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MEN'S WEEKEND PREVIEW

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NO. 2 BU HOSTS VERMONT FOR TWO; NO. 4 BC PLAYS HOME-AND-HOME WITH UMASS ~No. 5 NU hosts No. 13 UNH Friday; Merrimack travels to Maine for two-game set~

WAKEFIELD, Mass. – In the second full weekend of Hockey East play, Vermont and second-ranked Boston University will meet again, while No. 4 Boston College and Massachusetts will each hit the road for a home and home series. Maine hopes to continue its strong play of late as the Black Bears host Merrimack for a two-game set. Fifth-ranked Northeastern will host No. 13 New Hampshire on Friday, hoping to even the season series, which the Wildcats now lead 1-0-1.

The Terriers, coming off a 3-0 shutout of Northeastern last weekend, will host Vermont for a two-game series at Agganis Arena beginning Friday night. The Catamounts hosted BU on Nov. 1, when the Terriers earned a commanding 7-2 victory. Despite BU's offensive surge in Burlington, UVM has allowed two or less goals in five of their first ten games this season. Going into the weekend, BU's power play ranks first in the nation at 23.6 percent.

BC will first host UMass on Friday night before the two teams head back to Amherst for the conclusion of the weekend series. The Eagles are led by captain Brock Bradford (Burnaby, B.C.), whose 1.20 goals per game and 1.90 points per game ranks him first in the nation. The Minutemen have only allowed three power play goals this year, while the Eagles have scored 17 with a man advantage to date. In the last seven meetings, UMass has 4-2-1 record vs. the Eagles.

Merrimack will travel to Maine for a weekend series in Orono, hoping to continue their strong offensive play of late. The Warriors have averaged three goals per game in their last four contests. Maine head coach Tim Whitehead needs just one more victory to earn his 250th career victory. Rookie forward Gustav Nyquist (Malmo, Sweden) is second among rookie scorers, posting 10 points in his first nine games with Maine.

No. 13 UNH will travel to No. 5 Northeastern Friday night, hoping to continue their nine-game unbeaten streak at Matthews Arena. The Wildcats have outscored the Huskies 38-18 during that stretch. The teams last met on Nov. 1 and skated to a 2-2 tie. UNH will then host Providence the following night in Durham. After a quiet weekend in Maine, PC will look to ignite their offensive production, especially from rookie Matt Bergland (Fairbault, Minn.), who leads all league freshmen with 11 points.

The Friars travel to Tsongas Arena on Friday night to take on UMass-Lowell. The River Hawks will look to their blue liners for their solid offensive contributions, as the defensemen have accounted for 29.5-percent of team scoring with 23 of their 78 points so far this season. PC's Kyle Laughlin (Gambrills, Md.) and Pierce Norton (South Boston, Mass.) have each tallied seven points in ten career games against UML. The River Hawks will continue their homestand, hosting Northeastern on Saturday. UML will look to continue building momentum, coming off a four-point weekend, highlighted by eight goals against New Hampshire and a 2-0 shutout at UMass.

HOCKEY EAST WEEKLY NOTES: 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...Former BC forward Nathan Gerbe ranks tied for fifth in the AHL in scoring with 20 points (12g,8a), while his 12 goals rank second in the league... BU rookie Kieran Millan (5-0-0) is one of five Div. I goalies without a loss this season...Maine's Scott Darling ranks third in the nation with a 1.00 GAA and .961 save%...UNH's James van Riemsdyk ranks second with 10 points (4g,6a) in league play...The River Hawks have scored 4+ goals in four of their last six games...UMass' penalty kill is seventh best in the nation at 92.1%.

RECENT RESULTS

Friday, November 14

Maine 3 at Providence 2*
 at UMass 5, No. 1 Boston University 1*
 No. 7 Northeastern 5 at No. 15 Vermont 3*
 at UMass-Lowell 8, No. 5 UNH 3*
 No. 6 Boston College 5 at Merrimack 5 OT*

Saturday, November 15

Maine 3 at Providence 0*
 at No. 6 Boston College 8, No. 5 UNH 6*
 UMass-Lowell 2 at UMass 0*

Sunday, November 16

at No. 15 Vermont 2, Merrimack 1*
 at No. 1 Boston U. 3, No. 7 Northeastern 0*

UPCOMING GAMES

Friday, November 21

Vermont at No. 2 Boston University*
 UMass at No. 4 Boston College*
 No. 13 UNH at No. 5 Northeastern*
 Providence at UMass-Lowell*
 Merrimack at Maine*

Saturday, November 22

Vermont at No. 2 Boston University*
 No. 4 Boston College at UMass*
 Providence at No. 13 UNH*
 No. 5 Northeastern at UMass-Lowell*
 Merrimack at Maine*

* 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	Conf. Off.	Conf. Def.
1.	Northeastern	8	5	2	1	11	7-2-2	3.00 (24)	2.00 (16)
2.	Boston College	7	4	2	1	9	6-3-1	4.00 (28)	3.29 (23)
3.	Boston University	6	4	2	0	8	7-2-0	3.83 (23)	2.50 (15)
4.	Massachusetts	6	3	2	1	7	5-3-1	3.50 (21)	2.00 (12)
5.	Maine	5	3	2	0	6	6-3-0	1.80 (9)	2.00 (10)
	UMass-Lowell	5	3	2	0	6	5-4-0	3.80 (19)	2.60 (13)
	New Hampshire	6	2	2	2	6	4-4-3	3.00 (18)	3.67 (22)
8.	Vermont	6	2	3	1	5	5-3-2	2.33 (14)	3.17 (19)
9.	Merrimack	6	1	4	1	3	3-5-2	2.50 (15)	3.50 (21)
10.	Providence	7	0	6	1	1	2-7-1	1.43 (10)	4.29 (30)

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2008-2009 HOCKEY EAST REGULAR-SEASON SUPERLATIVES

SHUTOUTS

Date	Goalie	Team	Opp.	Svs	Result
10/16	Carter Hutton	UML	at Michigan State	16	W, 3-0
10/17	Brad Thiessen	NU	at Providence	35	W, 4-0
10/17	Brian Foster	UNH	Rensselaer	17	W, 1-0
10/18	Scott Darling !	Maine	at Alaska-Fairbanks	24	W, 2-0
10/18	Joe Cannata !	Merrimack	at Army	44	W, 6-0
10/21	Dan Meyers	UMass	at Rensselaer	25	W, 1-0
10/24	Brad Thiessen	NU	at Maine	29	W, 6-0
11/15	Scott Darling	Maine	at Providence	24	W, 3-0
11/15	Nevin Hamilton	UML	at UMass	22	W, 2-0
11/16	Kieran Millan !	BU	Northeastern	18	W, 3-0

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:	3	Brock Bradford, BC, 11/14/08 at Merrimack Kory Falite, UML, 11/14/08 vs. New Hampshire Jimmy Hayes, BC, 11/15/08 vs. New Hampshire
Assists:	3	Alex Berry, UMass, 10/11/08 vs. North Dakota Steve Silva, NU, 10/17/08 at PC Colin Wilson, BU, 10/25/08 vs. Michigan James Marcou, UMass, 10/31/08 vs. Providence Colby Cohen *, BU, 11/1/08 at Vermont Alex Berry, UMass, 11/1/08 at Providence Maury Edwards, UML, 11/14/08 vs. New Hampshire Ben Holmstrom, UML, 11/14/08 vs. New Hampshire James van Riemsdyk, UNH, 11/15/08 at BC
Points:	5	James Marcou, UMass, 10/31/08 vs. Providence (2g, 3a)
Point Streak:	7	Brian Gibbons, BC (10/24-present) 10 points (3g, 7a)
In league play:	6	Brian Gibbons, BC (10/24-present) 10 points (3g, 7a)
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	94 points
Dean Strong, UVM	90 points
Brock Bradford, BC	87 points
Cory Quirk, UMass	83 points
Jerry Pollastrone, UNH	78 points
Ben Smith, BC	75 points

HAT TRICKS

Date	Player	Team	Opponent	Result
11/14/08	Brock Bradford	BC	at Merrimack	T, 5-5
11/14/08	Kory Falite	UML	vs. UNH	W, 8-3
11/15/08	Jimmy Hayes	BC	vs. UNH	W, 8-6

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:

Jimmy Hayes, BC, 11/15/08 vs. New Hampshire
In league play: Jimmy Hayes, BC, 11/15/08 vs. New Hampshire

A defenseman had a hat trick:

Marvin Degon, 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:

Northeastern, 10/11 to 10/25, 5 in a row
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