

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: OCTOBER 5, 2017
#2 Boston University vs. #14 Quinnipiac - Sun. 10/8 at QU

- BU is the first Hockey East team that has seen regular season game play. The Terriers defeated No. 16 Union last weekend 4-1.
- Freshman **Brady Tkachuk** (St. Louis, Mo.) picked up his first collegiate point assisting Bowers' empty netter. Sophomore **Patrick Harper** (New Canaan, Conn.) recorded two goals and set up **Dante Fabbro's** (New Westminster, B.C.) game winner.

Maine vs. UConn - Fri. 10/6, Sat. 10/7 at Maine

- Maine defeated Acadia last weekend in an exhibition, 3-1. Goals came from **Tim Doherty** (Portsmouth, R.I.), **Alexis Binner** (Stocksund, Sweden) and **Rob Michel** (Camillus, N.Y.). Last season, Michel was a standout for the Black Bear defense leading the team with 19 points on nine goals and 10 assists.
- Under fifth-year head coach **Mike Cavanaugh**, the Huskies are 3-4-1 in season-opening series. Junior **Maxim Letunov** (Moscow, Russia) returns as UConn's leading point producer after tallying 27 points last year.

New Hampshire vs. #5 UMass Lowell - Fri. 10/6, Sat 10/7 at UNH

- New Hampshire and UMass Lowell last met in the Hockey East Quarterfinals last season. The River Hawks came out on top, two games to one, en route to winning its third Hockey East Tournament title.
- Junior forward **Marcus Vela** (Burnaby, B.C.), freshman defenseman **Max Gildon** (Plano, Texas), sophomore forward **Brendan van Riemsdyk** (Middletown, N.J.) each scored a goal for the Wildcats in last weekend's 3-3 exhibition draw with St. Francis Xavier.

#20 Northeastern vs. Sacred Heart - Fri. 10/6, Sat. 10/7 at NU

- This is the first time in program history that Northeastern and Sacred Heart will meet. NU is 48-29-8 all-time in season openers and 48-32-5 all-time in home openers at Matthews Arena.
- Northeastern's returns two of the most prolific point-getters in the NCAA, including assistant captain **Dylan Sikura** (Aurora, Ont.) and **Adam Gaudette** (Braintree, Mass.). Sikura's 92 career points are tied for fourth most amongst all active players in the country, while Gaudette leads all active skaters in power-play goals with 21 in his two seasons at Northeastern.

#13 Boston College vs. #14 Quinnipiac - Fri. 10/6 at BC

- Boston College kicks off its 2017-18 campaign hosting Quinnipiac. The Bobcats have defeated the Eagles in each of the last two seasons, including in the 2016 Frozen Four in Tampa, Florida.
- Junior captain **Christopher Brown** (Bloomfield Heights, Mich./9g, 17) returns as the Eagle's leading point-getter from last season. His 26 points ranked sixth last season.
- Sophomore **David Cotton** (Parker, Texas), Boston College's leading freshman scorer last season (10g, 14a), also netted four power play goals, the most to return to the lineup this year.

Vermont vs. Colorado College - Fri. 10/6, Sat. 10/7 at UVM

- The Catamounts defeated Waterloo, 6-1, in exhibition match up last weekend. **Ross Colton** (Robbinsville, N.J./1g, 3a), **Rob Darrar** (Monroe Township, N.J./1g, 2a), and **Liam Coughlin** (South Boston, Mass./1g, 2a) combined for 10 points.
- Vermont returns sophomore goaltender **Stefanos Lekkas** (Elburn, Ill.), who last year posted a .911 save percentage and 2.56 goals against average in league play. His 535 saves were third-most among all Hockey East netminders.

Merrimack vs. Colgate - Fri. 10/6, Sat. 10/7 at Colgate

- Merrimack enters the 2017-18 season coming off an overall record of 15-16-6 from last year. Head coach **Mark Dennehy** was also part of the coaching staff of a U.S. Under-17 Select Team that captured a gold medal at the Five Nations Tournament in Ostrava, Czech Republic last summer.
- The Warriors return five of their top six point-getters from 2016-17, including **Brett Seney** (London, Ont.) and his 31 points.

#11 Providence vs. Miami - Fri. 10/6, Sat. 10/7 at Miami

- This is the third consecutive season that Providence and Miami will kick off their regular season against each other and the seventh straight year the Friars and the Red Hawks will play. In the last seven meetings of the two teams, the Friars carry a 4-1-2 record.
- Providence has racked up four consecutive seasons with at least 20 wins, including the 2014-15 season when they claimed the NCAA championship at TD Garden in Boston.

Massachusetts vs. Arizona State - Fri. 10/6, Sat. 10/7 at ASU

- Massachusetts was victorious in exhibition match up against Queens last weekend, taking a final score of 1-0 at the Mullins Center. The lone goal of the game came off the stick of **Niko Rufo** (Stoneham, Mass.). Rufo spent the last four seasons with the Providence Friars, appearing in 55 games.
- This season marks head coach **Greg Carvel's** second season with UMass. His roster features freshmen defensemen who are also the two highest NHL draft picks in program history in **Cale Makar** (Calgary, Alta./Fourth overall) and **Mario Ferraro** (King City, Ont./49th overall).

UPCOMING GAMES
Friday 10/6

UConn at Maine - 7pm*
 UNH at #5 UML - 7:15pm*
 #14 Quinnipiac at #13 BC - 7pm
 Sacred Heart at #20 NU - 7pm
 CC at UVM - 7:05pm
 MC at Colgate - 7:30pm
 #11 PC at Miami - 7:35pm
 UMass at ASU - 9:05pm
 *Hockey East Game

Saturday 10/7

UConn at Maine - 4pm*
 #5 UML at UNH - 7pm*
 Sacred Heart at #20 NU - 7pm
 CC at UVM - 7:05pm
 MC at Colgate - 7:30pm
 #11 PC at Miami - 7:35pm
 UMass at ASU - 9:05pm

*Hockey East Game

Sunday 10/8

#2 BU at #14 QU - 2pm



**USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine
Men's College Hockey Poll - 10/2**

Rk.	School, Pts. (FPV)	Record	LW
1.	Denver, 510 (34)	0-0-0	1
2.	Boston University, 426	1-0-0	2
3.	Minnesota, 403	0-0-0	3
4.	Harvard, 373	0-0-0	4
5.	Providence, 338	0-0-0	5
6.	St. Cloud, 302	0-0-0	6
7.	North Dakota, 280	0-0-0	7
8.	Notre Dame, 263	0-0-0	8
9.	UMass Lowell, 238	0-0-0	9
10.	Wisconsin, 186	1-0-0	T11
11.	Penn State, 168	0-0-0	10
12.	Minnesota Duluth, 130	0-0-0	T11
13.	Northeastern, 117	0-0-0	14
14.	Quinnipiac, 108	0-0-0	13
15.	Minnesota State, 59	0-0-0	15

Others receiving votes: **Boston College 48**, Clarkson 29, Ohio State 28, Cornell 28, Air Force 23, Miami 14, Western Michigan 7, Union 2.

**USCHO.com
Men's College Hockey Poll - 9/25**

Rk.	School, Pts. (FPV)	Record	LW
1.	Denver, 998 (48)	0-0-0	1
2.	Boston University, 837	0-0-0	6
3.	Minnesota, 822	0-0-0	7
4.	Harvard, 744 (1)	0-0-0	3
5.	UMass Lowell, 711	0-0-0	4
6.	Minnesota Duluth, 642 (1)	0-0-0	2
7.	North Dakota, 632	0-0-0	9
8.	Notre Dame, 611	0-0-0	5
9.	St. Cloud, 547	0-0-0	NR
10.	Penn State, 530	0-0-0	8
11.	Providence, 494	0-0-0	15
12.	Wisconsin, 414	0-0-0	17
13.	Boston College, 366	0-0-0	16
14.	Quinnipiac, 286	0-0-0	20
15.	Cornell, 279	0-0-0	13
16.	Union, 215	0-0-0	11
17.	Air Force, 203	0-0-0	12
18.	Minnesota State, 198	0-0-0	NR
19.	Ohio State, 180	0-0-0	14
20.	Northeastern, 172	0-0-0	NR
	Western Michigan, 172	0-0-0	10

Others receiving votes: **Vermont, 119**; Michigan Tech, 60; Bemidji State, 52; Clarkson, 45; Robert Morris, 39; Miami, 37; Michigan, 24; St. Lawrence, 18; Omaha, 17; Bowling Green, 16; Yale, 11; Ferris State, 5; Brown, 1; Canisius, 1; Dartmouth 1; **New Hampshire, 1.**



HOCKEY EAST WEEKLY AWARDS

**HOCKEY EAST
PLAYER OF THE WEEK**
Week _____ Player _____

**PRO AMBITIONS
ROOKIE OF THE WEEK**
Week _____ Player _____

**HOCKEY EAST
DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK**
Week _____ Player _____



HOCKEY EAST MONTHLY AWARDS

HOCKEY EAST PLAYER OF THE MONTH
Month _____ Player _____

PRO AMBITIONS ROOKIE OF THE MONTH
Month _____ Player _____

STOP IT GOALTENDER OF THE MONTH
Month _____ Player _____

2017-18 HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Rk.	Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Conf. Off.	Conf. Def.
1.	Boston College	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	0.00 (1)	0.00 (1)
	Boston University	0	0	0	0	0	1-0-0	0.00 (1)	0.00 (1)
	UConn	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	0.00 (1)	0.00 (1)
	Maine	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	0.00 (1)	0.00 (1)
	Massachusetts	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	0.00 (1)	0.00 (1)
	UMass Lowell	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	0.00 (1)	0.00 (1)
	Merrimack	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	0.00 (1)	0.00 (1)
	New Hampshire	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	0.00 (1)	0.00 (1)
	Northeastern	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	0.00 (1)	0.00 (1)
	Providence	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	0.00 (1)	0.00 (1)
	Vermont	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	0.00 (1)	0.00 (1)

