



MEN'S WEEKEND PREVIEW

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BOSTON U. AND UNH CLASH FOR WEEKEND SET; MAINE HOSTS BOSTON COLLEGE ~Northeastern and Providence square off for home-and-home series; UML hosts Merrimack Sunday~

WAKEFIELD, Mass. – Hockey East games dominate the weekend schedule with seven games on the slate, including a home-and-home series between Boston University and New Hampshire, beginning on Friday night at the Whittemore Center in Durham. Maine will also host Boston College for a two-game set at Alfond Arena, while Northeastern and Providence College will play a two-game home-and-home matchup beginning on Friday at Matthews Arena in Boston. No. 4 ranked UMass-Lowell will play a single game this season on Saturday night vs. Merrimack at Tsongas Arena in Lowell.

Boston University leads the all-time series with UNH, 95-42-18 in 155 all-time meetings between the two schools dating back to Feb. 5, 1925. It will mark the first meeting since the two schools met last March in the NCAA Northeast Regional Final in Manchester, N.H., with the Terriers winning that meeting by a 2-1 score. The Wildcats will host their annual "Blue Out" on Friday encouraging fans to wear blue to the game. UNH is 4-1-2 all time against BU at Agganis Arena with its first loss coming last season.

BC and Maine will be looking to get back on the winning track after their most recent losses. The Eagles won the season series last year, 2-1, with BC winning the last two meetings of the year by scores of 6-3 and 4-1. Maine sophomore forward Gustav Nyquist (Malmo, Sweden) ranks fourth in the league in scoring with 13 points (5g,8a). BC junior goalie John Muse (East Falmouth, Mass.) made 53 saves (.930 save%) in the weekend split with Vermont last weekend.

The Friars are coming off a 4-3 win against Brown in the Mayor's Cup on Tuesday night in Providence, while Northeastern is fresh off a five-goal offensive outburst vs. Maine last Saturday. The Huskies swept the season series with PC last year, as they scored a combined 13 goals (4.33 gpg) in those three contests. The Friars have allowed a league-low five goals in the first period this season. Sophomore forward Matt Bergland (Faribault, Minn.) leads the Friars' roster in points with nine (6g,3a) and goals.

UMass-Lowell and Merrimack will renew their Merrimack Valley rivalry on Saturday. The River Hawks swept the series last year, but the last two meetings of the year were one goal games, both by a 3-2 score. The game features two of the four schools in Hockey East with at least six overall wins on the season. Rookie Stephane Da Costa (Paris, France) lead the nation among rookies with 1.75 points per game and its also the third best mark overall among all Div. I players.

Massachusetts and Vermont are the only Hockey East teams idle this weekend, they return to action on Tuesday night, Nov. 24 for a game at Gutterson Fieldhouse. The Minutemen downed Yale, 4-3, on Thursday night in New Haven for their league-leading eighth win of the season on an overtime goal by junior forward James Marcou (Kings Park, N.Y.). Marcou leads the league in point scoring with 16 points in 10 games. He is only five points shy of becoming the ninth UMass player in school history to achieve the 100 career point mark.

RECENT RESULTS
Friday, November 13
 at Merrimack 6, Boston University 3 *
 at No. 10 Massachusetts 4, UNH 3 OT *
 Maine 6 at Northeastern 2 *
 No. 5 UMass-Lowell 3 at Alabama-Huntsville 1

Saturday, November 14
 at Boston University 6, Merrimack 4 *
 UNH 4 at No. 10 Massachusetts 2 *
 at Boston College 7, No. 15 Vermont 1 *
 at Northeastern 5, Maine 2 *
 No. 5 UMass-Lowell 4 at Alabama-Huntsville 0

Sunday, November 15
 No. 15 Vermont 3 at Boston College 2 *

Tuesday, November 17
 at Providence 4, Brown 3 (Mayor's Cup)

Thursday, November 19
 No. 11 Massachusetts 4 at Yale 3 OT

UPCOMING GAMES
Friday, November 20
 Boston University at UNH *
 Boston College at Maine *
 Providence at Northeastern *

Saturday, November 21
 Merrimack at No. 4 UMass-Lowell *
 UNH at Boston University *
 Boston College at Maine *
 Northeastern at Providence * (COX-TV)

* 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	6	4	2	0	8	8-2-0	3.33 (20)	2.83 (17)
2.	UMass-Lowell	5	3	1	1	7	7-2-1	3.80 (19)	2.80 (14)
	New Hampshire	6	3	2	1	7	3-6-2	3.83 (23)	3.33 (20)
	Boston College	7	3	3	1	7	4-3-1	3.71 (26)	3.00 (21)
	Vermont	7	3	3	1	7	4-4-1	2.43 (17)	3.14 (22)
6.	Merrimack	5	3	2	0	6	6-4-0	4.60 (23)	3.60 (18)
	Maine	6	3	3	0	6	4-6-0	3.33 (20)	3.33 (20)
8.	Northeastern	6	2	4	0	4	4-5-0	2.00 (12)	3.50 (20)
	Boston University	7	2	5	0	4	3-6-0	2.86 (20)	3.43 (24)
10.	Providence	3	1	2	0	2	6-3-0	1.67 (5)	3.00 (9)

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2009-10 HOCKEY EAST SEASON SUPERLATIVES

SHUTOUTS

Date	Goalie	Team	Opp.	Svs	Result
10/9	Carter Hutton	UML	St. Lawrence	24	W, 3-0
11/6	Chris Rawlings	NU	Boston U.	43	W, 1-0
11/8	Mike Spillane	UVM	Providence	33	W, 3-0
11/14	Carter Hutton	UML	Alabama-Huntsville	19	W, 4-0

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
11/6	Chris Rawlings	NU	Boston U.	43	W, 1-0
11/13	Paul Dainton	UMass	UNH	42	W, 4-3

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:	7	Gustav Nyquist, Maine (10/10 to 11/8; 13 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:	7	Boston College (11/14/09 vs. Vermont)
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	95 pts.
Ben Smith, BC	94 pts.
Bobby Butler, UNH	82 pts.
Kory Falite, UML	82 pts.
Nick Bonino, BU	81 pts.
Joe Whitney, BC	72 pts.
Wade MacLeod, NU	67 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
11/13	David Boehm	UMass	UNH	W, 4-3
11/19	James Marcou	UMass	at Yale	W, 4-3

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