



Weekend Preview

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VERMONT HOSTS FIRST HOCKEY EAST ACTION UNH draws challenging weekend against BU and Maine

A feeling that has been building for over 18 months will reach its crescendo Friday, when fans at the University of Vermont take in their first-ever Hockey East game at Gutterson Fieldhouse.

The Catamounts split their first two Hockey East games last week, both on the road, and will host Providence tomorrow night in their home Hockey East debut. It could be an instant classic, as the Friars bring in an impressive league record of 5-1, marking their best start ever. They have won eight of their last nine Hockey East games dating back to last season. Vermont started its season at 7-0 overall, a program best, before suffering a 4-2 loss at BU last Friday.

The Catamounts will have a day off Saturday but are back on home ice Sunday af-

ternoon for a visit from defending Hockey East champ and preseason favorite Boston College. BC's modest 3-2-1 start could be deceiving, considering they have one of the league's best goaltenders (sophomore Cory Schneider) as well as its most talented freshman class. One look at the polls (below right) suggests the teams are evenly matched. Another game that promises to be a memorable one, it will be the first-ever Hockey East contest televised by ESPNU.

Television coverage will be extensive for a nine-day span starting on Friday. Over the next week and a half, five different carriers will televise eight different games involving nine of Hockey East's 10 teams.

Both headline matchups involving teams tied for second place will be televised this weekend. On Friday, NESN will air UNH at BU. The Wildcats have already seen BU's new Agganis Arena once, skating away with a 4-4 tie late last season. On Saturday, UNH will be on again, this time on their home network of NHPTV as the Wildcats host Maine. Boston University will also be on TV twice this weekend, as Comcast CN8 will televise Saturday's game at UMass.

The Minutemen first have a date at Northeastern, however, and both teams are seeking their first Hockey East win of the season. The Huskies were decimated by graduations last year (losing their top forward, de-

fenseman and goaltender) and will be without their top returning sniper Mike Morris for most of the season due to injury. UMass has welcomed scoring forward Matt Anderson back to the mix after a year off, but it hasn't paid off as the offense has been held to under two goals per game so far.

In the only other game of the weekend, Maine will visit UMass Lowell. The River Hawks, although somewhat enigmatic early this season, have already split with BU. Maine has been dominating, suffering just two one-goal losses offset by eight wins.

The Providence College Friars got some more good news on the alumni front as Jay Leach ('01) made his NHL debut last Saturday with the Boston Bruins. Former PC teammate Nolan Schaefer ('03) has been turning heads since his NHL debut on Oct. 26, posting a 5-1 record and a 1.94 GAA for the San Jose Sharks.

RESULTS / SCHEDULE

Friday, November 11

New Hampshire at Boston Univ. (NESN) *
 Maine at UMass Lowell *
 Massachusetts at Northeastern *
 Providence at Vermont *

Saturday, November 12

Boston University at Massachusetts (CN8) *
 Maine at New Hampshire (NHPTV) *

Sunday, November 13

Boston College at Vermont (ESPNU - 3pm) *

* Hockey East game

Games start at 7pm unless indicated.

All game times are Eastern Time.

RANKINGS

Team	USAT	USCHO
Maine	4	4
Vermont	8	9
Boston College	9	8
New Hampshire	12	13
Boston University	14	14
Providence	ORV	ORV

ORV – others receiving votes

HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Offense	Defense
Providence	6	5	1	0	10	5-3-0	3.25 GPG	2.25 GAPG
Boston University	4	3	1	0	6	3-2-0	3.00 GPG	2.80 GAPG
Maine	4	3	1	0	6	8-2-0	3.10 GPG	1.20 GAPG
New Hampshire	4	3	1	0	6	4-3-1	3.38 GPG	2.62 GAPG
Boston College	4	2	1	1	5	3-2-1	3.17 GPG	2.67 GAPG
UMass Lowell	5	2	3	0	4	3-5-0	2.62 GPG	3.50 GAPG
Vermont	2	1	1	0	2	7-1-0	3.75 GPG	2.00 GAPG
Northeastern	4	0	3	1	1	0-6-1	2.00 GPG	4.29 GAPG
Merrimack	3	0	3	0	0	3-5-0	2.12 GPG	3.50 GAPG
Massachusetts	4	0	4	0	0	1-6-0	1.71 GPG	3.14 GAPG

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

SHUTOUTS

Date	Goaltender	Team	Opponent	Svs	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	Alab.-Huntsville	22	W 4-0
10/29/05	Matt Lundin	Maine	Massachusetts	31	W 4-0
11/5/05	Kevin Regan	UNH	Northeastern	27	W 3-0

40+ SAVES

Date	Goaltender	Team	Opponent	Svs	Result
10/14/05	Gabe Winer	UMass	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
11/4/05	Jon Quick !	UMass	at Providence	49	L 2-4

INDIVIDUAL HIGHS

Goals: 3 – See list of hat tricks above right
 Assists: 4 – Torrey Mitchell, UVM, 10/22/05 vs. Minnesota Duluth
In league play: 3 – Four times
 Points: 4 – Matt Anderson, UMass, 10/15/05 at Clarkson
 Torrey Mitchell, UVM, 10/22/05 vs. Minnesota Duluth
Chase Watson, PC, 10/28/05 at Merrimack
 Point Streak: 8 games – Brady Leisenring, UVM (active)
 Saves: **49 – Jon Quick !, UMass, 11/4/05 at Providence**

TEAM HIGHS

Goals: 9 – Boston College, 10/15/05 at Bowling Green
In league play: 7 – UMass Lowell, 10/28/05 vs. Boston University
 Shots on Goal: **53 – Providence, 11/4/05 vs. Massachusetts**
 Consecutive Wins: 7 – Maine (10/14/05 to 11/4/05)
 Vermont (10/14/05 to 11/1/05)
 Unbeaten Streak: 7 – Maine (10/14/05 to 11/4/05 - 7-0)
 Vermont (10/14/05 to 11/1/05 - 7-0)

! rookie

* neutral site game



HAT TRICKS

Date	Player	Team	Opponent	Result
10/21/05	Peter Lenes !	UVM	Minnesota Duluth	W 5-1
10/28/05	Mark Pandolfo	UML	Boston University	W 7-4
10/29/05	Matt Johnson	MC	at Rensselaer	W 5-3
11/4/05	Ryan Ginand	NU	New Hampshire	L 4-6

OVERTIME GOALS

Date	Player	Team	Opponent	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:
Ryan Ginand, NU, 11/4/05 vs. New Hampshire

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:
 Maine, 10/14/05 to 11/4/05, seven in a row
In league play: Providence, 2/25/05 to 10/28/05, six 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:
Providence, 11/4/05, 53 vs. Massachusetts