



# MEN'S PREVIEW

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: FEBRUARY 23, 2017

### **No. 5/6 Boston University vs. No. 13/14 Notre Dame – Fri. 2/24, Sat. 2/25 at BU**

- The Terriers (12-5-3 HEA) and Irish (11-5-4 HEA) enter the final weekend of the regular season sitting in second and third place, respectively, with just one point separating them in the Hockey East standings.
- Boston University has already earned a bye in the opening round of the Hockey East Tournament, and is still alive to capture the number one seed. With 27 points in the standings currently, and Boston College sitting on 29, the Terriers can either clinch the regular season title or share it while still retaining the top seed thanks to the 2-0-0 record against the Eagles in the regular season.
- The Irish have not yet secured a bye heading into its series with Boston University. The regular season title is also still in their sights, and with a sweep of BU, the regular season trophy could be heading to South Bend.
- Defenseman **Charlie McAvoy** (Long Beach, N.Y.) had four points (1g, 3a) last weekend for the Terriers in their home-and-home series with New Hampshire (1-0-1). The sophomore also had a plus-six rating in the three-point effort.
- Irish junior goaltender **Cal Peterson** (Waterloo, Iowa) is the reigning Hockey East Defensive Player of the Week after his efforts to end Providence's nine-game winning streak last weekend. The Notre Dame captain turned away 33 attempts to backstop the Irish to a 1-0 win over the Friars on Friday night, snapping their NCAA-leading win streak in the process. The next night, he turned away another 39 shots in route to a tie.

### **No. 13/14 Boston College vs. No. 5/7 UMass Lowell – Thu. 2/24 at BC; Fri. 2/25 at UML**

- Boston College (13-4-3 HEA), with two points this weekend against UMass Lowell (12-7-1 HEA), can take home at least a share of the regular season crown for the second straight season. Any more than two points and the Eagles will be the lone victors as they control their own destiny.
- The River Hawks currently sit fourth with 25 points in Hockey East play. They have already secured home ice for the opening round of the tournament, but will look to knock off the Eagles to earn an opening round bye into the quarterfinals.
- **Austin Cangelosi** (Estero, Fla.) registered three points last the weekend, as the Eagles played host to Vermont for a two-game series. The senior holds the crown as the number one centerman in all of Division I hockey, boasting a .653 faceoff percentage.
- Junior forward **C.J. Smith** (Des Moines, Iowa) played a role in four of UMass Lowell's five goals in a 5-2 win over UMass on Saturday. He found the back of the net once and dished out three helpers on the night, upping his point total to 17-23--40.

### **UMass vs. No. 10 Providence – Fri. 2/24 at UMass; Sat. 2/25 at Providence**

- UMass (2-17-1 HEA) enters the weekend locked into 12th place in the league standings. The Minutemen will take on the number five seed in the first round of Hockey East Tournament play, traveling to either UMass Lowell, Providence, Vermont, or Merrimack.
- Providence (10-7-3 HEA) currently sits in fifth place with 23 points after taking just one point from Notre Dame on the road. With two wins this weekend, the Friars can move as high as third place and would clinch a bye in the opening round of the Hockey East Tournament.
- **Steven Iacobellis** (Pt. Coquitlam, B.C.) registered his 85th career point at UMass over the weekend as the senior two-time captain potted one goal against UMass Lowell.

### **No. 15 Vermont vs. Merrimack – Fri. 2/24, Sat. 2/25 at UVM**

- Vermont (9-7-4 HEA) currently sits in sixth place in the Hockey East standings and has already clinched home ice advantage for the opening round. With two wins over Merrimack, and losses from Providence and Lowell, the Catamounts can climb as high as fourth place and earn a bye in the opening round.
- The Warriors (7-7-6 HEA) can finish anywhere from fifth to ninth, and hope to secure home ice in the opening round with at least three points from Vermont.
- **Brian Bowen** (Littleton, Mass.) led the offense for the Catamounts en route to taking two points from Boston College in two ties over the weekend. The sophomore registered three goals and an assist on the weekend and earned Hockey East Player of the Week honors.
- Merrimack's **Sami Taverrier** (Morzine, France) earned Pro Ambitions Rookie of the Week accolades for his performance in three games last week. The Warriors went 2-0-1 as the freshman forward had at least a point in each game, posting a 2-2--4 stat line on the week.

### **New Hampshire vs. UConn – Fri. 2/24 at UNH; Sat. 2/25 at UConn**

- New Hampshire (7-9-4 HEA) and UConn (6-10-4 HEA) find themselves in tight quarters entering their two-game series. The teams sit in ninth and 10th place, respectively, with only two points separating them. Both teams have the opportunity to clinch home ice with a sweep over the other.
- Over the weekend, UNH skated to a 4-4 tie with Boston University on the road, before falling to the Terriers, 8-4, at home. The Huskies dropped a pair of games to Northeastern over the weekend.
- **Tyler Kelleher** (Longmeadow, Mass.), the NCAA's leading point-getter, continued on his hot streak this weekend by notching a goal and two assists in each of the Wildcats' tilts with the Terriers. The senior forward currently owns a 20-37--57 stat line on the season.
- Sophomore forward **Maxim Letunov** (Moscow, Russia) scored the lone goal on the weekend for UConn in their home-and-home series with Northeastern.

### **Maine vs. Northeastern – Fri. 2/23, Sat. 2/24 at Maine**

- Northeastern (8-9-3 HEA) currently sits in eighth place in the league standings after taking four points from UConn over the weekend. The Huskies can finish as high as the six seed with a road sweep of Maine this weekend, giving them home ice in the opening round.
- The Black Bears (4-14-2 HEA) find themselves locked into 11th place in the Hockey East standings as they enter their final homestand of the season.
- **Zach Aston-Reese** (Staten Island, N.Y.) continues to lead the Huskies in points for the season. The senior forward netted his third hat trick of the year and added an assist in Saturday night's win over UConn. His 56 points (27g, 29a) is good for second place in overall point getters in all of Division I.
- Freshman **Chase Pearson** (Cornwall, Ont.) had three points on the weekend for Maine in a 0-1-1 road trip at Merrimack. The forward found the back of the net once and dished out two helpers in the series. He also had a plus-three rating on the weekend.

## UPCOMING GAMES

### Thursday 2/23

No. 5 UML at No. 13 BC - 7pm\*

\* Hockey East Game

### Friday 2/24

**No. 13 ND at No. 5 BU - 6:05pm\*^**  
 No. 10 Providence at UMass - 7pm\*  
 UConn at UNH - 7pm\*  
 Merrimack at No. 15 UVM - 7:05pm\*  
 Northeastern at Maine - 7:30pm\*  
**No. 13 BC at No. 5 UML - 8:30pm\*^**

\* Hockey East Game

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### Saturday 2/25

Northeastern at Maine - 7pm\*  
 No. 13 ND at No. 5 BU - 7:05pm\*  
**UMass at No. 10 Providence - 7:05 pm\*#**  
 Merrimack at No. 15 UVM - 7:05pm\*  
 UNH at UConn - 7:35pm\*

\* Hockey East Game

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## USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine Men's College Hockey Poll - 2/20

Rk.	School, Pts. (FPV)	Record	LW
1.	Denver, 494 (21)	22-6-4	2
2.	Minnesota Duluth, 485 (13)	19-5-6	1
3.	Harvard, 445	20-5-2	3
4.	Minnesota, 403	20-8-2	5
5.	<b>Boston University, 353</b>	<b>20-9-3</b>	<b>4</b>
6.	Western Michigan, 316	18-8-4	9
7.	<b>UMass Lowell, 305</b>	<b>20-9-3</b>	<b>6</b>
8.	Union, 303	20-8-2	7
9.	Cornell, 201	17-6-4	13
10.	<b>Providence, 187</b>	<b>18-9-5</b>	<b>10</b>
11.	Penn State, 163	18-8-2	8
12.	Ohio State, 140	16-8-6	14
13.	<b>Boston College, 97</b>	<b>18-12-4</b>	<b>11</b>
14.	<b>Notre Dame, 73</b>	<b>18-9-5</b>	<b>NR</b>
15.	North Dakota, 49	15-13-3	12

Others receiving votes: St. Cloud State 29, Vermont 19, Air Force 12, St. Lawrence 4, Bemidji State 1, Wisconsin 1.

## USCHO.com Men's College Hockey Poll - 2/20

Rk.	School, Pts. (FPV)	Record	LW
1.	Denver, 981 (33)	22-6-4	2
2.	Minnesota Duluth, 954 (14)	19-5-6	1
3.	Harvard, 913 (3)	20-5-2	3
4.	Minnesota, 831	20-8-2	5
5.	<b>UMass Lowell, 734</b>	<b>20-9-3</b>	<b>6</b>
6.	<b>Boston University, 733</b>	<b>20-9-3</b>	<b>4</b>
7.	Union, 709	20-8-2	7
8.	Western Michigan, 695	18-8-4	8
9.	Cornell, 555	17-6-4	12
10.	<b>Providence, 498</b>	<b>18-9-5</b>	<b>10</b>
11.	Penn State, 454	18-8-2	9
12.	Ohio State, 447	16-8-6	14
13.	<b>Notre Dame, 412</b>	<b>18-9-5</b>	<b>15</b>
14.	<b>Boston College, 388</b>	<b>18-12-4</b>	<b>11</b>
15.	<b>Vermont, 289</b>	<b>17-10-5</b>	<b>16</b>
16.	North Dakota, 262	15-13-3	13
17.	Air Force, 170	21-8-5	19
18.	St. Cloud State, 154	15-14-1	18
19.	Wisconsin, 136	17-10-1	20
20.	St. Lawrence, 74	15-10-7	17

Others receiving votes: Bemidji State 34, Omaha 33, Quinnipiac 17, Canisius 16, Michigan Tech 7, Minnesota State 3, Northeastern 1.



## HOCKEY EAST WEEKLY AWARDS

### HOCKEY EAST PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Week	Player, School
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
Jan. 30	Dylan Sikura, NU
Feb. 6	Erik Foley, PC
Feb. 13	Hampus Gustafsson, MC
Feb. 20	Brian Bowen, UVM

### PRO AMBITIONS

#### ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Week	Player, School
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
Jan. 30	Joe Woll, BC
Feb. 6	Mattias Goransson, UML
Feb. 13	Tyler Wall, UML
Feb. 20	Sami Truuvier, MC

### HOCKEY EAST DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Week	Player, School
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
Jan. 30	Collin Delia, MC
Feb. 6	Anthony Florentino, PC
Feb. 13	Dennis Gilbert, ND
Feb. 20	Cal Petersen, 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
	Stefanos Lekkas, UVM
Nov.	Stefanos Lekkas, UVM
Dec.	Hayden Hawkey, PC
Jan.	Collin Delia, MC

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# PLAYOFF PICTURE

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## Hockey East Playoff Picture

Rk.	Team	GP	Record	Pts.	Max	Pos.	Finish	Overall	Remaining Opponents
1.	Boston College *	20	13-4-3	29	33	1-3	18-12-4	UML, at UML	
2.	Boston University *	20	12-5-3	27	31	1-4	20-9-3	ND, ND	
3.	Notre Dame #	20	11-5-4	26	30	1-5	18-9-5	at BU, at BU	
4.	UMass Lowell #	20	12-7-1	25	29	1-6	20-9-3	at BC, BC	
5.	Providence #	20	10-7-3	23	27	3-8	18-9-5	at UMass, UMass	
6.	Vermont #	20	9-7-4	22	26	4-8	17-10-5	MC, MC	
7.	Merrimack	20	7-7-6	20	24	5-9	13-13-6	at UVM, at UVM	
8.	Northeastern	20	8-9-3	19	23	6-9	15-12-5	at ME, at ME	
9.	New Hampshire	20	7-9-4	18	22	7-10	12-15-5	UC, at UC	
10.	UConn	20	6-10-4	16	20	7-10	10-14-8	at UNH, UNH	
11.	Maine	20	4-14-2	10	14	11	10-18-4	NU, NU	
12.	Massachusetts	19	2-17-1	5	9	12	5-25-2	PC, at PC	

\* clinched opening round bye; # clinched at least home ice in opening round; ^ 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 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.  
 Notre Dame tied the season series with UMass Lowell, 1-1-0.  
 Notre Dame won the season series with Providence, 1-0-1.  
 Notre Dame won the season series with Vermont, 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.  
 Providence tied the season series with Vermont, 1-1-0.  
 Merrimack won the season series with Providence, 1-0-1.  
 Providence tied the season series with Northeastern, 1-1-0.  
 Vermont has not yet played Merrimack with two games remaining.  
 Vermont won the season series with Northeastern, 2-0-0.  
 Vermont tied the season series with New Hampshire, 1-1-0.  
 Northeastern won the season series with Merrimack, 2-0-0.  
 New Hampshire won the season series with Merrimack, 1-0-1.  
 UConn tied the season series with Merrimack, 0-0-2.  
 New Hampshire won the season series with Northeastern, 1-0-1.  
 Northeastern won the season series with UConn, 2-0-0.  
 New Hampshire has not yet played UConn with two games remaining.

### 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

