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**#20 Boston College vs. Maine - Fri. 2/23, Sat. 2/24 at BC**

- Boston College (16-13-3, 16-6-0 HEA) and Maine (16-12-4, 10-9-3 HEA) close out a three-game regular season series with a pair at Kelley Rink Friday and Saturday night. The Eagles have a chance to secure the 2018 Hockey East regular season title with at least two points in the two outings, which would put them clear of both Northeastern and Providence in the Army ROTC Hockey East Standings.
- The teams met for the first time last weekend in Maine, where Boston College came away with a 5-0 win over the Black Bears. It marked the first shutout for the Eagles at Alfond Arena since 2009. **Joseph Woll** (St. Louis, Mo.) made 33 saves in the outing.
- Freshman forward **Logan Hutsko** (Tampa, Fla.) rides a four-game point streak heading into the weekend series with Maine and has accounted for nine points (6g, 3a) over that time span. Hutsko leads the team in scoring with 26 points on 11 goals and 16 assists.
- The two games against the Eagles this weekend are crucial for the Black Bears who are looking to clinch a bye in the first round of the playoffs. Maine is currently tied with UConn for fifth in the Army ROTC Hockey East Standings and will need to earn at least more points than the Huskies to secure a pass into the quarterfinals.

**Massachusetts vs. UConn/#7 Providence - Thu. 2/22 at UConn, Sat. 2/24 at UMass**

- The Minutemen (13-17-2, 7-13-2 HEA) wrap up the regular season this weekend with contests against UConn and Providence. UMass is currently still alive to host an opening round series this season after finishing in last place in each of the last three seasons. The Minutemen could rise as high as seventh in the final Army ROTC Hockey East Standings. Two wins for UMass could mean home ice advantage in the first round of the playoffs.
- UMass played two games against UConn in early December, beating the Huskies in Amherst before suffering a loss on the road. The Minutemen skated twice against the Friars this regular season, splitting two games with them in home-and-home fashion, as well.
- UConn (15-16-2, 11-11-1 HEA) enters its last game of the regular season on a season-best eight-game winning streak. The Huskies own the tie-breaker over Maine and currently hold the final spot for a bye into the quarterfinals.
- After netting two goals in the Huskies' overtime win against BU on Saturday, **Spencer Naas** (Minnetonka, Minn.) looks to extend a seven-game point streak (5g, 5a) in Thursday's tilt at UMass.
- A late goal from the Providence's (20-9-4, 13-6-4 HEA) scoring leader **Erik Foley** (Mansfield, Mass./15g, 19a) propelled the Friars past BU last weekend, guaranteeing them a top-three seed in the 2018 Hockey East Tournament.
- Having already clinched a bye through the opening round, the Friars remain in contention for a share of the regular season title. The Friars currently sit two points behind first-place Boston College and can tie for first place if Maine sweeps the Eagles this weekend and Northeastern drops at least one point to New Hampshire.

**#12 Northeastern vs. New Hampshire - Fri. 2/23 at NU, Sat. 2/24 at UNH**

- Northeastern (19-8-5, 13-6-3 HEA) and New Hampshire (10-16-6, 5-12-5 HEA) wrap a three-game regular season series in home-and-home fashion in the final weekend of play. The Wildcats paid a trip to Matthews Arena on Feb. 2 and skated to a 1-1 tie against the Huskies thanks to a 40-save performance by netminder **Danny Tirone** (Trumbull, Conn.). New Hampshire needs two wins and outside help this weekend to claim home-ice advantage in the opening round of the HEA playoffs.
- With a weekend road sweep at Vermont last weekend, Northeastern currently sits in third place in the Army ROTC Hockey East Standings with 29 points. They can claim the regular season title outright with a sweep of New Hampshire and two losses by Boston College.
- **Adam Gaudette** (Braintree, Mass.) was named the Hockey East Player of the Week after setting a new program standard for career power play goals with 32.

**Vermont vs. Boston University - Fri. 2/23, Sat. 2/24 at BU**

- For the first time in the 2017-18 season, Vermont (9-17-6, 6-11-5 HEA) and Boston University (16-13-3, 11-8-3 HEA) skate against one another at Agganis Arena. The Catamounts currently sit eighth in the league standings, the final home-ice advantage slot for the opening round of the playoffs. The Terriers rank fourth in Hockey East and can lock up the fourth seed in the Hockey East Tournament with two wins this weekend.
- The Terriers' **Dante Fabbro** (New Westminster, B.C.) and **Logan Cockerill** (Brighton, Mich.) hit the ice this weekend riding season-best eight-game point streaks, the longest such runs by a Terrier since **Clayton Keller** rode a 10-game run in the 2016-17 season.
- Vermont road out a seven-game unbeaten streak from Jan. 20 through Feb. 10 (5-0-2) and is now 5-2-2 in its last nine. The stretch was the longest unbeaten streak for the Catamounts this season and within that time frame the team moved up three spots in the Hockey East standings.

**Merrimack vs. UMass Lowell - Fri. 2/23 at MC, Sat. 2/24 at UML**

- Merrimack (9-18-4, 6-14-2 HEA) and UMass Lowell (16-16-0, 10-12-0 HEA) face off for this first time this season with a home-and-home set to close the regular season. The River Hawks have been undefeated against the Warriors since the 2011-2012 regular season. Both teams remain mathematically alive for home ice in the opening round of the playoffs, while UMass Lowell can secure a bye with two wins and outside help.
- UMass Lowell dropped two games to Providence last weekend. **Ryan Lohin** (Chadds Ford, Pa.) notched two points on the weekend and continues to lead the River Hawks in scoring this season with 25 points on 9 goals and 16 assists.
- Despite a third period goal by **Simon Lööf** (Ekjsö, Sweden), Merrimack was unable to overcome a two-goal deficit and ultimately dropped its last outing to Boston University last weekend, 3-1. The goal marked Lööf's first collegiate goal and point.

## UPCOMING GAMES

### Thursday 2/22

UMass at UConn - 7:05 pm \*!

\*Hockey East Game  
! ESPN3

### Friday 2/23

Maine at #20 BC - 7 pm \*!  
UML at MC - 7 pm \*^  
UNH at #11 NU - 7 pm \*!  
UVM at BU - 7:30 pm \*

\* Hockey East Game  
! ESPN3  
^ NESN

### Saturday 2/24

Maine at #20 BC - 7 pm \*!  
UVM at BU - 7 pm \*  
#7 PC at UMass - 7 pm \*  
MC at UML - 7 pm \*!  
#12 NU at UNH - 7 pm \*!

\*Hockey East Game  
! ESPN3



**USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine  
Men's College Hockey Poll - 2/19**

Rk.	School, Pts. (FPV)	Record	LW
1.	St. Cloud State, 500 (26)	20-6-4	2
2.	Cornell, 471 (8)	22-3-2	4
3.	Notre Dame, 424	22-8-2	1
4.	Denver, 409	17-7-6	3
5.	Minnesota State, 398	25-7-0	5
6.	Ohio State, 302	19-8-5	6
<b>7.</b>	<b>Providence, 287</b>	<b>20-9-4</b>	<b>8</b>
8.	Minnesota, 264	19-13-2	9
9.	Clarkson, 206	19-8-5	7
<b>10.</b>	<b>Northeastern, 195</b>	<b>19-8-5</b>	<b>11</b>
11.	Minnesota Duluth, 176	16-13-3	12
12.	North Dakota, 175	14-10-8	10
13.	Michigan, 92	16-13-3	NR
14.	Omaha, 77	15-14-1	13
15.	Bowling Green, 51	19-9-6	14

Others receiving votes: Western Michigan 19, Union 10, Northern Michigan 8, Penn State 6, **Boston College 6**, **Boston University 4**.

**USCHO.com  
Men's College Hockey Poll - 2/19**

Rk.	School, Pts. (FPV)	Record	LW
1.	St. Cloud State, 967 (28)	20-6-4	3
2.	Cornell, 940 (18)	22-3-2	4
3.	Denver, 878 (3)	17-7-6	2
4.	Minnesota State, 853 (1)	25-7-0	5
5.	Notre Dame, 845	22-8-2	1
6.	Ohio State, 695	19-8-5	6
<b>7.</b>	<b>Providence, 687</b>	<b>20-9-4</b>	<b>8</b>
8.	Minnesota, 619	19-13-2	10
9.	Minnesota Duluth, 550	16-13-3	11
10.	Clarkson, 546	19-8-5	7
<b>11.</b>	<b>Northeastern, 527</b>	<b>19-8-5</b>	<b>12</b>
12.	North Dakota, 499	14-10-8	9
13.	Michigan, 355	16-13-3	18
14.	Omaha, 345	15-14-1	13
15.	Bowling Green, 312	19-9-6	14
16.	Northern Michigan, 222	20-11-3	17
17.	Western Michigan, 201	14-14-2	15
18.	Penn State, 133	14-13-5	16
19.	Union, 119	20-13-1	NR
<b>20.</b>	<b>Boston College, 114</b>	<b>16-13-3</b>	<b>19</b>

Others receiving votes: **Boston University 41**, Harvard 18, Wisconsin 12, Mercyhurst 10, Colorado College 5, **Maine 3**, Bemidji State 2, **UMass Lowell 1**, **UConn 1**.



**HOCKEY EAST WEEKLY AWARDS**

**HOCKEY EAST**

**PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

Week	Player
Oct. 9	Patrick Harper, BU
Oct. 16	Michael McNicholas, UNH
Oct. 23	Bobo Carpenter, BU
Oct. 30	Adam Gaudette, NU
Nov. 6	Nolan Stevens, NU
Nov. 13	Christopher Grando, BC
Nov. 20	Christoffer Hernberg, UML
Nov. 27	Ryan Wischow, UMass
Dec. 4	Patrick Harper, BU
Dec. 11	Jeremy Swayman, Maine
Jan. 2	Brett Seney, MC
Jan. 8	Brian Pinho, PC
Jan. 15	Adam Gaudette, NU
Jan. 22	Liam Coughlin, UVM
Feb. 5	Corey Ronan, UConn Brendan Robbins, ME
Feb. 12	Matt Murray, UMass
Feb. 19	Adam Gaudette, NU

**PRO AMBITIONS**

**ROOKIE OF THE WEEK**

Week	Player
Oct. 9	Zach Solow, NU
Oct. 16	John Leonard, UMass
Oct. 23	Max Gildon, UNH
Oct. 30	Oliver Chau, UMass
Nov. 6	Eduards Tralmaks, ME
Nov. 13	Ben Mirageas, PC
Nov. 20	Jeremy Swayman, ME
Nov. 27	Max Kaufman, UVM
Dec. 4	Cayden Primeau, NU
Dec. 11	Evan Bell, MC
Jan. 2	Brady Keeper, ME
Jan. 8	Jeremy Swayman, ME
Jan. 15	Cale Makar, UMass
Jan. 22	Matt Murray, UMass
Feb. 5	Max Gildon, UNH
Feb. 12	Logan Hutsko, BC John Leonard, UMass
Feb. 19	Cayden Primeau, NU

**HOCKEY EAST**

**DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

Week	Player
Oct. 9	Danny Tirone, UNH
Oct. 16	Casey Fitzgerald, BC
Oct. 23	Christoffer Hernberg, UML
Oct. 30	Hayden Hawkey, PC
Nov. 6	Chad Krysz, BU
Nov. 13	Max Prawdzik, BU
Nov. 20	Joseph Woll, BC
Nov. 27	Danny Tirone, UNH
Dec. 4	Danny Tirone, UNH
Dec. 11	Adam Huska, UConn
Jan. 2	Hayden Hawkey, PC
Jan. 8	Christoffer Hernberg, UML
Jan. 15	Hayden Hawkey, PC
Jan. 22	Jeremy Swayman, ME Danny Tirone, UNH
Feb. 5	Stefanos Lekkas, UVM
Feb. 12	Tanner Creel, UConn
Feb. 19	Joseph Woll, BC



**HOCKEY EAST MONTHLY AWARDS**

**HOCKEY EAST**

**PLAYER OF THE MONTH**

Month	Player
Sept./Oct.	Dylan Sikura, NU
November	Erik Foley, PC
December	Patrick Holway, ME
January	Adam Gaudette, NU

**PRO AMBITIONS**

**ROOKIE OF THE MONTH**

Month	Player
Sept./Oct.	Max Gildon, UNH
November	Chris Grando, BC
December	Tim Doherty, ME
January	Jeremy Swayman, ME

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**GOALTENDER OF THE MONTH**

Month	Player
Sept./Oct.	Danny Tirone, UNH
November	Christoffer Hernberg, UML
December	Cayden Primeau, NU
January	Jake Oettinger, BU

**2017-18 ARMY ROTC HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS**

Rk.	Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Conf. Off.	Conf. Def.
1.	Boston College *!	22	16	6	0	32	16-13-3	3.23 (1)	2.23 (T2)
2.	Providence *!	23	13	6	4	30	18-9-4	3.04 (4)	2.13 (1)
3.	Northeastern *!	22	13	6	3	29	19-8-5	3.05 (3)	2.23 (T2)
4.	Boston University	22	11	8	3	25	16-13-3	3.14 (2)	2.68 (T5)
5.	Maine	22	10	9	3	23	16-12-4	2.77 (7)	3.00 (8)
	UConn	23	11	11	1	23	15-16-2	2.96 (5)	2.57 (4)
7.	UMass Lowell	22	10	12	0	20	16-16-0	2.82 (6)	3.23 (9)
8.	Vermont	22	6	11	5	17	9-17-6	2.27 (9)	3.50(T10)
9.	Massachusetts	22	7	13	2	16	13-17-2	2.55 (8)	3.27 (T10)
10.	New Hampshire	22	5	12	5	15	10-16-6	2.18 (10)	2.68 (T5)
11.	Merrimack	22	5	14	2	14	8-18-4	2.14 (10)	2.91 (7)

\* clinched opening round bye; ! clinched home ice in the quarterfinals

