

Weekend Preview

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NON-CONFERENCE TESTS DOMINATE THANKSGIVING WEEK BU's Jack Parker seeks 700th win in two-game set in Colorado

Well the Crimson have done it again.

Just one week after hosting a 3-1 win over then top-ranked BC, the Harvard Crimson visited BU's Walter Brown Arena last night and got two goals just 31 seconds apart to turn a 1-0 deficit into a 2-1 lead early in the second period, a lead that stood as the final score. That ended a four-game winning streak for the Terriers and spoiled head coach Jack Parker's home bid for his 700th career victory. It also added fuel to the fire that this year's Beanpot could be one of the most broadly competitive in recent memory.

Northeastern recently enjoyed a fivegame unbeaten streak and last night made quick work of Merrimack, beating the host

RESULTS / SCHEDULE

Monday, November 22 at Boston College 5, Holy Cross 0

Tuesday, November 23

at UMass Lowell 3, New Hampshire 3 (OT) * Northeastern 5, at Merrimack 1 * Harvard 2, at Boston University 1 at Vermont 5, Massachusetts 2

Friday, November 26

Boston U. at Denver (9:30pm - NESN) UMass at Colorado College (9:30pm)

Saturday, November 27

Boston College at Northeastern (CN8) * Bentley at UMass Lowell (2pm) New Hampshire at Vermont Maine at Dartmouth Massachusetts at Denver (9pm) # BU at Colorado College (9pm - NESN) <u>Coffee Pot at Providence, RI</u> Merrimack vs. Union (4pm) Providence vs. Holy Cross (7pm - COX3)

Sunday, November 28 Dunkin'Donuts Coffee Pot (4/7pm - COX3)

* Hockey East game # Commissioners' Cup series Games start at 7pm unless indicated. All game times are Eastern Time. Warriors 5-1. BC dropped Holy Cross 5-0 on Monday and will face off at Northeastern Saturday in the only Hockey East game of the weekend. One of the most memorable moments of last season occurred when BC visited NU on Jan 3. Just 0-7-1 in Hockey East up to that point, the Huskies got 34 saves from Keni Gibson to deal BC their first Hockey East loss of the year, 3-0. It was the only loss BC would suffer in a span of 27 games in midseason.

The Beanpot rivals still have a couple of months before their biggest regular season event occurs, but Merrimack and Providence will have a pot of their own to fill this weekend when they join Union and Holy Cross at the Dunkin' Donuts Coffee Pot Tournament at the Providence Civic Center. Union enters the tourney as the likely favorite, despite the fact that the Friars are the host school. A win by Merrimack in the opener against the Dutchmen would break a four-game losing streak and set the team up nicely for a rematch with Providence (who defeated Merrimack 5-4 in the Hockey East opener) or a reunion with Holv Cross, one of the Warriors' oldest and most familiar opponents.

Grimacing from losses last night, both BU and UMass will look for a recovery in Colorado this weekend, but it won't be easy. Fifthranked Colorado College will host UMass on Friday and BU on Saturday while defending NCAA champ Denver hosts each on the other night. The Terriers have a rich and relatively even history vs. both schools ((8-6-2 vs. CC, 11-11-2 vs. Denver) while UMass is much newer to the game. The Minutemen have never met Denver on the ice and have faced Colorado College just three times, losing each game.

UMass Lowell managed its first point in Hockey East play last night, getting a goal from Andrew Martin in the closing minutes to salvage a 3-3 tie vs. UNH. Despite a frustrating start in conference play, the River Hawks own a perfect 4-0 record in non-conference play and will be looking to up that to 5-0 hosting Bentley on Saturday. UNH, meanwhile, will look for a win on the road at Vermont. The Catamounts hosted a 5-2 win over UMass last night, marking their first victory over a Hockey East opponent in 21 tries. They'll certainly hope for a higher success rate against Hockey East squads when they join the league next season!

IN THE POLLS

<u>Team</u>	USAT	<u>USCHO</u>
Boston College	4	4
New Hampshire	6	6
Maine	8	8
Boston University	10	11

Others receiving votes: Massachusetts and UMass Lowell

HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

<u>Team</u>	<u>GP</u>	W	L	Τ	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Overall</u>	HE Offense	HE Defense
Boston University	7	6	1	0	12	7-4-0	4.14 GPG	2.43 GAPG
New Hampshire	7	5	1	1	11	8-2-2	3.57 GPG	2.71 GAPG
Maine	8	5	3	0	10	9-6-0	3.62 GPG	2.38 GAPG
Massachusetts	7	3	3	1	7	6-6-1	3.14 GPG	3.43 GAPG
Boston College	4	2	0	2	6	5-2-2	2.75 GPG	2.00 GAPG
Northeastern	5	3	2	0	6	6-5-1	3.80 GPG	3.00 GAPG
Providence	8	2	5	1	5	4-6-1	2.75 GPG	3.38 GAPG
Merrimack	8	1	7	0	2	3-9-0	2.25 GPG	4.50 GAPG
UMass Lowell	6	0	5	1	1	4-5-1	2.67 GPG	4.33 GAPG

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