



# Weekend Preview

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## UNH, BC RENEW ACQUAINTANCES AT THE HEIGHTS BU, UVM register solid wins; Busy, post-holiday weekend looms

College hockey fans at Conte Forum in Chestnut Hill tonight will enjoy a feast on Thanksgiving Eve as the first-place UNH Wildcats visit preseason favorite Boston College. Nationally, the teams' roles are reversed, with the Eagles ranked 5<sup>th</sup> and the Wildcats occupying the 8<sup>th</sup> spot. The game also matches reigning Hockey East Co-Players of the Week, BC's Joe Rooney (Canton, MA) and UNH's Jerry Pollastrone (Revere, MA).

The Eagles will no doubt be flying high after their big win at Maine on Sunday. Down 3-1 in the third period, BC stormed back to tie the game in regulation. Rooney potted the game-tying goal and then buried the winning tally in overtime to give the Eagles a nail-biting 4-3 win. It was a milestone victory, as the Eagles snapped a remarkable Black Bear streak of winning 115 straight games in which they were leading entering the third period.

UNH also enjoyed a big weekend, sweeping a pair from UMass Lowell in a home-and-home series. The Wildcats corralled the River Hawks, 5-2, on Friday, despite being outshot 33-19. The next night in Durham, UNH freshman goalie Brian Foster (Pembroke, NH) whitewashed UML, 4-0, in his first collegiate start. Pollastrone, who collected four points on Friday, got the game-winner on Saturday.

In action last night, reigning Hockey East Defensive Player of the Week - UVM's Joe Fallon (Bemidji, MN) - was on top of his game again as the Catamounts blanked UMass, 3-0,

in Amherst. It was Fallon's 13th career shutout, but the win was also a team effort, as UVM limited the Minutemen to 15 shots on goal. Torrey Mitchell (Greenfield Park, QC) got UVM's first two goals, and Dean Strong (Missassauga, ON) added an empty-netter.

Also on Tuesday, Boston University, which has lived on the edge all season, edged Harvard at home, 2-1. Super sophomore Chris Higgins (Lynnfield, MA) netted a goal and an assist to lead the Terriers over the Crimson. BU goalie John Curry (Shorewood, MN) made 22 saves to preserve the two points.

Friday, the UML River Hawks and the Providence Friars will both look to get their respective offenses in gear when the two squads square off in a Kids' Club event at PC's Schneider Arena. Both teams were shut out in their last games, with Lowell falling to UNH, 4-0, and Providence suffering a particularly tough loss to BU, 1-0. After the UML game, the Friars have a day off before visiting cross-town rival Brown in the annual Mayor's Cup on Sunday.

In a Saturday matinee, Maine's Black Bears will try to shake off their last two losses at home when they travel across New England to Burlington for an afternoon tilt against Vermont. Maine captain Michel Léveillé (Levis, QC) has been consistently brilliant for the Orono crew, and Coach Tim Whitehead will expect his other forwards to pick up the scoring pace. That won't be an easy task against UVM's Fallon, who has ranked at or near the top of the Hockey East

goaltending charts all season. Also on Saturday, New Hampshire again visits Northeastern, where the Wildcats won by a 3-1 margin on Nov. 4, UMass travels to Union, and the BU Terriers expect a dogfight when they host the Yale Bulldogs.

Last, from the Department of Intriguing Statistics comes this gem from BU's Brian Kelley. Only four Division 1 programs have yet to suffer a loss by more than a goal. Three of those four teams – Boston University, Vermont and New Hampshire – reside in Hockey East.

### RECENT RESULTS

#### Tuesday, November 14

at Vermont 2, Boston University 1 \*  
 at Providence 4, Northeastern 3 (OT) \*

#### Friday, November 17

Boston College 3, at Northeastern 3 (OT) \*  
 at Boston University 1, Providence 0 \*  
 New Hampshire 5, at UMass Lowell 2 \* #

#### Saturday, November 18

at New Hampshire 4, UMass Lowell 0 \*  
 at Vermont 4, Merrimack 1 \*  
 at Massachusetts 8, Connecticut 1 &

#### Sunday, November 19

Boston College 4, at Maine 3 (OT) \*

### UPCOMING GAMES

#### Tuesday, November 21

Vermont 3, at Massachusetts 0 \*  
 at Boston University 2, Harvard 1

#### Wednesday, November 22

New Hampshire at Boston College \*

#### Friday, November 24

UMass Lowell at Providence \* #

#### Saturday, November 25

Maine at Vermont (2pm) \*  
 New Hampshire at Northeastern \*  
 Yale at Boston University  
 Massachusetts at Union

#### Sunday, November 26

Providence at Brown (Mayor's Cup)

#### \* Hockey East game

& Commissioner's Series Cup game

# Hannaford/Kraft Kids' Club event

Games start at 7pm EST unless indicated

## 2006-07 HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Goals	Goals Against
New Hampshire	7	5	1	1	11	7-2-1	46	24
Boston College	6	4	1	1	9	7-3-1	32	27
Vermont	6	4	1	1	9	6-4-1	31	17
Boston University	8	3	2	3	9	4-2-4	24	20
Massachusetts	6	4	2	0	8	6-2-1	27	19
Maine	6	3	2	1	7	8-2-1	44	25
UMass Lowell	7	2	3	2	6	3-5-3	27	33
Providence	8	2	5	1	5	3-8-1	26	41
Merrimack	6	1	5	0	2	1-9-1	14	42
Northeastern	8	0	6	2	2	2-7-2	29	35