



MEN'S WEEKEND PREVIEW

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TERRIERS MEET MAINE LIVE ON NESN FRIDAY NIGHT ~No. 4 UNH and No. 14 PC play home-and-home set~

WAKEFIELD, Mass. – Boston University and rival Maine will face off in a two-game series at Agganis Arena with Friday's night game televised live on NESN. The Terriers look to get above .500 in conference play for the first time this season and to crack the top four in the league standings to secure home ice for the Hockey East Quarterfinals. The Black Bears are currently four points out of the final playoff spot and they still have two games remaining against UMass in two weeks at Alford Arena.

BU has won three of its last four contests, scoring four or more goals in all of those wins. The Terriers are coming off a 5-4 win against Northeastern in the Beanpot consolation game on Monday. Freshman forward Colin Wilson (Winnipeg, Man.) has registered 15 points (6g, 9a) in his last eight games, after starting the season with 14 points in his first 18 games. The Black Bears look to get back in the win column for the first time since January 19 at Providence. Senior assistant captain Bret Tyler (Maynard, Mass.) is the only league defenseman to lead his team in scoring with 17 points. Tyler has a point in 12 games this season and has scored at least 20 points in his previous three seasons in Orono.

No. 4 New Hampshire (18-7-1, 14-4-1 HEA) will look to extend its nine-game win streak in league play as they face No. 14 Providence College (13-10-3, 10-6-3 HEA) in a home-and-home series beginning on Friday night at Schneider Arena. The game will feature two of the league's top goaltenders in UNH's Kevin Regan (South Boston, Mass.) and Tyler Sims (Fort Wayne, Ind.). Regan ranks first in the league play with a 1.94 GAA, while Sims' 2.08 GAA is second best among conference netminders. Regan's overall record of 16-5-0 translates to a 76% winning percentage, which ranks fourth in the nation among Division I goalies. The Friars are also one of the league's hottest teams with a 4-1-1 record in their last six games.

No. 7 Boston College (15-6-7, 9-4-6 HEA) will play a home-and-home series with UMass-Lowell, which begins on Friday at Tsongas Arena in Lowell. The Eagles, who are coming off a 6-5 victory vs. Harvard on Monday for their 14th Beanpot title in school history, can guarantee themselves a berth in the Hockey East playoffs with a four-point weekend against the River Hawks. UML sophomore forward Ben Holmstrom (Colorado Springs, Colo.) has a four-game point streak (2g, 4a) and has notched points in six of the last seven.

Massachusetts and No. 15 Northeastern (13-10-3, 10-7-2) will finish out their season series beginning on Friday night at Matthews Arena in Boston. The Huskies posted a 1-0 shutout vs. the Minutemen back on February 1 in Boston. The Huskies have already equaled their win total from last season and surpassed its Hockey East win total from 2006-07 (nine). NU freshman forward Wade MacLeod (Coquitlam, B.C.) has amassed six points (2, 4a) in his last six games. He ranks sixth in the league among rookies with 20 points scored. UMass freshman James Marcou (King Park, N.Y.) leads the Minutemen in scoring with 25 points and his 0.96 points per game is eighth best in the nation among first-year players.

Vermont and Merrimack College will play a two-game set at Gutterson Fieldhouse this weekend, which begins on Friday in Burlington. UVM sophomore Viktor Stålberg (Gothenburg, Sweden) has recorded at least one point in seven of eight games and has nine points in that span (3g, 6a). Merrimack sophomore goalie Andrew Brathwaite (Kingston, Ont.) has started the last 10 games for the Warriors posting four wins, with a 2.29 GAA and .922 save percentage.

HOCKEY EAST WEEKLY NOTES: BC junior forward Nathan Gerbe continues to lead the nation, scoring 1.59 points per game. BC's offense ranks third in the nation posting 3.75 goals per game. Wildcat netminder Kevin Regan has started all nine league games during UNH's winning streak and he owns a 1.56 GAA (.950 save%) during that time. UMass senior forward P.J. Fenton has tallied 15 points in his last 12 games. Providence College is tied for the national lead with nine shorthanded goals this season.

RECENT RESULTS

Monday, February 4
 Beanpot Tournament at TD Banknorth Garden
 Boston College 4 vs. Boston University 3 OT
 Harvard 3 vs. Northeastern 1

Friday, February 8
 Vermont 2 at No. 11 Providence 1 *
 No. 9 Boston College 4 at Massachusetts 1 *
 Boston University 6 at UMass-Lowell 2 *
 No. 14 Northeastern 4 at Merrimack 2 *
 No. 5 New Hampshire 3 at Maine 2 *

Saturday, February 9
 No. 5 New Hampshire 4 at Maine 1 *
 at No. 11 Providence 4, Vermont 3 OT *

Monday, February 11
 Beanpot Tournament at TD Banknorth Garden
 Boston University 5 vs. No. 15 Northeastern 4
 No. 7 Boston College 6 vs. Harvard 5 OT

UPCOMING GAMES

Friday, February 15
 Maine at Boston University (7:30pm, NESN) *
 Massachusetts at No. 15 Northeastern *
 Merrimack at Vermont *
 No. 4 New Hampshire at No. 14 Providence *
 UMass Lowell at No. 7 Boston College *

Saturday, February 16
 Maine at Boston University * (CN8)
 No. 14 Providence at No. 4 New Hampshire * (NHPTV)
 Merrimack at Vermont *
 No. 7 Boston College at UMass Lowell *
 No. 15 Northeastern at Massachusetts *

* Hockey East game

All Games Eastern Standard Time (EST)
 (Rankings in composite schedule and release are from the USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine Poll)

2007-08 STANDINGS

Rk.	Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Offense	Defense
1.	New Hampshire *	19	14	4	1	29	18-7-1	93 (3.58)	67 (2.58)
2.	Boston College	19	9	4	6	24	15-6-7	105 (3.75)	67 (2.39)
3.	Providence	19	10	6	3	23	13-10-3	78 (3.00)	67 (2.58)
4.	Northeastern	19	10	7	2	22	13-10-3	70 (2.69)	71 (2.73)
5.	Boston University	19	8	8	3	19	10-14-4	99 (3.54)	93 (3.32)
	Vermont	19	7	7	5	19	8-11-7	60 (2.31)	84 (3.23)
7.	UMass-Lowell	19	7	8	4	18	12-10-4	74 (2.85)	64 (2.46)
8.	Massachusetts	19	5	9	5	15	10-10-6	71 (2.73)	67 (2.58)
9.	Maine	19	4	12	3	11	8-15-3	59 (2.27)	79 (3.04)
10.	Merrimack	19	4	13	2	10	10-13-3	58 (2.32)	73 (2.92)

* clinched playoff berth

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2007-2008 HOCKEY EAST REGULAR-SEASON SUPERLATIVES

SHUTOUTS

Date	Goalie	Team	Opp.	Svs	Result
10/19/08	John Muse	BC	North Dakota	28	T, 0-0 OT
11/10/07	Tyler Sims	PC	at Maine	22	W, 1-0
11/20/07	Carter Hutton	UML	at Merrimack	22	W, 3-0
11/30/07	Paul Dainton	UMass	at Cornell	24	T, 0-0 OT
12/1/07	Tyler Sims	PC	at Vermont	20	W, 4-0
12/4/07	Tyler Sims	PC	Brown	18	W, 8-0
12/16/07	Kevin Regan	UNH	Maine	33	W, 2-0
12/29/07	Carter Hutton	UML	Maine	31	W, 6-0
12/30/07	John Muse !	BC	RIT	24	W, 6-0
1/4/08	Kevin Regan	UNH	Merrimack	34	W, 1-0
1/12/08	Brad Thiessen	NU	Merrimack	22	W, 3-0
1/19/08	Ben Bishop	Maine	at Providence	45	W, 4-0
1/26/08	Andrew Braithwaite	Merrimack	Canisius	18	W, 4-0
2/1/08	Brad Thiessen	NU	UMass	22	W, 1-0

40+ SAVES

Date	Goalie	Team	Opp.	Svs	Result
10/13/07	Ben Bishop	Maine	at Denver	46	L, 3-1
11/9/07	Patrick Watson	Merrimack	at BC	41	T, 3-3
11/17/07	Brian Foster	UNH	at PC	41	W, 5-4 OT
12/1/07	John Muse	BC	at BU	41	W, 4-3
12/29/07	Kevin Regan	UNH	at N. Dakota	40	W, 7-4
1/12/08	Nevin Hamilton	UML	PC	45	W, 3-2 OT
1/19/08	Ben Bishop	Maine	PC	41	W, 4-0
2/2/08	Andrew Braithwaite	Merrimack	PC	50	T, 1-1
2/2/08	Ben Bishop	Maine	at UMass	49	L, 3-5
2/11/08	Brad Thiessen	NU (BP)	vs. BU	40	L, 4-5

INDIVIDUAL HIGHS

Goals:	4	Nathan Gerbe, BC, 12/12/07 vs. Harvard
Assists:	4	Matt Fornataro, UNH, 11/24/07 vs. Brown Pete MacArthur, BU, 11/16/07 at Vermont Joe Whitney, BC, 12/12/07 at Harvard
Points:	5	Nathan Gerbe, BC, 12/12/07 at Harvard Benn Ferriero, BC, 12/12/07 at Harvard Matt Taormina, PC, 11/9/07 at Maine
Point Streak:	9	Nathan Gerbe, BC (11/20 to 1/18) Mark Roebothan, UML, (11/24 to 1/12)
In league play:	9	Ben Smith, BC (11/9 to 12/1)
Saves:	49	Ben Bishop, Maine, 2/2/08 at UMass

TEAM HIGHS

Goals:	9	Boston U., 11/16/07 at Vermont
In league play:	9	Boston U., 11/16/07 at Vermont
Shots on Goal:	57	New Hampshire, 1/19/08 vs. Dartmouth
Consecutive Wins:	9	New Hampshire (11/12/06 to 12/8/06)
In league play:	9	New Hampshire (12/16/06 to present)
Unbeaten Streak:	12	New Hampshire (11/3/06 to 12/8/06)
In league play:	14	New Hampshire (11/3/06 to 1/19/07)

100-POINT SCORERS (THIS SEASON)

Matt Fornataro, UNH	1/26/08 at Boston U.
Nathan Gerbe, BC	1/18/08 at UMass-Lowell
Benn Ferriero, BC	2/4/08 vs. Boston U. (BP)
Mike Radja, UNH	2/8/08 at Maine
Jon Rheault, PC	2/9/08 vs. Vermont

HAT TRICKS

Date	Player	Team	Opponent	Result
11/17/07	Paul Thompson !	UNH	at Providence	W, 5-4 OT
11/24/07	Mark Roebothan	UML	Merrimack	W, 6-2
11/24/07	Mike Radja	UNH	Brown U.	W, 5-2
11/30/07	Nathan Gerbe	BC	Boston U.	W, 6-2
12/1/07	Ben Smith	BC	at Boston U.	W, 4-3
12/8/07	Matt Duffy	Maine	Merrimack	W, 3-1
12/12/07	Nathan Gerbe (4)	BC	at Harvard	W, 7-2
1/25/08	James Marcou !	UMass	Vermont	L, 4-5
2/8/08	Mike Radja	UNH	at Maine	W, 3-2

OVERTIME GOALS

Date	Player	Team	Opponent	Result
10/19/07	Chris Donovan	NU	Providence	W, 3-2
11/17/07	Paul Thompson	UNH	at Providence	W, 5-4
11/23/07	Jimmy Russo	NU	at Boston College	W, 4-3
12/15/07	Jack Downing	UVM	St. Lawrence	W, 4-3
12/30/07	Matt Burto	UMass	Colorado College	W, 5-4
1/11/08	Jon Rheault	PC	Lowell	W, 4-3
1/12/08	Scott Campbell	UML	Providence	W, 3-2
2/4/08	Nathan Gerbe	BC	vs. Boston U. (BP)	W, 4-3
2/9/08	Jon Rheault	PC	vs. Vermont	W, 4-3
2/11/08	Nick Petrecki	BC	vs. Harvard (BP)	W, 6-5

THE LAST TIME

A player had four goals:
Nathan Gerbe, BC, 12/12/07 at Harvard

A rookie had a hat trick:
James Marcou, UMass, 1/25/08 vs. Vermont
In league play: James Marcou, UMass, 1/25/08 vs. Vermont

A defenseman had a hat trick:
Marvin Degon, UMass, 1/7/06 at Merrimack

A goaltender recorded 50 saves:
Andrew Braithwaite, Merrimack, 2/2/08 vs. Providence
In league play: Andrew Braithwaite, Merrimack, 2/2/08 vs. PC (50 saves)

A team won five games in a row:
Boston College, 11/30/07 to 12/30/07, 5 in a row
UMass-Lowell, 12/1/07 to 12/29/07, 5 in a row
In league play: New Hampshire, 12/16/07 to present, 9 in a row

A team won 10 games in a row:
Boston University, 1/7/06 to 2/13/06, 11 in a row
In league play: New Hampshire, 11/12/06 to 1/19/07, 11 in a row

A team was unbeaten in 10 straight games:
Northeastern, 11/3/07 to 1/4/08, 9-0-2, 11 games
In league play: New Hampshire, 11/3/06 to 1/19/07, 13-0-1

A team recorded 50 shots-on-goal:
Massachusetts, 2/2/08 vs. Maine (54 shots)
In league play: Massachusetts, 2/2/08 vs. Maine (54 shots)