



MEN'S WEEKEND PREVIEW

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VERMONT HOSTS MAINE FOR TWO; UNH AND MERRIMACK PLAY HOME-AND-HOME SET ~UMass squares off vs. BU and PC; UML and NU skate Friday; BC hosts Friars at Conte Forum~

WAKEFIELD, Mass. – Maine will travel to Burlington for a two-game set vs. the Vermont Catamounts beginning on Friday night at Gutterson Fieldhouse, while Merrimack and No. 12 UNH take the ice for a home-and-home series starting Friday at Lawler Arena. Providence College will play a pair of games on the weekend traveling to No. 15 Boston College on Friday and hosting No. 14 Massachusetts on Saturday.

Maine was victorious in the first meeting of the season series with the Catamounts by a 4-1 score at Alford Arena back on Oct. 30. The Catamounts are coming off a split with the Minutemen last weekend, while the Black Bears scored four goals in a pair home exhibition victories last week. Sophomore forward Gustav Nyquist (Malmo, Sweden) is currently third in the nation with 1.45 points per game for the Black Bears and his 32 points overall (13g,19a) is the ninth best total in the country. Vermont sophomore goalie Rob Madore (Pittsburgh, Pa.) has been outstanding over his last three starts, owning a 1.40 GAA and a .953 save percentage with two victories.

The Warriors and Wildcats will finish their league season series over the weekend after a 5-4 UNH win on Nov. 28 in North Andover, Mass. The 'Cats bring an 11-game (9-0-2) league unbeaten streak into the game on Friday night. Senior forward Bobby Butler (Marlboro, Mass.) is the active leading Wildcat scorer against Merrimack with eight points (4g,4a) in 10 career contests. Merrimack is coming off of a 2-1 overtime win vs. Providence College last Saturday night courtesy of Brandon Brodhag's (Brooklyn Park, Minn.) game-winner just 1:03 into the extra frame. Senior Chris Barton has a point in five of his last seven games with eight points (5g,3a) during that stretch.

The Eagles were victorious in their first two meetings vs. PC this season by scores of 3-1 (Dec. 12) and (Jan. 12) 4-1. Four of the last five games that the Friars have skated in have been one-goal games, which includes two over time losses. Junior forward Brian Gibbons (Braintree, Mass.) leads the BC roster in scoring with 26 points (9g,17a) in his junior season. PC netminder Alex Beaudry (Cumberland, Ont.) has averaged 35.2 saves in his last six starts, which included three performances of 39+ saves.

UMass and Boston University will meet on Friday night at Agganis Arena for the second time this season, after the Terriers dominated the game in Boston on Jan. 2 by a 7-3 score. The Minutemen won the first meeting of the year back on Oct. 16 in Amherst (3-2). Junior forward James Marcou (Kings Park, N.Y.) continues to lead the nation in scoring with 1.62 points per game for the Minutemen and his 39 points is best among league skaters.

The Huskies and River Hawks will also get re-acquainted on Friday night at Matthews Arena. The two teams have already met three times this year since the schools met an additional game in the Dartmouth Holiday Tournament. UMass-Lowell has won two games this year vs. the Huskies, which included the last meeting in overtime (6-5) on Jan. 9 in Boston. In league play, UML's scoring defense is best, allowing only 2.53 goals per contest.

UMass and Providence will also meet on Saturday night at Schneider for the final time this season, after the schools split the first two games earlier in the year.

RECENT RESULTS

Tuesday, January 19

at Northeastern 3, Providence 1 *
 at Maine 4, New Brunswick 1 (Exh.)

Friday, January 22

Boston U. 5 at No. 10 Boston College 4 OT *
 at UMass-Lowell 5, Merrimack 4 *
 UNH 3 at Providence 2 OT *

Saturday, January 23

at No. 15 Massachusetts 3, Vermont 1 *
 at UMass-Lowell 3, No. 10 Boston College 1 *
 UNH 4 at Boston University 1 *
 at Merrimack 2, Providence 1 OT *
 at Maine 4, U.S. Under-18 Team 0 (Exh.)

Sunday, January 24

Vermont 3 at No. 15 Massachusetts 0 *

UPCOMING GAMES

Friday, January 29

Providence at No. 15 Boston College *
 No. 14 Massachusetts at Boston University *
 No. 12 UNH at Merrimack *
 Maine at Vermont *
 UMass-Lowell at Northeastern *

Saturday, January 30

Merrimack at No. 12 UNH *
 Maine at Vermont *
 No. 14 Massachusetts at Providence * (COX-TV)

Monday, February 1

Bearpot Tournament (at TD Garden)
 Boston College vs. Harvard (5pm, NESN)
 Boston University vs. Northeastern (8pm, NESN)

Friday, February 5

UNH at Maine *
 Boston College at UMass * (7:30pm, NESN)
 Boston University at UMass-Lowell *
 Vermont at Providence *
 Northeastern at Merrimack *

* 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	16	11	2	3	25	12-7-4	3.88 (62)	2.62 (42)
2.	Boston College	17	9	6	2	20	12-8-2	3.53 (60)	2.53 (43)
	Massachusetts	17	10	7	0	20	15-9-0	3.00 (51)	2.94 (50)
4.	UMass-Lowell	16	8	6	2	18	14-9-2	3.31 (53)	2.88 (46)
5.	Maine	15	8	6	1	17	11-9-2	3.38 (47)	2.54 (42)
6.	Boston University	17	6	9	2	14	8-11-3	3.06 (52)	3.41 (58)
	Vermont	15	6	7	2	14	12-8-2	2.73 (41)	3.07 (46)
8.	Northeastern	17	6	10	1	13	10-11-1	2.29 (39)	3.35 (57)
9.	Merrimack	14	5	9	0	10	8-13-0	3.36 (47)	3.71 (52)
10.	Providence	16	4	11	1	9	9-13-1	1.88 (30)	2.88 (46)

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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
1/24	Rob Madore	UVM	at UMass	31	W, 3-0

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.)
In League Play:	9	Stephane Da Costa, MC (10/30 to 12/12; 13 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:	9	Vermont (1/16/10 vs. Northeastern)
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 1/9/10; 7-0-2)
In league play:	11	New Hampshire (11/14/09 to present; 9-0-2)

100+ POINTS

Date	Player	Opponent	Current Points
11/24	James Marcou, UMass	at Vermont	118
1/1	Ben Smith, BC	at Denver	103
1/22	Bobby Butler, UNH	at Providence	101

THE ROAD TO 100 CAREER POINTS IN 2009-10

Nick Bonino, BU	97 pts.
Kory Falite, UML	96 pts.
Brian Gibbons, BC	89 pts.
Joe Whitney, BC	84 pts.
Wade MacLeod, NU	79 pts.
Justin Braun, UMass	78 pts.
Ben Holmstrom, UML	77 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
1/16	Brayden Irwin	Vermont	vs. Northeastern	W, 9-2

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
1/9	Michael Scheu	UML	at Northeastern	W, 6-5
1/22	Phil DeSimone	UNH	at Providence	W, 3-2
1/22	Colby Cohen	BU	at Boston College	W, 5-4
1/23	Brandon Brodhag	MC	Providence	W, 2-1

THE LAST TIME

A player had four goals:

Stephane Da Costa, Merrimack (10/17/09 vs. Army; 5 goals)

A rookie had a hat trick:

Stephane Da Costa, Merrimack (10/17/09 vs. Army; 5 goals)

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: UNH, 11/14/09 to present (11 games; 9-0-2)

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