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No. 4 Boston University vs. New Hampshire – Fri. 2/17 at BU; Sat. 2/18 at UNH

- The Terriers and Wildcats meet for the first time since last February in a home-and-home series this weekend. BU currently sits second in Hockey East, three points behind the league-leading Boston College Eagles with two weekends of play remaining.
- No. 4 Boston University looks to bounce back after falling twice last week; first to UMass Lowell, 3-2, on Friday night and Harvard, 6-3, in the championship game of the Beanpot on Monday night.
- New Hampshire comes into this weekend after a weekend split on the road against then-No. 14 Vermont. Senior forward **Tyler Kelleher** (Longmeadow, Mass.) posted four points on the weekend with two goals and two assists. He is currently second in the nation in points, with 51 on the year.
- The Wildcats, sitting seventh in the league table, is still within reach of a first-round bye, with a maximum of 25 points available to them. They either own tie-breakers or have not yet played five of the eight other teams within reach.

UMass vs. No. 6 UMass Lowell – Sat. 2/18 at UMass

- No. 6 UMass Lowell heads to UMass on Saturday night for its only game of the weekend. This will be the third time that the two teams have met this season, including one non-conference tilt. The River Hawks hold a 2-0-0 advantage.
- UMass Lowell's **Joe Gambardella** (Staten Island, N.Y.) tallied three points last weekend as he helped the River Hawks to take four points in league play. Freshman forward **Ryan Lohin** (Chadds Ford, Pa.) added a goal and an assist in the victories.
- The Minutemen dropped a pair of league games last week, at UMass Lowell and Northeastern. In Saturday night's loss to the River Hawks, sophomore **Ryan Badger** (Hainesport, N.J.) went 80% on faceoffs for the night, winning 12 of 15 draws.
- UMass Lowell currently owns the third seed in the Hockey East tournament, tied with Notre Dame in points and has the ability, with help, to take the regular season crown.

No. 15 Notre Dame vs. No. 10 Providence – Fri. 2/17, Sat. 2/18 at ND

- Separated by one point in the league standings, Providence and Notre Dame square off in a pivotal series that could determine opening-round byes.
- No. 15 Notre Dame welcomes in a red-hot Providence side as the Friars are currently riding a nine-game winning streak, all in league play. The Irish play host in their last two meetings as conference opponents.
- Sophomore forward **Andrew Oglevie** (Fullerton, Calif.) looks to extend his 10-game point streak, dating back to January 7. He's registered nine goals and four assists in that span for Notre Dame.
- Junior goaltender and captain **Cal Petersen** (Waterloo, Iowa) has played in 80 consecutive games for the Irish, which has him tied for the fifth-longest streak in NCAA Division I history. Petersen is currently 17-9-4 on the year with a 2.11 goals against average and .924 save percentage, both good for third in overall goaltending among Hockey East backstops.
- No. 10 Providence is currently on a league-leading nine-game win streak. In that time, they have outscored their opponents by a margin of 33-17.
- **Brian Pinho** (North Andover, Mass.) is currently on a six-game point streak dating back to January 27. Over that span, the junior forward has found the back of the net three times and dished out five helpers.

No. 11 Boston College vs. No. 16 UVM – Fri. 2/17, Sat. 2/18 at BC

- This series will be the first time that the Eagles and Catamounts have met since last season's dramatic three-game series in the quarterfinal round of the Hockey East playoffs. The Eagles came out on top when **Ryan Fitzgerald** (North Reading, Mass.) found the back of the net in overtime to send the Eagles to the semifinals at TD Garden.
- The No. 11 Eagles look to put a stop to their current three-game skid when they play host to No. 16 Vermont this weekend, who are 1-3-1 in its last five. Boston College has a chance to clinch the regular-season title this weekend with a series sweep and a Boston University loss and Notre Dame loss or tie.
- **Kevin Sneddon's** Catamounts will look to take four points from Boston College and vault into opening-round bye position after splitting a two-game homestand with UNH last weekend. **Anthony Petruzelli** (Federal Way, Wash.) netted a goal and an assist on Saturday night in his 100th career game.
- **Mario Puskarich** (Fort Walton Beach, Fla.) netted his 50th career goal in Saturday night's 5-3 win over the Wildcats. The senior forward became the first player to reach the plateau in over 20 years for UVM.

Merrimack vs. Maine – Fri. 2/17, Sat. 2/18 at Merrimack

- Merrimack is coming off a four-point weekend with wins at then-No. 7 Boston College and UMass. The win over the Eagles was the first time the Warriors had a victory at Kelley Rink since October 31, 1997.
- **Hampus Gustafsson** (Ljungby, Sweden) recorded a hat trick and two assists in Friday night's victory. His efforts earned him Hockey East Player of the Week honors.
- Maine seeks to end a four-game skid when they take on the Warriors this weekend. The Black Bears' **Blaine Byron** (Ottawa, Ont.) extended his point streak to five games over the weekend. During that time, the senior forward has found the back of the net three times and added four assists.

UConn vs. Northeastern – Fri. 2/17 at UConn; Sat. 2/18 at NU

- **Zach Aston-Reese** (Staten Island, N.Y.) has 52 points on the year (24g, 28a) and is the first player to tally 50 points in a season for the Huskies since 1989-90. He is also the fastest NCAA player to 50 points, along with UNH's Kelleher, since former BC Eagle **Johnny Gaudreau's** Hobey Baker-winning season in 2013-14.
- Junior **Dylan Sikura** (Aurora, Ont.) is close behind Aston-Reese in points, totaling 49 on the year with 19 goals and 30 assists. The forward netted the game winner in the Huskies' win over Boston College in the consolation game of the Beanpot on Monday night.
- UConn fell twice last weekend at the hands of the Friars. Senior goaltender **Rob Nichols** (Dallas, Tex.) turned away a career-high 48 saves in Saturday night's 4-3 loss.
- UConn's **Brian Morgan** (Wyndham, N.H.) broke a seven-game scoreless streak with two goals against the Friars on Saturday night.

UPCOMING GAMES

Friday 2/10

New Hampshire at No. 4 BU - 6:05pm*^
 No. 16 UVM at No. 11 BC - 7pm*
 Maine at Merrimack - 7:05pm*
 Northeastern at UConn - 7:05pm*
No. 10 Providence at No. 15 ND - 7:35pm*#

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Saturday 2/11

No. 16 UVM at No. 11 BC - 7pm*
 No. 6 UML at UMass - 7pm*
 No. 4 BU at New Hampshire - 7pm*
Maine at Merrimack - 7:05pm*%
No. 10 Providence at No. 15 ND - 7:05pm*#
 UConn at Northeastern - 7pm*

* Hockey East Game
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**USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine
Men's College Hockey Poll - 2/13**

Rk.	School, Pts. (FPV)	Record	LW
1.	Minnesota Duluth, 506 (30)	18-5-5	1
2.	Denver, 478 (4)	20-6-4	2
3.	Harvard, 420	17-5-2	5
4.	Boston University, 418	19-8-2	3
5.	Minnesota, 371	18-8-2	4
6.	UMass Lowell, 279	19-9-3	10
7.	Union, 275	20-8-2	6
8.	Penn State, 262	18-6-2	9
9.	Western Michigan, 259	16-8-4	8
10.	Providence, 210	18-8-4	12
11.	Boston College, 186	18-11-2	7
12.	North Dakota, 128	15-11-3	11
13.	Cornell, 116	16-6-3	15
14.	Ohio State, 87	14-8-6	13
15.	St. Cloud State, 34	15-14-1	NR

Others receiving votes: Vermont 23, Notre Dame 19, St. Lawrence 6, Air Force 3.

**USCHO.com
Men's College Hockey Poll - 2/13**

Rk.	School, Pts. (FPV)	Record	LW
1.	Minnesota Duluth, 993 (44)	18-5-5	1
2.	Denver, 955 (6)	20-6-4	2
3.	Harvard, 885	17-5-2	4
4.	Boston University, 850	19-8-2	3
5.	Minnesota, 773	18-8-2	5
6.	UMass Lowell, 698	19-9-3	9
7.	Union, 665	20-8-2	6
8.	Western Michigan, 615	16-8-4	8
9.	Penn State, 614	18-6-2	10
10.	Providence, 566	18-8-4	11
11.	Boston College, 496	18-11-2	7
12.	Cornell, 472	16-6-3	12
13.	North Dakota, 395	15-11-3	14
14.	Ohio State, 369	14-8-6	12
15.	Notre Dame, 310	17-9-4	16
16.	Vermont, 252	17-10-3	15
17.	St. Lawrence, 127	15-9-6	18
18.	St. Cloud State, 125	15-14-1	NR
19.	Air Force, 111	19-8-5	20
20.	Wisconsin, 88	15-10-1	17

Others receiving votes: Omaha 51, Quinnipiac 40, Bemidji State 36, Michigan Tech 7, Clarkson 4, Canisius 3.



HOCKEY EAST WEEKLY AWARDS

HOCKEY EAST 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
Nov. 28	Tyler Kelleher, UNH
Nov. 28	Dylan Sikura, NU
Dec. 5	Tyler Kelleher, UNH
Dec. 12	Chase Pearson, ME
Dec. 12	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
Jan. 30	Dylan Sikura, NU
Feb. 6	Erik Foley, PC
Feb. 13	Hampus Gustafsson, MC

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
Nov. 28	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
Jan. 23	Ross Colton, UVM
Jan. 30	Joe Woll, BC
Feb. 6	Mattias Goransson, UML
Feb. 13	Tyler Wall, UML

HOCKEY EAST 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
Nov. 21	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
Jan. 9	Rob Nichols, UConn
Jan. 9	Matias Cleland, UNH
Jan. 16	Rob McGovern, ME
Jan. 23	Jake Oettinger, BU
Jan. 30	Collin Delia, MC
Feb. 6	Anthony Florentino, PC
Feb. 13	Dennis Gilbert, ND



HOCKEY EAST MONTHLY AWARDS

HOCKEY EAST PLAYER OF THE MONTH

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

PRO AMBITIONS ROOKIE OF THE MONTH

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

STOP IT GOALTENDER OF THE MONTH

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

2016-17 HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Rk.	Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Conf. Off.	Conf. Def.
1.	Boston College	18	13	4	1	27	18-12-2	3.72 (1)	2.44 (3)
2.	Boston University	18	11	5	2	24	19-9-2	2.61 (8)	1.94 (1)
3.	UMass Lowell	19	11	7	1	23	19-9-3	3.37 (2)	2.47 (4)
	Notre Dame	18	10	5	3	23	17-9-4	3.11 (T4)	2.33 (2)
5.	Providence	18	10	6	2	22	18-8-4	3.00 (6)	2.61 (5)
6.	Vermont	18	9	7	2	20	17-10-3	2.83 (7)	3.00 (8)
7.	New Hampshire	18	7	8	3	17	12-14-4	3.11 (T4)	3.11 (9)
	Merrimack	18	6	7	5	17	12-13-5	2.50 (T9)	2.67 (6)
9.	UConn	18	6	8	4	16	10-12-8	2.50 (T9)	2.72 (7)
10.	Northeastern	18	6	9	3	15	13-12-5	3.17 (3)	3.39 (10)
11.	Maine	18	4	13	1	9	10-17-3	2.28 (11)	3.44 (11)
12.	Massachusetts	19	2	16	1	5	5-24-2	1.95 (12)	3.95 (12)





PLAYOFF PICTURE

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Hockey East Playoff Picture

Rk.	Team	GP	Record	Pts.	Max	Pos.	Finish	Overall	Remaining Opponents
1.	Boston College #	18	13-4-1	27	35	1-6	18-12-2	UVM, UVM, UML, at UML	
2.	Boston University #	18	11-5-2	24	32	1-8	19-9-2	UNH, at UNH, ND, ND	
3.	Notre Dame #	18	10-5-3	23	31	1-8	17-9-4	PC, PC, at BU, at BU	
	UMass Lowell #	19	11-7-1	23	29	1-8	19-9-3	at UMass, at BC, BC	
5.	Providence	18	10-6-2	22	30	1-9	18-8-4	at ND, at ND, at UMass, UMass	
6.	Vermont	18	9-7-2	20	28	1-10	17-10-3	at BC, at BC, MC, MC	
7.	New Hampshire	18	7-8-3	17	25	3-10	12-14-4	at BU, BU, UC, at UC	
	Merrimack	18	6-7-5	17	25	3-11	12-13-15	ME, ME, at UVM, at UVM	
9	UConn	18	6-8-4	16	24	3-11	10-12-8	NU, at NU, at UNH, UNH	
10.	Northeastern	18	6-9-3	15	23	5-11	13-12-5	at UC, UC, at ME, at ME	
11.	Maine	18	4-13-1	9	17	9-12	10-17-3	at MC, at MC, NU, NU	
12.	Massachusetts	19	2-16-1	5	11	11-12	5-24-2	UML, PC, at PC	

clinched at least home ice in opening round; * clinched opening round bye; ^ clinched No. 1 seed; % clinched share of regular season title.

Tiebreakers:

1. Head-to-Head.
2. Number of wins in conference play.
3. Best record against the first-place team(s), then the second-place team(s), then the third-place team(s), and so on.
4. Coin Flip.

Note: If more than two teams finish in a tie, the same criteria will be applied to reduce the number of teams tied, and then the process will commence again.

Potential Two-Way Tiebreakers:

Boston University won the season series with Boston College, 2-0-0.
 Boston College tied the season series with Notre Dame, 1-1-0.
 Boston College has not yet played UMass Lowell with two games remaining.
 Boston College won the season series with Providence, 2-0-0.
 Boston College has not yet played Vermont with two games remaining.
 Boston University has not yet played Notre Dame with two games remaining.
 Boston University tied the season series with UMass Lowell, 1-1-0.
 Boston University won the season series with Providence, 1-0-1.
 Boston University tied the season series with Vermont, 1-1-0.
 Boston University has not yet played New Hampshire with two games remaining.
 Boston University tied the season series with UConn, 1-1-0.
 Merrimack won the season series with Boston University, 2-0-0.
 Notre Dame tied the season series with UMass Lowell, 1-1-0.
 Notre Dame has not yet played Providence with two games remaining.
 Notre Dame won the season series with Vermont, 1-0-1.
 Notre Dame won the season series with New Hampshire, 1-0-1.
 Notre Dame tied the season series with UConn, 1-1-0.
 Notre Dame tied the season series with Merrimack, 1-1-0.
 Notre Dame won the season series with Northeastern, 1-0-1.
 Providence won the season series with UMass Lowell, 2-0-0.
 UMass Lowell won the season series with Vermont, 2-0-0.
 UMass Lowell won the season series with New Hampshire, 2-0-0.
 UConn won the season series with UMass Lowell, 1-0-1.
 UMass Lowell won the season series with Merrimack 2-0-0.
 UMass Lowell tied the season series with Northeastern, 1-1-0.
 Providence tied the season series with Vermont, 1-1-0.
 Providence won the season series with New Hampshire, 2-0-0.
 Providence won the season series with UConn, 2-0-0.
 Merrimack won the season series with Providence, 1-0-1.
 Providence tied the season series with Northeastern, 1-1-0.

2017 HOCKEY EAST PLAYOFF FORMAT

Opening Round: Best of Three
 Friday-Sunday, March 3-5, 2017

- #5 hosts #12
- #6 hosts #11
- #7 hosts #10
- #8 hosts #9

Quarterfinal Round: Best of Three
 Friday-Sunday, March 10 - March 12, 2017
 Top 4 seeds host highest remaining seeds

Championship Round at TD Garden
 Semifinals on Friday, March 17, 2017
 Final on Saturday, March 18, 2017

Vermont tied the season series with New Hampshire, 1-1-0.
 Vermont tied the season series with UConn, 1-1-0.
 Vermont has not yet played Merrimack with two games remaining.
 Vermont won the season series with Northeastern, 2-0-0.
 New Hampshire has not yet played UConn with two games remaining.
 New Hampshire won the season series with Merrimack, 1-0-1.
 New Hampshire won the season series with Northeastern, 1-0-1.
 New Hampshire won the season series with Maine, 2-0-0.
 UConn tied the season series with Merrimack, 0-0-2.
 UConn has not yet played Northeastern with two games remaining.
 UConn tied the season series with Maine, 1-1-0.
 Northeastern won the season series with Merrimack, 2-0-0.
 Merrimack has not yet played Maine with two games remaining.
 Northeastern has not yet played Maine with two games remaining.
 Maine won the season series with Massachusetts, 2-0-0.

