

## Weekend Preview

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# FOUR TEAMS FACE FIRST LEAGUE GAME Parker goes for league win No. 300 Friday vs. UMass Lowell

Another coaching milestone is on tap for Boston University head coach Jack Parker. Already one of only four members in the 700-win club, Parker will become the first coach ever to celebrate his 300th career regular season Hockey East victory with his next win over a league opponent.

Parker picked up No. 299 two weeks ago when his Terriers recorded a 3-1 win over UMass Lowell in the first league game of the season, and he draws the same opponent Friday. Lowell head coach Blaise MacDonald has an eerie sense of deja vu this season as an 0-3 start in league play is on its way to mimicking the 0-5 start of last year. The River Hawks rebounded mightily, however, going 11-5-1 in the latter two-thirds of the season to finish fifth in Hockey East.

#### WEEKEND SCHEDULE

### Friday, October 28

Maine at Boston College \*
Providence at Merrimack \*
Boston University at UMass Lowell (NESN) \*
New Hampshire at Massachusetts \*
Northeastern at Rensselaer
Vermont at Niagara

### Saturday, October 29

Providence at Boston College \*
Maine at Massachusetts \*
Merrimack at Rensselaer
Union at UMass Lowell
Vermont at Niagara
U.S. U-18 Team at Boston University (exh.)

#### Sunday, October 30

U.S. U-18 Team at Northeastern (exh. - 2pm)

\* Hockey East game Games start at 7pm unless indicated. All game times are Eastern Time. Four other teams will face the first league games of their seasons this weekend as conference action heats up following some contentious interconference series.

The headline event on the slate is fifthranked Maine at 10th-ranked Boston College, a rematch of the 2005 Hockey East semifinal, a double overtime thriller won 2-1 by BC. Maine's goaltending picture has become a hot topic as both sophomore Matt Lundin (2-0, 0.50 GAA, .971 SP) and freshman Ben Bishop (3-1, 1.73, .929) have performed exceptionally in the early going, allowing Black Bear fans to ease into life after Jimmy Howard. Over on the BC side, a highly-touted freshman class of 10 is being worked into the holes left by the 11 players lost from last year's roster, including Player of the Year Patrick Eaves, who, like Howard, left early to commence a professional career.

UNH and UMass will break into league play on Friday, and the Minutemen are hoping for a much different outcome than last year's lopsided series. The Wildcats swept the set by a combined score of 18-2. Maine won't offer much relief for the Minutemen on Saturday as the Black Bears won their series vs. UMass, 2-0-1, boasting a 13-6 scoring advantage.

Providence puts its hot streak on the line this weekend, taking a five-game winning streak in league play into Merrimack and Boston College. The Friars shut out Lowell in back-to-back games last week, as sophomore Tyler Sims conjured up memories of former Friar stopper Nolan Schaefer. Schaefer made his NHL debut last night, a relief appearance for the San Jose Sharks, and ended up with the win as the Sharks beat Dallas in overtime.

The other alumni note of the week comes from last night's AHL battle of Syracuse at Hamilton. In the first-ever professional meeting between former UNH netminders Mike Ayers and Ty Conklin, Ayers emerged the victor, backstopping Syracuse to a 3-2 win.

Vermont will put off its league debut another few days as the Catamounts travel to Niagara for a two-game set this weekend. Other non-league games include RPI hosting both Northeastern and Merrimack, and Union visiting UMass Lowell.

## RANKINGS <u>USAT</u> <u>USCHO</u> 5 5

Maine	5	5
Boston College	10	8
Vermont	11	11
New Hampshire	13	13
Boston University	ORV	16
UMass Lowell	_	ORV
Providence	_	ORV

ORV - others receiving votes

### **HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS**

**Team** 

<u>Team</u>	<u>GP</u>	W	<u>L</u>	I	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Overall</u>	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Defense</u>
Providence	2	2	0	0	4	2-2-0	3.00 GPG	2.50 GAPG
<b>Boston University</b>	1	1	0	0	2	1-1-0	2.50 GPG	2.00 GAPG
Boston College	1	0	0	1	1	1-1-1	4.00 GPG	3.33 GAPG
Northeastern	1	0	0	1	1	0-2-1	0.67 GPG	3.00 GAPG
Maine	0	0	0	0	0	5-1-0	3.50 GPG	1.33 GAPG
Massachusetts	0	0	0	0	0	1-2-0	2.33 GPG	2.33 GAPG
Merrimack	0	0	0	0	0	2-2-0	2.25 GPG	3.50 GAPG
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0	0	1-2-1	3.00 GPG	3.25 GAPG
Vermont	0	0	0	0	0	4-0-0	4.00 GPG	1.25 GAPG
UMass Lowell	3	0	3	0	0	1-4-0	1.60 GPG	3.80 GAPG

### 2005-06 HOCKEY EAST SEASON SUPERLATIVES (league games in bold)

### SHUTOUTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Goaltender</u>	<u>Team</u>	Opponent	<u>Svs</u>	Result
10/15/05	Joe Fallon	UVM	at AK-Anchorage	19	W 2-0
10/21/05	Tyler Sims	PC	UMass Lowell	24	W 3-0
10/22/05	Tyler Sims	PC	at UMass Lowell	19	W 4-0
10/22/05	Matt Lundin	Maine	AlabHuntsville	22	W 4-0

### 40+ SAVES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Goaltender</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Svs</u>	Result
10/14/05	Gabe Winer	<b>UMass</b>	at St. Lawrence	40	L 1-2
10/14/05	Jim Healey	MC	at Bowling Green	45	W 3-2
10/15/05	Stephen Ritter!	PC	at St. Lawrence	45	L 3-5

### INDIVIDUAL HIGHS

Goals: 3 - Peter Lenes!, UVM, 10/21/05 vs. Minnesota Duluth Assists: 4 - Torrey Mitchell, UVM, 10/22/05 vs. Minnesota Duluth Points: 4 - Matt Anderson, UMass, 10/15/05 at Clarkson Torrey Mitchell, UVM, 10/22/05 vs. Minnesota Duluth

Point Streak: 4 games - Six players (active)

Saves: 45 – Jim Healey, MC, 10/14/05 at Bowling Green Stephen Ritter!, PC, 10/15/05 at St. Lawrence

### **TEAM HIGHS**

Goals: 9 - Boston College, 10/15/05 at Bowling Green Power Play Goals: 3 - Four times Shots on Goal: 45 - Maine, 10/22/05 vs. Alabama-Huntsville Consecutive Wins: 4 - Maine and Vermont (active) Unbeaten Streak: 4 – Maine and Vermont (active)

! rookie



### HAT TRICKS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Result</u>
10/21/05	Peter Lenes!	UVM	Minn. Duluth	W 5-1

### OVERTIME GOALS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	Result
10/14/05	Brady Leisenring	UVM	Michigan Tech *	W 4-3

### THE LAST TIME

A player had four goals:

Ben Walter, UML, 10/30/04 at Rensselaer

In league play: Steve Saviano, UNH, 1/23/04 at Merrimack

A player had five goals:

Brian Gionta, BC, 1/27/01 vs. Maine

A player had five points:

Mike Morris, NU, 3/5/05 vs. Massachusetts (2-4-6) Jason Guerriero, NU, 3/5/05 vs. Massachusetts (2-3-5)

A player had six points:

Mike Morris, NU, 3/5/05 vs. Massachusetts (2-4-6)

A rookie had a hat trick:

Peter Lenes, UVM, 10/21/05 vs. Minnesota Duluth

In league play: Krys Kolanos, BC, 3/2/00 at Northeastern

A defenseman had a hat trick: Kevin Schaeffer, BU, 11/30/03 vs. Yale Ryan Whitney, BU, 11/30/03 vs. Yale

In league play: Thomas Pöck, UMass, 1/5/03 vs. Providence

A goaltender recorded 50 saves:

Tyler Sims, PC, 3/11/05 at Boston University (51 saves)

In league play: David Cacciola, PC, 12/4/04 at BC (60 saves)

A team won five games in a row:

Boston College, 3/11/05 to 3/25/05, five in a row

In league play: Providence, active from 2/25/05, five in a row

A team won 10 games in a row: Maine, 2/28/04 to 4/8/04, 10 in a row

In league play: New Hampshire, 11/1/96 to 12/7/96, 10 in a row

A team was unbeaten in 10 straight games: Boston College, 12/4/04 to 2/4/05, 11-0-3

In league play: Boston College, 12/4/04 to 2/11/05, 9-0-3

A team scored 10 goals:

Providence, 10/12/02, 11 vs. Iona

New Hampshire, 10/12/02, 10 at Vermont

In league play: New Hampshire, 1/5/02, 10 vs. Merrimack

A team recorded 50 shots-on-goal:

Boston University, 3/11/05, 53 vs. Providence

In league play: Boston College, 12/4/04, 61 vs. Providence

<sup>\*</sup> neutral site game