



MEN'S WEEKEND PREVIEW

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PROVIDENCE HOSTS UNH FRIDAY, BC SATURDAY; NORTHEASTERN TRAVELS TO MAINE ~No. 15 UMass entertains Merrimack; Hockey East teams host four non-league contests~

WAKEFIELD, Mass. – League leader New Hampshire and Providence College will open the weekend schedule on Friday night at Schneider Arena, while No. 9 UMass-Lowell and Boston University will hosts ECAC foes Princeton and Rensselaer, respectively. On Saturday night, Maine will host Northeastern at Alford Arena, No. 15 Massachusetts will entertain Merrimack College at the Mullins Center and Providence will host Boston College.

The Friars and Wildcats will meet for the first time this season, as UNH won the three-game season series last year, 2-0-1. PC is coming off a pair of losses at Maine, while the 'Cats come in as one of the league hottest teams with a six-game unbeaten streak (5-0-1). UNH's Bobby Butler (Marlboro, Mass.) leads the conference in scoring with 17 points and nine goals. Sophomore goalie Alex Beaudry (Cumberland, Ont.) ranks first in GAA (2.25) and save percentage (.929) among league netminders. The Friars have allowed eight of their 39 goals in the first period this season.

The River Hawks will host Princeton for a two-game set, beginning on Friday night at Tsongas Arena. UML owns a 4-1-0 record this season in non-league play. UMass-Lowell is coming off a 5-3 win last Saturday vs. UMass, as reigning Hockey East Player of the Week David Vallorani (Hamilton, Ont.) scored his first career hat trick against the Minutemen.

BU and RPI head into Friday's contest having played each other 63 times since first meeting on March 14, 1953. BU holds a 33-27-3 advantage in the all-time series. The Terriers are 6-1-1 in the last eight meetings dating back to the 2001-2002 season. BU owns a 2-1-1 record in four non-league games this season. Four of the Terriers' last five games have gone to overtime.

The Minutemen and Warriors will faceoff for the first time this season on Saturday. Merrimack won the season series, 2-1, but UMass won the last meeting on March 7 by a 6-1 score. Both teams offenses rank at the top of Hockey East, scoring 3.64 goals per game and their power play efficiency is also in the Top 3 with UMass ranking first at 27.3% and Merrimack ranking third at 26.4%.

BC and Providence will meet on Saturday at Schneider Arena. The Eagles also enter on a four-game win streak, including a 3-2 win at Harvard on Wednesday night. BC won the season series last year vs. PC, 2-0-1, scoring 11 goals in the three-game set.

The Black Bears enter their game Saturday vs. the Huskies on a four-game win streak, as they have outscored their opponents 19 to 4 during that time. Maine goalie Scott Darling (Lemont, Ill.) owns a .958 save percentage in Maine's win streak. The two teams will wrap up the season series, as they split a two-game series in mid December. NU is coming off a 2-1 vs. Merrimack at Matthews Arena last Saturday night. Freshman Bryan Mountain (Bryn Mawr, Pa.) notched 24 saves for his first collegiate victory.

Vermont will play its second to last game before the holiday break with a single-game against St. Lawrence. The Catamounts own a 2-1-0 record in non-league action this season. UVM's last meeting vs. the Saints was in the Catamount Cup Championship Game last year, a 4-0 Vermont shutout on Jan. 3. Vermont goalie Ron Madore (Pittsburgh, Pa.) notched 29 saves for his first career shutout in that game.

RECENT RESULTS

Monday, November 30
 at Vermont 1, Yale 0

Friday, December 4

No. 14 Boston College 3 at No. 9 UMass 1 *
 at UNH 2, No. 8 UMass-Lowell 1 *
 Vermont 3 at Boston University 3 OT *
 at Merrimack 3, Northeastern 1 *
 at Maine 3, Providence 1 *

Saturday, December 5

No. 14 Boston College 4 at Boston U. 1 *
 at Northeastern 2, Merrimack 1 *
 at No. 8 UMass-Lowell 5, No. 9 UMass 3 *
 at Maine 3, Providence 1 *

Sunday, December 6

UNH 5 at Vermont 2 * (ESPNU)

Wednesday, December 9

No. 10 Boston College 3 at Harvard 2

UPCOMING GAMES

Friday, December 11

UNH at Providence * (COX-TV)
 Princeton at No. 9 UMass-Lowell
 Rensselaer at Boston University (NESN)

Saturday, December 12

No. 10 Boston College at Providence * (COX-TV)
 Merrimack at No. 15 Massachusetts *
 Northeastern at Maine *
 Princeton at UMass-Lowell (4pm)
 St. Lawrence at Vermont

* 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	11	7	2	2	16	7-6-3	3.82 (42)	2.91 (32)
2.	Boston College	11	6	3	2	14	9-3-2	3.64 (40)	2.64 (29)
3.	Maine	11	6	4	1	13	8-7-1	3.18 (35)	2.73 (30)
4.	UMass-Lowell	10	5	4	1	11	9-5-1	3.40 (34)	2.90 (29)
5.	Massachusetts	9	5	4	0	10	9-5-0	3.33 (30)	3.00 (27)
	Vermont	11	4	5	2	10	6-6-2	2.45 (27)	3.45 (38)
7.	Northeastern	11	4	6	1	9	6-7-1	2.18 (24)	2.82 (31)
8.	Merrimack	9	4	5	0	8	7-7-0	4.29 (34)	4.14 (32)
9.	Boston University	11	2	7	2	6	4-8-3	2.64 (25)	3.45 (31)
10.	Providence	8	2	5	1	5	7-7-1	1.88 (15)	3.00 (24)

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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 (10/17/09 vs. Army)
Assists:	5	James Marcou, UMass (11/24/09 at Vermont)
Points:	5	Stephane Da Costa, MC (10/17/09 vs. Army) James Marcou, UMass (11/24/09 at Vermont)
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:	49	Boston U. (11/24/09 at Harvard)
Consecutive Wins:	4	Several Teams
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)

100+ POINTS

Date	Player	Opponent	Current Points
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

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
11/24	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