



# Weekend Preview

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## RIVER HAWKS READY FOR REDEMPTION Commissioners' Cup series opens with five games on Saturday

The biggest game of the week may have already taken place, but that won't dampen the enthusiasm for this weekend's action.

Game 7 of the American League Championship Series ended in favor of the Boston Red Sox on Wednesday night. Fenway Park will host Game One of the World Series on Saturday night. At the same time, in the Hockey East world, it was BC's game at Lowell on Tuesday that turned heads, and Lowell's visit to sister school Massachusetts on Friday that will continue to draw attention to the River Hawks.

The River Hawks are looking for redemption in a big way this weekend. They posted back-to-back shutout victories against UMass in the regular season last year, but later suffered back-to-back losses in their

quarterfinal series at UMass. That abruptly concluded what had been a very progressive and formative year for the program, a program that is still on the rise.

UMass Lowell returns a squad nearly intact from last year, a fact that is unlikely to be overlooked by any opponent. Already, poll voters have taken note and have collectively selected Lowell as high as 14th in the nation. That ranking proved valid Tuesday, when the River Hawks held two one-goal leads against top-ranked Boston College before surrendering the winning goal to BC's Patrick Eaves midway through the third. Eaves has seven points in two games and will take his hot hand to Notre Dame on Friday in a teaser game for Saturday's BC-Notre Dame football game.

The first annual Commissioners' Cup series faces off this weekend with five interconference games on Saturday, two involving Hockey East teams. Northeastern has a tough draw at Colgate following Tuesday's barn-burner vs. Rensselaer, while the second of two games for Wayne State at Merrimack will also count towards the Commissioners' Cup standings. Each of the six conferences will compete in seven total games in the season-long series.

Having proven its merit with a runner-up finish in the Ice Breaker tournament and a

victory at Michigan State, St. Lawrence will up the ante even more with a two-game set at Maine. North Dakota swept the Black Bears at home on the first weekend leaving the brunt of the Bears' vengeance on Niagara, who suffered back-to-back losses at Alford Arena last weekend. In other non-conference action, UNH will play Atlantic Hockey preseason favorite Mercyhurst for the first time ever. The Hockey East - Atlantic crossover continues with a Sunday faceoff for UConn at Massachusetts.

The lone remaining match of the weekend is a Hockey East affair that pits Providence at Boston University. Best known for its recent quarterfinal battles, this rivalry was won last year by the Friars, who scored two slim victories in the season's waning weeks. Both schools have strong underclass contingents that are likely to contribute heavily.

### RESULTS / SCHEDULE

#### Tuesday, October 19

Boston College 3, at UMass Lowell 2 \*  
 Rensselaer 7, at Northeastern 4

#### Friday, October 22

Providence at Boston University \*  
 UMass Lowell at Massachusetts \*  
 St. Lawrence at Maine (WABI)  
 Wayne State at Merrimack  
 Boston College at Notre Dame (7:30pm)

#### Saturday, October 23

St. Lawrence at Maine  
 Wayne State at Merrimack #  
 Mercyhurst at New Hampshire  
 Northeastern at Colgate #

#### Sunday, October 24

Connecticut at Massachusetts (3pm)

\* Hockey East game

# Commissioners' Cup series

Games start at 7pm unless indicated.

All game times are Eastern Time.

### IN THE POLLS

Team	USAT	USCHO
Boston College	1	1
Maine	5	5
New Hampshire	10	10
UMass Lowell	15	-

Others receiving votes:

Boston U., Massachusetts, Providence

## HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Offense	Defense
Boston College	1	1	0	0	2	2-0-0	4.50 GPG	2.00 GAPG
Providence	1	1	0	0	2	2-0-0	4.50 GPG	3.00 GAPG
Boston University	0	0	0	0	0	1-2-0	2.33 GPG	4.33 GAPG
Maine	0	0	0	0	0	3-2-0	4.20 GPG	2.60 GAPG
Massachusetts	0	0	0	0	0	2-1-0	2.67 GPG	2.00 GAPG
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0	0	2-1-1	3.50 GPG	3.00 GAPG
Northeastern	0	0	0	0	0	1-3-0	3.00 GPG	4.75 GAPG
UMass Lowell	1	0	1	0	0	1-1-0	2.50 GPG	2.50 GAPG
Merrimack	1	0	1	0	0	1-2-0	4.00 GPG	4.00 GAPG