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# MEN'S WEEKEND PREVIEW

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**WEEKEND PREVIEW #19**

## BC AND NO. 12 UNH BATTLE FOR HOME ICE ON NESN FRIDAY NIGHT ~No. 1 BU and No. 5 NU meet with first place on the line~

**WAKEFIELD, Mass.** – Hockey East teams look to gain valuable points in the league with three weekends left in a tight regular season race to the finish. No. 5 Northeastern, No. 1 Boston University and No. 6 Vermont have all secured playoff berths, while the two top ranked teams, BU and NU will face each other in a home and home series this weekend. Boston College and No. 12 New Hampshire do the same, as will Providence and Merrimack. Vermont hosts UMass-Lowell for a pair, as Massachusetts hosts Maine, as well.

BU owns a 2-0 advantage in its season series with Northeastern, but the series is far from over. The Terriers blanked NU 3-0 on Nov. 16 at Agganis Arena and the teams last met in the Beanpot Championship on Feb. 9, when BU earned a 5-2 victory. BU and NU are two offensive powerhouses, averaging a league-best 3.87 and second-ranked 3.23 goals per game, respectively. BU sophomore Colin Wilson (Winnipeg, Man.) leads the league in points, with 40, while Husky Ryan Ginand's (Milford, Mass.) 19 goals are tied for second in the league. Defensively, NU's Brad Thiessen (Aldergrove, B.C.) has amassed a .929 save percentage this season and Terrier Kieran Millan (Edmonton, Alb.) is only allowing 1.68 goals per game; each tops the league in their respective categories.

BC and UNH begin their series in Durham on Friday, and the game will be televised as NESN's Hockey East Friday Night game. The series will continue back at Conte Forum on Saturday evening. The teams last met on Nov. 15, when BC earned an 8-6 victory over the Wildcats. In that game, rookie Jimmy Hayes (Dorchester, Mass.) registered his first collegiate hat trick, while teammate Brock Bradford (Burnaby, B.C.) and Wildcat James vanRiemsdyk (Middletown, N.J.) each recorded four points. Bradford is currently tied for second in the league with 19 goals on the season.

Vermont hosts UMass-Lowell for a two-game series this weekend at Gutterson Fieldhouse. The teams last met on Nov. 8, when UVM earned a 3-1 victory. In the win, Viktor Stalberg (Gothenburg, Sweden) and teammate Peter Lenés (Shelburne, Vt.) each tallied two points. Stalberg currently leads the league in goals, with 20 to date. UML's Maury Edwards (Rocky Rapids, Alb.) ranks second among league blue liners with 23 points this season. UML netminder Nevin Hamilton (Ashland, Mass.) is allowing 2.07 goals per game, while Catamount Rob Madore (Venetia, Pa.) is allowing 2.14, ranking them second and third in the league, respectively. The Catamounts have been averaging 3.07 goals per game, third in HE, while UML is only allowing a second-ranked 2.36.

UMass will host Maine for a pair, as the Minutemen are coming off a 4-1 victory over Northeastern last weekend. The Black Bears also enjoyed an impressive showing against a nationally ranked opponent, as they tied BU 2-2 last Saturday. The teams met earlier in the month, when Maine came out with a 2-1 victory on Feb. 1. Jeff Dimmen (Colorado Springs, Colo.) netted the game-winner with 0:26 left on the clock. Maine also boasts the league's best penalty kill at 88.8%, while UMass' James Marcou (King Park, N.Y.) is currently second in the league with 35 points.

Providence and Merrimack begin their weekend series on Saturday at Lawler Arena and return to action on Sunday afternoon in Providence. The last meeting between the teams resulted in a 5-3 PC victory on Jan. 31. In the game, Nick Mazzolini (Anchorage, Alaska) tallied three points for the Friars, while Jesse Todd (Calgary, Alb.) tallied two for MC. PC's Matt Bergland (Fairbault, Minn.) ranks second among HE rookies with 23 points on the year.

**RECENT RESULTS**  
**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

**Friday, February 13**  
 No. 1 Boston University 7 at Maine 2\*  
 No. 2 Northeastern 5 at UMass 3\*  
 at Merrimack 3, No. 5 Vermont 2\*  
 Providence 4 at No. 12 UNH 4 OT\*  
 UMass-Lowell 6 at No. 15 Boston College 0\*

**Saturday, February 14**  
 No. 5 Vermont 4 at Merrimack 3\*  
 UMass 4 at No. 2 Northeastern 1\*  
 No. 12 UNH 4 at Providence 2\*  
 No. 1 Boston University 2 at Maine 2 OT\*  
 No. 15 Boston College 4 at UMass-Lowell 4 OT\*

**UPCOMING GAMES**  
**Friday, February 20**  
 UMass-Lowell at No. 6 Vermont\*  
 Maine at UMass\*  
 No. 5 Northeastern at No. 1 Boston University\*  
 Boston College at No. 12 UNH\* (7:30pm, NESN)

**Saturday, February 21**  
 UMass-Lowell at No. 6 Vermont\*  
 Maine at UMass\*  
 No. 1 Boston University at No. 5 Northeastern\* (8pm)  
 No. 12 UNH at Boston College\*  
 Providence at Merrimack\*

**Sunday, February 22**  
 Merrimack at Providence\* (4pm, ESPN)

\* 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*	21	15	5	1	31	20-8-2	3.14 (66)	2.38 (50)
2.	Boston University*	21	14	5	2	30	23-5-2	3.62 (76)	2.10 (44)
3.	Vermont*	21	12	6	3	27	17-7-4	2.81 (59)	2.48 (52)
4.	New Hampshire	21	10	7	4	24	14-9-5	2.76 (58)	2.86 (60)
5.	UMass-Lowell	21	11	9	1	23	14-13-1	3.24 (68)	2.57 (54)
6.	Boston College	21	8	8	5	21	13-10-5	3.00 (63)	3.00 (63)
7.	Maine	21	7	11	3	17	12-14-4	1.90 (40)	2.76 (58)
	Massachusetts	21	7	11	3	17	12-15-3	2.67 (56)	2.48 (52)
9.	Providence	21	4	13	4	12	7-17-4	2.29 (48)	3.81 (80)
10.	Merrimack	21	3	16	2	8	7-18-3	2.10 (44)	3.10 (65)

\* clinched playoff berth

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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
2/13	Nevin Hamilton	UML	BC	27	W, 6-0

## 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:	9	Boston University (1/16/09 to 2/13/09)
In league play:	9	New Hampshire (12/16/07 to 2/9/08) Boston University (1/16/09 to present)
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	116 points (11/29 vs. SLU)
Dean Strong, UVM	104 points (1/10 vs. BC)
Brock Bradford, BC	100 points (2/14 vs. UML)
Cory Quirk, UMass	95 points
Brandon Yip, BU	92 points
Jerry Pollastrone, UNH	89 points
Peter Lenes, UVM	89 points
Joe Vitale, NU	89 points
Ben Smith, BC	82 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
2/13	Colin Wilson	BU	at Maine	W, 7-2

## 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:

Boston University, 1/16/09 to present, 9 in a row  
In league play: Boston University, 1/16/09 to present, 7 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:

Boston University (1/16/09 to present, 10 games (9-0-1))  
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