



Weekend Preview

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LEAGUE MATCH-UPS HIGHLIGHT WEEKEND SLATE

Providence carrying momentum; Maine, UNH, UVM visit Bay State

This weekend, with a home-and-away series against UMass, Providence Coach Tim Army will look for his Friars to build on the momentum they earned when they took down 3rd-ranked Boston College on Tuesday, 5-3. PC freshman Greg Collins (Hingham, MA) revealed a flair for the dramatic, as his first collegiate goal with less than two minutes to go proved to be the game-winner against the Eagles. As a team, the Friars showed a tenacious side, bouncing back from a 2-0 deficit after the first period to strike for three second-period goals. Overall, Providence peppered BC's Cory Schneider (Marblehead, MA) with 41 shots, scoring on four before adding an empty-net marker.

Likewise, UMass Coach Don "Toot" Cahoon knows his squad can play with anybody, after the Minutemen knocked off 8th-ranked UNH, 3-2, and dropping a tough 4-1 decision to the top-ranked Maine Black Bears in Orono. No doubt the Minutemen will again rely on sophomore goalie Jon Quick (Hampden, CT), who stopped 58 of 64 shots against UNH and Maine for a .935 save percentage. UMass will host the Friars on Friday, before heading to Providence for the rematch on Saturday.

In other league action, Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont are visiting the Bay State. The Black Bears, led by reigning HE Player of the Month Michel Léveillé (Levis, QC) and HCA Player of the Month Ben

Bishop (Des Peres, MO), will take on the Warriors at Merrimack on Friday before locking horns with Boston University at Agganis Arena on Saturday. Expect Coach Jack Parker's Terriers to play a spirited game after dropping a 2-1 decision at home to UMass Lowell last Friday.

Merrimack, undefeated (1-0-1) in its last two games, can energize its hometown crowd with a solid effort against Maine. Look for senior goalie Jim Healey (Holyrood, NF), who registered 67 saves on 72 shots in two games last week, to get the starting nod for Coach Mark Dennehy's Warriors. The UMass Lowell River Hawks, who also went 1-0-1 last week, will then host the Warriors at the Tsongas Arena on Saturday.

New Hampshire will be at Northeastern on Saturday, for the back end of a home-and-away series with the Huskies. Northeastern's game at UNH on Friday marks the first match for Coach Greg Cronin's Huskies since they knocked off Michigan, 3-2, behind freshman goalie Brad Thiessen's (Aldergrove, BC) acrobatics (45 saves). The Wildcats, meanwhile are eager to put their last two games behind them, having lost to UMass (3-2) and Yale (4-3, in overtime) at home. UNH Coach Dick Umile will be looking for more of a spark from his lightning quick offensive corps against the Huntington Hounds after the Wildcats could only muster five goals in the past two games.

Vermont also hopes to get back on track, after losing a tight 3-2 decision at Dartmouth. The Catamounts task is a daunting one, however, as they take on a Boston College squad that will undoubtedly still be smarting from its 5-3 loss to Providence earlier this week. On Sunday, Vermont will host the University of Ottawa for an exhibition tilt.

RECENT RESULTS

Tuesday, October 24

Holly Cross 2, at Merrimack 1

Thursday, October 26

Massachusetts 3, at New Hampshire 2 * #

Friday, October 27

UMass Lowell 2, at Boston University 1 *

Merrimack 3, at Providence 2 *

Boston College 3, at Wisconsin 0

at Michigan 4, Northeastern 3 (OT)

Saturday, October 28

at Maine 4, Massachusetts 1 *

Providence 2, at UMass Lowell 2 *

Northeastern 3, at Michigan 2 &

Boston College 4, at Wisconsin 1 &

Brown 3, at Merrimack 3

Yale 4, at New Hampshire 3 (OT)

Sunday, October 29

at Dartmouth 3, Vermont 2

Tuesday, October 31

at Providence 5, Boston College 3

UPCOMING GAMES

Friday, November 3

Boston University at UMass Lowell *

Maine at Merrimack *

Providence at Massachusetts *

Northeastern at New Hampshire *

Saturday, November 4

Vermont at Boston College *

Maine at Boston University *

Massachusetts at Providence *

Merrimack at UMass Lowell *

New Hampshire at Northeastern *

Sunday, November 5

Ottawa at Vermont (4pm - exh.)

* Hockey East game

& Commissioner's Series Cup game

Hannaford/Kraft Kids' Club event

Games start at 7pm EST unless indicated

2006-07 HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Goals	Goals Against
Boston University	3	2	1	0	4	2-1-1	13	10
UMass Lowell	2	1	0	1	3	2-2-2	18	19
Providence	3	1	1	1	3	2-4-1	17	26
Maine	1	1	0	0	2	6-0-0	29	9
Boston College	2	1	1	0	2	4-2-0	21	16
Massachusetts	2	1	1	0	2	2-1-1	10	11
Merrimack	2	1	1	0	2	1-4-1	10	22
Vermont	1	0	0	1	1	2-3-1	18	12
Northeastern	3	0	2	1	1	2-3-1	18	17
New Hampshire	1	0	1	0	0	2-2-0	16	12