

# MEN'S PREVIEW

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: NOVEMBER 10, 2016

### No. 4 Boston University vs. No. 18 Michigan – Fri. 11/11, Sat. 11/12 at UM

• The first game between the Boston University Terriers and Michigan Wolverines occurred March 17, 1950, a 4-3 Terrier win in the NCAA semifinal game. Since then, the Wolverines have held a narrow series lead of 15-12-0.

• For Boston University, the freshman **Patrick Harper** (New Canaan, Conn./4g, 7a) leads all Terriers in scoring with 11 points, followed by fellow freshman reigning Pro Ambitions Rookie of the Week **Clayton Keller** (Swansea, III./5g, 4a). Overall, the freshman class has accounted for 31 of the Terriers; 74 points (42%), more than any other class. On the defensive side, rookie goaltender **Jake Oettinger** (Lakeville, Minn.) leads all Hockey East goalies with a .941 save percentage and with a 1.59 goals against average.

### UMass vs. Merrimack/Vermont - Fri. 11/11, Sat 11/12 at UMass

• The UMass/Merrimack rivalry dates back to the 1969-70 season, with Merrimack holding a 39-37-7 mark over the Minutemen. In the last 16 meetings, the Warriors own a 10-4-2 record, including a 1-0-1 mark a season ago.

• Vermont goaltender **Stefanos Lekkas** (Elburn, III.) has enjoyed a hot start to his rookie campaign as the reigning Stop It Goaltender of the Month is 3-1-1 with a .930 save percentage and 1.81 goals-against average, good for second in Hockey East. His four starts and three wins all came against ranked opponents.

• UMass's line of **Patrick Lee** (Calgary, Alta/2g, 4a) Dominic Trento (Brockport, N.Y./6a) and **Jonny Lazarus** (Syosset, N.Y./2g, 3a) continue to pace the Minutemen in scoring. The line currently ranks as the top-three scorers on the UMass roster.

• In 67 prior meetings with UMass, the Vermont Catamounts enjoy an overall series lead of 41-19-7. Saturday's game serves as a preview of the 2016 Friendship Four, as the Minutemen and Catamounts will travel to Belfast, Northern Ireland to compete in the annual competition over Thanksgiving. ECAC Hockey's St. Lawrence and Quinnipiac will also join the festivities.

#### No. 5 UMass Lowell vs. Maine - Fri. 11/11 at ME; Sun. 11/13 at UML

• UMass Lowell and Maine have met 122 times over their 38-year series history. The Black Bears historically have held the upper hand, with a record of 78-40-4.

• River Hawks forwards **C.J. Smith** (Des Moines, Iowa/7g, 7a) and **Joe Gambardella** (Staten Island, N.Y./6g, 8a) both rank sixth in the NCAA in total scoring with 14 points apiece.

• Maine's rookie forward **Mitchell Fossier** (Alpharetta, Ga.) leads Maine in scoring with nine points (6 g, 3a). The freshman has scored the game-winning goal in each Black Bear win this season.

• UMass Lowell freshman netminder **Tyler Wal**I (Learnington, Ont.) has started his rookie campaign 6-1-1 with a .932 save percentage, good enough to rank 10th in the NCAA. Maine goaltender **Rob McGovern** (Weymouth, Mass.) has stopped 260 shots so far this season, ranking him second nationally in that category.

#### UConn vs. No. 14 Ohio State - Fri. 11/11, Sat. 11/12 at OSU

The Huskies close out a season-long five-game road streak with a pair of outings at Ohio State, the first meeting between the programs. The Buckeyes boast the third-highest scoring offense in the NCAA, netting 4.44 goals per game.
UConn's sophomore class has recorded 32 of the Huskies 76 points (42%) most of any class on the Huskies roster. Forward Tage Thompson (Orange, Conn./4g, 5a) leads all Huskies in scoring with nine points.

UCont tied UMass, 2-2, in its only game last weekend. The Huskies allow just 2.4 goals per game while potting 3.0 goals per game.

#### New Hampshire vs. Arizona State/Merrimack- Fri. 11/11, Sun. Nov 13 at UNH

• New Hampshire and Merrimack will meet for the 97th time on Sunday, the Wildcats hold a commanding lead over the Warriors, 67-20-9.

• Wildcat freshman forward **Patrick Grasso** (Ankeny, Iowa) continues to lead the Wildcats in offensive production. The rookie has recorded a point in eight straight games, and ranks second in the NCAA in goals scored (9). In addition, Grasso (9g, 4a) and teammate **Tyler Kelleher** (Longmeadow, Mass./5g, 8a) are tied for fourth in Hockey East in total scoring with 13 points apiece.

• Arizona State is coming off a run of nine straight games against ranked opponents entering this weekend (1-8-0).

### No. 9 Notre Dame vs. Northeastern - Sat. 11/12, Sun. 11/13 at NU

• This will be 17th time that Northeastern and Notre Dame will face each other. The Huskies hold the series advantage over the Fighting Irish, 10-4-2.

• Anders Bjork (Mequon, Wis.) has tallied 16 points (7g, 9a) on the season, which ranks the junior third-nationally and atop all of Hockey East in scoring.

• Northeastern forward **Zach Aston-Reese** (Staten Island, N.Y./5g, 8a) is tied for fourth in Hockey East in scoring. The senior propelled the Huskies to an overtime draw against No. 4 Boston University this past weekend with an equalizing goal with just 55.6 seconds left in regulation. Not far behind Aston-Reese is forward **Adam Gaudette** (Braintree, Mass./6g, 6a) and **Dylan Sikura** (Aurora, Ont./3g, 9a) who are both ranked eighth in overall Hockey East scoring with 12 points.

### No. 3 Boston College vs. Arizona State - Sun. 11/13 at BC

• The Sun Devils will have played three Hockey East opponents as of puck drop against the Eagles. Arizona State was swept by both Notre Dame and Northeastern, and will play New Hampshire on Saturday night. ASU will conclude its play against Hockey East with a weekend series against UMass on December 16 and 17.

• The Eagles currently have the NCAA's longest unbeaten streak, going 8-0-1 in their past nine contests. In that span, freshman goaltender **Joe Woll** (Dardenne Prairie, Mo.) has gone 5-0-1, with 182 saves and a .924 save percentage.

• Reigning Hockey East Player of the Week **Austin Cangelosi** (Estero, Fla./8g, 5a) leads the Eagles in scoring with 13 points. The senior forward has recorded seven points (3g, 4a) in his last three games, including a natural hat trick against Maine this past Friday, and a three-point performance on Tuesday against New Hampshire.

### Vermont vs. Dartmouth - Tues. 11/15 at UVM

• Tuesday's matchup will mark the 79th time that Vermont and Dartmouth have clashed in program history. The Catamounts have enjoyed an overall series lead of 49-23-6, with the last matchup being a 1-0 Catamount win on January 8, 2016. Current senior captain **Brendan Bradley** (Westminster, Pa.) tallied the lone goal for the Catamounts in that outing, during the same night Vermont retired the number of the former Catamount star **Martin St. Louis**.

• Forward Craig Puffer (New Canaan, Conn.) leads the Catamounts in scoring, registered seven points (4g, 3a) in his sophomore campaign.

# UPCOMING GAMES

## Friday 11/11

No. 5 UMass Lowell at Maine - 7pm \* UMass at Merrimack - 7:05pm \* UConn at No. 14 Ohio State - 7:05pm No. 4 BU at No. 18 Michigan - 7:35pm

\* Hockey East Game

# Saturday 11/12

No. 9 Notre Dame at Northeastern - 7pm Vermont at UMass - 7pm \* UConn at No. 10hio State - 4:05pm No. 4 BU at No. 18 Michigan - 5:05pm ASU at New Hampshire - 7pm

\* Hockey East Game

# Sunday 11/13

Notre Dame at Northeastern - 3pm \* Maine at UMass Lowell - 3pm \* Merrimack at New Hampshire - 4pm \* ASU at No. 3 Boston College - 3pm \*

\* Hockey East Game

# Tuesday 11/15

Dartmouth at Vermont - 7:05pm

# USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine Men's College Hockey Poll - 11/7

<u>Rk</u> .	School, Pts. (FPV)	Record	LW
1.	Minnesota Duluth, 510 (34)	7-1-2	1
2.	University of Denver, 466	6-2-2	2
3.	Boston College, 416	8-2-1	5
4.	Boston University, 410	4-2-1	4
5.	UMass Lowell, 358	6-2-2	6
6.	North Dakota, 338	5-3-1	3
7.	Minnesota, 256	4-2-2	13
8.	Quinnipiac, 250	6-3-1	7
9.	Notre Dame, 203	4-3-1	9
10.	Harvard, 200	3-0-1	12
11.	Minnesota State, 152	7-3-0	10
12.	Penn State, 141	7-1-1	15
13.	St Cloud State, 122	4-4-0	8
14.	Ohio State, 78	5-1-3	11
15.	Union College, 69	8-2-1	NR

Others receiving votes: Bemidji State 47, Providence 16, Yale 13, Dartmouth 10, Lake Superior State 9, Michigan 9, Western Michigan 5, Omaha 2.

# USCHO.com Men's College Hockey Poll - 11/7

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1.	Minnesota-Duluth, 1000 (50)	7-1-2	1
2.	Denver, 934	6-2-0	2
3.	Boston College, 870	8-2-1	5
4.	Boston University, 857	4-2-1	4
5.	Massachusetts-Lowell, 763	6-2-2	7
6.	North Dakota, 743	5-3-1	3
7.	Quinnipiac, 665	5-3-1	6
8.	Minnesota, 578	4-2-2	13
9.	Notre Dame, 535	4-3-1	9
10.	Harvard, 512	3-0-1	12
11.	Minnesota State, 477	7-3-0	10
12.	Penn State, 454	7-1-1	14
13.	St. Cloud State, 445	4-4-0	8
14.	Ohio State, 345	5-1-3	11
15.	Bemidji State, 284	8-2-0	18
16.	Union, 208	8-2-1	20
17.	Providence, 193	3-3-2	15
18.	Michigan, 180	4-3-1	17
19.	Yale, 167	2-1-0	16
20.	Lake Superior, 72	6-2-0	NR
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8. <b>9.</b> 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. <b>17.</b> 18. 19. 20.	Minnesota, 578 Notre Dame, 535 Harvard, 512 Minnesota State, 477 Penn State, 454 St. Cloud State, 445 Ohio State, 345 Bemidji State, 284 Union, 208 <b>Providence, 193</b> Michigan, 180 Yale, 167 Lake Superior, 72 ers receiving votes: Western Michiga	4- 2-2 4-3-1 3-0-1 7-3-0 7-1-1 4-4-0 5-1-3 8-2-0 8-2-1 3-3-2 4-3-1 2-1-0 6-2-0 n 52, St. Lawrence	13 9 12 10 14 8 11 18 20 15 17 16 NR € 51, Vermont

35, Northeastern 31, Dartmouth 25, Holy Cross 8, Omaha 8, Wisconsin 6, Air Force 1, Robert Morris 1.

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Oct. 3 Patrick Harper - BU	Oct. 3	Clayton Keller - BU	Oct. 3	Drew Vogler - MC
Oct. 10 Anders Bjork - ND	Oct. 10	Mitch Fossier - Maine	Oct. 10	Rob Nichols - UConn
Oct. 17 Tyler Kelleher - UNH	Oct. 17	Mitch Fossier - Maine	Oct. 17	Tyler Wall - UML
Oct. 24 Jordan Greenway - BU	Oct. 24	Jake Oettinger - BU	Oct. 24	Stefanos Lekkas - UVM
Oct. 31 Patrick Grasso - UNH	Oct. 31	Stefanos Lekkas - UVM	Oct. 31	Adam Huska - UConn
Nov. 7 Austin Cangelosi - BC	Nov. 7	Clayton Keller - BU	Nov. 7	Tyler Wall - UML



# HOCKEY EAST MONTHLY AWARDS

WARRIOR HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE MONTH Month Player Oct. Anders Bjork - ND

PRO AMBITIONS ROOKIE OF THE MONTH

STOP IT GOALTENDER OF THE MONTH Month Player Oct.

Jake Oettinger - BU Stefanos Lekkas - UVM

#### Month Player Patrick Grasso - UNH Oct.

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