



# MEN'S PREVIEW

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### Providence vs. Minnesota Duluth - Fri. 3/25 at DCU Center (Northeast Regional)

- Providence makes its 12th overall appearance in the NCAA Tournament as it begins its 2015 NCAA title defense, boasting a roster with 16 juniors and seniors, the second-highest total among tournament teams.
- The Friars carry a 14-16-0 record all time in the NCAA postseason. Providence is 7-3-3 in 13 games against other NCAA Tournament teams in 2015-16 and earned the No. 1 seed in the Northeast Region.
- Six current Providence skaters rank in the top 10 active scorers in the NCAA Tournament: **Nick Saracino** (2-5--7), **Trevor Mingoia** (3-3--6), **Mark Jankowski** (3-2--5), **Brandon Tanev** (3-2--5), **Anthony Florentino** (2-2--4) and **Tom Parisi** (2-2--4).
- Minnesota Duluth is 4-0-1 in the last five outings against Providence. The Friars took the last neutral site meeting between the squads, 4-3, at Brown's Meehan Auditorium on Dec. 27, 1979.
- The Bulldogs earned one of the last at-large bids after advancing to the NCHC title game against St. Cloud State, ultimately falling to the Huskies, 3-1

### Boston College vs. Harvard - Fri. 3/25 at DCU Center (Northeast Regional)

- Boston College returns to the NCAA Tournament for the 35th time, second only to Minnesota and Michigan's 36th appearance. The Eagles have reached the Frozen Four 24 times and won five NCAA titles.
- **Thatcher Demko** is the most experienced goaltender in this year's NCAA field, having played in four tournament games and carrying 3.29 GAA/.891 SV% numbers.
- **Ryan Fitzgerald** is just two points away from reaching the 100 career points milestone.
- **Jerry York** has 23 NCAA Tournament appearances and five titles under his belt, the most by any coach in this year's field. His Eagles are also 12-1 at the DCU Center, home to this year's Northeast Regional.
- Boston College is 6-3-1 in its last ten games and is 9-4-3 against the NCAA tournament field.
- Boston College downed Harvard in their lone meeting this season, a 3-2 win Feb. 1 in the first round of the Beanpot. Harvard received an at-large bid after losing to Quinnipiac, 4-1, in the ECAC Championship game.
- Harvard senior forward **Jimmy Vesey** was 11th in the nation during the regular season with 46 points on 24 goals and 22 assists. Vesey's 80 career goals are the most for active skaters in the tournament.

### Notre Dame vs. Michigan - Fri. 3/25 at U.S. Bank Arena (Midwest Regional)

- Notre Dame earned its eighth NCAA berth, carrying a 6-7 record in the postseason tournament, with two Frozen Four appearances and one NCAA title game showing.
- **Jeff Jackson**'s team skated against other NCAA Tournament teams 20 times this season, going 6-8-6 in those contests.
- Former conference foes in the CCHA, the Fighting Irish and Wolverines have met 134 times previously, most recently in 2012-13 when Notre Dame swept Michigan, 5-0-0.
- Notre Dame and Michigan's lone meeting in the NCAA Tournament came at the 2008 Frozen Four when the Irish posted a 5-4 overtime win to advance to the NCAA title game.
- The Wolverines earned an NCAA berth by winning the Big Ten Tournament, 5-3, over Minnesota and carry a 24-7-5 record this season.

### Northeastern vs. North Dakota - Fri. 3/25 at U.S. Bank Arena (Midwest Regional)

- Northeastern claimed its first NCAA Tournament berth since 2009 by winning the Hockey East Tournament title, its first since 1988, with a 3-1 win over UMass Lowell at TD Garden.
- Since Hockey East's inception in 1984-85, the conference tournament champion carries a 63-27 record in the NCAA Tournament, with 22 of those 32 teams reaching the Frozen Four, 17 moving on to the title game and seven claiming the NCAA title.
- Northeastern has gone 20-1-2 in its last 23 games, including a 13-game winning streak and 14-game unbeaten streak, after starting the year 1-10-2.
- Senior **Kevin Roy** ranks in the top five for active career leaders entering the tournament in points (149), goals (65), and assists (84).
- The last meeting between Northeastern and North Dakota in the NCAA postseason was 34 years ago, when the Fighting Hawks eliminated the Huskies in the 1982 Frozen Four, 6-2.
- North Dakota received an at-large bid after falling to Minnesota Duluth in the NCHC Frozen Faceoff. Freshman **Brock Boeser** led the team in points during the regular season with 51 on 25 goals and 26 assists.

### Boston University vs. Denver - Sat. 3/26 at Xcel Energy Center (West Regional)

- Boston University returns to the NCAA Tournament after finishing as the national runner-up to Providence College in 2015, drawing Denver in the first round of regional play. The Terriers and Pioneers met once this season already, a 5-4 overtime win for BU on Halloween.
- The teams have clashed five times previously in the NCAA Tournament, with each team at 2-2. The last meeting came in 1997, a 4-3 overtime win for the Terriers.
- Last time out, the Terriers were swept by UMass Lowell in the Hockey East Quarterfinals at the Tsongas Center, March 11-12. It marks the first time since 1998 that the Terriers advanced to the NCAA Tournament despite not reaching the Hockey East semifinals at TD Garden.
- Boston University went 9-8-3 in 20 games against other NCAA Tournament teams during the regular season, tied for the most games played against other foes in the field and tied for the most wins against those teams.
- Terrier senior forward **Danny O'Regan**'s 153 career points is the most among any skater in the tournament this year. O'Regan has two goals and three assists for five points in four career games played in the national tournament.
- Both Boston University (21-12-5) and Denver (23-9-6) earned an at-large bid to this year's NCAA Tournament.

### UMass Lowell vs. Yale - Sat. 3/26 at Times Union Center (East Regional)

- This marks UMass Lowell's seventh NCAA tournament appearance and Head Coach **Norm Bazin**'s fourth trip to the postseason. The River Hawks are 9-6-2 versus the tournament field this year and are 7-3 in their last ten games.
- Hockey East Co-Player of the Year **Kevin Boyle** is first in career saves for active goalies in the tournament with 2,755.
- UMass Lowell advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the fourth time in five years. The River Hawks have won their opening round game in each of the three previous trips to the NCAA regionals, and reached the Frozen Four in 2013, falling to Yale, 3-2, in overtime.
- Yale received an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament after losing to Dartmouth in the ECAC quarterfinals.
- Yale goaltender **Alex Lyon** was one of the best in the nation during the regular season, as his 1.59 goals against average and .938 save percentage are both top in the nation.

## UPCOMING GAMES

### Friday 3/25

NCAA Regionals:

**Northeastern vs. North Dakota - 2pm ^**  
**Providence vs. UMD - 4:30pm @**  
**Notre Dame vs. Michigan - 5:30pm #**  
**Harvard vs. Boston College - 8pm \$**

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### Saturday 3/26

NCAA Regionals:

**Boston Univ. vs. Denver - 6:30pm \***  
**UMass Lowell vs. Yale - 7:30pm &**  
**Midwest Regional Final - 6pm !**  
**Northeast Regional Final - 9pm #**

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**& East Regional/ESPN3/WatchESPN**  
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**# ESPNU/WatchESPN**

### Sunday 3/27

NCAA Regionals:

**East Regional Final - 7:30pm &**  
**West Regional Final - 5 p.m. ^**

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**USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine  
Men's College Hockey Poll - 3/21**

Rk.	School, Pts. (FPV)	Record	LW
1.	Quinnipiac, 510 (34)	29-3-7	2
2.	St. Cloud State, 458	31-8-1	5
3.	North Dakota, 446	30-6-4	1
4.	<b>Providence, 404</b>	<b>27-6-4</b>	<b>3</b>
5.	<b>Boston College, 355</b>	<b>26-7-5</b>	<b>4</b>
6.	Michigan, 354	24-7-5	7
7.	Denver, 282	23-9-6	6
8.	<b>UMass Lowell, 278</b>	<b>24-9-5</b>	<b>8</b>
9.	Harvard, 212	19-10-4	9
10.	<b>Northeastern, 209</b>	<b>22-13-5</b>	<b>14</b>
11.	<b>Boston University, 171</b>	<b>21-12-5</b>	<b>10</b>
12.	Yale, 169	19-8-4	11
13.	<b>Notre Dame, 112</b>	<b>19-10-7</b>	<b>12</b>
14.	Duluth, 68	18-15-5	15
15.	Michigan Tech, 30	23-9-5	13

Others receiving votes: Minnesota State, 7; Ferris State, 6; St. Lawrence, 6; Cornell, 3.

**USCHO.com  
Men's College Hockey Poll - 3/21**

Rk.	School, Pts. (FPV)	Record	LW
1.	Quinnipiac, 998 (48)	29-3-7	2
2.	St. Cloud State, 935 (2)	31-8-1	4
3.	North Dakota, 897 (1)	30-6-4	1
4.	<b>Providence, 847</b>	<b>27-6-4</b>	<b>3</b>
5.	Michigan, 768	24-7-5	7
6.	<b>Boston College, 751</b>	<b>26-7-5</b>	<b>5</b>
7.	Denver, 703	23-9-6	6
8.	<b>UMass Lowell, 664</b>	<b>24-9-5</b>	<b>8</b>
9.	<b>Northeastern, 554</b>	<b>22-13-5</b>	<b>14</b>
10.	Harvard, 547	19-10-4	9
11.	Yale, 500	19-8-4	10
12.	<b>Boston University, 488</b>	<b>21-12-5</b>	<b>11</b>
13.	<b>Notre Dame, 390</b>	<b>19-10-7</b>	<b>13</b>
14.	Duluth, 354	18-15-5	16
15.	Michigan Tech, 279	23-9-5	12
16.	Minnesota State, 176	21-13-7	15
17.	St. Lawrence, 142	19-14-4	17
18.	Ferris State, 121	19-14-6	NR
19.	Cornell, 115	16-11-7	18
20.	Minnesota, 94	20-17-0	20

Others receiving votes: RIT, 62; Penn State, 58; Omaha, 24; Robert Morris, 19; Dartmouth, 7; Bowling Green, 6; Clarkson, 1.



**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 Grzelczyk - 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
Feb. 29	Trevor Mingoia - PC
March 7	Kevin Roy - NU
March 14	Kevin Roy - NU
March 21	Nolan Stevens - NU

**PRO AMBITIONS ROOKIE OF THE WEEK**

Week	Player
Oct. 12	Austin Plevy - UMass
Oct. 19	Max Letunov - UConn
Oct. 26	Colin White - BC
Nov. 2	Bobby Nardella - ND
Nov. 9	Tage Thompson - UConn
Nov. 16	Austin Plevy - UMass
Nov. 23	Jacob Forsbacka Karlsson - BU
Nov. 30	Nick Master - UML
Dec. 7	Colin White - BC
Dec. 14	Tage Thompson - UConn
Dec. 21	Packy Munson - UVM
Jan. 4	Ryan Ruck - NU
Jan. 11	Packy Munson - UVM
Jan. 18	Colin White - BC
Jan. 25	Bobby Nardella - ND
Feb. 1	Adam Gaudette - NU
Feb. 8	Derek Petti - MC
Feb. 15	Jordan Greenway - BU
Feb. 22	Jordan Greenway - BU
Feb. 29	Ryan Ruck - NU
March 7	Joe Masonius - UConn
March 14	Charlie McAvoy - BU
March 21	J.D. Dudek - BC
March 28	Adam Gaudette - 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 Grzelczyk - BU
Nov. 16	Kevin Boyle - UML
Nov. 23	Connor LaCouvee - BU
Nov. 30	Dan Renouf - Maine
Dec. 7	Dylan Zink - UML
Dec. 14	Rob Nichols - UConn
Dec. 21	Sean Maguire - BU
Dec. 28	Drew Vogler - MC
Jan. 4	Cal Petersen - ND
Jan. 11	Packy Munson - UVM
Jan. 18	Kevin Boyle - UML
Jan. 25	Cal Petersen - UConn
Feb. 1	Danny Tironi - UNH
Feb. 8	Jordan Gross - ND
Feb. 15	Dylan Zink - UML
Feb. 22	Nick Ellis - PC
Feb. 29	Drew Vogler - MC
March 7	Danny Tironi - UNH
March 14	Kevin Boyle - UML
March 21	Nick Ellis - PC
March 28	Kevin Boyle - UML



**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
Feb.	Nolan Stevens - NU

**PRO AMBITIONS ROOKIE OF THE MONTH**

Month	Player
Oct.	Max Letunov - UConn
Nov.	Colin White - BC
Dec.	Packy Munson - UVM
Jan.	Adam Gaudette - NU
Feb.	Ryan Ruck - 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
Feb.	Nick Ellis - PC

**2015-2016 HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS**

Rk.	Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Conf. Off.	Conf. Def.
1.	Boston College	22	15	1	5	35	26-7-5	4.14 (1)	2.05 (4)
	Providence	22	16	3	3	35	27-6-4	3.23 (4)	1.77 (2)
3.	Notre Dame	22	15	5	2	32	19-10-7	3.18 (5)	1.82 (3)
4.	UMass Lowell	22	12	6	4	28	24-9-5	2.64 (6)	1.68 (1)
	Boston University	22	12	6	4	28	21-12-5	3.41 (T2)	2.55 (T5)
6.	Northeastern	22	10	8	4	24	22-13-5	3.41 (T2)	2.55 (T5)
7.	Merrimack	22	5	10	7	17	13-19-7	2.27 (8)	3.18 (T8)
8.	Connecticut	22	6	12	4	16	11-21-4	2.23 (9)	3.18 (T8)
9.	Vermont	22	6	13	3	15	15-22-3	2.18 (10)	3.00 (7)
10.	New Hampshire	22	4	12	6	14	11-20-6	2.59 (7)	3.32 (10)
	Maine	22	5	15	2	12	8-24-6	1.91 (12)	3.50 (11)
12.	Massachusetts	22	2	16	4	8	8-24-4	2.00 (11)	4.59 (12)

