



MEN'S PREVIEW

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No. 5 Boston University vs. No. 10 Union/UMass – Thu. 1/5 at BU; Sat. 1/7 at Frozen Fenway

- Boston University is currently 4-0-0 this season against ECAC Hockey opponents, with wins over then-No. 3 Quinnipiac, then-No. 9 Harvard, Yale and Colgate.
- Head Coach **David Quinn**'s squad will be without seven players for its matchup against Union, including starting goaltender **Jake Oettinger** (Lakeville, Minn.). The seven will be participating in the IIHF World Junior Championship round; Oettinger, **Clayton Keller** (Swansea, Ill.), **Jordan Greenway** (Canton, N.Y.), **Kieffer Bellows** (Edina, Minn.), **Charlie McAvooy** (Long Island, N.Y.) and **Patrick Harper** (New Canaan, Conn.) will represent the United States while **Dante Fabbro** (New Westminster, B.C.) will be representing Canada.
- The Terriers will appear in their third Frozen Fenway contest that can be seen live on NESN at 1:30pm on Saturday. Previously Boston University defeated rival Boston College, 3-2, in front of a sold-out crowd in the inaugural Frozen Fenway in 2010 and was topped by Maine in its second visit to America's oldest ballpark.

Providence vs. No. 8 Boston College/Yale – Sat. 1/7 at Frozen Fenway; Tue. 1/10 at Yale

- Providence and Boston College previously faced each other in October when the Eagles picked up their first Hockey East victory in a 3-1 decision at Conte Forum. **Matthew Gaudreau** (Carneys Point, N.J.) recorded a goal and an assist in the effort.
- This will be Boston College's record fourth time appearing in a Frozen Fenway contest. The Eagles are 2-1-0 in games taking place on Yawkey Way, with victories over Notre Dame and Northeastern. The second game of the doubleheader can also be seen live on NESN and NESNplus prior to Bruins coverage.
- At the time of this matchup, Yale will have played two other Hockey East opponents. The Bulldogs were defeated by Boston University, 5-2, at Agganis Arena in December and travel to UConn on Saturday, Jan. 7 before facing the Friars on Tuesday.

New Hampshire vs. No. 6 UMass Lowell/Brown – Fri. 1/6 at UNH; Sat. 1/7 at Brown

- This will mark the first matchup between New Hampshire and UMass Lowell this season.
- New Hampshire and UMass Lowell both boast a top-three scorer in the conference. **Tyler Kelleher** (Longmeadow, Mass./18g, 21a) tops Hockey East with 35 overall points. Not far behind him is UMass Lowell's **Joe Gambardella** (Staten Island, N.Y./ 11g, 21a) who ranks third in the same category with 32 points.
- Hockey East teams have fared well against Brown thus far. Maine, Providence, and UConn have gone 3-0-0 and have outscored the Bears, 15-2.

Northeastern vs. No. 13 Vermont – Sat. 1/7 at UVM

- Northeastern and Vermont will conclude their regular-season series in Burlington. The Catamounts recorded their first Hockey East win against the Huskies in a narrow 3-2 contest at Matthews Arena on October 30 thanks in part to two goals from **Craig Puffer** (New Canaan, Conn.).
- Northeastern's **Zach Aston-Reese** (Staten Island, N.Y.) has recorded eight points (7g, 1a) in his last three games, including two hat tricks, and is a three-game goal streak. The senior forward ranks second amongst Hockey East players in overall scoring with 33 points (14g, 21a). Behind Aston Reese, **Dylan Sikura** (Aurora, Ont./12g, 18a) and **Adam Gaudette** (Braintree, Mass./19g, 10a) rank fifth and sixth, respectively, in Hockey East overall scoring.

No.12 Notre Dame vs. Michigan Tech – Fri. 1/6, Sat. 1/7 at ND

- Notre Dame is 2-0-0 against WCHA opponents this season. The two wins come from last weekend's series-sweep of Alaska in which junior goaltender Cal Petersen (Waterloo, Iowa) picked up two shutouts. The junior netminder leads all Hockey East goaltenders with four shutouts, two of which came against Hockey East opponents (UMass - 12/3, Northeastern - 11/13).
- **Anders Bjork** (Mequon, Wis.) is currently on a five-games point streak where the junior has tallied 14 points (5g, 9a). Bjork currently ranks second amongst Hockey East skaters in total scoring with 32 points (14g, 18a).

UConn vs. Yale – Sat. 1/7 at Yale

- UConn will look to beat its in-state rival Yale for the first time in program history. To date, Yale is 11-0-0 against the Huskies in a series that dates back to 1974.
- The Huskies are currently riding a five-game unbeaten streak, with wins over ranked opponents UMass Lowell and St. Cloud State, including a tournament title at the Desert Hockey Classic.
- UConn's offensive leader **Tage Thompson** (Orange, Conn.) will return to the lineup after representing the United States in the World Junior Championship. The sophomore leads the team with 20 points (12g, 8a). Thompson has recorded four points (1g, 3a) thus far in the World Junior tournament.

Merrimack vs. Cornell – Sat. 1/7 at MC

- Merrimack will be playing Cornell for the second time this season. The Warriors earned a 3-2 victory at Lawler Rink on October 28 as **Drew Vogler** (Florissant, Mo.) made 33 saves in the winning effort.
- Merrimack nearly split games with ECAC Hockey foes this season, going 3-2-0 with a series sweep of Colgate and losses to Clarkson and St. Lawrence.

Maine vs. USA Hockey's National Team Development Program – Fri. 1/6 at ME

- Maine welcomes USA Hockey's National Team Development Program for an exhibition contest at Alford Arena. The U-18 program is currently 0-2-0 against Hockey East schools after playing exhibitions against Notre Dame and Boston University in October. The U-18's are 1-8-0 against NCAA division one programs this season, with its only win a 2-1 victory over currently-ranked No. 2 Minnesota Duluth.
- Maine will have a chance to scout future Hockey East players, as six players on the U-18 roster have committed to play for Hockey East schools after this season.

UPCOMING GAMES

Thursday 1/5

No. 10 Union at No. 5 BU - 7:05pm

Friday 1/6

No. 6 UML at UNH - 6pm*^A
Mich. Tech at No. 12 ND - 7:35pm#
USAH NTDP at Maine - 7pm (ex)

* Hockey East Game
^AASN/NESN
NBCSN

Saturday 1/7

No. 5 BU vs. UMass - 1:30pm %
No. 8 BC vs. Providence - 5pm %
Northeastern at No. 12 Vermont - 7pm*
Yale at UConn - 3:05pm
New Hampshire at Brown - 7pm
Cornell at Merrimack - 7:05pm
Mich. Tech at No. 12 ND - 7:05pm#

% Fenway Park/NESN
* Hockey East Game
NCSN

Tuesday 1/10

Providence at Yale - 7pm



**USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine
Men's College Hockey Poll - 1/2**

Rk.	School, Pts. (FPV)	Record	LW
1.	Minnesota Duluth, 509 (33)	12-3-3	1
2.	Penn State, 443 (1)	13-1-1	3
3.	Harvard, 416	9-2-1	4
4.	Denver, 402	12-4-4	2
5.	Boston University, 372	10-5-2	6
6.	UMass Lowell, 349	2-5-3	7
7.	North Dakota, 294	10-6-3	8
8.	Boston College, 257	13-7-2	5
9.	Minnesota, 221	11-5-2	11
10.	Union, 178	14-4-2	9
11.	Ohio State, 160	9-3-4	10
12.	Notre Dame, 155	11-6-2	12
13.	Vermont, 118	12-6-2	14
14.	Western Michigan, 93	10-5-3	NR
15.	Quinnipiac, 44	11-8-2	13

Others receiving votes: St. Lawrence 27, Omaha 19, Bemidji State 17, St. Cloud State 4, Robert Morris 2.

**USCHO.com
Men's College Hockey Poll - 1/2**

Rk.	School, Pts. (FPV)	Record	LW
1.	Minnesota Duluth, 997 (47)	12-3-3	1
2.	Penn State, 918 (3)	13-1-1	3
3.	Denver, 881	12-4-4	2
4.	Harvard, 868	9-2-1	4
5.	Boston University, 779	10-5-2	5
6.	UMass Lowell, 752	12-5-3	7
7.	North Dakota, 676	10-6-3	8
8.	Boston College, 623	13-7-2	6
9.	Minnesota, 572	11-5-2	11
10.	Union, 516	14-4-2	9
11.	Ohio State, 493	9-3-4	10
12.	Notre Dame, 479	11-6-2	12
13.	Vermont, 429	12-6-2	13
14.	Western Michigan, 342	10-5-3	16
15.	Quinnipiac, 320	11-8-2	14
16.	St. Lawrence, 230	10-5-4	17
17.	Bemidji State, 195	14-7-3	15
18.	Omaha, 157	11-6-3	20
19.	Minnesota State, 88	11-7-2	19
20.	St. Cloud State, 76	9-8-1	18

Others receiving votes: Michigan Tech 30, Cornell 25, **Providence 21**, Army 15, Robert Morris 8, **Northeastern 4**, Air Force 3, Clarkson 2, Wisconsin 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

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

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



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	10	8	1	1	17	13-7-2	4.00 (2)	2.20 (3)
2.	UMass Lowell	10	6	3	1	13	13-5-3	3.10 (4)	2.10 (2)
	New Hampshire	7	5	1	1	11	9-7-2	4.43 (1)	2.43 (5)
3.	Notre Dame	9	5	3	1	11	11-6-2	3.11 (3)	2.22 (4)
	Vermont	9	5	3	1	11	13-6-2	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	8-6-6	2.56 (6)	2.44 (T6)
8.	Merrimack	8	1	4	3	5	7-9-3	2.13 (T10)	3.38 (9)
	UMass	10	2	7	1	5	5-14-2	2.10 (12)	3.60(11)
10.	Providence	7	1	4	2	4	8-6-4	2.43 (7)	3.29 (8)
	Northeastern	9	1	6	2	4	7-8-4	2.33 (9)	3.44 (10)
12.	Maine	8	1	6	1	3	7-10-3	2.13 (T10)	4.00 (12)

