



Men's Weekend Preview

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BATTLE OF BOSTON RESUMES

10 Hockey East players in the hunt for Hobey

The conference slate is again full of inter-league play this weekend, with the headliner being the Friday rematch between Boston University and Boston College at the Terriers' Agganis Arena for the weekly Hockey East Friday Night game on NESN.

Little has gone according to script this year in the legendary cross-town rivalry between BC and BU. The first scheduled game at BC on Dec. 1 was postponed due to fog, and the second, held the next night at BU, was a defensive battle that the Eagles won, 1-0, on a goal that a BU defender banked off his own goaltender. Last night, that goaltender, BU senior John Curry, again proved why he's a Hobey Baker candidate with 32 saves, and junior Peter MacArthur scored twice to propel the Terriers past BC, 4-1, on the Eagles home ice. The win helped solidify the Terriers hold on second place in Hockey East standings. The puck drops at 7:30 on Friday for the rematch.


Meanwhile, Northeastern will look to build on its current hot streak over the past seven games (4-1-2) when the Huskies pay a visit to Orono to face the Maine Black Bears. Last weekend, the Huntington Hounds swept UMass Lowell, with standout freshman goaltender Brad Thiessen (Aldergrove, BC) taking both wins. The Black Bears hope to establish some consistency, winning only once of their last four games. Last week, Maine split a pair at Providence, though goaltender Ben Bishop (Des Peres, MO) was exceptional, recording 81 saves over both games. Maine coach Tim Whitehead will look for his Hobey Baker candidates – Michele Léveillé (Levis, QC) and Mike Lundin (Apple Valley, MN) – to step up.

Vermont, fresh off a dramatic two-game home sweep of Boston College, ventures to Massachusetts for a pair at Merrimack College. Timely goals and solid goaltending were the Catamounts trademark last week, and Coach Kevin Sneddon will want the same effort against the gritty Warriors. Merrimack gave BU a scare last weekend, but still came up short in both


games, losing 3-0 and 2-1. Expect the Warriors to fire as many shots as possible on Vermont's Hobey Baker candidate, goalie Joe Fallon (Bemidji, MN).

In other Saturday action, the River Hawks take on the Eagles at BC; the Terriers wrap up a three-game week at UMass; Northeastern completes its two-game set at Maine, and Providence faces off against UNH. The Wildcats, with only a single game this week, come into the weekend with a two-point lead in the league standings, and two Hobey candidates – Trevor Smith (North Vancouver, BC) and Brett Hemingway (Surrey, BC) – on the ice. A third, Mike Radja (Yorkville, IL), is still injured. In all, Hockey East has 10 candidates (out of 39 nationwide) for college hockey's top individual prize, including BC's Brian Boyle (Hingham, MA) and Cory Schnieder (Marblehead, MA), and BU's Sean Sullivan (Braintree, MA).

In addition to this week's games, the men's Hockey East programs have shown tremendous support for the Women's Hockey East and the upcoming "Skating Strides Against Breast Cancer" event. The event, featuring all eight teams in four league games, will benefit the American Cancer Society and Mel's Foundation. On the men's side, the PC Friars are donating their "Chuck-A-Puck" proceeds from last weekend; the Pike's Peak club at BC will host a jersey and stick raffle at their Jan. 27 game; UML is donating the 50-50 raffle proceeds from its Jan. 26 game; Merrimack is donating the 50/50 raffle proceeds from Jan. 26; the Friends of UNH Hockey are donating the proceeds from 50/50 raffle at their Jan. 27 game; UVM is donating proceeds from the Chuck-A-Puck from Jan. 20, and will host a jersey and stick raffle on Jan. 27; Northeastern is donating the proceeds from a Chuck-A-Puck held Jan. 20; UMass will donate half of its Chuck-A-Puck proceeds from Jan. 27; Maine will donate a portion on its Chuck-A-Puck on Jan. 27; and BU will donate 50/50 raffle proceeds from Jan. 26, and will host a future jersey and stick raffle.



NESN showcases BU-BC rivalry
 NESN's Hockey East coverage continues Friday when the BU Terriers and BC Eagles tangle. BU upended BC, 4-1, on Wednesday. Coverage begins with *Hockey East Friday Night Live*, at 7:00 pm, followed by the opening face-off at 7:30.



Skating for a Cure
 Women's Hockey East teams will be "Skating Strides Against Breast Cancer" on Jan. 27. All eight teams will be in action, with all proceeds being donated to cancer research and treatment. For details, visit www.hockeyeastonline.com.

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RECENT RESULTS
Wednesday, January 24
 Boston University 4, at Boston College 1 *

UPCOMING GAMES
Friday, January 26
 Boston College at Boston U. (7:30pm) * NESN
 Northeastern at Maine *
 Massachusetts at UMass Lowell * %
 Vermont at Merrimack *

Saturday, January 27
 UMass Lowell at Boston College *
 Boston University at Massachusetts *
 Northeastern at Maine * WABI
 Vermont at Merrimack *
 Providence at New Hampshire * NHPTV

* Hockey East game
 % Hannaford Kids Club event
 All games Eastern Standard Time

2006-07 HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Goals	Goals Against
New Hampshire	16	13	2	1	27	18-4-1	68 (95)	28 (46)
Boston University	18	10	3	5	25	13-4-6	47 (61)	28 (38)
Vermont	15	9	4	2	20	14-8-2	35 (55)	29 (40)
Boston College	16	9	6	1	19	12-8-1	48 (61)	37 (50)
Maine	15	8	6	1	17	15-6-2	47 (87)	37 (53)
Massachusetts	15	8	6	1	17	11-8-3	33 (59)	34 (52)
Northeastern	18	5	9	4	14	8-11-4	39 (59)	50 (63)
Providence	16	5	10	1	11	6-16-1	32 (42)	44 (71)
Merrimack	16	3	13	0	6	3-18-2	18 (27)	53 (78)
UMass Lowell	16	2	12	2	6	3-17-5	28 (51)	52 (80)