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## Hockey East Playoff Picture

Rk.	Team	GP	Record	Pts.	Max Pos.	Finish	Overall	Remaining Opponents
1.	UMass Lowell *	22	14-7-1	29	29	1-2	22-9-3	--
	Boston College *	22	13-6-3	29	29	2-3	18-14-4	--
3.	Notre Dame *	21	12-5-4	28	30	1, 3, 4	19-9-5	at BU
4.	Boston University *	21	12-6-3	27	29	2 or 4	20-10-3	ND
5.	Providence #	21	11-7-3	25	27	5-6	19-9-5	UMass
6.	Vermont #	21	10-7-4	24	26	5-6	18-10-5	MC
7.	Northeastern #	21	9-9-3	21	23	7-8	16-12-5	at ME
8.	Merrimack	21	7-8-6	20	22	7-9	13-14-6	at UVM
9.	New Hampshire	21	7-10-4	18	20	8-10	12-16-5	at UC
	UConn	21	7-10-4	18	20	8-10	11-14-8	UNH
11.	Maine	21	4-15-2	10	12	11	10-19-4	NU
12.	Massachusetts	21	2-18-1	5	7	12	5-26-2	at PC

\* clinched opening round bye; # clinched home ice in opening round; ^ clinched No. 1 seed; % clinched share of regular season title.

### Tiebreakers:

1. Head-to-Head.
2. Number of wins in conference play.
3. Best record against the first-place team(s), then the second-place team(s), then the third-place team(s), and so on.
4. Coin Flip.

**Note:** If more than two teams finish in a tie, the same criteria will be applied to reduce the number of teams tied, and then the process will commence again.

### Potential Two-Way Tiebreakers:

UMass Lowell won the season series with Boston College, 2-0-0.

Boston University won the season series with Providence, 1-0-1.

Providence tied the season series with Vermont, 1-1-0.

- Providence wins tie breaker at 25 points with more wins in league play or at 26 points with a better record against first or second seed UMass Lowell. Both Providence and Vermont went 0-1-1 against Notre Dame.

Northeastern won the season series with Merrimack, 2-0-0.

UConn tied the season series with Merrimack, 0-0-2.

- UConn wins the tie breaker at 20 points with more wins in league play.

New Hampshire won the season series with Merrimack, 1-0-1.

UConn leads the season series with New Hampshire, 1-0-0, with one game left.

- UConn wins the season series with New Hampshire, 1-0-1, at 19 points. Otherwise, teams cannot finished tied.

### Potential Three-Way Tiebreakers:

1. UML 2. BC 3. ND

UMass Lowell is 3-1-0 combined against Boston College and Notre Dame, is first seed.

Notre Dame and Boston College split the season series, 1-1-0.

Boston College finished regular season with 13 wins in league play, Notre Dame finished with 12 wins in league play.

Boston College is second seed, Notre Dame is third seed.

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Boston University is 3-1-0 combined against Boston College and UMass Lowell.

Boston College is 0-4-0 against Boston University and UMass Lowell, is the third seed.

UMass Lowell and Boston University split the season series, 1-1-0.

UMass Lowell is first seed with 14 wins in league play. Boston University is second seed with 13 wins in league play.

### 2017 HOCKEY EAST PLAYOFF FORMAT

Opening Round: Best of Three  
Friday-Sunday, March 3-5, 2017

- #5 hosts #12 UMass
- #6 hosts #11 Maine
- #7 hosts #10
- #8 hosts #9

Quarterfinal Round: Best of Three  
Friday-Sunday, March 10 - March 12, 2017  
Top 4 seeds host highest remaining seeds

Championship Round at TD Garden  
Semifinals on Friday, March 17, 2017  
Final on Saturday, March 18, 2017

- Full seeding scenarios on the next page -



**UMass Lowell (29 points)**

Seeded #1 with a Boston University win or tie.

Seeded #2 with a Notre Dame win.

**Boston College (29 points)**

Seeded #2 with a Boston University tie.

Seeded #3 with a Notre Dame win or a Boston University win.

**Notre Dame (28 points, at Boston University)**

Seeded #1 with a win.

Seeded #3 with a tie.

Seeded #4 with a loss.

**Boston University (27 points, vs. Notre Dame)**

Seeded #2 with a win.

Seeded #4 with a loss or a tie.

**Providence (25 points, vs. Massachusetts)**

Seeded #5 with a win or a tie.

Seeded #5 with a loss and a Vermont loss or tie.

Seeded #6 with a loss and a Vermont win.

**Vermont (24 points, vs. Merrimack)**

Seeded #5 with a win and a Providence loss.

Seeded #6 with a win and a Providence win or tie.

Seeded #6 with a loss or a tie.

**Northeastern (21 points, at Maine)**

Seeded #7 with a win or a tie.

Seeded #7 with a loss and a Merrimack loss or tie.

Seeded #8 with a loss and a Merrimack win.

**Merrimack (20 points, at Vermont)**

Seeded #7 with a win and a Northeastern loss.

Seeded #8 with a win and a Northeastern win or tie.

Seeded #8 with a tie.

Seeded #8 with a loss and a UConn/New Hampshire tie.

Seeded #9 with a loss and a UConn win or a New Hampshire win.

**UConn (18 points, vs. New Hampshire)**

Seeded #8 with a win and a Merrimack loss.

Seeded #9 with a win and a Merrimack win or tie.

Seeded #9 with a tie.

Seeded #10 with a loss.

**New Hampshire (18 points, at UConn)**

Seeded #8 with a win and a Merrimack loss.

Seeded #9 with a win and a Merrimack win or tie.

Seeded #10 with a loss or a tie.

**Maine (10 points, vs. Northeastern)**

Seeded #11.

**Massachusetts (5 points, at Providence)**

Seeded #12.

