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MEN'S WEEKEND PREVIEW

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MAINE HOSTS NO. 1 BU IN ORONO; NU PLAYS HOME-AND-HOME WITH UMASS

~No. 12 UNH/PC play two; UML faces No. 15 BC; No. 5 Vermont play two at Merrimack~

WAKEFIELD, Mass. – As mid-February hits, Hockey East teams are beginning intensify play with a logjam in the league stadings with four weekends of play left. No. 1 Boston University will play a pair in Orono, while No. 2 Northeastern goes home and home with Massachusetts. No. 5 Vermont heads to Merrimack for a two-game set, while Providence and No. 12 New Hampshire and No. 15 Boston College and UMass-Lowell will all play home and home series.

BU heads north to Orono for a two-game set against the Blackbears beginning Friday night. The Terriers' power play, which ranks top in the nation at 24.4%, will be up against Maine's penalty kill, which ranks atop Hockey East teams at 89.8%. BU is riding an eight-game win streak, coming off a 5-2 victory over Northeastern in the Beanpot Championship on Monday. Maine most recently shut out UNH in a 1-0 contest last Saturday. The teams last met on Jan. 10, when Chris Connolly (Duluth, Minn.) notched two goals en route to a 4-1 BU victory at Agganis Arena.

Northeastern and UMass will play a home and home series this weekend, beginning at the Mullins Center on Friday night. The Huskies have scored 22 goals in their last five games and swept Merrimack last weekend. The teams last met on Jan. 30 in Amherst, where the Minutemen captured a 6-4 victory. Alex Berry (Danvers, Mass.) and James Marcou (King Park, N.Y.) registered two goals and four assists, respectively.

The Catamounts will make the trip to North Andover to take on Merrimack for a weekend series. UVM is coming off a sweep of Providence last weekend, as Pure Hockey Defensive Player of the Week Rob Madore (Venetia, Pa.) stopped 54 of 56 shots on the weekend. Merrimack most recently enjoyed a 2-0 shutout over Brown on Saturday, wrapping up its regular season, non-conference schedule with a 4-2-1 record. The teams last met on Nov. 16, when the Catamounts earned a 2-1 victory at Gutterson Fieldhouse.

Providence and UNH will embark on a home and home series, beginning at the Whittemore Center on Friday night. Friar freshman Matt Bergland (Fairbault, Minn.) ranks seventh in the nation in rookie scoring, averaging 0.88 points per game. The Friars dropped a pair of games to Vermont last weekend in Burlington, while the Wildcats split their weekend with Maine. The teams played earlier in the year, on Nov. 22, when UNH earned a 4-3 victory behind Danny Dries' (Lake Orion, Mich.) two-goal game.

In another home and home series, UMass-Lowell takes on BC for a two-game set. The teams met last month, on Jan. 16, when Nick Schaus netted an overtime goal with 0:44 left in the extra frame, lifting the River Hawks to victory. John Muse (East Falmouth, Mass.) stopped 36 shots in the losing effort, as UML outshot the Eagles 30-31, including a 7-0 advantage in overtime. The Eagles are riding a two-game win streak, while UML is coming off a 2-1 win at UMass last Saturday.

HOCKEY EAST NEWS: An update from Hockey East Commissioner Joe Bertagna on the condition of referee Scott Hansen who was injured in Monday's Beanpot final between Boston University and Northeastern. Scott was hit directly in his right eye by a puck that deflected off of a stanchion: "Scott Hansen is recuperating from a serious eye injury. He received 40 stitches around the eye and broke his nose and his orbital bone. He also suffered a concussion. He will eventually require multiple surgeries but it is believed that he will retain full vision in the eye. Well wishes can be sent to Scott via the Hockey East Office, either by e-mail at info@hockeyeastonline.com, or by regular mail via 591 North Ave, Door #2, Wakefield, MA 01880. Scott has expressed appreciation for those who have already inquired as to his condition."

RECENT RESULTS

Monday, February 2

Beanpot Tournament (at TD Banknorth Garden)
 No. 2 Boston University 4 vs. Harvard 3
 No. 3 Northeastern 6 vs. No. 11 BC 1

Friday, February 6

at No. 1 Boston University 5, UMass-Lowell 3*
 at No. 3 Northeastern 4, Merrimack 3*
 at No. 7 Vermont 4, Providence 1*
 at No. 11 UNH 4, Maine 1*
 at No. 12 Boston College 2, UMass 0*

Saturday, February 7

at No. 7 Vermont 4, Providence 1*
 Maine 1 at No. 11 UNH 0* (at VWA)
 UMass-Lowell 2 at UMass 1*
 at Merrimack 2, Brown 0

Monday, February 9

Beanpot Tournament (at TD Banknorth Garden)
 No. 15 Boston College 4 vs. Harvard 3
 No. 1 Boston U. 5 vs. No. 2 Northeastern 2

UPCOMING GAMES

Friday, February 13

UMass-Lowell at No. 15 Boston College*
 No. 5 Vermont at Merrimack*
 No. 1 Boston University at Maine* (WABI-TV)
 No. 2 Northeastern at UMass*
 Providence at No. 12 UNH*

Saturday, February 14

No. 5 Vermont at Merrimack*
 No. 1 Boston University at Maine* (WABI-TV)
 UMass at No. 2 Northeastern*
 No. 12 UNH at Providence*
 No. 15 Boston College at UMass-Lowell*

* 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	19	14	4	1	29	19-7-2	3.16 (60)	2.26 (43)
2.	Boston University	19	13	5	1	27	22-5-1	3.53 (67)	2.11 (40)
3.	Vermont	19	11	5	3	25	16-6-4	2.79 (53)	2.42 (46)
4.	New Hampshire	19	9	7	3	21	13-9-4	2.63 (50)	2.84 (54)
5.	Boston College	19	8	7	4	20	13-9-4	3.11 (59)	2.79 (53)
	UMass-Lowell	19	10	9	0	20	13-13-0	3.05 (58)	2.63 (50)
7.	Maine	19	7	10	2	16	12-13-3	1.89 (36)	2.58 (49)
8.	Massachusetts	19	6	10	3	15	11-14-3	2.58 (49)	2.42 (46)
9.	Providence	19	4	12	3	11	7-16-3	2.21 (42)	3.79 (72)
10.	Merrimack	19	2	15	2	6	6-17-3	2.00 (38)	3.11 (59)

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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
2/6	John Muse	BC	UMass	24	W, 2-0
2/7	Scott Darling !	Maine	at UNH	31	W, 1-0
2/7	Joe Cannata !	Merrimack	Brown	18	W, 2-0

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
2/2	Brad Thiessen	NU	vs. BC	45	W, 6-1

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 James Marcou, UMass, 1/30/09 vs. Northeastern
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 Boston College, 2/2/09 vs. 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	111 points (11/29 vs. SLU)
Dean Strong, UVM	103 points (1/10 vs. BC)
Brock Bradford, BC	98 points
Cory Quirk, UMass	95 points
Jerry Pollastrone, UNH	87 points
Joe Vitale, NU	87 points
Peter Lenos, UVM	86 points
Brandon Yip, BU	86 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 Lenos	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:

Boston University, 1/16/09 to present, 7 in a row
In league play: Boston University, 1/16/09 to present, 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