



# MEN'S WEEKEND PREVIEW

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## MAINE HEADS TO SUNSHINE STATE FOR FLORIDA COLLEGE CASSIC ~UMass plays in Ledyard National Bank Tournament at Dartmouth~

**WAKEFIELD, Mass.** – The Maine Black Bears will travel south for the weekend in their annual trip to the Florida College Classic beginning on Saturday night, while the Massachusetts Minutemen head north for the Ledyard National Bank Classic at Dartmouth College for a rare Sunday start to the tournament.

Maine (10-5-1, 5-4-1 HEA) will face Colgate at 4pm on Saturday in the opening game at Germain Arena in Estero, Fla. Maine travels to the Florida College Classic for the ninth straight season. Maine has a record of 9-6-1 in the tournament. The Black Bears won the Florida College Classic title in 2000, 2002 and 2007, playing in the championship game five times. Maine has nine wins in its last 12 contests, which includes a current three-game win streak. Freshman goalie Scott Darling (Lemont, Ill.) ranks third among Division I goalies with a .944 save percentage for the Black Bears, while rookie forward Gustav Nyquist (Malmo, Sweden) has the third highest points per game average (1.00) among Division I first-year players. Nyquist and Providence's Matt Bergland (Faribault, Minn.) are the leading rookie scorers in Hockey East. Maine will face either Cornell or St. Cloud State on Sunday at 4 pm or 7:30 pm.

UMass (8-6-1, 4-4-1 HEA) will open the Dartmouth Tournament with Bemidji State at 4pm on Sunday at Thompson Arena in Hanover. The Minutemen have won three of their last five games entering the weekend and own a 4-2-0 record in non-league play this season. Sophomore forward James Marcou (Kings Park, N.Y.) leads the team with 19 points (7g,12a) this year. Marcou needs only six points to match his career-high of 24 points from his freshman season, as UMass' leading scorer. Sophomore netminder Paul Dainton (Genelle, B.C.) has been real solid in net for the Minutemen, posting a 1.63 GAA and a .935 save percentage. UMass will faceoff against Army or host Dartmouth on Monday in the tournament finale.

Merrimack College will return to action with a midweek tournament at UConn beginning on Monday night at Freitas Ice Forum in Storrs vs. ECAC foe Quinnipiac at 4pm. The Warriors will face either Air Force or host UConn on Tuesday in the final day of play at the tournament. Joe Cannata's (Wakefield, Mass.) 2.27 GAA is sixth best among Hockey East goaltenders for Merrimack. The Warriors have allowed two goals or fewer in eight of their 15 games this season.

**HOCKEY EAST WEEKLY NOTES:** BU's Kevin Shattenkirk and Colin Wilson were named assistant captains for the 2008 U.S. World Junior Team on Dec. 21. Team USA earned a 8-2 victory in the opening round of the World Junior Championships in Ottawa on Friday night. Wilson notched three points (1g,2a), while UNH's James van Riemsdyk potted two goals for Team USA. van Riemsdyk leads the nation at 1.53 points per contest for the Wildcats. He needs nine points to surpass his 34 points from his freshman season... Maine's scoring defense in tops in the conference at 1.75 goals per game, which ranks seventh in the country.

### RECENT RESULTS

**Tuesday, December 9**

Providence 4 at Brown 3 (Mayor's Cup)

**Thursday, December 11**

at No. 15 UNH 9, Holy Cross 4

**Friday, December 12**

at No. 4 Boston U. 3, UMass-Lowell 2\*  
 at Maine 3, Union 1  
 at UMass 4, American International 0

**Saturday, December 13**

at Maine 5, Union 1  
 at St. Lawrence 4, Vermont 3

### UPCOMING GAMES

**Saturday, December 27**

Florida College Classic (Estero, Fla.)  
 Maine vs. Colgate (4pm)

**Sunday, December 28**

Florida College Classic (Estero, Fla.)  
 Maine vs. Cornell/St. Cloud (4/7:30pm)  
 Ledyard National Bank Classic (Hanover, N.H.)  
 UMass vs. Bemidji State (4pm)

**Monday, December 29**

UConn Tournament (Storrs, Conn.)  
 Merrimack vs. Quinnipiac (4pm)  
 Ledyard National Bank Classic (Hanover, N.H.)  
 UMass vs. Army/Dartmouth (4/7pm)

**Tuesday, December 30**

UConn Tournament (Storrs, Conn.)  
 Merrimack vs. Air Force/UConn (4/7:15pm)

\* 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	11	8	2	1	17	11-3-2	3.09 (34)	2.09 (23)
2.	Vermont	10	6	3	1	13	9-4-2	2.80 (28)	2.90 (29)
	Boston University	11	6	4	1	13	11-4-1	3.27 (36)	2.45 (27)
4.	Boston College	11	5	4	2	12	9-5-2	3.18 (35)	2.82 (31)
	New Hampshire	11	5	4	2	12	8-6-3	2.91 (32)	3.09 (34)
6.	Maine	10	5	4	1	11	10-5-1	1.90 (19)	2.00 (20)
7.	UMass-Lowell	11	5	6	0	10	8-8-0	3.18 (35)	2.45 (27)
8.	Massachusetts	9	4	4	1	9	8-6-1	3.00 (27)	2.22 (20)
9.	Merrimack	11	2	7	2	6	4-8-3	2.18 (24)	3.00 (33)
10.	Providence	9	0	8	1	1	3-12-1	1.56 (14)	4.44 (40)

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