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MEN'S WEEKEND PREVIEW

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LEAGUE SCHEDULE IN FULL FORCE FOR FIRST TIME IN 25TH SEASON

~Top ranked BU faces UMass and No. 7 NU; No. 5 UNH plays at No. 6 BC Saturday~

WAKEFIELD, Mass. – Hockey East opens its first full weekend of league play on Friday night, and after an exciting set of games last weekend, everyone has a chance to shake up the standings. The fifth-ranked New Hampshire Wildcats will take on No. 6 Boston College at Conte Forum on Saturday in a rematch of the 2008 Hockey East Semifinals, the longest game in semifinal history. UNH will attempt to stay undefeated in the league while the Eagles captain Brock Bradford (Burnaby, B.C.) will look to continue to lead the league in goals (7).

Top ranked Boston University travels to Amherst to take on the Minutemen Friday night, hoping CCM/RBK Player of the Week Colin Wilson (Winnipeg, Man.) has another breakout game as he did last week with four points against UMass-Lowell. The two teams rank at the top of the league in scoring, but the difference could come by way of special teams. UMass leads the league in penalty kill, having only given up two power play goals on the year, while BU is at 26.2 percent with the man advantage.

The Minutemen will host UML on Saturday, looking to sophomore James Marcou's (Kings Park, N.Y.) consistent offense, as he is second in the league with five goals on the year. Marcou, along with Alex Berry (Danvers, Mass.) and Cory Quirk (Brockton, Mass.) have amassed 28 points as a line this season. UML will host UNH at Tsongas Arena on Friday night, when both teams will look to bounce back from tough losses last weekend.

Seventh-ranked Northeastern will travel to No. 15 Vermont on Friday. NU comes off a convincing 4-1 win over Bentley while Vermont topped UML 3-1 last Saturday. Brad Thiessen (Aldergrove, B.C.) is second in the league with a .951 save percentage and has already recorded two shutouts this year for the Huskies. NU will head across town Sunday to take on BU. The teams will each focus on their strengths, as BU leads HEA with 4.71 goals per game, while the Huskies 1.67 goals allowed per game is best in the league.

Maine and Providence, who both tallied their first league points this past weekend, hope to build on those successes and steadily rise in the rankings. PC is still looking for its first league win, as the Friars tied Vermont last Friday at Schneider Arena. Maine's Brian Flynn (Lynnfield, Mass.) earned Pro Ambitions Rookie of the Week Honors with the game-winner in Sunday's game against No. 2 BC.

Merrimack will host the Eagles on Friday night after earning their first league victory on Saturday. The last time the teams met, on Oct. 31, they skated to a tie through regulation before Bradford notched the game-winning goal in overtime. The Warriors will look to junior netminder Andrew Braithwaite (Kingston, Ont.) for solid goaltending; the Defensive Player of the Week stopped 34 of 35 shots against the Minutemen in the Warriors' 3-1 victory last weekend. The Warriors will then travel to Burlington for a Sunday afternoon game against Vermont. The Catamounts will rely on the consistent offense of Peter Lenex (Shelburne, Vt.), who is tied for second in the league averaging an assist per game so far this season.

HOCKEY EAST 25TH ANNIVERSARY

ONLINE VOTING: Voting for the 25th anniversary celebration has now begun at www.hockeyeastonline.com. Currently fans can cast 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

Friday, November 7
 Vermont 2 at Providence 2 OT*
 No. 3 Boston U. 6 at UMass-Lowell 4*
 No. 5 UNH 2 at No. 4 Minnesota 2 OT
 No. 12 Notre Dame 4 at No. 2 BC 1

Saturday, November 8
 at Merrimack 3, UMass 1*
 Vermont 3 at UMass-Lowell 1*
 at No. 10 Northeastern 4, Bentley 1
 at No. 4 Minnesota 6, No. 5 UNH 2
 No. 12 Notre Dame 4 at Providence 1

Sunday, November 9
 at Maine 2, No. 2 BC 1*

UPCOMING GAMES

Friday, November 14
 Maine at Providence*
 No. 1 Boston University at UMass*
 No. 7 Northeastern at No. 15 Vermont* (7:30pm)
 No. 5 UNH at UMass-Lowell*
 No. 6 Boston College at Merrimack*

Saturday, November 15
 Maine at Providence*
 No. 5 UNH at No. 6 Boston College*
 UMass-Lowell at UMass*

Sunday, November 16
 Merrimack at No. 15 Vermont* (4pm)
 No. 7 Northeastern at No. 1 Boston University*

* 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	6-1-2	3.22 (29)	1.67 (15)
2.	Boston College	5	3	2	0	6	5-3-0	3.25 (26)	2.88 (23)
	New Hampshire	4	2	0	2	6	4-2-3	2.22 (20)	2.11 (19)
	Boston University	4	3	1	0	6	6-1-0	4.71 (33)	2.00 (14)
5.	Massachusetts	4	2	1	1	5	4-2-1	3.71 (26)	2.00 (14)
6.	Vermont	4	1	2	1	3	4-2-2	2.88 (23)	2.75 (22)
7.	UMass-Lowell	3	1	2	0	2	3-4-0	2.57 (18)	2.14 (15)
	Merrimack	4	1	3	0	2	3-4-1	1.75 (14)	2.12 (17)
	Maine	3	1	2	0	2	4-3-0	2.00 (14)	2.00 (14)
10.	Providence	5	0	4	1	1	2-5-1	2.38 (19)	4.38 (35)

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