



# MEN'S PREVIEW

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: FEBRUARY 2, 2017

### **No. 3 Boston University vs. UMass/No. 8 Boston College – Fri. 2/3 at BU; Mon. 2/6 at TD Garden**

- On January 7 at Frozen Fenway, BU's **Jakob Forsbacka Karlsson** (Stockholm, Sweden) scored twice to propel the Terriers past the Minutemen, 5-3.
- Terriers first-year skater **Clayton Keller** (Swansea, Ill.) is currently riding a conference-long 13 game point streak. During that time, the freshman forward has tallied 21 points (9g, 12a). Keller's 26 points (12g, 14a) this season leads the team in scoring.
- The 65th annual Beanpot Tournament kicks off Monday at TD Garden in Boston. The rival Terriers and Eagles clash in the first round, while Northeastern and Harvard face off in the other semifinal.

### **Northeastern vs. No. 5 Harvard – Mon. 2/6 at TD Garden**

- Northeastern and No. 5 Harvard will play for the 43rd time in the Beanpot Tournament. Harvard leads the tournament series with a 23-20 record, but Northeastern has won four of the past five tournament meetings.
- Northeastern and Harvard have common opponents in Boston College, Boston University, Bentley, Clarkson, Quinnipiac and Yale this season. Northeastern has a 3-5-2 record against those programs, while Harvard owns a 4-2-1 record. Northeastern is also 1-2-1 in games facing ECAC opponents this year.

### **No. 8 Boston College vs. New Hampshire/No. 3 Boston University – Fri. 2/3 at UNH; Mon. 2/6 at TD Garden**

- On November 8, **JD Dudek** (Auburn, N.H.) buried the game-winning goal at 17:33 in the third period against New Hampshire. The deciding tally came just two minutes after the Wildcats finished scoring three straight to tie the game at three goals apiece. The Eagles would hold on to win, 5-3, at Conte Forum.
- No. 8 Boston College and No. 3 Boston University will meet for the third time this season, and for the 44th time in the Beanpot Tournament, on Monday. Most recently, Boston University goaltender **Jake Oettinger** (Lakeville, Minn.) shut down the most prolific offense in Hockey East with a 3-0 shutout on the road on Jan. 16. Overall, Boston University leads the Beanpot series against Boston College with a record of 27-16. In last year's Beanpot final, Boston College's **Alex Tuch** (Baldwinsville, N.Y.) sent a wrist shot past BU's **Sean Maguire** (Powell River, B.C.) to give the Eagles the first 1-0 overtime victory in Beanpot history.

### **No. 7 UMass Lowell vs. Northeastern/New Hampshire – Fri. 2/3 at NU, Sat. 2/4 at UML**

- On January 27, with Northeastern down 3-1 in the third period, **Dylan Sikura** (Aurora, Ont.) potted a natural hat trick to give the Huskies a 4-3 road win over the River Hawks.
- Sikura has recorded a point in Northeastern's past five games, registering 13 points on five goals and eight assists and the junior forward tied for the national lead in scoring (44). Behind Sikura, **Zach Aston-Reese** (Staten Island, N.Y./22g, 20a) leads the nation in goals scored and ranks fifth in overall scoring with 42 points. Not far behind is **Adam Gaudette** (Braintree, Mass./ 15g, 24a), who ranks seventh nationally with 39 points. Sikura, Aston-Reese, and Gaudette's 125 points scored accounts for 49% of Northeastern's total points this season.
- UMass Lowell's **Dylan Zink** (Madison, Wis.) ranks second in Hockey East defensive scoring with 25 points (8g, 17a). Zink has tallied three assists in the River Hawks last two games.
- New Hampshire's **Tyler Kelleher** (Longmeadow, Mass/15g, 28a) enters the weekend tied for third nationally in scoring, and leads the NCAA with 28 assists.

### **No. 15 Providence vs. Maine/UConn – Fri. 2/3, Sat. 2/4 at ME; Wed.2/8 at UConn**

- No. 15 Providence is the winner of five straight outings, all coming over Hockey East rivals. In that span, the Friars are outscoring their opponents, 17-8, with an average of 3.40 goals per game. Sophomore forward **Scott Conway** (Basingstoke, England) has recorded a point in four of Providence's last five victories.
- Maine's **Blaine Byron** (Ottawa, Ont.) has found the score sheet in four of Maine's past five tilts. The senior forward has tallied seven points on three goals and four assists.
- Since January 1, **Rob McGovern** (Weymouth, Mass.) ranks second amongst Hockey East goaltenders in save percentage, stopping shots at a .951 clip.

### **No. 17 Notre Dame vs. No. 12 Vermont – Fri. 2/3, Sat. 2/4 at ND**

- This is the first time No. 17 Notre Dame and No. 12 Vermont will meet this season, and the ninth and 10th time in series history. The Fighting Irish lead the overall series with a record of 5-2-1.
- Forward **Anders Bjork** (Mequon, Wis./16g, 22a) has found the back of the net in three of Notre Dame's past five contests. Bjork's 38 points have the junior forward ranked eighth nationally in total scoring.
- This series features a top-five goaltending matchup between **Cal Peterson** (Waterloo, Iowa) and **Stefanos Lekkas** (Elburn, Ill.). Peterson ranks second in the conference in goals against average (2.09) and save percentage (.923), while Lekkas ranks fifth in Hockey East in goals against average (2.39).

### **Merrimack vs. UConn - Fri. 2/3 at MC, Sat. 2/4 at UConn**

- Merrimack is coming off a historic sweep of then-No. 1 Boston University last week. It was the first time that the Warriors have ever swept the Terriers in a regular season series.
- UConn returns to the ice after capturing a 3-1 victory over then-No. 11 Vermont last weekend. In that game, **Adam Huska** (Zvolen, Slovakia) backstopped the Huskies with a 34-save performance. Huska currently ranks fourth amongst Hockey East goaltenders in save percentage (.921).
- Forward **Maxim Letunov** (Moscow, Russia) has recorded a point in UConn's three previous contests, registering four points on a goal and three helpers.

## UPCOMING GAMES

### Friday 2/3

**Maine at No. 15 Providence - 6:05pm\*^**  
 No. 10 UML at NU - 7pm\*  
 No. 8 BC at UNH - 7pm\*  
**UConn at Merrimack - 7:05pm\*\*%**  
 UMass at No. 3 BU - 7:35pm\*  
**No. 12 Vermont at No. 17 ND - 7:35pm\*\$**

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### Saturday 2/4

Merrimack at UConn - 3:05pm\*  
 No. 12 Vermont at No. 17 ND - 6:30pm\*\$  
 UNH at No. 10 UML - 7pm\*  
 Maine at No. 15 Providence - 7:05pm\*

\*Hockey East Game

### Monday 2/6

**NU vs. No. 5 Harvard - 5pm @**  
**No. 8 BC vs. No. 3 BU - 8pm @**

@ Beanpot Tournament (NESN/TSN)

### Wednesday 2/8

No. 15 Providence at UConn - 7pm\*

\*Hockey East Game



**USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine  
Men's College Hockey Poll - 1/30**

Rk.	School, Pts. (FPV)	Record	LW
1.	Minnesota Duluth, 506 (30)	17-5-4	1
2.	Denver, 472 (4)	18-6-4	3
3.	<b>Boston University, 437</b>	<b>17-7-2</b>	<b>2</b>
4.	Penn State, 363	16-4-2	4
5.	Union, 349	18-6-2	5
6.	Harvard, 329	14-5-2	9
7.	Minnesota, 321	15-7-2	6
8.	<b>Boston College, 249</b>	<b>17-9-2</b>	<b>11</b>
9.	Western Michigan, 244	14-7-3	10
10.	<b>UMass Lowell, 198</b>	<b>15-9-3</b>	<b>7</b>
11.	Ohio State, 176	12-6-6	8
12.	North Dakota, 135	14-10-3	12
13.	<b>Vermont, 111</b>	<b>16-8-2</b>	<b>13</b>
14.	St Lawrence, 97	15-7-6	NR
15.	<b>Providence, 51</b>	<b>14-8-4</b>	<b>NR</b>

Others receiving votes: Cornell 19, **Notre Dame 16**, St. Cloud State 3, Wisconsin 2, Quinnipiac 1.

**USCHO.com  
Men's College Hockey Poll - 1/30**

Rk.	School, Pts. (FPV)	Record	LW
1.	Minnesota Duluth, 996 (46)	17-5-4	2
2.	Denver, 947 (3)	18-6-4	3
3.	<b>Boston University, 888</b>	<b>17-7-2</b>	<b>1</b>
4.	Union, 777 (1)	18-6-2	5
5.	Harvard, 749	14-5-2	9
6.	Penn State, 739	16-4-2	4
7.	Minnesota, 716	15-7-2	6
8.	<b>Boston College, 605</b>	<b>17-9-2</b>	<b>13</b>
9.	Western Michigan, 596	14-7-3	10
10.	<b>UMass Lowell, 564</b>	<b>15-9-3</b>	<b>7</b>
11.	Ohio State, 497	12-6-6	8
12.	<b>Vermont, 421</b>	<b>16-8-2</b>	<b>11</b>
13.	North Dakota, 419	14-10-3	12
14.	St. Lawrence, 416	15-7-6	16
15.	<b>Providence, 280</b>	<b>14-8-4</b>	<b>19</b>
16.	Cornell, 244	12-6-2	14
17.	<b>Notre Dame, 221</b>	<b>14-9-3</b>	<b>15</b>
18.	Wisconsin, 93	13-8-1	NR
19.	Quinnipiac, 81	14-11-2	17
20.	Michigan Tech, 73	16-9-7	NR

Others receiving votes: Air Force 51, Omaha 41, St. Cloud State 36, Bemidji State 30, Minnesota State 13, Yale 4, Miami 3.



**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
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

**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

**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
Nov. 28	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



**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
Nov.	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	16	11	3	1	25	17-9-2	3.69 (1)	2.13 (2)
2.	Boston University	16	10	4	2	22	17-7-2	2.63 (9)	1.94 (1)
3.	Vermont	14	8	5	1	17	16-8-2	2.79 (6)	2.79 (8)
4.	Notre Dame	14	7	5	2	16	14-9-3	2.93 (4)	2.36 (3)
5.	New Hampshire	14	6	5	3	15	11-11-4	3.07 (2)	2.50 (5)
	UMass Lowell	15	7	7	1	15	15-9-3	2.87 (5)	2.47 (4)
7.	UConn	14	6	6	2	14	10-10-6	2.64 (8)	2.64 (6)
8.	Providence	14	6	6	2	14	14-8-4	2.71 (7)	2.71 (7)
9.	Northeastern	16	5	8	3	13	11-10-5	2.94 (3)	3.31 (10)
	Merrimack	14	4	7	3	11	10-13-3	2.29 (T10)	2.93 (9)
11.	Maine	14	4	9	1	9	10-13-3	2.29 (T10)	3.36 (11)
	Massachusetts	15	2	12	1	5	5-19-2	2.13 (12)	3.93 (12)

