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MEN'S HOCKEY WEEKEND PREVIEW

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WEEKEND PREVIEW #3

MAINE HEADS SOUTH TO FACE UMASS, UNH; PROVIDENCE TRAVELS TO BGSU ~UNH hosts NU: BU entertains Michigan: Eagles play at Notre Dame: UML faces Colgate in home opener~

WAKEFIELD, Mass. – This weekend's Hockey East schedule features five leagues game and five non-conference contests. New Hampshire will host Northeastern Friday on NESN and the Wildcats will also entertain Maine of Saturday night for the 11th annual "White Out the Whit" in Durham.

The Black Bears will also travel to Massachusetts on Friday for a meeting in Amherst, while Vermont takes to the ice Friday at Merrimack. No. 12 ranked UMass-Lowell will square off against Northeastern on Saturday at Tsongas Arena, in a rematch of last year's Hockey East semifinal.

The Wildcats are coming off a 5-5 tie with top ranked Miami last Saturday, while Maine is fresh off a 5-3 victory over Michigan State. UNH has won seven of the last nine meeting vs. the Black Bears, but Maine was victorious in the last meeting (1-0) on Feb. 7, 2009 at the Verizon Wireless Arena.

The Minutemen are currently one of eight teams in the country to start the season unbeaten and are coming off a thrilling 3-2 win over No. 2 Boston University. UMass' series with Maine has favored the home team in recent years. Since 2005-06, UMass is 7-0-0 against the Black Bears at the Mullins Center. However, at Alfond Arena in Orono, Maine is 5-0-1 against the Minutemen in that same time span.

Northeastern defeated Bentley last Friday night, 3-2, in its home opener at Matthews Arena. Freshman goalie Chris Rawlings (North Delta, B.C.) has started all three game in net for the Huntington Hounds and has posted a .913 save percentage in his two victories.

The River Hawks return to the ice on Friday for a non-league game with Colgate, after a weekoff. UML last played on Oct. 10, as they finished second in the Ice Breaker Tournament at Nebraska-Omaha. The River Hawks are 7-3-1 in 11 home openers at the Tsongas Arena. UML is unbeaten (3-0-1) in its last four home openers.

No. 3 Boston University will host No. 4 Michigan on Saturday night at Agganis Arena in Boston. The Terriers fell to the Fighting Irish on Tuesday, 3-0. BU has a 9-13-0 all-time record vs. the Wolverines, which includes last year's 7-2 win at Agganis Arena on Oct. 25.

Boston College will make a trip to South Bend for a single game against Notre Dame. The Eagles are 15-11-2 in 28 all-time meetings. UND won the last meeting in 08-09 by a 4-1 score.

Providence will take on Bowling Green for a two-game set in Ohio. The Friars are coming off a weekend split at Notre Dame. The Friars' defense has allowed five goals all season and has surrendered a miniscule 1.67 goals per game on the back of sophomore netminder Alex Beaudry (Cumberland, Ont.). Beaudry has notched at least 25 saves in every game this season, while owning an impressive 1.68 GAA and .948 save percentage through three games.

No. 7 Vermont will skate at Merrimack for a single game this weekend, while the Warriors will host Connecticut on Sunday for a non-league matchup. Hockey East Player of the Week Stephane Da Costa (Paris, France) notched five goals in the Warriors' last game against Army in the 6-3 win. The Catamounts made a jump in the national polls this week from No. 11 to No. 7, after a 4-1 win vs. Boston College on Sunday at Gutterson Fieldhouse. The Catamounts offense has been best in the league to date, scoring 4.67 goals per contest.

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| Rk. | Team | GP | W | L | T | Pts | Overall | Conf. Off. | Conf. Def. |
| 1. | Massachusetts | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2-0-0 | 3.00 (3) | 2.00 (2) |
| | Vermont | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2-1-0 | 4.00 (4) | 1.00(1) |
| 3. | Maine | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1-3-0 | 0.00 (0) | 0.00 (0) |
| | UMass-Lowell | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1-1-0 | 0.00 (0) | 0.00 (0) |
| | Merrimack | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2-2-0 | 0.00 (0) | 0.00 (0) |
| | New Hampshire | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-2-1 | 0.00 (0) | 0.00 (0) |
| | Northeastern | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2-1-0 | 0.00 (0) | 0.00 (0) |
| | Providence | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2-1-0 | 0.00 (0) | 0.00 (0) |
| | Boston College | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0-1-0 | 1.00(1) | 4.00 (4) |
| | Boston University | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0-2-0 | 2.00 (2) | 3.00 (3) |

RECENT RESULTS Friday, October 16

at Massachusetts 3, No. 2 Boston University 2 *
at Merrimack 3, Holy Cross 1
at Northeastern 3, Bentley 2
No. 1 Miami 6 at UNH 3 #
at No. 7 Notre Dame 2, Providence 0 #
Michigan State 5 at Maine 3 #

Saturday, October 17

at Maine 5, Michigan State 3 # at Merrimack 6, Army 3 No. 1 Miami 5 at UNH 5 OT #

Sunday, October 18

at No. 11 Vermont 4, No. 12 Boston College 1 *

Tuesday, October 20

No. 10 Notre Dame 3 at No. 3 Boston U. 0 #

<u>UPCOMING GAMES</u> Fridav. October 23

Northeastern at UNH * (NESN)
Maine at Massachusetts *
No. 7 Vermont at Merrimack *
Colgate at No. 12 UMass-Lowell
Providence at Bowling Green #
No. 15 BC at No. 10 Notre Dame # (7:30pm)

Saturday, October 24

Northeastern at No. 12 UMass-Lowell * (5pm) Maine at UNH * No. 4 Michigan at No. 3 Boston University # Providence at Bowling Green #

Sunday, October 25

UConn at Merrimack (4pm)

* denotes Hockey East Game All Games are EST, # HEA/CCHA Challenge

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