



MEN'S WEEKEND PREVIEW

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BU AND UMASS CLASH ON ESPNU; BOSTON COLLEGE COMPETES IN DENVER CUP ~Holiday Tournaments in full swing; UNH hosts Cornell on ESPNU Sunday~

WAKEFIELD, Mass. – No. 5 ranked Boston College will kickoff the holiday schedule at the Denver Cup at Magness Arena on Friday night, opening with ECAC foe St. Lawrence, while Boston University and Massachusetts will play the only league game of the weekend on Saturday at Agganis Arena (4pm) live on ESPNU.

The Eagles are a perfect 3-0-0 in non-league play this season heading into the Denver Cup. BC has won its last five games by a combined score of 19 to 10. Sophomore forward Cam Atkinson (Greenwich, Conn.) notched five points (4g,1a) in the month of December for the Eagles in four contests. The Eagles will face host No. 2 Denver on Saturday night in the tournament finale.

BU and UMass are even in their last 10 meetings at 4-4-2, including UMass' 3-2 victory vs. the Terriers at the Mullins Center on Oct. 16. UMass is outscoring opponents 25-to-13 in the third period this season, including three 3-goal third periods. Junior forward James Marcou (Kings Park, N.Y.) leads the nation with 1.76 points per game for the Minutemen. He is also the leading active scorer in Hockey East with 109 career points and 76 points in league play.

Merrimack College will compete in the Badger Classic beginning on Saturday night at the Kohl Center, while UMass-Lowell and Northeastern skate at the Dartmouth Tournament. The Warriors will face host No. 7 Wisconsin in the tournament opener on Saturday night. Merrimack owns a 3-2-0 record this season and have scored 17 goals in those five games. Freshman forward Stephane Da Costa (Paris, France) in the only Hockey East rookie to led their team in scoring this year with 19 points (9g,10a).

Northeastern will face host Dartmouth on Saturday at 7pm, while the River Hawks will faceoff against Holy Cross in the 4pm game. UML is 5-2-0 in non-conference games this season and return to action after a 21-day break since its weekend split vs. Princeton on Dec. 11 and 12.

New Hampshire and No. 4 Cornell will square off on ESPNU Sunday from the Whittemore Center in Durham. The Wildcats are currently in the midst of a league-high seven game unbeaten streak (6-0-1) heading into Sunday's contest with the Big Red. UNH has won four of the last six meetings against Cornell, which included two NCAA Tournament games in 2002 and 2003.

Vermont will host the annual Catamount Cup at Gutterson Fieldhouse in Burlington, Vt. The 'Cats will face Alabama-Huntsville in the tournament opener on Saturday. The Catamounts have won two straight non-conference games headed into their own tournament this weekend. UVM has scored 3+ goals in 10 of 16 games this season. Sophomore goalie Rob Madore (Pittsburgh, Pa.) notched a solid month in December with a 2-0-1 record (1.96 GAA, .933 save percentage) for Vermont.

Maine will play a single exhibition game on Saturday night at Alford Arena vs. New Brunswick, after they were crowned of the Florida College Classic on Wednesday night with a huge 3-2 win over No. 4 Colorado College. Sophomore forward Gustav Nyquist (Malmo, Sweden) ranks second in the nation in scoring at 1.58 points per game for the Black Bears.

RECENT RESULTS
Saturday, December 12
 at Maine 5, Northeastern 1 *
 at No. 15 Massachusetts 4, Merrimack 1 *
 No. 10 Boston College 3 at Providence 1 *
 at Vermont 3, St. Lawrence 0
 Princeton 3 at UMass-Lowell 2

Saturday, December 19
 at Vermont 4, Dartmouth 3

Tuesday, December 29
 Florida College Classic (Estero, Fla.)
 Maine 6 vs. Princeton 6 OT
 UConn Tournament (at Storrs, Conn.)
 No. 15 Massachusetts 4 vs. No. 18 Union 3

Wednesday, December 30
 Florida College Classic at Germain Arena
 Maine 3 vs. No. 3 Colorado College 2
 UConn Tournament (at Storrs, Conn.)
 Bentley 4 vs. No. 15 UMass 1

UPCOMING GAMES
Friday, January 1
 Denver Cup at Magness Arena (Denver, Col.)
 No. 5 Boston College vs. St. Lawrence (6:30pm)

Saturday, January 2
 No. 15 UMass at Boston U. * (4pm, ESPNU)
 Denver Cup at Magness Arena (Denver, Col.)
 No. 5 Boston College vs. No. 2 Denver (9pm)
 Badger Classic at Kohl Center (Madison, Wis.)
 Merrimack vs. No. 7 Wisconsin (8pm)
 Dartmouth Tournament
 Northeastern vs. Dartmouth
 No. 12 UMass-Lowell vs. Holy Cross (4pm)
 Catamount Cup (at Burlington, Vt.)
 Alabama Huntsville at Vermont
 New Brunswick at Maine (Exh.)

Sunday, January 3
 Badger Classic at Kohl Center (Madison, Wis.)
 Merrimack vs. Ferris State/Yale (5pm)
 Dartmouth Tournament
 Northeastern vs. Holy Cross/UMass-Lowell (4/7pm)
 UMass-Lowell vs. Dartmouth/Northeastern (4/7pm)
 Catamount Cup (at Burlington, Vt.)
 Mercyhurst/Minnesota Duluth at Vermont (4/7pm)
 Cornell at UNH (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 | 12 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 18 | 8-6-3 | 3.83 (46) | 2.92 (35) |
| 2. | Boston College | 12 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 16 | 10-3-2 | 3.58 (43) | 2.50 (30) |
| 3. | Maine | 12 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 15 | 10-7-2 | 3.33 (40) | 2.58 (31) |
| 4. | Massachusetts | 10 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 12 | 11-6-0 | 3.40 (34) | 2.80 (28) |
| 5. | UMass-Lowell | 10 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 11 | 10-6-1 | 3.40 (34) | 2.90 (29) |
| 6. | Vermont | 11 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 10 | 8-6-2 | 2.45 (27) | 3.45 (38) |
| 7. | Northeastern | 12 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 9 | 6-8-1 | 2.08 (25) | 3.00 (36) |
| 8. | Merrimack | 10 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 8 | 7-8-0 | 3.50 (35) | 3.60 (36) |
| 9. | Boston University | 11 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 6 | 4-9-3 | 2.64 (25) | 3.45 (31) |
| 10. | Providence | 10 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 7-9-1 | 1.90 (19) | 3.10 (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 |
| 12/12 | Rob Madore | UVM | St. Lawrence | 21 | 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: | 10 | Stephane Da Costa, Merrimack (15 pts.; 4g, 11a) |
| In League Play: | 9 | Stephane Da Costa, Merrimack (13 pts.; 4g, 9a) |
| Saves: | 47 | Brian Foster, UNH (10/30/09 vs. Wisconsin) |
| | 47 | Alex Beaudry, PC (10/31/09 vs. Massachusetts) |

TEAM HIGHS

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|-------------------|----|--|
| 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: | 5 | Boston College (11/27/09 to present) Maine (11/27/09 to 12/12/09) |
| In league play: | 4 | Maine (11/27/09 to present); UNH (11/28/09 to present) |
| Unbeaten Streak: | 7 | New Hampshire (11/14/09 to present; 6-0-1) |
| In league play: | 7 | New Hampshire (11/14/09 to present; 6-0-1) |

100+ POINTS

| Date | Player | Opponent | Current Points |
|-------|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| 11/24 | James Marcou, UMass | at Vermont | 109 |

THE ROAD TO 100 CAREER POINTS IN 2009-10

| | |
|---------------------|---------|
| Ben Smith, BC | 99 pts. |
| Bobby Butler, UNH | 92 pts. |
| Nick Bonino, BU | 89 pts. |
| Kory Falite, UML | 85 pts. |
| Brian Gibbons, BC | 79 pts. |
| Joe Whitney, BC | 76 pts. |
| Ben Holstrom, UML | 72 pts. |
| Wade MacLeod, NU | 71 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 |
| 12/5 | David Vallorani | UML | vs. UMass | W, 5-3 |

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