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Boston University vs. North Dakota - Fri. 3/24 in Fargo, North Dakota

- Boston University qualifies for its third straight NCAA Tournament and earns a No. 2 seed in the West Regional as they travel to Fargo, North Dakota to take on three-seed North Dakota. It will be the program's 35th overall appearance in the NCAA Tournament.
- The Terriers and Fighting Hawks have not met since the 2015 NCAA Frozen Four in Boston, a 5-3 BU win. Overall in NCAA Tournament play, the Terriers carry a 3-3 record against North Dakota, although the Fighting Hawks boast a 12-10-2 overall mark.
- North Dakota is the defending national champion and they are joined in the West Regional by NCHC Champion Minnesota Duluth and Ohio State.
- Last season, the Terriers were tripped up in the regional semifinals by Denver, falling 7-2 in the first game of the NCAA Tournament.

Providence vs. #3 Harvard - Friday 3/24 in Providence, Rhode Island

- Providence earned its fourth consecutive berth in the NCAA Tournament, claiming the fourth seed in the East Regional held in Providence, Rhode Island. The Friars draw the top-seed in the region, Harvard, for their semifinal tilt.
- Providence and Harvard have not played each other since 1984 when the Friars were members of ECAC Hockey and Friday marks the first meeting of the two programs in the NCAA Tournament.
- The Friars appear in the NCAA Tournament for the 13th time in school history after its fourth straight 20-win season. Providence is 14-17-0 in the NCAA Tournament all-time, including capturing the 2017 NCAA National Championship in Boston over Hockey East rival Boston University.
- Harvard is the ECAC Hockey Tournament champion and unbeaten in 16 consecutive games, including winning the last 14. They are joined in the East Regional by Atlantic Hockey Tournament Champion Air Force and Western Michigan.
- Providence lost to Minnesota Duluth in a double-overtime contest in last year's regional semifinal, 2-1, after falling out of the Hockey East semifinals in a triple-overtime loss to UMass Lowell.

UMass Lowell vs. Cornell - Saturday 3/25 in Manchester, N.H.

- UMass Lowell, the 2017 Hockey East Tournament Champion, draws Cornell in the Northeast Regional, as it becomes one of just five schools to earn a spot in the NCAA Tournament in five of the last six seasons.
- The River Hawks appear in an NCAA Tournament for the eighth time in school history, searching for its first Division I National Championship. They are joined in the region by Minnesota and fellow Hockey East program Notre Dame. UMass Lowell defeated the Fighting Irish in the Hockey East semifinals Friday in Boston, 5-1.
- UMass Lowell has advanced to the Frozen Four once, in 2013, but has won each of its last six regional semifinal contests.
- In the 2016 NCAA Tournament, UMass Lowell advanced to the regional final but was tripped up by eventual national runner-up Quinnipiac, 4-1, in the final.

Notre Dame vs. #4 Minnesota - Saturday 3/25 in Manchester, N.H.

- The Notre Dame Fighting Irish return to the NCAA Tournament for the second consecutive season and ninth time overall in program history, drawing a berth in the Northeast Regional and a clash with #4 Minnesota.
- Notre Dame has twice moved on to the Frozen Four, in 2008 and 2011, and appeared in the NCAA National Championship game in 2008, eventually falling to Boston College in Denver, Colorado.
- The Irish and Gophers played a two-game set in the 2015-16 season in South Bend, splitting the series with one win apiece.
- Last year, Notre Dame fell to Michigan in the regional semifinal, 3-2, in overtime.

UPCOMING GAMES



Friday 3/24

Boston Univ. vs. North Dakota - 3pm \$
Providence vs. #3 Harvard - 4pm %

\$ Fargo, N.D./ESPN2
% Providence, R.I./ESPNU

Saturday 3/25

UMass Lowell vs. Cornell - 12pm #
ND vs. #4 Minnesota - 3:30pm #
West Regional Final - 6pm \$
East Regional Final - 8:30pm %

Manchester, N.H./ESPNU/ESPN3
\$ Fargo, N.D./ESPN2
% Providence, R.I./ESPNU

Sunday 3/26

Northeast Regional Final - 3:30pm #

Manchester, N.H./ESPNU



**USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine
Men's College Hockey Poll - 3/20**

Rk.	School, Pts. (FPV)	Record	LW
1.	Denver, 480 (13)	29-7-4	1
2.	Harvard, 475 (15)	26-5-2	2
3.	Minnesota Duluth, 466 (5)	25-6-7	3
4.	UMass Lowell, 403 (1)	26-10-3	5
5.	Minnesota, 371	23-11-3	4
6.	Boston University, 307	23-11-3	7
7.	Union, 306	25-9-3	6
8.	Western Michigan, 287	22-12-5	8
9.	Cornell, 232	21-8-5	10
10.	North Dakota, 189	21-15-3	11
11.	Penn State, 168	24-11-2	4
12.	Notre Dame, 151	21-11-5	9
13.	Providence, 82	22-11-5	12
14.	Ohio State, 80	21-11-6	13
15.	Air Force, 55	26-9-5	NR

Others receiving votes: **Boston College 25**, St. Lawrence 2, Wisconsin 1.

**USCHO.com
Men's College Hockey Poll - 3/20**

Rk.	School, Pts. (FPV)	Record	LW
1.	Denver, 958 (23)	29-7-4	1
2.	Harvard, 952 (18)	26-5-2	2
3.	Minnesota Duluth, 933 (8)	25-6-7	3
4.	UMass Lowell, 842	26-10-3	4
5.	Minnesota, 785	23-11-3	5
6.	Boston University, 688	23-11-3	7
7.	Union, 684	25-9-3	6
8.	Western Michigan, 649	22-12-5	8
9.	Cornell, 602	21-8-5	9
10.	North Dakota, 542	21-15-3	11
11.	Penn State, 506	24-11-2	15
12.	Notre Dame, 481	21-11-5	10
14.	Providence, 382	22-11-5	12
14.	Ohio State, 341	21-11-6	13
15.	Air Force, 319	26-9-5	17
16.	Boston College, 278	21-15-4	14
17.	Wisconsin, 170	20-15-1	18
18.	Vermont, 134	20-13-5	16
19.	Michigan Tech, 118	23-14-7	NR
20.	Quinnipiac, 64	23-15-2	19

Others receiving votes: Omaha 21, Robert Morris 15, Bowling Green 9, St. Lawrence 9, Canisius 8, Bemidji State 3, Minnesota 3, **Northeastern 2**, St. Cloud State 2.



HOCKEY EAST WEEKLY AWARDS

HOCKEY EAST PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Week	Player
Oct. 3	Patrick Harper, BU
Oct. 10	Anders Bjork, ND
Oct. 17	Tyler Kelleher, UNH
Oct. 24	Jordan Greenway, BU
Oct. 31	Patrick Grasso, UNH
Nov. 7	Austin Cangelosi, BC
Nov. 14	Blaine Byron, ME
Nov. 21	Zach Aston-Reese, NU Tyler Kelleher, UNH
Nov. 28	Dylan Sikura, NU
Dec. 5	Tyler Kelleher, UNH
Dec. 12	Chase Pearson, ME Anders Bjork, ND
Dec. 19	Zach Aston-Reese, NU
Jan. 2	Joe Gambardella, UML
Jan. 9	Jakob Forsbacka Karlsson, BU
Jan. 16	Zach Aston-Reese, NU
Jan. 23	Dylan Sikura, NU
Jan. 30	Dylan Sikura, NU
Feb. 6	Erik Foley, PC
Feb. 13	Hampus Gustafsson, MC
Feb. 20	Brian Bowen, UVM
Feb. 27	Nolan Vesey, ME
March 6	Danny Tirone, UNH
March 13	Austin Cangelosi, BC Jakob Forsbacka Karlsson, BU
March 20	C.J. Smith, UML

PRO AMBITIONS

ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Week	Player
Oct. 3	Clayton Keller, BU
Oct. 10	Mitchell Fossier, ME
Oct. 17	Mitchell Fossier, ME
Oct. 24	Jake Oettinger, BU
Oct. 31	Stefanos Lekkas, UVM
Nov. 7	Clayton Keller, BU
Nov. 14	Patrick Harper, BU
Nov. 21	Adam Huska, UConn
Nov. 28	Ross Colton, UVM Tyler Irvine, MC
Dec. 5	Adam Huska, UConn
Dec. 12	Jake Oettinger, BU
Dec. 19	Clayton Keller, BU
Jan. 2	Josh Wilkins, PC
Jan. 9	Tyler Wall, UML
Jan. 16	Tyler Irvine, MC
Jan. 23	Clayton Keller, BU Ross Colton, UVM
Jan. 30	Joe Woll, BC
Feb. 6	Mattias Goransson, UML
Feb. 13	Tyler Wall, UML
Feb. 20	Sami Travnier, MC
Feb. 27	Clayton Keller, BU
March 6	Josh Wilkins, PC
March 13	Kenny Hausinger, UML
March 20	Tyler Wall, UML

HOCKEY EAST DEFENSIVE

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Week	Player
Oct. 3	Drew Vogler, MC
Oct. 10	Rob Nichols, UConn
Oct. 17	Tyler Wall, UML
Oct. 24	Stefanos Lekkas, UVM
Oct. 31	Adam Huska, UConn
Nov. 7	Tyler Wall, UML
Nov. 14	Rob Nichols, UConn
Nov. 21	Collin Delia, MC Stefanos Lekkas, UVM
Nov. 28	Stefanos Lekkas, UVM
Dec. 5	Jake Oettinger, BU
Dec. 12	Hayden Hawkey, PC
Dec. 19	Shane Switzer, BU
Jan. 2	Cal Petersen, ND Rob Nichols, UConn
Jan. 9	Matias Cleland, UNH
Jan. 16	Rob McGovern, ME
Jan. 23	Jake Oettinger, BU
Jan. 30	Collin Delia, MC
Feb. 6	Anthony Florentino, PC
Feb. 13	Dennis Gilbert, ND
Feb. 20	Cal Petersen, ND
Feb. 27	Tyler Wall, UML
March 6	Stefanos Lekkas, UVM
March 13	Cal Petersen, ND
March 20	Scott Savage, BC



HOCKEY EAST MONTHLY AWARDS

HOCKEY EAST PLAYER OF THE MONTH

Month	Player
Oct.	Anders Bjork, ND
Nov.	Zach Aston-Reese, NU
Dec.	Tyler Kelleher, UNH
Jan.	Dylan Sikura, NU
Feb.	Zach Aston-Reese, NU

PRO AMBITIONS ROOKIE OF THE MONTH

Month	Player
Oct.	Patrick Grasso, UNH
Nov.	Patrick Grasso, UNH
Dec.	Clayton Keller, BU
Jan.	Clayton Keller, BU
Feb.	Clayton Keller, BU

STOP IT GOALTENDER OF THE MONTH

Month	Player
Oct.	Jake Oettinger, BU Stefanos Lekkas, UVM
Nov.	Stefanos Lekkas, UVM
Dec.	Hayden Hawkey, PC
Jan.	Collin Delia, MC
Feb.	Tyler Wall, UML

2016-17 HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Rk.	Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Conf. Off.	Conf. Def.
1.	UMass Lowell	22	14	7	1	29	26-10-3	3.45 (1)	2.32 (T2)
	Boston University	22	13	6	3	29	23-11-3	2.91 (7)	2.14 (1)
	Boston College	22	13	6	3	29	21-15-4	3.36 (2)	2.55 (4)
4.	Notre Dame	22	12	6	4	28	21-11-5	3.05 (5)	2.32 (T2)
5.	Providence	22	12	7	3	27	22-11-5	3.00 (6)	2.59 (5)
6.	Vermont	22	10	8	4	24	20-13-5	2.77 (8)	2.86 (8)
7.	Merrimack	22	8	8	6	22	15-16-5	2.59 (T9)	2.73 (6)
8.	Northeastern	22	9	10	3	21	18-15-5	3.32 (3)	3.23 (9)
9.	UConn	22	8	10	4	20	12-16-8	2.50 (11)	2.77 (7)
10.	New Hampshire	22	7	11	4	18	15-20-5	3.14 (4)	3.50 (10)
11.	Maine	22	5	15	2	12	11-21-4	2.59 (T9)	3.59 (11)
12.	Massachusetts	22	2	19	1	5	5-29-2	1.91 (12)	4.00 (12)

