



MEN'S WEEKEND PREVIEW

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WEEKEND PREVIEW #5

UNH AND UMASS-LOWELL CLASH AT TSONGAS ON SUNDAY FOR ESPNU AUDIENCE ~UNH hosts BC; Eagles entertain Huskies Saturday; BC, BU face NU; UML travels to UVM~

WAKEFIELD, Mass. – Seven of the nine games on tap this weekend feature Hockey East play with several intriguing matchups, including Boston College at New Hampshire Friday night live on NESN, while Northeastern will entertain No. 5 Boston University at Matthews Arena. No. 8 UMass-Lowell will head north for a single game at No. 15 Vermont on Friday and then the River Hawks will return home for a ESPNU showdown with the Wildcats on Sunday at Tsongas Arena (5pm).

The Wildcats won the season series vs. the Eagles in 2008-09, 2-1, but the Eagles got the last word as they swept the 'Cats in the Hockey East quarterfinals playoffs at the Whittemore Center last March. The Eagles have scored at least three goals in three of the four regular season games to date.

UNH's Brian Foster (Pembroke, N.H.) is 3-0-1 in three career meetings with the River Hawks. He owns a 0.98 GAA, .965 save percentage and a pair shutouts against UML. Foster recorded 77 saves last weekend at Wisconsin, including a career-high 47 stops on Friday night in Madison. The 'Cats own a 4-2 record in their last six games at Tsongas Arena. The River Hawks 3.50 goals per game is 13th best in the country among Division I clubs.

BU and NU last met in late February and tied both games by scores of 2-2 and 1-1. The Terriers are coming off a weekend split with UML, while NU hasn't played since Oct. 24.

UMass-Lowell (4-2-0 overall) and Vermont played five times last year, as the River Hawks swept the Catamounts on the road in the league quarterfinal round, after the schools split the regular season series in 08-09.

The Eagles will host the Huskies at Conte Forum as the lone Saturday night game of the week. Northeastern won three of the four meetings last year vs. the Eagles, but BC won the last meeting between the schools on March 7 (4-1) of last year.

On Sunday, Providence will also travel north to play an afternoon game vs. the Catamounts. The Terriers will also head north to Maine for a single game in Orono. The Friars are coming off a 2-1 win at UMass last Saturday night. Alex Beaudry (Cumberland, Ont.) notched a career-high 47 saves in the win for PC. Maine also is coming of a 4-1 victory vs. Vermont last Friday night at Alford Arena. Sophomore forward Gustav Nyquist (Malmo, Sweden) extended his league-high point-streak to six games on the season with 11 points in that time span. Maine's power play is fourth best in the nation at 27.7% (13 of 47).

The Minutemen (4-1-0 overall, 3-1-0 HEA) will play a rare non-league home-and-home series with Niagara beginning on Friday night in Amherst. The teams will play again on Sunday in New York. (4pm). UMass' offense ranks sixth in the nation at 3.80 goals per game. Recently named Hockey East Player of the Month James Marcou (Kings Park, N.Y.) leads the league in scoring with 11 points overall and seven points in league play. He is currently the active leading scorer in the league with 90 career points.

Merrimack is the lone Hockey East team idle on the weekend, they rank right behind UMass in scoring offense at 3.75 goals per game, ranking seventh nationally among Division I schools.

RECENT RESULTS

Friday, October 30

No. 4 Boston U. 5 at No. 8 UMass-Lowell 4 OT *
 Massachusetts 5 at Providence 3 *
 at No. 12 Boston College 4, Merrimack 3 *
 at Maine 4, No. 10 Vermont 1 *
 at Wisconsin 4, UNH 1

Saturday, October 31

No. 8 UMass-Lowell 3 at No. 4 Boston U. 2 *
 Providence 2 at Massachusetts 1 *
 at Wisconsin 6, UNH 1

Sunday, November 1

at Merrimack 5, No. 12 Boston College 3 *

UPCOMING GAMES

Friday, November 6

Boston College at UNH * (NESN)
 No. 5 Boston University at Northeastern *
 No. 8 UMass-Lowell at No. 15 Vermont *
 Niagara at Massachusetts

Saturday, November 7

Northeastern at Boston College *

Sunday, November 8

Providence at No. 15 Vermont * (4pm)
 UNH at No. 8 UMass-Lowell * (5pm, ESPNU)
 No. 5 Boston University at Maine (4pm) *
 Massachusetts at Niagara (2pm)

* denotes Hockey East Game

All Games are EST

2009-2010 HEA STANDINGS

Rk.	Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Conf. Off.	Conf. Def.
1.	Massachusetts	4	3	1	0	6	4-1-0	3.50 (14)	2.50 (10)
2.	New Hampshire	2	2	0	0	4	2-4-1	4.50 (9)	2.00 (4)
	UMass-Lowell	3	2	1	0	4	4-2-0	3.33 (10)	2.66 (8)
	Merrimack	3	2	1	0	4	5-3-0	4.33 (13)	3.00 (9)
5.	Providence	2	1	1	0	2	5-2-0	2.50 (5)	3.00 (6)
	Boston College	3	1	2	0	2	2-2-0	2.66 (8)	4.00 (12)
	Boston University	3	1	2	0	2	2-3-0	3.00 (9)	3.33 (10)
	Maine	3	1	2	0	2	2-5-0	3.33 (9)	3.66 (11)
	Vermont	3	1	2	0	2	2-3-0	2.33 (7)	3.33 (10)
10.	Northeastern	2	0	2	0	0	2-3-0	1.50 (3)	3.50 (7)

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2009-10 HOCKEY EAST SEASON SUPERLATIVES

SHUTOUTS

Date	Goalie	Team	Opp.	Svs	Result
10/9	Carter Hutton	UML	SLU	24	W, 3-0

40+ SAVES

Date	Goalie	Team	Opp.	Svs	Result
10/30	Brian Foster	UNH	at Wisconsin	47	L, 1-4
10/31	Alex Beaudry	PC	at UMass	47	W, 2-1

INDIVIDUAL HIGHS

Goals:	5	Stephane Da Costa, MC (10/17/09 vs. Army)
Assists:	4	James Marcou, UMass (10/8/09 vs. RPI)
Points:	5	Stephane Da Costa, MC (10/17/09 vs. Army)
Point Streak:	6	Gustav Nyquist, Maine (10/10 to 10/30; 11 pts.)
In League Play:	4	Matt Irwin, UMass (10/16 to 10/31; 6pts.)
Saves:	47	Brian Foster, UNH (10/30/09 vs. Wisconsin)
	47	Alex Beaudry, PC (10/31/09 vs. Massachusetts)

TEAM HIGHS

Goals:	8	Providence (10/23/09 at BGSU)
In league play:	5	by four teams (BU, UMass, MC, UNH)
Shots on Goal:	48	Massachusetts (10/31/09 vs. Providence)
Consecutive Wins:	4	Merrimack (10/16 to 10/25)
In league play:	3	Massachusetts (10/16/09 to 10/30/09)
Unbeaten Streak:	4	Massachusetts (10/8/09 to 10/30/09)
In league play:	3	Massachusetts (10/16/09 to 10/30/09)

THE ROAD TO 100 CAREER POINTS IN 2009-10

James Marcou, UMass	90 pts.
Ben Smith, BC	89 pts.
Nick Bonino, BU	79 pts.
Kory Falite, UML	78 pts.
Bobby Butler, UNH	76 pts.
Joe Whitney, BC	70 pts.
Wade MacLeod, NU	66 pts.

HAT TRICKS

Date	Player	Team	Opponent	Result
10/17	Stephane Da Costa	MC	vs. Army	W, 6-3
10/23	Matt Bergland	PC	at BGSU	W, 8-2

OVERTIME GOALS

Date	Player	Team	Opponent	Result
10/30	Colby Cohen	BU	at UML	W, 5-4

THE LAST TIME

A player had four goals:

Stephane Da Costa, Merrimack (10/17/09 vs. Army)

A rookie had a hat trick:

Stephane Da Costa, Merrimack (10/17/09 vs. Army)
In league play: Jimmy Hayes, BC, 11/15/08 vs. UNH

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, 3/15/09 to 4/11/09 (7 games)
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 games)
In league play: New Hampshire, 11/12/06 to 1/19/07 (11 games)

A team was unbeaten in 10 straight games:

Boston University, 1/16/09 to 3/13/09 (17 games; 14-0-3)
In league play: Boston U. (1/16/09 to 3/8/09 (14 games; 11-0-3)

A team recorded 50 shots-on-goal:

Providence, 2/15/08 vs. UNH (53 shots)
In league play: Providence, 2/15/08 vs. UNH (53 shots)

* – defenseman ! – rookie * neutral site game