



MEN'S WEEKEND PREVIEW

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WEEKEND PREVIEW #8

NON-CONFERENCE PLAY DOMINATES HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

~No. 13 Vermont entertains Maine Saturday; UNH hosts Merrimack Saturday~

WAKEFIELD, Mass. – Hockey East teams will skate in nine non-league games over the holiday weekend, while the two league matchups feature Merrimack at New Hampshire Saturday and Maine at No. 13 Vermont. No. 4 ranked Northeastern will head to Troy, N.Y. for the Rensselaer Holiday Hockey Tournament, while No. 6 Boston College will take on ECAC foes Harvard and Dartmouth. St. Lawrence will play Massachusetts and eighth-ranked Boston University.

Merrimack heads to Durham on Saturday evening to take on UNH for the first time this season. The Wildcats picked up a 4-3 win against Providence last Saturday night. The Warriors are looking for their first win since Nov. 8. The Catamounts are coming off a come-from-behind, overtime victory over UMass on Tuesday night, 4-3, at the Mullins Center. Senior forward Peter Lenex (Shelburne, Vt.) had the overtime game-winner for the Catamounts with just 23 seconds remaining in the extra frame. Maine and Vermont split the season series last year, but the Black Bears registered a 3-0 shutout in their last meeting on March 1.

Northeastern will take on No. 7 Princeton in the first round of the Rensselaer Tournament, followed by either Mercyhurst or RPI on Saturday. The Huskies have won four of their last five games, behind the solid goaltending of Pure Hockey Defensive Player of the Week Brad Thiessen (Aldergrove, B.C.).

BC will host Harvard on Friday afternoon and will travel to Dartmouth on Sunday. The Eagles are coming off an overtime loss to UMass. BC senior captain Brock Bradford (Burnaby, B.C.) is averaging one goal per game, tied for first in the nation. Providence will host Dartmouth on Friday evening and the Friars will head to Union on Saturday, hoping to capitalize on their out of conference success earlier in the year. The Friars have won two of their last three non-league contests.

UMass and BU will play host to St. Lawrence on Friday and Saturday night, respectively. The Minutemen have taken their last two games to overtime and split those games. Freshman forward Casey Wellman (Brentwood, Calif.) earned Pro Ambitions Rookie of the Week Honors for potting the game-winner against BC Saturday night in Amherst. The Terriers picked up their eighth win of the season in a midweek matchup against Holy Cross on Tuesday night at Agganis Arena.

UMass-Lowell will host the Rochester Institute of Technology on Saturday for a midday matchup. The River Hawks have been victorious in four of their last five games, including Tuesday night's 3-1 victory at Merrimack. The River Hawks are 2-2-0 in non-conference play this season.

HOCKEY EAST WEEKLY NOTES: BC's Brock Bradford (8g,5a) and UNH's James van Riemsdyk (6g,9a) lead all skaters with 13 points in league play... Rookie netminder Scott Darling leads all goalies in league games with a 1.19 GAA and a .951 for the Black Bears... The Terriers power play ranks second in the nation at 25.4% (17 of 67)...The Black Bears seven-game unbeaten streak (6-0-1) is tied for the third longest current streak in the nation. They own a 5-0-1 record in the month of November...BU senior forward Chris Higgins needs one point for the 100th of his Terrier career.

RECENT RESULTS

Friday, November 21

Vermont 4 at No. 2 Boston University 3*
 at No. 4 Boston College 2, UMass 0*
 at No. 5 Northeastern 3, No. 13 UNH 2*
 at UMass-Lowell 6, Providence 1*
 at Maine 2, Merrimack 1*

Saturday, November 22

Vermont 4 at No. 2 Boston University 3*
 at UMass 4, No. 4 Boston College 3 OT*
 at No. 13 UNH 4, Providence 3*
 No. 5 Northeastern 4 at UMass-Lowell 3*
 Merrimack 1 at Maine 1 OT*

Tuesday, November 25

No. 13 Vermont 4 at UMass 3 OT*
 UMass-Lowell 3 at Merrimack 1*
 at No. 8 Boston University 3, Holy Cross 2

UPCOMING GAMES

Friday, November 28

Dartmouth at Providence
 St. Lawrence at UMass
 Harvard at No. 6 Boston College (4pm)
 RPI Tournament (Troy, N.Y.)
 No. 4 Northeastern vs. No. 7 Princeton (4pm)

Saturday, November 29

Maine at No. 13 Vermont*
 Merrimack at UNH*
 St. Lawrence at Boston University
 RIT at UMass-Lowell (4pm)
 Providence at Union
 RPI Tournament (Troy, N.Y.)
 No. 4 Northeastern vs. Mercyhurst/RPI (4/7pm)

Sunday, November 30

No. 6 Boston College at Dartmouth (4pm)

* 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	10	7	2	1	15	9-2-2	3.00 (31)	2.00 (21)
2.	Boston College	9	5	3	1	11	7-4-1	3.75 (33)	2.88 (27)
	Vermont	9	5	3	1	11	8-3-2	2.78 (25)	3.00 (27)
4.	UMass-Lowell	8	5	3	0	10	7-5-0	3.88 (31)	2.38 (19)
5.	Maine	7	4	2	1	9	7-3-1	1.83 (12)	1.83 (12)
	Massachusetts	9	4	4	1	9	6-5-1	3.00 (28)	2.22 (20)
7.	Boston University	8	4	4	0	8	8-4-0	3.62 (29)	2.71 (23)
	New Hampshire	8	3	3	2	8	5-5-3	2.86 (24)	3.57 (28)
9.	Merrimack	9	1	6	2	4	3-7-3	2.00 (18)	3.00 (27)
10.	Providence	9	0	8	1	1	2-9-1	1.56 (14)	4.50 (40)

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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
11/21	John Muse	BC	UMass	27	W, 2-0

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 Greg Costa, NU, 11/22/08 vs. UMass-Lowell
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 (10/24-11/15) 10 points (3g, 7a)
In league play:	6	Brian Gibbons, BC (10/24-11/15) 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	99 points
Dean Strong, UVM	93 points
Brock Bradford, BC	88 points
Cory Quirk, UMass	84 points
Jerry Pollastrone, UNH	78 points
Ben Smith, BC	76 points
Joe Vitale, NU	75 points

HAT TRICKS

Date	Player	Team	Opponent	Result
11/14	Brock Bradford	BC	at Merrimack	T, 5-5
11/14	Kory Falite	UML	vs. UNH	W, 8-3
11/15	Jimmy Hayes	BC	vs. UNH	W, 8-6
11/22	Greg Costa	NU	at UML	W, 4-3

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
11/22	Casey Wellman	UMass	vs. BC	W, 4-3
11/25	Peter Lenes	UVM	at UMass	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:

Maine, 10/31/08 to present, 6 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