



# MEN'S PREVIEW

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: DECEMBER 7, 2017

### #9 Providence vs. RIT - Fri. 12/8, Sat. 12/9 at PC

- After a home-and-home series split with New Hampshire last weekend, the Providence Friars (9-6-1, 6-4-1 HEA) break from conference play to host RIT this weekend.
- Providence defeated UNH last Friday night, 5-2. **Brian Pinho** (North Andover, Mass.) registered an assist in the win, extending his point streak to six straight games.
- **Erik Foley** (Mansfield, Mass.) was named Hockey East Player of the Month for his production across November. In seven games played, Foley led the conference with 11 points (4g, 7a) and posted three multi-point games, including a career-high of four points (2g, 2a) in a single outing on Nov. 18.

### #10 Northeastern vs. #14 Boston College/Merrimack - Sat. 12/9 at BC, Sat. 12/16 at NU

- Despite having their eight-game unbeaten streak snapped last weekend, the Eagles (9-6-2, 9-2-0 HEA) retain their hold at the top of the Hockey East standings after a split with the Boston University Terriers (7-9-1, 5-5-1 HEA).
- Boston College's **Christopher Grando** (Islip, N.Y.) was named the Pro Ambitions Hockey East Rookie of the Month on Tuesday, finishing November with eight points on three goals, five assists, and a plus-8 rating as he helped his team cap off an unbeaten month (7-0-1).
- After a four-point weekend, the Northeastern Huskies (9-5-1, 7-3-0 HEA) moved into the top-10 of the national rankings and sit fourth in Hockey East. Freshman goaltender **Cayden Primeau** (Voorhees, N.J.) was named Pro Ambitions Rookie of the Week after only allowing three goals on 68 shots during the week, picking up a pair of wins over Merrimack.
- Northeastern and Merrimack clash for the third time this season next Saturday, Dec. 16 The Huskies defeated the Warriors in the first two outings Dec. 1-2, winning each contest, 3-1.

### #13 New Hampshire vs. Army West Point/Merrimack - Fri. 12/8 at MC, Sat. 12/9, Sun. 12/10 at UNH

- Merrimack (2-9-3, 1-6-1 HEA) fell in two games to NU last weekend, dropping 3-1 decisions each night to extend its winless streak to four games. **Logan Coomes** (Northville, Mich.) netted his first goal of the season on Saturday.
- New Hampshire (9-5-1, 4-4-1 HEA) downed RPI on the road on Wednesday, 6-3. The Wildcats moved to 5-1-0 in non-league play with the victory, the best mark of any Hockey East team this season.
- Both Merrimack and UNH welcome Army West Point to their rinks this season. On the year, Army is 6-2-1 on the road and carries just a 1-5-1 record at home.

### Massachusetts vs. #19 Union - Sat. 12/9 at Union

- The Minutemen fell at UConn earlier this week in a Tuesday Hockey East matchup, 8-2. It was UMass's first setback in four tries after clipping off three straight wins over Quinnipiac and UConn. Junior **Brett Boeig** (Barrington, Ill.) recorded his first career goal in the loss.
- UMass has skated against Union just twice in the past seven seasons, taking a 4-3 win on Dec. 29, 2009 and a 4-3 overtime loss on Dec. 11, 2015.
- UMass freshman defenseman **Mario Ferraro** (King City, Ont.) and **Cale Makar** (Calgary, Alta.) were named to Canada's selection camp roster for the upcoming 2018 IIHF World Junior Championship in Buffalo, New York on Wednesday. Ferraro leads the Minutemen with a plus-nine rating with three goals and three assists. Makar paces the UMass defensive corps in overall scoring through 15 games with one goal and eight assists and a plus-seven rating.

### UMass Lowell vs. Boston University - Fri. 12/8 at UML, Sat 12/9 at BU

- Sophomore forward **Ryan Lohin** (Chadds Ford, Pa.) leads the River Hawks in scoring with 14 points (5g, 9a) on the season, despite being held off the score sheet in four of his last six games.
- River Hawks netminder **Christoffer Hernberg** (Espoo, Finland) was named Stop It Goaltending Goaltender of the Month on Tuesday after leading UML to five victories in November, allowing no more than two goals in five of his six starts. He went 5-1-0 on the month, improving to 8-2-0 overall for the 8-7-0 River Hawks.
- The Terriers split a home-and-home series with Comm. Ave rival Boston College last weekend. After assisting four of the seven BU goals in Friday night's contest, sophomore **Patrick Harper** (New Canaan, Conn.) was awarded Hockey East Player of the Week for the second time this season.

### Maine vs. Quinnipiac - Fri. 12/8, Sat. 12/9 at QU

- In the 2016-17 season, Maine battled Quinnipiac in two overtime games, ultimately splitting the series 1-1-0.
- Maine (6-7-1, 4-4-1 HEA) is fresh off a three-point conference weekend at home against Vermont. In game two on Saturday, **Mitchell Fossier** (Alpharetta, Ga./0g,3a), **Nolan Vesey** (North Reading, Mass./2g,1a) and **Patrick Holway** (Cohasset, Mass./1g,2a) all had three point performances in a 6-2 victory.

### UConn vs. Colgate - Fri. 12/8 at UConn

- UConn (7-11-2, 5-7-1 HEA) closes out the first half of the season with a non-conference matchup against Colgate before returning to the ice Dec. 30 at Boston College.
- The Huskies were victorious in a midweek tilt against the Minutemen on Tuesday, an 8-2 win that saw goals from six different players. Senior **Jeff Wright** (Coquitlam, B.C.) and sophomore **Benjamin Freeman** (Falmouth, Maine) each had two goals apiece to lift the Huskies into a tie for fourth place in the league standings.

### Vermont vs. Brown - Sat. 12/9 at UVM

- The Vermont Catamounts (4-10-2, 1-6-2 HEA) are back home after a two-game series on the road in Maine last weekend. **Ross Colton** (Robbinsville, N.J.) had two goals in the third period to lead the rally to tie the Black Bears, 2-2. Goaltender **Stefanos Lekkas** (Elburn, Ill.) tied his career-high with 41 saves in the draw.

## UPCOMING GAMES

### Friday 12/8

Army West Point at MC - 7 pm  
 Maine at Quinnipiac - 7 pm ^  
 #17 Colgate at UConn - 7:05 pm  
 BU at UML - 7:15 pm \*!  
 RIT at #9 PC - 7:15 pm %

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### Saturday 12/9

#10 NU at #14 BC - 7 pm \*^  
 UML at BU - 7 pm  
 Maine at Quinnipiac - 7 pm ^  
 Army West Point at #13 UNH - 7 pm ^  
 RIT at #9 PC - 7 pm &  
 Brown at UVM - 7:05 pm

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 & NBC Sports Boston

### Sunday 12/10

MC at #13 UNH \*^  
 UMass at #19 Union

\* Hockey East Game  
 ^ ESPN3

### Saturday 12/16

MC at #10 NU - 4pm \*

\* Hockey East Game



### USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine Men's College Hockey Poll - 12/4

Rk.	School, Pts. (FPV)	Record	LW
1.	Denver, 506 (30)	9-3-2	1
2.	St. Cloud State, 472 (3)	11-2-0	2
3.	Clarkson, 431 (1)	13-3-1	4
4.	Notre Dame, 425	14-3-1	3
5.	North Dakota, 364	10-4-4	6
6.	Cornell, 348	10-2-0	5
7.	Minnesota, 286	10-7-1	7
8.	Minnesota State, 253	9-5-0	10
9.	<b>Providence, 244</b>	<b>9-6-1</b>	<b>9</b>
10.	Western Michigan, 168	9-7-1	8
11.	<b>Northeastern, 136</b>	<b>9-5-1</b>	<b>11</b>
12.	Wisconsin, 107	10-7-2	12
13.	Ohio State, 101	8-4-4	13
14.	<b>Boston College, 95</b>	<b>9-6-2</b>	<b>NR</b>
15.	<b>New Hampshire, 88</b>	<b>8-5-1</b>	<b>14</b>

Others receiving votes: Penn State 17, Minnesota Duluth 17, Union 12, Colgate 7, Omaha 3.

### USCHO.com Men's College Hockey Poll - 12/4

Rk.	School, Pts. (FPV)	Record	LW
1.	Denver, 987 (39)	9-3-2	1
2.	St. Cloud State, 947 (9)	11-2-0	2
3.	Clarkson, 879 (1)	13-3-1	5
4.	Notre Dame, 874 (1)	14-3-1	4
5.	North Dakota, 792	10-4-4	7
6.	Cornell, 756	10-2-0	3
7.	Minnesota, 667	10-7-1	6
8.	Minnesota State, 643	9-5-0	8
9.	<b>Providence, 571</b>	<b>9-6-1</b>	<b>10</b>
10.	<b>Northeastern, 467</b>	<b>9-5-1</b>	<b>11</b>
11.	Western Michigan, 450	9-7-1	15
12.	Wisconsin, 432	10-7-2	12
13.	<b>New Hampshire, 412</b>	<b>8-5-1</b>	<b>13</b>
14.	<b>Boston College, 396</b>	<b>9-6-2</b>	<b>9</b>
15.	Ohio State, 388	8-4-4	14
16.	Colgate, 176	8-5-4	16
17.	Minnesota Duluth, 160	7-8-2	18
18.	Penn State, 138	9-7-2	19
19.	Union, 115	9-7-1	NR
20.	Niagara, 62	9-5-1	NR

Others receiving votes: **UMass Lowell 36**, Omaha 32, Bowling Green 30, Michigan 29, **Boston University 28**, Miami 13, **Massachusetts 6**, Canisius 5, Harvard 5, Army 3, Colorado College 1.



## HOCKEY EAST WEEKLY AWARDS

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#### PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Week	Player
Oct. 9	Patrick Harper, BU
Oct. 16	Michael McNicholas, UNH
Oct. 23	Bobo Carpenter, BU
Oct. 30	Adam Gaudette, NU
Nov. 6	Nolan Stevens, NU
Nov. 13	Christopher Grando, BC
Nov. 20	Christoffer Hernberg, UML
Nov. 27	Ryan Wischow, UMass
Dec. 4	Patrick Harper, BU

### PRO AMBITIONS

#### ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Week	Player
Oct. 9	Zach Solow, NU
Oct. 16	John Leonard, UMass
Oct. 23	Max Gildon, UNH
Oct. 30	Oliver Chau, UMass
Nov. 6	Eduards Tralmaks, ME
Nov. 13	Ben Mirageas, PC
Nov. 20	Jeremy Swayman, ME
Nov. 27	Max Kaufman, UVM
Dec. 4	Cayden Primeau, NU

### HOCKEY EAST

#### DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Week	Player
Oct. 9	Danny Tirone, UNH
Oct. 16	Casey Fitzgerald, BC
Oct. 23	Christoffer Hernberg, UML
Oct. 30	Hayden Hawkey, PC
Nov. 6	Chad Kryz, BU
Nov. 13	Max Prawdzik, BU
Nov. 20	Joseph Woll, BC
Nov. 27	Danny Tirone, UNH
Dec. 4	Danny Tirone, UNH



## HOCKEY EAST MONTHLY AWARDS

### HOCKEY EAST

#### PLAYER OF THE MONTH

Month	Player
Sept./Oct.	Dylan Sikura, NU
November	Erik Foley, PC

### PRO AMBITIONS

#### ROOKIE OF THE MONTH

Month	Player
Sept./Oct.	Max Gildon, UNH
November	Chris Grando, BC

### STOP IT

#### GOALTENDER OF THE MONTH

Month	Player
Sept./Oct.	Danny Tirone, UNH
November	Christoffer Hernberg, UML

## 2017-18 HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Rk.	Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Conf. Off.	Conf. Def.
1.	Boston College	11	9	2	0	18	9-6-2	3.27 (1)	2.09 (1)
2.	Northeastern	10	7	3	0	14	9-5-1	3.00 (T3)	2.20 (3)
3.	Providence	11	6	4	1	13	9-6-1	3.00 (T3)	2.18 (2)
4.	Boston University	11	5	5	1	11	7-9-1	3.00 (T3)	2.82 (7)
.	UConn	13	5	7	1	11	7-11-2	3.15(2)	2.62 (5)
6.	UMass Lowell	10	5	5	0	10	8-7-0	2.60 (8)	2.80 (6)
7.	Maine	9	4	4	1	9	6-7-1	2.89 (6)	3.22 (8)
	New Hampshire	9	4	4	1	9	9-5-1	2.22 (9)	2.44 (4)
9.	Massachusetts	7	3	4	0	6	8-7-0	2.86(7)	3.86 (11)
10.	Vermont	9	1	6	2	4	4-10-2	2.11 (10)	3.78 (10)
11.	Merrimack	8	1	6	1	3	2-9-3	2.00 (11)	3.25 (9)

