



MEN'S PREVIEW

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Merrimack vs. Colorado College/Cornell or Northern Michigan (Florida College Classic) – Weds. 12/28; Thurs. 12/29, at Estero, Fla.

• This will mark Merrimack's first appearance in the Florida College Classic, and the second all-time matchup between Merrimack and Colorado College. The Tigers beat the Warriors in the previous matchup, 5-0, in October of 2006.

No. 5 Boston College vs. No. 13 Quinnipiac/Ferris State or RMU (Three Rivers Classic) – Thurs. 12/29, Fri. 30 at Pittsburgh, Pa.

• This will be the Eagles' second appearance in the Three Rivers Classic. The Eagles defeated Bowling Green and Penn State to win the 2013 tournament championship.

• Thursday's matchup will feature 2016 Frozen Four semifinalists, Boston College and Quinnipiac. The Bobcats defeated the Eagles, 3-2, to advance to the title game in Tampa, Florida in April.

No. 7 UML vs. Colgate/Army West Point or Dartmouth (Ledyard Bank Classic), RPI – Fri. 12/30, Sat. 12/31 at DC; Tue. 1/3 at RPI

• UMass Lowell will be making its second appearance in the Ledyard Bank Classic, hosted in Hanover, New Hampshire. In their 2009-10 appearance, the River Hawks defeated Holy Cross, but lost in the championship game to Northeastern.

• UMass Lowell is 4-2-2 in non-conference play this season, including 3-1-2 against NCHC competition and 1-1-0 with ECAC foes.

UMass vs. UAH/Mercyhurst or No. 11 Minnesota (Mariucci Classic), AIC – Fri. 12/30, Sat. 12.31 at Minn.; Tue. 1/3 at UMass

• UMass will make its third appearance in the Mariucci Classic as the Minutemen previously made appearances in 1999 and 2006. UMass has not yet advanced to the tournament title game.

• These three games will be UMass's final games against non-Hockey East opponents in 2016-17.

UConn vs. No. 18 St. Cloud St., Arizona State/ Brown (Desert Hockey Classic) – Fri. 12/30, Sat. 12.31 at ASU

• UConn returns to the Desert Hockey Classic for the second consecutive year after dropping Arizona State, 3-0 in the third-place game of the inaugural tournament.

No. 14 Vermont vs. Bentley, No. 17 St. Lawrence – Fri. 12/30, Sat. 12/31, Tue. 1/3 at UVM

• Vermont will host a pair of non-conference opponents in Bentley and St. Lawrence over the holiday break.

• Bentley and St. Lawrence are a combined 3-3-2 against Hockey East opponents this season. Bentley has gone 1-1-1 against UNH and Northeastern, while St. Lawrence went 2-2-1 against UNH, Merrimack, Providence, UMass Lowell and UMass.

No. 12 Notre Dame vs. Alaska – Sat. 12/31, Sun. 1/1 at ND

• Notre Dame will host former CCHA for Alaska for a two-game series in South Bend this week-end. In 59 previous match ups, the Fighting Irish are 30-25-4 against the Nanooks.

• Notre Dame last played Alaska in 2013 during the Irish's final season in the CCHA. Alaska swept Notre Dame in that series.

Maine vs. New Hampshire – Fri. 12/30 at SNHU Arena, Manchester, NH

• This will mark the third matchup between Maine and New Hampshire this season as the two teams square off in a non-conference title at SNHU Arena. The Wildcats swept the Black Bears in a home-and-home conference series earlier in December.

• **Tyler Kelleher** (Longmeadow, Mass.) has recorded six points (4g, 2a) in the Wildcats' previous two games against Maine. The senior forward ranks tops in Hockey East and fourth nationally with 31 points (12g, 19a).

Northeastern vs. Clarkson, Yale – Fri. 12/30 at NU, Tue. 1/3 at Yale

• Northeastern will face Clarkson for the 21st time on Friday. Clarkson holds the series advantage with a record of 13-6-1.

• A series that began in 1950, Yale and Northeastern have met 42 times, with the Bulldogs holding a slight lead of 21-20-1. Northeastern is 7-3-0 in its past 10 tilts with Yale.

No. 6 Boston University vs. No. 9 Union – Tue. 1/3 at BU

• Boston University has had seven players named to IIHF World Junior Championship rosters, the largest contingent ever from an NCAA team.

Providence at No. 2 Denver – Sat. 12/31 at PC

• Providence and Denver will meet for the 16th time in series history on Saturday, the Friars hold the series lead with a record of 8-6-1

• Providence is 1-1-0 against the NCHC this season, splitting an opening-season series against Miami.

UPCOMING GAMES

Wednesday 12/28

Merrimack vs. Colorado College - 7:30pm@

@ Florida College Classic (Estero, Fla.)

Thursday 12/29

Merrimack vs. Cornell/N. Mich. - TBD@
No. 5 BC vs. No. 13 Quinnipiac - 4:30pm#

@ Florida College Classic (Estero, Fla.)
Three Rivers Classic (Pittsburgh, Pa.)

Friday 12/30

No. 7 UML vs. Colgate - 4pm%
No. 5 BC vs. Ferris State/RMU - TBD#
UMass vs. Alabama Huntsville - 5pm\$
UConn vs. No. 18 St. Cloud State - 6pm^
Clarkson at Northeastern - 7pm
Maine at New Hampshire - 7pm&
No. 2 Denver at Providence - 7:05pm
Bentley at No. 14 Vermont - 7:05pm

% Ledyard Bank Classic at Dartmouth
Three Rivers Classic (Pittsburgh, Pa.)
\$ Mariucci Classic at Minnesota
^ Desert Hockey Classic (Prescott, Ariz.)
& SNHU Arena (Manchester, N.H.)

Saturday 12/31

Bentley at No. 14 Vermont - 3pm
No. 7 UML vs. Army/Dartmouth - 4/7pm%
Alaska at No. 12 Notre Dame - 4:05pm
UMass vs. Mercy./No. 11 Minn. - 5/8pm\$
No. 2 Denver at Providence - 5:05pm
UConn vs. Brown/ASU - 6/9pm ^

% Ledyard Bank Classic at Dartmouth
\$ Mariucci Classic at Minnesota
^ Desert Hockey Classic (Prescott, Ariz.)

Sunday 1/1

Alaska at No. 12 Notre Dame - 2:05pm

Tuesday 1/3

No. 7 UML at RPI - 7pm
AIC at UMass - 7pm
Northeastern at Yale - 7pm
No. 17 SLU at No. 14 Vermont - 7:05pm



**USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine
Men's College Hockey Poll - 12/19**

Rk.	School, Pts. (FPV)	Record	LW
1.	Minnesota Duluth, 503 (30)	12-3-3	1
2.	Denver, 478 (3)	12-3-3	2
3.	Penn State, 412 (1)	13-1-1	3
4.	Harvard, 386	8-2-1	5
5.	Boston College, 370	13-6-1	4
6.	Boston University, 350	10-5-2	6
7.	UMass Lowell, 287	10-5-3	7
8.	North Dakota, 241	9-6-3	9
9.	Union, 239	14-3-2	12
10.	Ohio State, 234	9-2-4	8
11.	Minnesota, 164	9-5-2	11
12.	Notre Dame, 101	9-6-2	14
13.	Quinnipiac, 78	10-7-2	13
14.	Vermont, 77	10-6-2	10
15.	Bemidji State, 55	13-6-3	15

Others receiving votes: St. Lawrence 43, Western Michigan 30, St. Cloud State 13, Cornell 10, Minnesota State 6, Omaha 2, Michigan Tech 1.

**USCHO.com
Men's College Hockey Poll - 12/19**

Rk.	School, Pts. (FPV)	Record	LW
1.	Minnesota Duluth, 982 (35)	12-3-3	1
2.	Denver, 958 (11)	12-3-3	2
3.	Penn State, 886 (4)	13-1-1	3
4.	Harvard, 818	8-2-1	4
5.	Boston University, 765	10-5-2	6
6.	Boston College, 760	13-6-1	5
7.	UMass Lowell, 689	10-5-3	7
8.	North Dakota, 626	9-6-3	8
9.	Ohio State, 591	9-2-4	9
10.	Union, 560	14-3-2	13
11.	Minnesota, 531	9-5-2	10
12.	Notre Dame, 415	9-6-2	12
13.	Vermont, 348	10-6-2	11
14.	Quinnipiac, 340	10-7-2	14
15.	Bemidji State, 296	13-6-3	15
16.	Western Michigan, 257	8-5-3	16
17.	St. Lawrence, 237	10-5-4	17
18.	St. Cloud State, 164	8-7-1	18
19.	Minnesota State, 84	11-7-2	19
20.	Omaha, 77	9-6-3	20

Others receiving votes: Cornell 65, Michigan Tech 27, Army West Point 10, Michigan 5, Clarkson 4, **Providence 3**, Princeton 2



HOCKEY EAST WEEKLY AWARDS

WARRIOR HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Week	Player
Oct. 3	Patrick Harper, BU
Oct. 10	Anders Bjork, ND
Oct. 17	Tyler Kelleher, UNH
Oct. 24	Jordan Greenway, BU
Oct. 31	Patrick Grasso, UNH
Nov. 7	Austin Cangelosi, BC
Nov. 14	Blaine Byron, ME
Nov. 21	Zach Aston-Reese, NU
	Tyler Kelleher, UNH
Nov. 28	Dylan Sikura, NU
Dec. 5	Tyler Kelleher, UNH
Dec. 12	Chase Pearson, ME
	Anders Bjork, ND
Dec. 19	Zach Aston-Reese, NU

PRO AMBITIONS ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Week	Player
Oct. 3	Clayton Keller, BU
Oct. 10	Mitchell Fossier, ME
Oct. 17	Mitchell Fossier, ME
Oct. 24	Jake Oettinger, BU
Oct. 31	Stefanos Lekkas, UVM
Nov. 7	Clayton Keller, BU
Nov. 14	Patrick Harper, BU
Nov. 21	Adam Huska, UConn
Nov. 28	Ross Colton, UVM
	Tyler Irvine, MC
Dec. 5	Adam Huska, UConn
Dec. 12	Jake Oettinger, BU
Dec. 19	Clayton Keller, BU

HEA DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Week	Player
Oct. 3	Drew Vogler, MC
Oct. 10	Rob Nichols, UConn
Oct. 17	Tyler Wall, UML
Oct. 24	Stefanos Lekkas, UVM
Oct. 31	Adam Huska, UConn
Nov. 7	Tyler Wall, UML
Nov. 14	Rob Nichols, UConn
Nov. 21	Collin Delia, MC
	Stefanos Lekkas, UVM
Nov. 28	Stefanos Lekkas, UVM
Dec. 5	Jake Oettinger, BU
Dec. 12	Hayden Hawkey, PC
Dec. 19	Shane Switzer, BU



HOCKEY EAST MONTHLY AWARDS

WARRIOR HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE MONTH

Month	Player
Oct.	Anders Bjork - ND
Nov.	Zach Aston-Reese - NU

PRO AMBITIONS ROOKIE OF THE MONTH

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

STOP IT GOALTENDER OF THE MONTH

Month	Player
Oct.	Jake Oettinger - BU
	Stefanos Lekkas - UVM
Nov.	Stefanos Lekkas - UVM

2016-17 HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Rk.	Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Conf. Off.	Conf. Def.
1.	Boston College	10	8	1	1	17	13-6-1	4.00 (2)	2.20 (3)
2.	UMass Lowell	10	6	3	1	13	10-5-3	3.10 (4)	2.10 (2)
3.	New Hampshire	7	5	1	1	11	8-7-2	4.43 (1)	2.43 (5)
	Notre Dame	9	5	3	1	11	9-6-2	3.11 (3)	2.22 (4)
	Vermont	9	5	3	1	11	10-6-2	2.67 (5)	2.44 (T6)
6.	Boston University	8	4	2	2	10	10-5-2	2.38 (8)	2.00 (1)
	UConn	9	4	3	2	10	6-6-6	2.56 (6)	2.44 (T6)
8.	Merrimack	8	1	4	3	5	6-8-3	2.13 (T10)	3.38 (9)
	UMass	10	2	7	1	5	4-12-2	2.10 (12)	3.60(11)
10.	Providence	7	1	4	2	4	7-6-3	2.43 (7)	3.29 (8)
	Northeastern	9	1	6	2	4	6-7-4	2.33 (9)	3.44 (10)
12.	Maine	8	1	6	1	3	7-9-3	2.13 (T10)	4.00 (12)

