



# MEN'S WEEKEND PREVIEW

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**WEEKEND PREVIEW #16**

## PROVIDENCE HOSTS NO. 11 BC ON NESN FRIDAY NIGHT AT SCHNEIDER ~No. 14 UNH meets No. 6 UVM; UMass faces off at Maine for two; Merrimack plays No. 2 BU and PC~

**WAKEFIELD, Mass.** – In a quiet weekend of league play, Hockey East teams will hit the ice for seven contests, including a Top-15 matchup between No. 6 Vermont and No. 14 New Hampshire Friday night. No. 11 Boston College at Providence will be broadcast on NESN on Friday, as well. No. 2 Boston University heads back to North Andover for a tilt at Merrimack, while No. 3 Northeastern travels to Amherst for a game at Massachusetts. Maine hosts a pair against UMass-Lowell and UMass, while Providence also welcomes Merrimack Saturday.

UVM and UNH head to the Whittemore Center on Friday, for their first tilt of the year. UNH is coming off a 3-1 loss to BU on Saturday at home, but hasn't lost back-to-back league games at home since Feb. 26 and March 5, 2005. Senior Jerry Pollastrone (Revere, Mass.) leads UNH in career scoring against the Catamounts, having tallied nine points (1g, 8a) over the past three seasons. Vermont is led by Viktor Stalberg (Gothenburg, Sweden) and Peter Lenés (Shelburne, Vt.) who have notched 25 and 24 points, respectively.

BC heads to Providence for a tilt against the Friars in this week's NESN game on Friday. Last season, PC owned the 2-0-1 advantage over the Eagles in regular season play, but BC swept the Friars in Hockey East Quarterfinal action. BC is coming off a weekend sweep of Maine at Conte, while PC looks to get back to its recent winning ways after dropping a pair to Northeastern.

UMass will host Northeastern on Friday at the Mullins Center. The Huskies have won five of their last six, behind backstop Brad Thiessen's (Aldergrove, B.C.) .939 save percentage and 1.90 GAA so far this year. UMass most recently tied Vermont at Gutterson on Saturday. Husky senior Ryan Ginand (Milford, Mass.) earned Reebok Player of the Week honors for his five-point weekend against Providence, including a hat trick on Friday night.

BU returns to North Andover for the second time in two weeks. On Jan. 16, BU emerged from Lawler Arena with a 4-1 victory over the Warriors. BU is enjoying a four-game win streak and is unbeaten in ten of its last 12. Rookie netminder Kieran Millan (Edmonton, Alb.) was named Pure Hockey Defensive Player of the Week, after allowing two or fewer goals in his last ten starts. J.C. Robitaille (Des Ruisseaux, Que.) scored the lone goal for the Warriors in the last contest against BU. The Terriers are allowing a league-best 1.92 goals per game, while MC ranks seventh with 2.55. The Warriors will then head to Providence to take on the Friars on Saturday. The Terriers (18 wins) need just one win to match their win total from all of last year (19).

Maine will host UMass-Lowell on Friday night before welcoming the Minutemen on Sunday. Black Bear rookie goaltender Scott Darling (Lemont, Ill.) has spent just shy of 1,073 minutes between the pipes this season, ranking fourth among Hockey East netminders. The River Hawks are coming off a weekend sweep of Merrimack and are led by sophomore Maury Edwards (Rocky Rapids, Alb.) 18 points this season. Sunday's matchup will feature two of the league's best offensive freshmen, in UMass' Casey Wellman (Brentwood, Calif.) and Gustav Nyquist (Malmo, Sweden). The two rank first and second in the league in rookie scoring, with 22 and 20 points, respectively.

**RECENT RESULTS**  
**Thursday, January 22**  
 at UMass-Lowell 3, Merrimack 2 \*

**Friday, January 23**  
 at No. 2 Boston U. 5, No. 12 UNH 0 \*  
 at No. 7 Vermont 2, UMass 1 \*  
 No. 5 Northeastern 3 at Providence 1 \*

**Saturday, January 24**  
 No. 2 Boston University 3 at No. 12 UNH 1 \*  
 at No. 14 Boston College 6, Maine 3 \*  
 at No. 5 Northeastern 6, Providence 3\*  
 UMass-Lowell 3 at Merrimack 2 \*  
 UMass 1 at No. 7 Vermont 1 OT \*

**Sunday, January 25**  
 at No. 14 Boston College 4, Maine 1 \*

**UPCOMING GAMES**  
**Friday, January 30**  
 No. 11 BC at Providence \* (7:30pm, NESN)  
 No. 2 Boston University at Merrimack \*  
 No. 3 Northeastern at UMass \*  
 UMass-Lowell at Maine \*  
 No. 6 Vermont at No. 14 UNH \*

**Saturday, January 31**  
 Merrimack at Providence \*

**Sunday, February 1**  
 UMass at Maine \* (4pm, ESPNU)

**Monday, February 2**  
 Beanpot Tournament (at TD Banknorth Garden)  
 No. 2 Boston University vs. Harvard (5pm, NESN)  
 No. 3 Northeastern vs. No. 11 BC (8pm, NESN)

\* 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	17	13	3	1	27	17-5-2	3.06 (52)	2.00 (34)
2.	Boston University	17	11	5	1	23	18-5-1	3.47 (59)	2.12 (36)
3.	Vermont	16	9	4	3	21	14-5-4	2.80 (43)	2.56 (41)
4.	New Hampshire	16	7	6	3	17	11-8-4	2.69 (43)	3.12 (50)
	Boston College	17	7	7	3	17	11-8-3	3.24 (55)	3.00 (51)
6.	UMass-Lowell	16	8	8	0	16	11-12-0	3.12 (50)	2.62 (42)
7.	Massachusetts	15	5	7	3	13	10-11-3	2.69 (41)	2.40 (36)
8.	Maine	15	5	8	2	12	10-11-3	2.00 (30)	2.73 (41)
9.	Providence	15	3	10	2	8	6-14-2	2.20 (33)	3.93 (59)
10.	Merrimack	16	2	12	2	6	5-14-3	1.94 (31)	2.94 (47)

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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, 1-0
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
12/5	Brian Foster	UNH	at UML	29	W, 2-0
12/14	Paul Dainton	UMass	vs. AIC	17	W, 4-0
1/3	Rob Madore !	Vermont	St. Lawrence	29	W, 4-0
1/23	Kieran Millan !	BU	UNH	22	W, 5-0

## 40+ SAVES

Date	Goalie	Team	Opp.	Svs	Result
10/11	Dan Meyers	UMass	North Dakota	40	W, 3-2
10/18	Joe Cannata !	Merrimack	at Army	44	W, 1-0
11/1	Brad Thiessen	Northeastern	UNH	43	T, 2-2
1/10	Dan Meyers	UMass	at UNH	41	L, 3-2
1/16	Alex Beaudry !	PC	at UMass	42	W, 5-4
1/17	John Muse	BC	at BU	41	L, 5-2
1/18	Alex Beaudry !	Providence	at Maine	40	T, 2-2

## INDIVIDUAL HIGHS

Goals:	4	Mike Sislo, UNH, 12/11/08 vs. Holy Cross
Assists:	4	Mike Potacco, UML, 11/29/08 vs. RIT James vanRiemsdyk, UNH, 12/11/08 vs. Holy Cross
Points:	6	Mike Sislo, UNH, 12/11/08 vs. Holy Cross (4g,2a)
Point Streak:	11	Viktor Stalberg, UVM (11/21/08-1/17/09) 16 points (8g,8a)
In League Play:	7	Viktor Stalberg, UVM (11/21/08-1/17/09) 11 points (6g,5a)
Saves:	44	Joe Cannata !, Merrimack, 10/18/08 at Army

## TEAM HIGHS

Goals:	9	Massachusetts, 10/31/08 vs. Providence New Hampshire, 11/11/08 vs. Holy Cross
In league play:	9	Massachusetts, 10/31/08 vs. Providence
Shots on Goal:	46	Providence, 1/16/08 at Massachusetts Boston U., 1/17/09 vs. Boston College
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	110 points (11/29 vs. SLU)
Dean Strong, UVM	101 points (1/10 vs. BC)
Brock Bradford, BC	96 points
Cory Quirk, UMass	93 points
Jerry Pollastrone, UNH	87 points
Peter Lenes, UVM	85 points
Brandon Yip, BU	82 points
Joe Vitale, NU	83 points
Ben Smith, BC	80 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
11/29	Scott Campbell	UML	vs. RIT	W, 6-3
12/11	Mike Sislo	UNH	vs. Holy Cross	W, 9-4
1/24	Ryan Ginand	NU	vs. Providence	W, 6-2

## 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
11/30	Barry Almeida !	BC	at Dartmouth	W, 2-1
12/5	Louis Liotti	NU	vs. Maine	W, 3-2
1/10	Bobby Butler	UNH	vs. UMass	W, 3-2
1/16	Nick Schaus	UML	at BC	W, 4-3

## THE LAST TIME

### A player had four goals:

Mike Sislo, UNH, 12/11/08 vs. Holy Cross

### 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:

Vermont, 11/16/08 to 11/29/08, 5 in a row  
In league play: Northeastern, 11/21/08 to 1/16/08, 6 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