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No. 1 Boston University vs. Merrimack/No. 7 UMass Lowell – Fri. 1/27 at BU; Sat. 1/28 at BU

- Boston University and Merrimack return to action on Friday night after Merrimack upset the Terriers, 3-1, at Lawler Rink on Tuesday. **Jared Kolquist** (Hermantown, Mich.) played a key support role for the Warriors, recording an assist on each of Merrimack's three goals. The Warrior's power play unit was able to convert twice on its four opportunities, one of which was the game-winning goal from **Logan Coomes** (Northville, Mich.) at 14:00 in the second period.
- Boston University currently leads Hockey East in goals against average, allowing 2.00 goals per contest. The Terriers also lead the conference in overall penalty kill percentage (87.7) while the River Hawks own the best league penalty kill percentage (91.5).
- BU rookie forward **Clayton Keller** (Swansea, Ill.) extended his point streak to a conference-leading 11 games Tuesday at Merrimack. The freshman has recorded 18 points (7g, 11a) during the streak.

Northeastern vs. No. 7 UMass Lowell/UMass – Fri. 1/27 at UML; Tue. 1/31 at UMass

- Northeastern and UMass Lowell will face off for the first time this season Friday night. Northeastern is coming off a two-game sweep of Merrimack last weekend, while UMass Lowell looks to rebound after being swept by Providence in a weekend home-and-home.
- **Zach Aston Reese** (Staten Island, N.Y.) has a piece of the national scoring lead with 41 points (22g, 19a) on the year. The senior forward has recorded a point in 12 of Northeastern's previous 13 contests, scoring 27 points on 16 goals and 11 assists in that span.
- UMass Lowell's **Joe Gambardella** (Staten Island, N.Y./11g, 23a) leads the River Hawks in scoring this season with 11 goals and 23 assists. The senior forward's 34 total points has him in a tie with Northeastern's **Adam Gaudette** (Braintree, Mass./13g, 21a) for eighth in the country in overall scoring.
- UMass Lowell's rookie goaltender **Tyler Wall** (Leamington, Ont./2.06 GAA), and Providence's **Hayden Hawkey** (Parker, Colo./2.27 GAA) are slotted third and fourth among all Hockey East goaltenders in overall goals against average. Meanwhile, the Huskies carry the top overall scoring offense (3.50 GPG) while the River Hawks boast the second-highest overall scoring offense (3.40 GPG).

No. 11 Boston College vs. No. 15 Notre Dame – Sat. 1/28 at BC

- Notre Dame travels to Chestnut Hill this weekend to play the final regular season conference game against Boston College. In the first meeting this season between the two, the Fighting Irish came back from a 2-0 first-period deficit and down the Eagles, 3-2. **Anders Bjork** (Mequon, Wis.) opened up scoring for the Irish midway through the second period and then netted the short-handed, game-winning goal eight minutes later.
- Saturday's contest will feature a pair of top-three Hockey East goaltenders. **Joe Woll** (Dardenne Prairie, Mo.) is coming off a career performance against UConn on Tuesday night, stopping 42 shots from the Huskies en-route to a 2-1 Boston College victory. For the Fighting Irish, **Cal Peterson** (Waterloo, Iowa) has a conference-leading five shutouts this season, the latest coming in a 3-0 victory over New Hampshire this past Saturday. The two goaltenders sit second and third, respectively, in conference goals against average.
- Despite carrying 13 freshmen on their roster and losing six of their top 10 point-getters from 2015-16, Boston College leads Hockey East in conference scoring. The Eagles this season are finding the back of the net an average of 3.47 times per league contest.

No. 11 Vermont vs. UConn – Fri. 1/28 at UConn

- Friday's matchup will be the series finale between UConn and Vermont this season. Previously, the Catamounts held on to beat the Huskies, 5-4, in Burlington last Friday. **Ross Colton** (Robbinsville, N.J.) helped to power Vermont's scoring efforts with four assists in the game. The rookie Colton is riding a three-game point streak in which he has scored once and assisted six times.
- Vermont's freshman goaltender **Stefanos Lekkas** (Elburn, Ill.) leads the conference in total wins (14) and overall winning percentage (.750), with a 14-4-2 record.
- UConn's **Tage Thompson** (Orange, Conn.) five points (4g, 1a) in his last five games since returning from the 2017 IIHF World Junior Championship. The sophomore forward leads the team with 25 points (17g, 8a).

No. 19 Providence vs. New Hampshire – Fri. 1/27, Sat. 1/28 at UNH

- Providence and New Hampshire will meet for the first time this season on Friday. The Friars and Wildcats have met 162 times previously, with New Hampshire owning the series lead with a record of 89-58-15.
- Providence is 7-2-2 in its previous 11 contests, moving up to No. 19 in the national poll this week. The Friars have been out-scoring their opponents, 33-21, in that span.
- Providence's **Erik Foley** (Mansfield, Mass.) is currently been riding a three-game point streak. In that time, Foley has recorded four points on one goal and three assists.
- New Hampshire's **Tyler Kelleher** (Longmeadow, Mass.) enters the weekend in a four-way tie for the national scoring lead. The senior forward has recorded 41 points (14g, 27a) to date and his 27 assists are tops in the NCAA. Kelleher's teammate, first-year forward **Patrick Grasso** (Ankeny, Iowa/15g, 10a), ranks third in the nation amongst freshman skaters with 25 points and leads all Hockey East rookies in the same category.

Maine vs. UMass – Fri. 1/27, Sat. 1/28 at ME

- Maine captain **Blaine Byron** (Ottawa, Ont.) is riding a four-game point streak entering the weekend, scoring two goals and assisting on three more during that time. Byron's teammate, **Cam Brown** (Natick, Mass.) had a seven-game point streak snapped this past Saturday against Boston University, during which he scored twice and dished out 13 assists. The senior forward currently leads his team with 27 points (4g, 23a).
- UMass' freshmen are a key source of production for the Minutemen in **Greg Carvel**'s first year at the helm. The rookie class has accounted for 37.5% of the Minutemen's goals this season, while **Griff Jeszka** (Muskego, Wis.) leads his first-year classmates with 11 points (6g, 5a).

UPCOMING GAMES

Friday 1/27

Northeastern at No. 7 UML - 6pm *^
 No. 19 Providence at UNH - 7pm *
 No. 11 Vermont at UConn - 7:05pm *
UMass at Maine - 7:30pm *!
 Merrimack at No. 1 BU - 7:35pm*
 * Hockey East Game
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Saturday 1/28

No. 15 ND at No. 13 BC - 7pm *
 UMass at Maine - 7pm *
 No. 19 Providence at UNH - 7pm *
 No. 7 UML at No. 1 BU - 7:05pm *
 *Hockey East Game

Tuesday 1/31

Northeastern at UMass - 7pm *
 * Hockey East Game



**USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine
Men's College Hockey Poll - 1/23**

Rk.	School, Pts. (FPV)	Record	LW
1.	Minnesota Duluth, 485 (18)	15-5-4	3
2.	Boston University, 474 (13)	16-5-2	4
3.	Denver, 449 (3)	16-6-4	1
4.	Penn State, 420	16-3-2	2
5.	Union, 311	17-5-2	9
6.	Minnesota, 303	14-6-2	7
7.	UMass Lowell, 267	15-7-3	5
8.	Ohio State, 261	12-4-6	11
9.	Harvard, 238	12-5-2	6
10.	Western Michigan, 213	13-6-3	12
11.	Boston College, 179	15-9-2	10
12.	North Dakota, 167	13-9-3	8
13.	Vermont, 160	16-7-2	13
14.	Cornell, 99	12-4-2	14
15.	Notre Dame, 28	14-8-3	15

Others receiving votes: St. Lawrence 19, **Providence 6**, St. Cloud State 1.

**USCHO.com
Men's College Hockey Poll - 1/23**

Rk.	School, Pts. (FPV)	Record	LW
1.	Boston University, 962 (22)	16-5-2	3
2.	Minnesota Duluth, 959 (25)	15-5-4	4
3.	Denver, 893 (2)	16-6-4	2
4.	Penn State, 851 (1)	16-3-2	1
5.	Union, 722	17-5-2	9
6.	Minnesota, 657	14-6-2	7
7.	UMass Lowell, 655	15-7-3	5
8.	Ohio State, 646	12-4-6	11
9.	Harvard, 622	12-5-2	6
10.	Western Michigan, 13	13-6-3	13
11.	Vermont, 502	16-7-2	12
12.	North Dakota, 500	13-9-3	8
13.	Boston College, 490	15-9-2	10
14.	Cornell, 363	12-4-2	15
15.	Notre Dame, 307	14-8-3	14
16.	St. Lawrence, 234	13-7-6	16
17.	Quinnipiac, 152	13-10-2	17
18.	Omaha, 142	14-8-4	19
19.	Providence, 117	12-8-4	NR
20.	Bemidji State, 78	16-9-3	18

Others receiving votes: Michigan Tech 54, St. Cloud State 34, Air Force 11, Minnesota State 9, Army 2, Wisconsin 2, Miami 1, Robert Morris 1.



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
Jan. 2	Joe Gambardella, UML
Jan. 9	Jakob Forsbacka Karlsson, BU
Jan. 16	Zach Aston-Reese, NU
Jan. 23	Dylan Sikura, 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
Jan. 2	Josh Wilkins, PC
Jan. 9	Tyler Wall, UML
Jan. 16	Tyler Irvine, MC
Jan. 23	Clayton Keller, BU Ross Colton, UVM

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
Jan. 2	Cal Petersen, ND Rob Nichols, UConn
Jan. 9	Matias Cleland, UNH
Jan. 16	Rob McGovern, ME
Jan. 23	Jake Oettinger, BU



HOCKEY EAST MONTHLY AWARDS

WARRIOR HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE MONTH

Month	Player
Oct.	Anders Bjork, ND
Nov.	Zach Aston-Reese, NU
Dec.	Tyler Kelleher, UNH

PRO AMBITIONS ROOKIE OF THE MONTH

Month	Player
Oct.	Patrick Grasso, UNH
Nov.	Patrick Grasso, UNH
Dec.	Clayton Keller, BU

STOP IT GOALTENDER OF THE MONTH

Month	Player
Oct.	Jake Oettinger, BU Stefanos Lekkas, UVM
Nov.	Stefanos Lekkas, UVM
Dec.	Hayden Hawkey, PC

2016-17 HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Rk.	Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Conf. Off.	Conf. Def.
1.	Boston College	15	11	3	1	23	16-9-2	3.47 (1)	2.00 (2)
2.	Boston University	14	9	3	2	20	16-6-2	2.64 (T7)	1.79 (1)
3.	Vermont	13	8	4	1	17	16-7-2	2.92 (T3)	2.77 (T6)
4.	Notre Dame	13	7	4	2	16	14-8-3	2.85 (5)	2.08 (3)
5.	New Hampshire	12	6	3	3	15	11-9-4	3.42 (2)	2.42 (5)
	UMass Lowell	13	7	5	1	15	15-7-3	2.92 (T3)	2.23 (4)
7.	UConn	13	5	6	2	12	9-10-6	2.62 (9)	2.77 (T6)
8.	Providence	12	4	6	2	10	12-8-4	2.67 (6)	3.00 (8)
9.	Merrimack	13	3	7	3	9	9-13-3	2.15 (11)	3.08 (9)
	Northeastern	14	3	8	3	9	9-10-5	2.64 (T7)	3.21 (10)
11.	Maine	12	2	9	1	5	8-13-3	2.17 (10)	3.75 (11)
	Massachusetts	12	2	9	1	5	5-17-2	2.08 (12)	3.92 (12)

