



MEN'S WEEKEND PREVIEW

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24TH ANNUAL TOURNAMENT COMMENCES FRIDAY ~B2 Networks stream quarterfinal round live on the internet~

No. 8 seed Massachusetts (14-14-6, 9-13-5 HEA) at No. 1 New Hampshire (23-8-3, 19-5-3 HEA) at the Whittemore Center, Durham, N.H.

- The teams have met in the league semifinals in three of the last five seasons.
- The Wildcats won two of the three meetings in the regular-season, including the last meeting on Jan. 12 (5-3).
- Senior goalie Kevin Regan (South Boston, Mass.) finished with a league low 1.83 GAA in league play.
- UMass freshman forward James Marcou (King Park, N.Y.) ranked tied for third in the league with 25 points (7g,18a) among Hockey East rookies.

No. 7 UMass-Lowell (15-15-4, 10-13-4 HEA) at No. 2 Boston University (17-15-4, 15-9-3 HEA) at Agganis Arena, Boston, Mass.

- The Terriers enter the tournament having won nine of their last 10 games.
- Sophomore Kory Falite (Billerica, Mass.) scored a league-high 15 goals in Hockey East play this season for the Riverhawks.
- BU has won all five meetings vs. UMass-Lowell in the Hockey East Tournament.
- Seniors Bryan Ewing (Plymouth, Mass.) and Pete MacArthur (Clifton Park, N.Y.) finished one and two in the Hockey East scoring race with 35 points and 34 points respectively. They combined for 42.5% of BU's scoring in league play.
- BU's Brett Bennett (Williamsville, N.Y.) has compiled a 1.56 GAA and a .927 save percentage in his last nine league starts.

No. 6 Northeastern (15-16-3, 12-13-2 HEA) at No. 3 Vermont (14-13-7, 13-9-5 HEA) at Gutterson Fieldhouse, Burlington, Vt.

- This is the first meeting between the two schools in Hockey East Tournament.
- The Catamounts host the league quarterfinals for the first time in their three-year membership in the league.
- NU junior captain Joe Vitale (St. Louis, Mo.) ranked third in league play in scoring with 33 points (11g,22a).
- The Catamounts are 10-4-2 in their last 16 games, they have scored 3+ goals on seven occasions during that time and have allowed two goals or less in nine of those games.

No. 5 Providence (14-15-5, 11-11-5 HEA) at No. 4 Boston College (17-11-8, 11-9-7 HEA) at Conte Forum, Chestnut Hill, Mass.

- The Friars will face Boston College for the third time ever in the Hockey East Quarterfinals and the first time since 1998. The Friars have posted a 2-0-1 record against the Eagles this seasons with both wins coming at Kelley Rink in February.
- Freshman goalie John Muse (East Falmouth, Mass.) leads the nation in minutes played, having played every minute of all 36 BC games this season. Muse has tallied a 2.38 GAA and a .913 save percentage. He has registered 30 or more saves 10 times.
- Jon Rheault (Deering, N.H.) and Pierce Norton (South Boston, Mass.) scored 20 points apiece in league play for the Friars.

RECENT RESULTS

Thursday, March 6

Boston University 6 at No. 15 Providence 0 *

Friday, March 7

Northeastern 3 at No. 9 Boston College 2 OT *
 at No. 3 New Hampshire 3, Vermont 1 *
 at Maine 4, UMass Lowell 1 *
 at Massachusetts 5, Merrimack 2 *
 at Boston University 2, No. 15 Providence 0 *

Saturday, March 8

Vermont 4 at No. 3 New Hampshire 3 *
 at Maine 2, UMass Lowell 1 OT *
 No. 9 Boston College 4 at Northeastern 1 *
 Massachusetts 4 at Merrimack 2 *

UPCOMING GAMES

Friday, March 14

Hockey East Quarterfinals (Game 1)
 No. 8 Massachusetts at No. 1 New Hampshire
 No. 7 UMass-Lowell at No. 2 Boston University (7:30, NESN)
 No. 6 Northeastern at No. 3 Vermont
 No. 4 Providence at No. 4 Boston College

Saturday, March 15

Hockey East Quarterfinals (Game 2)
 No. 8 Massachusetts at No. 1 New Hampshire
 No. 7 UMass-Lowell at No. 2 Boston University
 No. 6 Northeastern at No. 3 Vermont (CN8)
 No. 5 Providence at No. 4 Boston College

Sunday, March 16

Hockey East Quarterfinals (Game 3)
 (* if necessary)
 No. 8 Massachusetts at No. 1 New Hampshire
 No. 7 UMass-Lowell at No. 2 Boston University
 No. 6 Northeastern at No. 3 Vermont
 No. 5 Providence at No. 4 Boston College

* Hockey East game

All Games Eastern Standard Time (EST)
 (Numbers are seeding for the upcoming 24th annual
 Hockey East Tournament)

2007-08 STANDINGS

Rk.	Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Offense	Defense
1.	New Hampshire * #!	27	19	5	3	41	23-8-3	114 (3.35)	79 (2.32)
2.	Boston University * #	27	15	9	3	33	17-15-4	124 (3.44)	105 (2.92)
3.	Vermont * #	27	13	9	5	31	14-13-7	79 (2.32)	98 (2.88)
4.	Boston College * #	27	11	9	7	29	17-11-8	122 (3.39)	88 (2.44)
5.	Providence *	27	11	11	5	27	14-15-5	89 (2.62)	89 (2.62)
6.	Northeastern *	27	12	13	2	26	15-16-3	89 (2.62)	99 (2.91)
7.	UMass-Lowell *	27	10	13	4	24	15-15-4	91 (2.68)	86 (2.53)
8.	Massachusetts *	27	9	13	5	23	14-14-6	95 (2.79)	86 (2.53)
9.	Maine	27	9	15	3	21	13-18-3	77 (2.26)	92 (2.71)
10.	Merrimack	27	6	18	3	15	12-18-4	71 (2.09)	93 (2.74)

* clinched playoff berth; # clinched home ice; ! clinched top seed

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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
2/16/08	Brett Bennett	BU	Maine	17	W, 1-0
2/22/08	Kevin Regan	UNH	Boston College	28	W, 2-0
2/22/08	Andrew Braithwaite	MC	Providence	42	W, 2-0
2/23/08	Joe Fallon	UVM	UMass-Lowell	16	W, 1-0
2/29/08	Brett Bennett	BU	Massachusetts	20	W, 3-0
2/29/08	Joe Fallon	UVM	Maine	23	W, 2-0
3/1/08	Ben Bishop	Maine	Vermont	30	W, 3-0
3/6/08	Brett Bennett	BU	at Providence	26	W, 6-0
3/7/08	Karson Gillespie	BU	Providence	33	W, 2-0

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	Providence	45	W, 3-2 OT
1/19/08	Ben Bishop	Maine	Providence	41	W, 4-0
2/2/08	Andrew Braithwaite	Merrimack	Providence	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
2/15/08	Kevin Regan	UNH	at Providence	52	T, 1-1 OT
2/22/08	Andrew Braithwaite	Merrimack	Providence	42	W, 2-0
2/23/08	Andrew Braithwaite	Merrimack	Providence	47	W, 3-2

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
Points:	5	Joe Whitney, BC, 12/12/07 at Harvard Nathan Gerbe, BC, 12/12/07 at Harvard Benn Ferriero, BC, 12/12/07 at Harvard
Point Streak:	10	Matt Taormina, PC, 11/9/07 at Maine
In league play:	10	Mike Radja, UNH 1/24 to 2/29) 20 points (8g,12a)
Saves:	52	Mike Radja, UNH 1/24 to 2/29) 20 points (8g,12a) Kevin Regan, UNH, 2/15/08 at Providence

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 (12/16/07 to 2/9/08)
Unbeaten Streak:	12	New Hampshire (11/3/06 to 12/8/06)
In league play:	16	New Hampshire (1/25/08 to 3/7/08)

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
Bryan Ewing, BU	2/23/08 vs. Northeastern

HAT TRICKS

Date	Player	Team	Opponent	Result
11/17/07	Paul Thompson !	UNH	at Providence	W, 5-4 OT
11/24/07	Mark Roebathan	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
2/29/08	Mike Potacco	UML	Northeastern	W, 5-4 OT
3/6/08	Pete MacArthur	BU	at Providence	W, 6-0

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	UMass-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	Vermont	W, 4-3
2/11/08	Nick Petrecki	BC	vs. Harvard (BP)	W, 6-5
2/15/08	Luke Popko	BU	Maine	W, 2-1
2/16/08	Colin Wilson	BU	Maine	W, 1-0
2/24/08	Wes Clark	Maine	vs. Massachusetts	W, 5-4
2/29/08	Paul Worthington	UML	Northeastern	W, 5-4
3/7/08	Wade MacLeod	NU	at Boston College	W, 3-2
3/8/08	Travis Ramsey	Maine	UMass-Lowell	W, 2-1

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:
New Hampshire, 1/25/08 to 2/9/08
In league play: New Hampshire, 12/16/07 to 2/9/08, 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:
New Hampshire, 1/25/08 to 3/7/08, 10-0-2, 12 games
In league play: New Hampshire, 12/16/07 to 3/7/08, 16 games (14-0-2)

A team recorded 50 shots-on-goal:
Providence, 2/15/08 vs. New Hampshire (53 shots)
In league play: Providence, 2/15/08 vs. New Hampshire (53 shots)

* - defenseman ! - rookie * neutral site game