 saves. The Wildcats would eventually fall to the Terriers at home on Saturday night, 3-2.

• Leading point-getters **Andrew Poturalski** (Williamsville, N.Y.) and **Tyler Kelleher's** (Longmeadow, Mass.) combined for just one point in the two games. Poturalski's 22 goals on the season rank him fourth nationally while Kelleher's 34 assists place him tied for first nationally.

• UConn was swept in a weekend series against Northeastern last weekend falling to the Huskies, 5-2, on Friday night and dropping a 4-1 decision Saturday night.

• Freshman **Tagge Thompson** (Orange, Conn.) netted his national-best 11th power-play goal of the season Friday night. Classmate **Joe Masonius** (Spring Lake, N.J.) also tallied two points Friday night on a goal and an assist.

• Associate Head Coach **Mike Souza** of New Hampshire heads back to the XL Center for the first time Friday night since he last coached with the Huskies a year ago.

UPCOMING GAMES

Friday 2/26

No. 11 UML at No. 2 BC - 7pm*

Maine at Northeastern - 7pm*

No. 5 Providence at UMass - 7pm*

New Hampshire at UConn - 7:05pm*

No. 9 BU at No. 7 ND - 7:35pm*#

Vermont at Merrimack - 8:35pm*^

* Hockey East Game

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Saturday 2/27

Maine at Northeastern - 7pm*

UMass at No. 5 Providence - 7pm*

No. 2 BC at No. 11 UML - 7pm*^

UConn at New Hampshire - 7pm*%

Vermont at Merrimack - 7:05pm*

No. 9 NU at No. 7 ND - 7:05pm*#

* Hockey East Game

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**USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine
Men's College Hockey Poll - 2/22**

Rk.	School, Pts. (FPV)	Record	LW
1.	Quinnipiac, 497 (25)	23-2-7	1
2.	Boston College, 472 (8)	23-4-5	2
3.	St. Cloud State, 450 (1)	25-6-1	3
4.	North Dakota, 405	24-5-3	4
5.	Providence, 377	23-5-4	5
6.	Michigan, 343	19-4-5	6
7.	Yale, 302	18-5-4	8
8.	Denver, 238	17-8-5	10
9.	Boston University, 237	18-9-5	9
10.	Notre Dame, 230	18-7-7	7
11.	UMass Lowell, 159	20-7-5	12
12.	Harvard, 148	15-8-4	13
13.	Omaha, 91	18-11-1	11
14.	Michigan Tech, 46	17-8-5	14
15.	Penn State, 38	19-9-4	15

Others receiving votes: Cornell, 36; St. Lawrence, 5; Minnesota State, 2; Northeastern, 2; Minnesota, 1; Rensselaer, 1.

**USCHO.com
Men's College Hockey Poll - 2/22**

Rk.	School, Pts. (FPV)	Record	LW
1.	Quinnipiac, 963 (32)	23-2-7	1
2.	Boston College, 944 (11)	23-4-5	2
3.	St. Cloud State, 914 (7)	25-6-1	3
4.	North Dakota, 849	24-5-3	4
5.	Providence, 813	23-5-4	5
6.	Michigan, 737	19-4-5	6
7.	Yale, 682	18-5-4	8
8.	Denver, 609	17-8-5	10
9.	Boston University, 596	18-9-5	9
10.	Notre Dame, 589	18-7-7	7
11.	UMass Lowell, 524	20-7-5	11
12.	Harvard, 449	15-8-4	13
13.	Omaha, 370	18-11-1	12
14.	Michigan Tech, 328	17-8-5	14
15.	Penn State, 279	19-9-4	15
16.	Cornell, 263	13-8-6	16
17.	Rensselaer, 169	16-12-6	17
18.	Minnesota State, 118	15-10-7	19
19.	St. Lawrence, 111	16-12-4	18
20.	Minnesota, 75	16-13-0	NR

Others receiving votes: Bowling Green, 38; Robert Morris, 29; Dartmouth, 15; Northeastern, 14; Clarkson, 10; Miami, 8; Union, 4.



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
Dec. 21	Jace Hennig - MC
Jan. 4	Dan Correale - UNH
Jan. 11	Matt Grzelcyk - BU
Jan. 18	Trevor Mingoia - PC
Jan. 25	Ahti Oksanen - BU
Feb. 1	C.J. Smith - UML
Feb. 8	Max Letunov - UConn
Feb. 15	Nolan Stevens - NU
Feb. 22	Danny O'Regan

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	Packy Munson - UVM
Dec. 21	Ryan Ruck - NU
Jan. 4	Packy Munson - UVM
Jan. 11	Colin White - BC
Jan. 18	Bobby Nardella - ND
Jan. 25	Adam Gaudette - NU
Feb. 1	Derek Petti - MC
Feb. 8	Jordan Greenway - BU
Feb. 15	Jordan Greenway - BU
Feb. 22	Ryan Ruck - NU

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 Grzelcyk - 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
Dec. 21	Drew Vogler - MC
Jan. 4	Cal Petersen - ND
Jan. 11	Packy Munson - UVM
	Kevin Boyle - UML
Jan. 18	Rob Nichols - UConn
Jan. 25	Cal Petersen - ND
Feb. 1	Danny Tirone - UNH
Feb. 8	Jordan Gross - ND
Feb. 15	Dylan Zink - UML
Feb. 22	Nick Ellis - PC



HOCKEY EAST MONTHLY AWARDS

WARRIOR HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE MONTH

Month	Player
Oct.	Dennis Kravchenko - UMass
Nov.	Andrew Poturalski - UNH
Dec.	Andrew Poturalski - UNH
Jan.	Trevor Mingoia - PC

PRO AMBITIONS ROOKIE OF THE MONTH

Month	Player
Oct.	Max Letunov - UConn
Nov.	Colin White - BC
Dec.	Packy Munson - UVM
Jan.	Adam Gaudette - NU

STOP IT GOALTENDER OF THE MONTH

Month	Player
Oct.	Thatcher Demko - BC
Nov.	Thatcher Demko - BC
Dec.	Nick Ellis - PC
Jan.	Cal Petersen - ND

2015-2016 HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Rk.	Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Conf. Off.	Conf. Def.
1.	Boston College *	20	14	1	5	33	23-4-5	4.35 (1)	2.05 (4)
2.	Providence *	20	14	3	3	31	23-5-4	3.05 (5)	1.90 (3)
3.	Notre Dame	20	14	4	2	30	18-7-7	3.35 (3)	1.85 (2)
4.	Boston University	20	11	5	4	26	18-9-5	3.60 (2)	2.65 (6)
	UMass Lowell	20	11	5	4	26	20-7-5	2.70 (6)	1.65 (1)
6.	Northeastern #	20	8	8	4	20	14-13-5	3.15 (4)	2.60 (5)
7.	Vermont	20	6	11	3	15	12-18-3	2.35 (8)	3.00 (7)
8.	New Hampshire	20	4	10	6	14	10-16-6	2.60 (7)	3.20 (8)
9.	Merrimack	20	3	10	7	13	9-16-7	2.20 (9)	3.45 (11)
10.	Connecticut	20	4	12	4	12	9-19-4	2.00 (11)	3.25 (T9)
	Maine	20	5	13	2	12	8-20-6	1.90 (12)	3.25 (T9)
12.	Massachusetts	20	2	14	4	8	8-20-4	2.15 (10)	4.55 (12)

* clinched opening round bye; # clinched No. 6 seed & home ice in the opening round

