



MEN'S WEEKEND PREVIEW

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No. 5 BC HOSTS No. 12 MAINE AT CONTE FORUM WEEKEND PREVIEW #4 HIGHLIGHTING SEVEN-GAME WEEKEND

WAKEFIELD, Mass. — In one of the more calm weeks in the Hockey East schedule, seven league games will be played this weekend, beginning on Thursday night with Merrimack (3-2-0, 0-2-0 HEA) taking the short trip to Tsongas Arena to face off against UMass-Lowell, while Boston University travels south on Route 95 to Providence College for a Thursday night meeting at Schneider Arena.

The River Hawks (2-0-1, 0-0-1 HEA) along with No. 4 ranked New Hampshire remain the two undefeated teams in the league and they are two of six teams in Division I hockey that have an unblemished record. UML swept the season series last year with the Warriors, which included two meetings in Lowell, the last time Merrimack defeated Lowell was Jan. 17, 2004 at Tsongas Arena, since that time the River Hawks have owned a 8-0-2 record vs. the Warriors. Sophomore forward Rob Ricci (Brampton, Ont.) and freshman forward Francois Ouimet (Lorraine, Que.) have paced the Merrimack offense with five points apiece, while sophomore defenseman Barry Goers (Ivlyland, Pa.) has also scored a team-high five points for Lowell to put all three players in a tie for 11th place on the league's scoring leaderboard. Goers leads the nation among blueliners in scoring at 1.67 points per game.

Jack Parker's Boston University team will search for its first victory of the season at Providence (1-4-1, 1-1-1 HEA), after the Friars took three points last weekend from Massachusetts in a big weekend for head coach Tim Army and the Friars. The Terriers, who have split time in net between Brett Bennett (Williamsville, N.Y.) and Karson Gillespie (Mankota, Sask.), also swept the series between the two teams last with BU outscoring Providence, 10-3. Junior forward Kyle Laughlin (Gambriils, Md.) leads the PC team in scoring with eight points (5g, 3a) and he ranks second on the league's scoring leaderboard.

The No. 5 Boston College (3-1-2, 2-0-1 HEA) will host No. 12 University of Maine (4-2-0, 2-0-0 HEA) in the only intra-conference battle of nationally ranked teams this weekend. The Eagles are coming off two wins against Merrimack, while the Black Bears are on the road again after a pair of victories last weekend against Northeastern at Matthews Arena. Junior goaltender and Hockey East Goaltender of the Month Ben Bishop (Des Peres, Mo.) continues to be the backbone of Tim Whitehead's team. Bishop has amassed a 2.18 GAA and a .930 save percentage so far this season, while seniors Bret Tyler (Maynard, Mass.) and Wes Clark (Oakville, Ont.) led the team in scoring with seven points apiece. BC is led statistically by Rookie of the Month Joe Whitney (Reading, Mass.) who leads all Hockey East scorers with 11 points (3g, 8a). Whitney ranks second the nation among first-year scorers with 1.93 points per game. Freshman goaltender John Muse (East Falmouth, Mass.) has had an outstanding start to his BC career with a 1.90 GAA and a .930 save percentage, starting in all five games for the Eagles.

The Wildcats (3-0-0, 1-0-0 HEA) will head back into league play this weekend with Northeastern, after a weekend sweep of No. 4 ranked WCHA foe Colorado College. UNH will travel to Matthews Arena on Friday night and the series will finish on Saturday night at the Whittemore Center. Hockey East Player of the Month Matt Fornataro (Calgary, Alb.) has amassed six points as the team's scoring leader. Northeastern will look for its first win against UNH, since Feb. 15, 2002. The Wildcats offense ranks fourth in the nation scoring 4.33 goals per game. Sophomore goaltender Brad Thiessen (Aldergrove, B.C.) has started all four games for the Huskies to date and will look to get them back on track after a hard fought series against Maine last weekend, which were two one-goal games.

Merrimack College will travel to Amherst for a Saturday night match up with Massachusetts at the Mullins Center. The Warriors won the season series last year, but the Minutemen won the last meeting, 4-2, in Amherst on Jan. 6. UMass will look for redemption after a tough series with Providence College last weekend. Freshmen James Marcou (Kings Park, N.Y.) and Brian Keane (Shortsville, N.Y.) led the Minutemen in scoring early on in the season. Freshman Paul Dainton (Fort McMurray, Alb.) has had a solid start to his UMass career, starting five of six games (2.52 GAA, .913 save%).

The Vermont Catamounts are the only Hockey East team with an off weekend, they return to action on Nov. 9 at Northeastern in an 11-day layoff between contests.

RECENT RESULTS

Friday, October 26

No. 13 Maine 3 at Northeastern 2 *
 at No. 5 Boston College 7, Merrimack 1 *
 at Providence 3, Massachusetts 1 *
 at No. 6 New Hampshire 5, No. 4 Colorado College 3
 at UMass-Lowell 4, Alabama-Huntsville 1
 at No. 3 Michigan 4, Boston University 2

Saturday, October 27

No. 13 Maine 4 at Northeastern 3 *
 Providence 3 at Massachusetts 3 OT *
 at No. 6 New Hampshire 4, No. 4 Colorado College 2
 at UMass-Lowell 3, Alabama-Huntsville 1
 at No. 3 Michigan 6, Boston University 2

Sunday, October 28

No. 5 Boston College 4 at Merrimack 2 *
 Dartmouth 4 at Vermont 2

UPCOMING GAMES

Thursday, November 1

Boston University at Providence * (COX-TV)
 Merrimack at UMass-Lowell

Friday, November 2

No. 4 New Hampshire at Northeastern *
 No. 12 Maine at No. 5 Boston College *

Saturday, November 3

UMass-Lowell at Boston University *
 Northeastern at No. 4 New Hampshire * (NHPTV)
 Merrimack at Massachusetts *

* Hockey East game

Games start at 7pm EST unless indicated

(Rankings in composite schedule and release are from the USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine Poll)

2007-08 STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	GF	GA
1. Boston College	3	2	0	1	5	3-1-2	21 (3.50)	11 (1.83)
2. Maine	2	2	0	0	4	4-2-0	16 (2.67)	13 (2.17)
3. Providence	3	1	1	1	3	1-4-1	13 (2.17)	19 (3.17)
4. New Hampshire	1	1	0	0	2	3-0-0	13 (4.33)	6 (2.00)
Massachusetts	3	0	1	2	2	2-2-2	14 (2.33)	14 (2.33)
Northeastern	3	1	2	0	2	1-3-0	8 (2.00)	12 (3.00)
7. UMass-Lowell	1	0	0	1	1	2-0-1	9 (3.00)	4 (1.33)
Vermont	1	0	0	1	1	0-3-1	7 (1.75)	13 (3.25)
9. Boston University	1	0	1	0	0	0-4-1	11 (2.20)	21 (4.20)
Merrimack	2	0	2	0	0	3-2-0	12 (2.40)	16 (3.20)

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