



MEN'S WEEKEND PREVIEW

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BOSTON UNIVERSITY AND PROVIDENCE COLLEGE MEET ON NESN FRIDAY NIGHT ~UMass and UMass-Lowell skate in intrastate series; Northeastern travels north to Vermont~

WAKEFIELD, Mass. – Boston University and Providence College will faceoff live on NESN Friday night from Schneider Arena, while Massachusetts and UMass-Lowell begin a two-game set beginning on Friday at the Mullins Center in Amherst. The Vermont Catamounts entertain Northeastern for a pair of games at Gutterson Fieldhouse starting on Friday. Maine heads south for the weekend to play at Boston College and Providence on Saturday night.

The Terriers are coming off a huge 3-2 win against arch rival Boston College at Fenway Park last Friday night, while the Friars will return to action after 4-1 loss to the Eagles on Tuesday night at Conte Forum, ending their month-long break from game play. The Terriers won the season series last year, 2-1, which included victories the final two meetings by a combined 11-2 score. Junior forward Nick Bonino (Unionville, Conn.) has potted five goals in his last seven games, after starting the season with a six-game scoreless streak. PC sophomore netminder Alex Beaudry (Cumberland, Ont.) ranks second in the conference with a .921 save percentage. Beaudry notched 41 saves in the losing effort Tuesday night vs. BC. BU and Merrimack will also meet on Saturday night at Agganis Arena. The Warriors penalty kill at 83.5% ranks second among Hockey East teams. Merrimack owns a 7-0-0 record this season when leading after two periods of play.

Sophomore forward David Vallorani (Hamilton, Ont.) led the way for the River Hawks in the 5-3 win vs. UMass at Tsongas Arena on December 5 in their first meeting of the year, posting his first collegiate hat trick. The Minutemen and River Hawks are coming wins vs. Northeastern at Matthews Arena. UML's Michael Scheu (Buffalo, N.Y.) scored the overtime game-winner with 26 seconds remaining in the 6-5 win, while UMass was victorious on Sunday night by a 4-1 score.

Maine heads into the weekend on a nine-game (7-0-2) unbeaten streak, the longest current active streak in the nation among Div. I programs. The Black Bears have received strong play during the streak from sophomore Scott Darling (Lemont, Ill.) who has registered a 1.83 GAA and a .928 save percentage in Maine's last nine games. The Eagles rank second in the league in team offense (3.47) and team defense (2.74). Freshman Parker Milner (Pittsburgh, Pa.) made his sixth career start on Tuesday, making 15 saves for his fifth victory of the season.

Vermont won the first meeting of the season series with Northeastern back on November 27, 3-2, at Matthews Arena. Sophomore goalie Rob Madore (Pittsburgh, Pa.) tallied 28 saves in the Catamount victory. He is 3-0-1 with a 1.97 goals against average and a .931 save percentage in his last five appearances. UVM owns a 9-3-4 record vs. the Huskies since joining the league in the fall of 2005. In the third period this season, the Huskies and PC have allowed a league-low 14 goals on the year. The Huskies own a 6-1-1 record this year when they score the first goal of the game.

New Hampshire and Dartmouth will square off in the Battle for the RiverStone Cup IX at the Verizon Wireless Arena in Manchester, N.H. on Saturday night. UNH holds a 5-2-1 advantage in eight previous meetings in the Battle for the RiverStone Cup. Senior Bobby Butler has 97 career points (47g, 50a) and is looking to become the 67th member of the 100-point club in school history.

RECENT RESULTS

Friday, January 8

Boston U. 3 vs. No. 8 Boston College 2 *
 (Sun Life Frozen Fenway at Fenway Park)
 No. 14 UMass-Lowell 2 at UNH 2 OT *

Saturday, January 9

at UNH 7, Massachusetts 2 *
 No. 14 UMass-Lowell 6 at Northeastern 5 OT *
 at Maine 4, Merrimack 2 *

Sunday, January 10

Massachusetts 4 at Northeastern 1 *

Tuesday, January 12

at No. 12 Boston College 4, Providence 1 *

UPCOMING GAMES

Friday, January 15

Maine at Boston College *
 Northeastern at Vermont *
 Boston U. at Providence * (7:30pm, NESN)
 No. 14 UMass-Lowell at Massachusetts *

Saturday, January 16

Maine at Providence * (COX-TV)
 Northeastern at Vermont *
 Merrimack at Boston University *
 Massachusetts at No. 14 UMass-Lowell *
 UNH vs. Dartmouth
 (Verizon Wireless Arena, Manchester, N.H.)

Tuesday, January 19

Providence at Northeastern *

Friday, January 22

Boston U. at Boston College * (7:30pm, NESN)
 Merrimack at UMass-Lowell *
 UNH at Providence *

* 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	14	9	2	3	21	9-7-4	3.93 (55)	2.79 (39)
2.	Boston College	14	8	4	2	19	11-6-2	3.50 (49)	2.43 (34)
3.	Maine	13	8	4	1	17	11-7-2	3.38 (44)	2.54 (33)
4.	UMass-Lowell	12	6	4	2	14	12-7-2	3.50 (42)	3.00 (36)
	Massachusetts	13	7	6	0	14	12-8-0	3.31 (43)	3.31 (43)
6.	Vermont	11	4	5	2	10	10-6-2	2.45 (27)	3.45 (38)
	Boston University	13	4	7	2	10	6-9-3	3.00 (39)	3.31 (43)
8.	Northeastern	14	4	9	1	9	8-10-1	2.21 (31)	3.29 (46)
9.	Merrimack	11	4	7	0	8	7-11-0	3.36 (37)	3.64 (40)
10.	Providence	11	2	8	1	5	7-10-1	1.81 (20)	3.18 (35)

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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, 3-0
1/2	Carter Hutton	UML	Holy Cross	32	W, 3-0
1/2	Chris Rawlings	NU	at Dartmouth	32	W, 7-0

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
1/12	Alex Beaudry	PC	at Boston College	41	L, 1-4

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) Chris Auger, UML (11/21 vs. Merrimack)
Point Streak:	11	Stephane Da Costa, MC (10/25 to 1/2; 17 pts.)
(active)	10	Gustav Nyquist, Maine (11/20 to present; 18 pts.)
In League Play:	9	Stephane Da Costa, MC (10/30 to 12/12; 13 pts.)
(active)	7	Gustav Nyquist, Maine (11/20 to present; 9 pts.)
Saves:	47	Brian Foster, UNH (10/30/09 vs. Wisconsin)
	47	Alex Beaudry, PC (10/31/09 vs. Massachusetts)

TEAM HIGHS

Goals:	10	Maine (11/28 vs. St. Lawrence)
In league play:	7	Boston College (11/14/09 vs. Vermont)
	7	Boston U. (1/2/10 vs. UMass)
	7	New Hampshire (1/9/10 vs. UMass)
Shots on Goal:	49	Boston U. (11/24/09 at Harvard)
Consecutive Wins:	5	Boston College (11/27/09 to 12/12/09)
		Maine (11/27/09 to 12/12/09)
In league play:	4	Maine (11/27/09 to 12/12/09)
		New Hampshire (11/28/09 to 12/11/09)
Unbeaten Streak:	9	Maine (11/21/09 to present; 7-0-2)
In league play:	9	New Hampshire (11/14/09 to present; 7-0-2)

100+ POINTS

Date	Player	Opponent	Current Points
11/24	James Marcou, UMass	at Vermont	113
1/1	Ben Smith, BC	at Denver	100

THE ROAD TO 100 CAREER POINTS IN 2009-10

Bobby Butler, UNH	97 pts.
Kory Falite, UML	92 pts.
Nick Bonino, BU	91 pts.
Brian Gibbons, BC	85 pts.
Joe Whitney, BC	81 pts.
Wade MacLeod, NU	76 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
1/9	Michael Scheu	UML	at Northeastern	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 College, (11/27 to 12/12); Maine, (11/27 to 12/12)
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