



MEN'S WEEKEND PREVIEW

Celebrating 25 Years of Success

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25TH TOURNAMENT GETS UNDERWAY ON CAMPUSES FRIDAY NIGHT ~BU hosts Maine; NU entertains UMass; UML travels to Vermont; UNH hosts BC~

WAKEFIELD, Mass. – The 25th Annual Hockey East Tournament kicks off with quarterfinal action at 7pm on Friday night. No. 1 Boston University hosts No. 8 Maine, while No. 2 Northeastern welcomes No. 7 Massachusetts. No. 4 Vermont hosts No. 5 UMass-Lowell and defending Hockey East champions, No. 6 Boston College heads to No. 3 New Hampshire. All quarterfinal games will be broadcast live on B2 Networks at www.b2tv.com, except for the Saturday night NESN game.

Game 2 of the Northeastern and UMass series will be broadcast by NESN on Saturday night, beginning at 7:30. The Minutemen own the season series, one of only two teams to stake that claim, with a 2-1 record against the Huskies this year. The teams last met on Feb. 14, when UMass came out with a 4-1 victory behind a two-assist game from James Marcou (King Park, N.Y.). Marcou finished the season tied for first with 35 points in league play. Northeastern's Ryan Ginand (Milford, Mass.) tallied 14 goals in league play, tying him for third. Entering the playoffs, UMass' Casey Wellman (Brentwood, Calif.) leads all rookies with 25 points in conference action. Netminder Brad Thiessen (Aldergrove, B.C.) finished the regular season with a .932 save percentage in league play, best among Hockey East goalies.

Maine will head south to Agganis Arena for the best-of-three series this weekend. The teams last met on Valentine's Day in Orono, when the Terriers overcame a two-goal deficit to walk away with a 2-2 tie. Maine goalie Dave Wilson (Caledon East, Ont.) stopped 34 shots in the stalemate. BU leads the season series 2-0-1 and is currently riding a nation-best 16-game (13-0-3) unbeaten streak. The Terriers lead the league on both ends of the ice, averaging 3.81 goals per game in league play, while only allowing 2.00. BU boasts two of the top five scorers in league play, in Colin Wilson (Winnipeg, Man.) and Nick Bonino (Unionville, Conn.), while Maine's Gustav Nyquist (Malmo, Sweden) is tied for sixth among rookies in conference action with 17 points. BU's Kieran Millan (Edmonton, Alb.) tops the league with a 1.80 GAA in Hockey East games.

The Whittemore Center will host the matchup between UNH and BC this weekend, while the Wildcats owned the season series against the Eagles, 2-1. The teams last met at Conte Forum on Feb. 21, when UNH came away with a 4-2 victory behind a two-goal performance by James van Riemsdyk (Middletown, N.J.). Van Riemsdyk finished the regular season ranked seventh in the league, averaging 1.08 points per game in Hockey East action. BC's Brock Bradford ranks fourth in the league with 31 points in conference action. Both teams will rely on momentum, as BC is coming off a 4-1 victory over nationally ranked Northeastern and UNH is unbeaten in seven of its last eight.

UMass-Lowell will take on Vermont at Gutterson Fieldhouse this weekend, while the teams have an even 1-1-1 record against each other this year. The schools last met on Feb. 21 in Burlington, when the River Hawks pulled out a 1-0 victory behind Carter Hutton's (Thunder Bay, Ont.) 21-save shutout and Paul Worthington's (Langhorne, Pa.) unassisted shorthanded goal late in the second. Vermont's Viktor Stalberg (Gothenburg, Sweden) ranks third in HEA with 34 points in league play, while sitting atop all players with 19 goals in conference action. UML's Kory Falite (BillERICA, Mass.) has been clutch for the River Hawks, tallying four game-winners in 20 league games.

RECENT RESULTS
Friday, March 6
 at No. 7 Vermont 6, No. 9 UNH 4 *
 at UMass-Lowell 5, Maine 3 *
 at No. 4 Northeastern 2, Boston College 1 OT *
 at Merrimack 3, UMass 2 OT *
 No. 1 Boston University 8 at Providence 2 *

Saturday, March 7
 No. 9 UNH 6 at No. 7 Vermont 5 OT *
 at UMass-Lowell 6, Maine 0 *
 at Boston College 4, No. 4 Northeastern 1 *
 at UMass 6, Merrimack 1 *

Sunday, March 8
 at No. 1 Boston University 3, Providence 0 *

UPCOMING GAMES
Friday, March 13
HEA Quarterfinals (Game 1)
 No. 8 Maine at No. 1 Boston U. (B2)
 No. 7 UMass at No. 2 Northeastern (B2)
 No. 6 Boston College at No. 3 UNH (B2)
 No. 5 UMass-Lowell at No. 4 Vermont (B2)

Saturday, March 14
HEA Quarterfinals (Game 2)
 No. 8 Maine at No. 1 Boston U. (7:30, B2)
 No. 7 UMass at No. 2 Northeastern (7:30, NESN)
 No. 6 Boston College at No. 3 UNH (B2)
 No. 5 UMass-Lowell at No. 4 Vermont (B2)

Sunday, March 15
 HEA Quarterfinals (Game 3) * if necessary

* 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.	Boston University *!	27	18	5	4	40	27-5-4	3.81 (103)	2.00 (54)
2.	Northeastern *!	27	18	6	3	39	23-9-4	2.89 (78)	2.19 (59)
3.	New Hampshire *!	27	15	8	4	34	19-10-5	2.96 (80)	2.89 (78)
	Vermont *!	27	15	8	4	34	20-9-5	2.89 (78)	2.56 (69)
5.	UMass-Lowell *	27	14	11	2	30	17-15-2	3.11 (84)	2.44 (66)
6.	Boston College *	27	11	11	5	27	16-13-5	3.00 (81)	2.85 (77)
7.	Massachusetts *	27	10	14	3	23	15-18-3	2.85 (75)	2.78 (75)
8.	Maine *	27	7	16	4	17	12-20-4	1.93 (52)	3.04 (82)
9.	Merrimack	27	5	18	4	13	9-21-4	2.11 (57)	2.96 (80)
	Providence	27	4	18	5	13	7-22-5	2.07 (56)	3.93 (106)

* clinched playoff berth; ! clinched home ice in quarterfinal round

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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
2/21	Carter Hutton	UML	at Vermont	21	W, 1-0
2/27	Brad Thiessen	NU	vs. UML	24	W, 3-0
2/28	Brian Foster	UNH	vs. MC	26	W, 1-0
3/7	Carter Hutton	UML	vs. Maine	21	W, 6-0
3/8	Grant Rollheiser !	BU	vs. PC	16	W, 3-0

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:	45	Brad Thiessen, Northeastern, 2/2/09 vs. BC (BP)

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 Boston University (1/16/09 to 2/13/09)
Consecutive Wins:	9	New Hampshire (12/16/07 to 2/9/08) Boston University (1/16/09 to present)
In league play:	9	New Hampshire (12/16/07 to 2/9/08) Boston University (1/16/09 to present)
Unbeaten Streak:	16	Boston University (1/16/09 to present) 13-0-3
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	123 points (11/29 vs. SLU)
Brock Bradford, BC	108 points (2/14 vs. UML)
Dean Strong, UVM	106 points (1/10 vs. BC)
Cory Quirk, UMass	101 points (3/7 vs. MC)
Brandon Yip, BU	100 points (3/6 at PC)
Jerry Pollastrone, UNH	94 points
Joe Vitale, NU	93 points
Peter Lenos, UVM	90 points
Jason Lawrence, BU	90 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
2/27	Jason Lawrence	BU	at UMass	W, 6-3
3/6	Brian Roloff	UVM	vs. UNH	W, 6-4
3/6	Brandon Yip	BU	at PC	W, 8-2

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
2/20	Brian Keane	UMass	Maine	W, 4-3
2/28	Benn Ferriero	BC	at PC	W, 4-3
3/6	Karl Stollery	MC	vs. UMass	W, 3-2
3/6	Steve Quailer	NU	vs. BC	W, 2-1
3/7	Greg Collins	UNH	at Vermont	W, 6-5

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:

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New Hampshire, 2/14/09 to 2/28/09
In League Play: New Hampshire, 2/14/09 to 2/28/09

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, 16 games (13-0-3)
In league play: Boston U. (1/16/09 to present, 14 games (11-0-3))

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