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Notre Dame vs. No. 1 Denver – Thu. 4/5 at United Center, Chicago

- The Notre Dame Fighting Irish are set to compete in the 2017 Frozen Four over the weekend, marking the third time in program history the team has moved on to the final weekend of the college hockey season (2008, 2011).
- Notre Dame will play the number one overall seed Denver at 9:30 p.m. on April 6 at the United Center for a chance to play for the NCAA title game on April 9 at 8 p.m.
- The Irish become just the fourth host to play in the Frozen Four and first since 2006, when Wisconsin won the NCAA title in Milwaukee. Minnesota hosted in 2002 in St. Paul and Boston University hosted in 1972; Both teams also claimed the NCAA trophy in that year.
- Notre Dame advanced through the Northeast region, topping number one seed Minnesota, 3-2, in the semifinal before squaring off with UMass Lowell in a rematch of the 2017 Hockey East semifinal, a 5-1 River Hawk win. UMass Lowell got a 19-save shutout in the regional semifinals from rookie netminder **Tyler Wall** (Leamington, Ont.) to move past Cornell, 5-0, but were downed in the final by two goals from Irish rookie **Cam Morrison** (Aurora, Ont.) and three assists from **Anders Bjork** (Mequon, Wis.).
- Bjork had five points in the two games as he scored two goals in Saturday's semifinal, including the game winner, and set up all three tallies on Sunday. The junior forward has now factored in on 13 of Notre Dame's 21 game-winning goals.
- The Irish have advanced to the Frozen Four three times in the past 10 seasons, joining just two other schools that can claim that distinction. North Dakota and Boston College have skated in the Frozen Four in five of the last 10 years.

UPCOMING GAMES



Thursday 4/6

Notre Dame vs. #1 Denver - 9:30pm ^
#2 UMD vs. #3 Harvard - 6pm ^

^ United Center (Chicago)/ESPN2

Saturday 4/8

NCAA National Championship - 8pm^

^ United Center (Chicago)/ESPN

2016-17 HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Rk.	Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Conf. Off.	Conf. Def.
1.	UMass Lowell	22	14	7	1	29	27-11-3	3.45 (1)	2.32 (T2)
	Boston University	22	13	6	3	29	24-12-3	2.91 (7)	2.14 (1)
	Boston College	22	13	6	3	29	21-15-4	3.36 (2)	2.55 (4)
4.	Notre Dame	22	12	6	4	28	23-11-5	3.05 (5)	2.32 (T2)
5.	Providence	22	12	7	3	27	22-12-5	3.00 (6)	2.59 (5)
6.	Vermont	22	10	8	4	24	20-13-5	2.77 (8)	2.86 (8)
7.	Merrimack	22	8	8	6	22	15-16-5	2.59 (T9)	2.73 (6)
8.	Northeastern	22	9	10	3	21	18-15-5	3.32 (3)	3.23 (9)
9.	UConn	22	8	10	4	20	12-16-8	2.50 (11)	2.77 (7)
10.	New Hampshire	22	7	11	4	18	15-20-5	3.14 (4)	3.50 (10)
11.	Maine	22	5	15	2	12	11-21-4	2.59 (T9)	3.59 (11)
12.	Massachusetts	22	2	19	1	5	5-29-2	1.91 (12)	4.00 (12)

**USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine
Men's College Hockey Poll - 3/27**

Rk.	School, Pts. (FPV)	Record	LW
1.	Denver, 501 (25)	31-7-4	1
2.	Harvard, 475 (9)	28-5-2	2
3.	Minnesota Duluth, 453	27-6-7	3
4.	Notre Dame, 381	23-11-5	12
5.	UMass Lowell, 373	27-11-3	4
6.	Boston University, 333	24-12-3	6
7.	Minnesota, 288	23-12-3	5
8.	Penn State, 264	25-12-2	11
9.	North Dakota, 209	21-16-3	13
10.	Air Force, 164	27-10-5	13
11.	Union, 152	25-10-3	7
12.	Western Michigan, 139	22-13-5	8
13.	Cornell, 114	21-9-5	9
14.	Ohio State, 106	21-12-6	15
15.	Providence, 105	22-12-5	10

Others receiving votes: Michigan Tech 9, St. Lawrence 9, Wisconsin 4, **Boston College 1.**

**USCHO.com
Men's College Hockey Poll - 3/20**

Rk.	School, Pts. (FPV)	Record	LW
1.	Denver, 958 (24)	29-7-4	1
2.	Harvard, 952 (18)	26-5-2	2
3.	Minnesota Duluth, 933 (8)	25-6-7	3
4.	UMass Lowell, 842	26-10-3	4
5.	Minnesota, 785	23-11-3	5
6.	Boston University, 688	23-11-3	7
7.	Union, 684	25-9-3	6
8.	Western Michigan, 649	22-12-5	8
9.	Cornell, 602	21-8-5	9
10.	North Dakota, 542	21-15-3	11
11.	Penn State, 506	24-11-2	15
12.	Notre Dame, 481	21-11-5	10
13.	Providence, 382	22-11-5	12
14.	Ohio State, 341	21-11-6	13
15.	Air Force, 319	26-9-5	17
16.	Boston College, 278	21-15-4	14
17.	Wisconsin, 170	20-15-1	18
18.	Vermont, 134	20-13-5	16
19.	Michigan Tech, 118	23-14-7	NR
20.	Quinnipiac, 64	23-15-2	19

Others receiving votes: Omaha 21, Robert Morris 15, Bowling Green 9, St. Lawrence 9, Canisius 8, Bemidji State 3, Minnesota State 3, **Northeastern 2**, St. Cloud State 2.



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 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
Feb. 27	Nolan Vesey, ME
Mar. 6	Danny Tirone, UNH
Mar. 13	Austin Cangelosi, BC Jakob Forsbacka Karlsson, BU
Mar. 20	C.J. Smith, UML
Mar. 27	Anders Bjork, ND

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
Jan. 30	Joe Woll, BC
Feb. 6	Mattias Goransson, UML
Feb. 13	Tyler Wall, UML
Feb. 20	Sami Tavernier, MC
Feb. 27	Clayton Keller, BU
Mar. 6	Josh Wilkins, PC
Mar. 13	Kenny Hausinger, UML
Mar. 20	Tyler Wall, UML
Mar. 27	Cam Morrison, ND

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 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 Fiorentino, PC
Feb. 13	Dennis Gilbert, ND
Feb. 20	Cal Petersen, ND
Feb. 27	Tyler Wall, UML
Mar. 6	Stefanos Lekkas, UVM
Mar. 13	Cal Petersen, ND
Mar. 20	Scott Savage, BC
Mar. 27	Jake Oettinger, BU



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
Feb.	Zach Aston-Reese, 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
Feb.	Clayton Keller, BU

STOP IT GOALTENDING

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
Feb.	Tyler Wall, UML

