



MEN'S WEEKEND PREVIEW

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WEEKEND PREVIEW #9

NO. 9 UMASS FACES NO. 14 BC AND NO. 8 UMASS-LOWELL THIS WEEKEND ~Vermont hosts UNH Sunday on ESPNU; Conference play dominates weekend schedule~

WAKEFIELD, Mass. – League play in Hockey East is back in full swing this weekend after the holiday break. No. 9 Massachusetts will face No. 14 Boston College and No. 8 UMass-Lowell in a weekend full of intriguing matchups. Vermont will also travel south to Boston University for a Friday game at Agganis Arena and return home on Sunday to host UNH at Gutterson Fieldhouse in front of a national audience on ESPNU.

The Minutemen own a 5-2-0 record in their last seven games heading into Friday's game at the Mullins Center with the Eagles. BC won the season series with UMass last year, 2-1, with a pair of 2-0 shutouts, which included the last meeting on February 6, 2009. With a five assist performance at Vermont, junior forward James Marcou (Kings Park, N.Y) became the ninth UMass player in school history to achieve the 100-point plateau. He leads the nation in scoring with 1.92 points per game. The Eagles are 4-1-2 in their last seven contests heading into the weekend. Senior blueliner Carl Sneepe (Nisswa, Minn.) ranks third in the league among defensive scorers with 12 points this season.

UMass-Lowell won the season series with UMass last year, 2-1, which included two one-goal games in the last two meetings on Jan. 17 and Feb. 17. The River Hawks and Maine have a league-high seven players that have scored 10+ points this season.

The Terriers last three games (1-0-2) have gone to overtime and they have scored 12 goals in that span. Vermont was the only Hockey East team to defeat BU in a series last year in league play. The last two meetings were 4-3 victories for the Catamounts back on Nov. 21 and 22 of last season. Vermont is coming off a 1-0 shutout of Yale in a rare Monday night game in Burlington. Senior Mike Spillane (Bow, N.H.) notched 26 saves for his second career shutout vs. the Bulldogs. UNH won the season series with UVM last year, 2-1, as the schools combined for 26 goals in the three-game season series.

Longtime Comm. Ave. rivals Boston College and Boston University will meet for the 247th time in the all-time series on Saturday night at Agganis Arena. BU leads the series, 123-106-17.

Merrimack and Northeastern will open a home-and-home set on Friday night at Lawler Arena. The Warriors lead the league in offense, along with UMass scoring 3.92 goals per game. Merrimack has already scored 47 goals this season, more than doubling its offensive output in comparison to its first 12 games last season (22 goals). Merrimack's Stephane Da Costa (Paris, France) is currently in the midst of a league-high seven game point steak with 11 points (3g,8a) during that time. NU goalie Chris Rawlings (North Delta, B.C.) ranks sixth in the league among netminders with a .913 save percentage.

Providence and Maine will play a two-game set at Alford Arena beginning Friday night. Gustav Nyquist (Malmo, Sweden) and UNH's Bobby Butler (Marlboro, Mass.) lead the conference in scoring with 21 points apiece. The Black Bears won the season series last year, 2-0-1, as Maine scored eight goals in the series. Four of PC's seven wins this season have been one-goal contests. PC blueliner Mark Fayne (Sagamore Beach, Mass.) is off to a quick start with 11 points (3g,8a) through the first 13 games. He is one point shy of his career-high 12 points which he accomplished in 2006-07.

RECENT RESULTS
Tuesday, November 24
 No. 9 Massachusetts 6 at Vermont 2 *
 at Providence 4, No. 3 UMass-Lowell 2 *
 Boston University 6 at Harvard 5 OT

Friday, November 27
 Vermont 3 at Northeastern 2 *
 Maine 3 at No. 3 UMass-Lowell 1 *
 at No. 15 Boston College 6, Clarkson 5
 at Dartmouth 4, Providence 2

Saturday, November 28
 UNH 5 at Merrimack 4 *
 Boston U. 3 vs. No. 8 Cornell 3 OT (at MSG)
 at Maine 10, St. Lawrence 1
 (at Portland Civic Center)
 at No. 10 Quinnipiac 5, No. 9 UMass 4 OT

Monday, November 30
 at Vermont 1, No. 10 Yale 0

UPCOMING GAMES
Friday, December 4
 No. 14 Boston College at No. 9 Massachusetts *
 Vermont at Boston University *
 Northeastern at Merrimack *
 Providence at Maine * (WABI-TV)
 No. 8 UMass-Lowell at UNH *

Saturday, December 5
 No. 14 Boston College at Boston University *
 Merrimack at Northeastern *
 No. 9 Massachusetts at No. 8 UMass-Lowell *
 Providence at Maine *

Sunday, December 6
 UNH at Vermont * (3pm, ESPNU)

* 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.	New Hampshire	9	5	2	2	12	5-6-3	3.89 (35)	3.22 (29)
2.	Massachusetts	7	5	2	0	10	9-3-0	3.71 (26)	2.71 (19)
	Boston College	9	4	3	2	10	6-3-2	3.67 (33)	3.00 (27)
4.	UMass-Lowell	8	4	3	1	9	8-4-1	3.50 (28)	3.00 (24)
	Maine	9	4	4	1	9	6-7-1	3.22 (29)	3.11 (28)
	Vermont	9	4	4	1	9	6-5-1	2.44 (22)	3.33 (30)
7.	Northeastern	9	3	5	1	7	5-6-1	2.33 (21)	3.00 (27)
8.	Merrimack	7	3	4	0	6	6-6-0	4.29 (30)	4.14 (29)
9.	Providence	6	2	3	1	5	7-5-1	2.17 (13)	3.00 (18)
	Boston University	9	2	6	1	5	4-7-2	2.78 (25)	3.44 (31)

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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
11/30	Mike Spillane	UVM	Yale	26	W, 1-0

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 vs. Army)
Assists:	5	James Marcou, UMass (11/24 at Vermont)
Points:	5	Stephane Da Costa, MC (10/17 vs. Army) James Marcou, UMass (11/24 at Vermont) Brian Flynn, Maine (11/28 vs. St. Lawrence)
Point Streak:	7	Bobby Butler, UNH (11/6 to present; 13 pts. (8g,5a) Stephane Da Costa (10/23 to present; 11 pts. (3g,8a) Gustav Nyquist, Maine (10/10 to 11/8; 13 pts.)
In League Play:	7	Bobby Butler, UNH (11/6 to present; 13 pts. (8g,5a)
Saves:	47	Brian Foster, UNH (10/30 vs. Wisconsin)
	47	Alex Beaudry, PC (10/31 vs. Massachusetts)

TEAM HIGHS

Goals:	10	Maine (11/28 vs. St. Lawrence)
In league play:	7	Boston College (11/14 vs. Vermont)
Shots on Goal:	49	Boston U. (11/24/09 at Harvard)
Consecutive Wins:	4	Several Teams
In league play:	3	Massachusetts (10/16 to 10/30)
Unbeaten Streak:	6	UMass-Lowell (10/31 to 11/21)
In league play:	4	New Hampshire (11/14/09 to present)

100+ POINTS

Date	Player	Opponent	Current Pts.
11/24	James Marcou, UMass	at Vermont	102

THE ROAD TO 100 CAREER POINTS IN 2009-10

Ben Smith, BC	97 pts.
Bobby Butler, UNH	89 pts.
Nick Bonino, BU	87 pts.
Kory Falite, UML	83 pts.
Brian Gibbons, BC	76 pts.
Joe Whitney, BC	73 pts.
Ben Holstrom, UML	72 pts.
Wade MacLeod, NU	70 pts.
Justin Braun, UMass	70 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
11/24	Casey Wellman	UMass	at Vermont	W, 6-2

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
11/24	Chris Connolly	BU	at Harvard	W, 6-5

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