



# MEN'S WEEKEND PREVIEW

Celebrating 25 Years of Success

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**WEEKEND PREVIEW #5**

## NON-CONFERENCE MATCH-UPS HEADLINE WEEKEND SCHEDULE

~No. 5 UNH visits No. 4 Minnesota for two; No. 2 BC hosts Notre Dame in '08 NCAA Finals Rematch~

**WAKEFIELD, Mass.** – No. 2 Boston College (5-1-0, 3-1-0 HEA) will host No. 12 Notre Dame for a single game on Friday night, a rematch of the 2008 NCAA National Championship Game, broadcast live on ESPN Classic. Providence will also face the Fighting Irish on Saturday night at Schneider Arena in Providence. The Eagles will also travel north for the Sunday game at Maine, which will be televised live on ESPNU (4pm).

The Eagles held the No. 2 spot in the poll this week, after sweeping Merrimack last week. The Eagles have received balanced scoring from multiple lines and their power play has picked up where they left off in 07-08, posting a 27% conversion rate, which ranks fifth in the nation among Division I teams.

No. 5 New Hampshire (4-1-2, 2-0-2 HEA) will play a two-game series with No. 4 ranked WCHA foe Minnesota beginning on Friday night at Mariucci Arena. The teams last met on December 21, 2003 in the Dodge Holiday Classic Championship Game. The teams also met in the 2003 NCAA title game at HSBC Arena in Buffalo, N.Y. Wildcat junior goalie Brian Foster (Pembroke, N.H.) will return from injury to start against the Golden Gophers. He was named Pure Hockey Goaltender of the Month for his efforts in October.

League play opens for the weekend on Friday night with Vermont at Providence College, while No. 3 Boston University (5-1-0, 3-1-0 HEA) will play at UMass-Lowell. The Terriers offense is third best in the nation at 4.50 goals per game, while the River Hawks defense is third best in Division I hockey allowing a miniscule 1.20 goals per game. BU sophomore forward Nick Bonino (Unionville, Conn.) leads the league in scoring with 11 points, along with UMass' James Marcou (Kings Park, N.Y.)

On Saturday, Merrimack will entertain UMass at Lawler Arena, while the Catamounts will play UMass-Lowell at Tsongas Arena. Marcou, the reigning CCM/RBK Hockey East Player of the Week, is coming off an eight-point (3g,5a) week for the Minutemen. Senior forward Peter Lenex (Shelburne, Vt.) has scored a point in every game for Vermont this season in six contests with nine points (3g,6a) during that time. Providence freshman Matt Bergland (Faribault, Minn.) and Maine forward Gustav Nyquist (Malmo, Sweden) currently lead the league among rookie scorers with seven points apiece.

Northeastern (5-1-2, 4-1-1 HEA) returns to action with a single non-league game vs. Atlantic Hockey foe Bentley at Matthews Arena on Saturday night. The Huskies still remain in first place in the league standings, despite UNH taking three of four points in the series last weekend. Hockey East Player of the Month Brad Thiessen (Aldergrove, B.C.) leads the nation in saves with 254 for the Huskies.

**HOCKEY EAST 25th ANNIVERSARY**

**VOTING:** Voting for the 25th anniversary celebration has now begun at www.hockeyeastonline.com. From November 13 to November 23, you will be able to cast your votes for "Hockey East's Best Goal Scorer" and "Hockey East's Best Playmaker". In addition, league fans can also vote throughout the 25th season for the Top 25 forwards and Top 25 defenders, as well as the Top Team in the conference's history.



**RECENT RESULTS**

**Thursday, October 30**  
 at No. 2 Boston College 4, Merrimack 1 \*  
 at UMass-Lowell 4, Quinnipiac 1

**Friday, October 31**  
 at No. 7 UNH 4, No. 9 Northeastern 2 \*  
 No. 2 Boston College 4 at Merrimack 3 OT \*  
 at UMass 9, Providence 4 \*  
 at Maine 4, Niagara 2

**Saturday, November 1**  
 No. 7 UNH 2 at No. 9 Northeastern 2 OT \*  
 UMass 5 at Providence 1 \*  
 No. 3 Boston U. 7 at No. 15 Vermont 2 \*  
 at Maine 4, Niagara 1

**Sunday, November 2**  
 No. 15 Vermont 3 at Dartmouth 2 OT

**UPCOMING GAMES**

**Friday, November 7**  
 Vermont at Providence \*  
 No. 3 Boston U. at UMass-Lowell \*  
 No. 12 Notre Dame at No. 2 BC (ESPN Classic)  
 No. 5 UNH at No. 4 Minnesota (8pm, FSN North)

**Saturday, November 8**  
 UMass at Merrimack \*  
 Vermont at UMass-Lowell (CN8) \*  
 No. 5 UNH at No. 4 Minnesota (7pm, FSN North)  
 No. 12 Notre Dame at Providence  
 Bentley at No. 10 Northeastern

**Sunday, November 9**  
 No. 2 BC at Maine \* (4pm, ESPNU)

\* Hockey East game  
 All game times are EST, 7pm unless noted  
 (Rankings in composite schedule are from USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine Poll)

### 2008-2009 HEA STANDINGS

| Rk. | Team              | GP | W | L | T | Pts | Overall | Offense   | Defense    |
|-----|-------------------|----|---|---|---|-----|---------|-----------|------------|
| 1.  | Northeastern      | 6  | 4 | 1 | 1 | 9   | 5-1-2   | 3.12 (25) | 1.75 (14)  |
| 2.  | Boston College    | 4  | 3 | 1 | 0 | 6   | 5-1-0   | 4.00 (24) | 2.83 (17)  |
| 3.  | New Hampshire     | 4  | 2 | 0 | 2 | 6   | 4-1-2   | 2.29 (16) | 1.57 (11)  |
| 4.  | Massachusetts     | 3  | 2 | 0 | 1 | 5   | 4-1-1   | 4.17 (25) | 1.83 (11)  |
| 5.  | Boston University | 3  | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4   | 5-1-0   | 4.50 (27) | 1.67 (10)  |
| 6.  | UMass-Lowell      | 1  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2   | 3-2-0   | 2.60 (13) | 1.20 (6)   |
| 7.  | Vermont           | 2  | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0   | 3-2-1   | 3.00 (18) | 3.416 (19) |
|     | Maine             | 2  | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0   | 3-3-0   | 2.00 (12) | 2.17 (13)  |
|     | Merrimack         | 3  | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0   | 2-4-1   | 1.57 (11) | 2.29 (16)  |
|     | Providence        | 4  | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0   | 2-4-0   | 2.67 (16) | 4.83 (29)  |

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# 2008-2009 HOCKEY EAST REGULAR-SEASON SUPERLATIVES

## SHUTOUTS

| Date     | Goalie          | Team      | Opp.                | Svs | Result |
|----------|-----------------|-----------|---------------------|-----|--------|
| 10/16/08 | Carter Hutton   | UML       | at Michigan State   | 16  | W, 3-0 |
| 10/17/08 | Brad Thiessen   | NU        | at Providence       | 35  | W, 4-0 |
| 10/17/08 | Brian Foster    | UNH       | Rensselaer          | 17  | W, 1-0 |
| 10/18/08 | Scott Darling ! | Maine     | at Alaska-Fairbanks | 24  | W, 2-0 |
| 10/18/08 | Joe Cannata !   | Merrimack | at Army             | 44  | W, 6-0 |
| 10/21/08 | Dan Meyers      | UMass     | at Rensselaer       | 25  | W, 1-0 |
| 10/24/08 | Brad Thiessen   | NU        | at Maine            | 29  | W, 6-0 |

## 40+ SAVES

| Date     | Goalie        | Team         | Opp.         | Svs | Result |
|----------|---------------|--------------|--------------|-----|--------|
| 10/11/08 | Dan Meyers    | UMass        | North Dakota | 40  | W, 3-2 |
| 10/18/08 | Joe Cannata ! | Merrimack    | at Army      | 44  | W, 1-0 |
| 11/1/08  | Brad Thiessen | Northeastern | UNH          | 43  | T, 2-2 |

## INDIVIDUAL HIGHS

|                 |    |   |
|-----------------|----|---|
| Goals:          | 2  | Brian Gibbons, BC, 10/10/08 vs. Wisconsin<br>Nick Bonino, BU, 10/11/08 vs. North Dakota<br>Justin Milo, UVM, 10/11/08 vs. Rensselaer<br>Francis Ouimet, MC, 10/11/08 vs. Robert Morris<br>Ryan Ginand, NU, 10/11/08 at Alaska-Anchorage<br>Chris Barton, MC, 10/17/08 at BU<br>Tyler McNeely, NU, 10/17/08 at PC<br>Brock Bradford, BC, 10/17/08 vs. Bowling Green<br>Chris Davis, UMass, 10/21/08 at Rensselaer<br>Jason Lawrence, BU, 10/25/08 vs. Michigan<br>Kory Falite, UML, 10/30/08 vs. Quinnipiac<br>Jimmy Hayes !, BC, 10/30/08 vs. Merrimack<br>Alex Berry, UMass, 10/31/08 vs. Providence<br>James Marcou, UMass, 10/31/08 vs. Providence<br>Brock Bradford, BC, 10/31/08 at Merrimack<br>Tanner House, Maine, 10/31/08 vs. Niagara<br>Colin Wilson, BU, 11/1/08 at Vermont |
| Assists:        | 3  | Alex Berry, UMass, 10/11/08 vs. North Dakota<br>Steve Silva, NU, 10/17/08 at PC<br>Colin Wilson, BU, 10/25/08 vs. Michigan<br>James Marcou, UMass, 10/31/08 vs. Providence<br>Colby Cohen *, BU, 11/1/08 at Vermont<br>Alex Berry, UMass, 11/1/08 at Providence   |
| Points:         | 5  | James Marcou, UMass, 10/31/08 vs. Providence (2g,3a)  |
| Point Streak:   | 6  | P. Lenes, UVM (10/11 to current) 9 points (3g,6a)   |
| In league play: | 4  | Jason Lawrence, BU (3/6/08-present) 5 points (2g,3a)  |
| Saves:          | 44 | Joe Cannata !, Merrimack, 10/18/08 at Army  |

## TEAM HIGHS

|                   |    |  |
|-------------------|----|--|
| Goals:            | 9  | Massachusetts, 10/31/08 vs. Providence |
| In league play:   | 9  | Massachusetts, 10/31/08 vs. Providence |
| Shots on Goal:    | 45 | New Hampshire, 11/1/08 at Northeastern |
| Consecutive Wins: | 3  | 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)      |

## THE ROAD TO 100 CAREER POINTS IN 2008-2009

|                        |           |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Chris Higgins, BU      | 92 points |
| Dean Strong, UVM       | 88 points |
| Cory Quirk, UMass      | 81 points |
| Jerry Pollastrone, UNH | 77 points |
| Brock Bradford, BC     | 77 points |
| Ben Smith, BC          | 73 points |

## HAT TRICKS

| Date | Player | Team | Opponent | Result |
|------|--------|------|----------|--------|
| NONE |        |      |          |        |

## OVERTIME GOALS

| Date  | Player         | Team | Opponent     | Result |
|-------|----------------|------|--------------|--------|
| 10/31 | Brock Bradford | BC   | at Merrimack | W, 4-3 |
| 11/2  | Justin Milo    | UVM  | at Dartmouth | W, 3-2 |

## 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 Degen, UMass, 1/7/06 at Merrimack

### A goaltender recorded 50 saves:

Andrew Brathwaite, Merrimack, 2/2/08 vs. Providence

In league play: Andrew Brathwaite, 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: UNH, 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