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## EAGLES LOOKING TO ADD TO LENGTHY WIN STREAK *Friday's opponent (BU) was last squad to defeat top-ranked BC*

The Boston College Eagles are on an eight-game winning streak in league play, the best by any Hockey East team since 1998-99. They are also undefeated in 10 straight overall, dating to a Dec. 3 loss at Boston University. How fitting it is that the BU Terriers, winners of five straight, are set up for the opportunity to halt both BC streaks in Friday's match at Conte Forum. The contest will provide the perfect preview for the upcoming Beanpot, although it's possible the two teams won't face each other there this year.

Without a doubt, the most impressive Eagle player during the current 9-0-1 run has been goaltender Cory Schneider. He missed three of those 10 games while competing with Team USA at the World Junior Championships, but started and won the other seven, posting four shutouts, a 0.43 goals-against-average and a .984 save percentage. He allowed a total of only three goals in those seven games, but the last time he faced BU (the Dec. 3 game), he allowed twice that in a 6-2 loss. If for any

reason Schneider falters, the Eagles can call on the offense, led by senior Chris Collins, the go-to guy for BC this year. He has 20 goals so far, 14 in league play, matching last season's Hockey East leaders.

BU has a response, however. Goaltender John Curry has been a big part of the five-game win streak, with shutouts at the beginning and the end. The sudden chemistry between Peter MacArthur and Kenny Roche (and 10 assists from rookie Brandon Yip) have done plenty to support Curry.

With BC comfortably in first place and also ranked No. 1 overall in the nation, the attention shifts for now to the race for second place. BU is suddenly a contender, but the other two, Providence and UNH, will face off against one another in the same Friday night timeslot. Torry Gadjia and Chase Watson (18 points each in 16 league games) are the Friars' best 1-2 punches to answer the dynamic UNH trio of Brett Hemingway, Jacob Micflikier and Daniel Winnik. This will be the first meeting of the season between the two squads – UNH swept the series last year, 3-0.

Fresh off a big win at UNH, the UMass Minutemen will try to match the momentum UMass Lowell is enjoying during a current four-game unbeaten streak. The state rivalry reconvenes Friday at UMass, and the Minutemen still have a bit of a sour taste following a 6-2 loss vs. the River Hawks just two weeks ago. UMass will

visit Boston University on Saturday while Lowell hosts Boston College.

Maine is back in Boston for a two-game set, this time facing off at Northeastern. Their mid-January series at BU was a disappointing one, as the Black Bears lost both games. They got back on the winning track at home last Saturday vs. Providence (5-2) and are hoping to take full advantage of Northeastern's struggles to win this season.

A dominating non-conference record (8-1) has not helped new-entry Vermont in league play, as the Catamounts are just one game over .500 vs. Hockey East opponents. But they haven't allowed a goal in four straight home games and Merrimack (this weekend's opponent) has produced just 1.25 goals-per-game in 16 league games so far.

In alumni news, the Boston Bruins have now suited up alums of six of the 10 Hockey East programs this season, including former UNH sniper Eric Nickulas, who registered two assists in Monday's 3-2 win vs. Washington.

### RANKINGS

TEAM	USAT	USCHO	PWR
Boston College	1	1	4
Vermont	7	8	19
New Hampshire	10	10	15
Maine	11	12	22
Providence	12	11	18
Boston University	14	13	16

### WEEKEND SCHEDULE

#### Friday, January 27

- Boston U. at Boston College (NESN) \*
- Maine at Northeastern \*
- UMass Lowell at Massachusetts \*
- New Hampshire at Providence \*
- Merrimack at Vermont \*

#### Saturday, January 28

- Boston College at UMass Lowell (CN8) \*
- Massachusetts at Boston University \*
- Maine at Northeastern \*
- Merrimack at Vermont \*

\* Hockey East game

Games start at 7pm EST unless indicated.

### HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	HE Offense	HE Defense
Boston College	17	14	2	1	29	16-4-2	3.12 GPG	1.41 GAPG
New Hampshire	16	9	4	3	21	13-8-4	3.00 GPG	2.25 GAPG
Providence	16	10	5	1	21	13-9-1	3.12 GPG	2.12 GAPG
Boston University	17	10	6	1	21	12-8-2	3.18 GPG	2.59 GAPG
Maine	15	8	7	0	16	15-9-0	3.33 GPG	2.27 GAPG
Vermont	15	7	6	2	16	15-7-2	2.47 GPG	1.87 GAPG
UMass Lowell	16	6	9	1	13	9-13-1	2.50 GPG	3.56 GAPG
Massachusetts	15	6	9	0	12	9-13-0	2.13 GPG	3.07 GAPG
Northeastern	17	1	11	5	7	1-16-5	1.88 GPG	3.24 GAPG
Merrimack	16	1	13	2	4	4-17-2	1.25 GPG	3.62 GAPG