



MEN'S WEEKEND PREVIEW

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WEEKEND PREVIEW #2

NO. 5 BOSTON U. AND NO. 6 UNH CLASH IN ESPNU OPENER SUNDAY ~25th season of league play opens this weekend with four games~

WAKEFIELD, Mass. – The 25th season of Hockey East play will commence on Friday night with Merrimack at Boston University and Northeastern at Providence. The first heavyweight matchup this season comes between the No. 5 ranked Terriers and the No. 6 UNH Wildcats on Sunday afternoon in the ESPNU opener at the Whittemore Center in Durham. Top ranked Boston College will also visit Northeastern at Matthews Arena on Saturday rounding out the league schedule for the weekend.

The last time that BU was ranked this high in the polls was the final week of the 2007 regular season on Feb. 26, 2007. The Terriers are coming off two wins and the Ice Breaker Championship, while the 'Cats are fresh off a 5-1 victory over WCHA foe Wisconsin. UNH junior goalie Brian Foster (Pembroke, N.H.) made 30 saves in the opener, while BU's tandem of Kieran Millan (Edmonton, Alb.) and Grant Rollheiser (Chilliwack, B.C.) stopped 34 of 36 shots by Michigan State and North Dakota last weekend. BU is the only league team with a winning record in 19 all-time games at Towse Rink with a 8-6-5 record, but UNH swept the season series from the Terriers in 07-08 for the first time in the all-time series history.

Merrimack College will play at BU's Agganis Arena on Friday night and will head to Army on Saturday. The Warriors will look to keep its seven-game non-conference win streak intact at West Point. Merrimack opened its season last week with a 3-1 triumph over Robert Morris at Lawler Arena. Junior netminder Andrew Braithwaite (Kingston, Ont.) made 23 saves against the Colonials in his 25th career start for the Warriors.

Providence opens its season on Friday hosting Northeastern. The Huskies are coming off a 1-0-1 weekend at the Kendall Hockey Classic in Alaska. The Friars will also host the BGSU Falcons on Saturday at Schneider for their season opener. Senior forwards Ryan Ginand (Milford, Mass.) and Dennis McCauley (Billerica, Mass.) each recorded three points for NU last weekend. No. 1 Boston College will host Bowling Green on Friday at Conte Forum and then will stay in town for a Saturday matchup at Matthews Arena with the Huskies. The Eagles have won 10 straight games dating back to March 8, 2008 after they edged Wisconsin, 5-4, last Friday night.

Vermont will entertain No. 7 Miami on Friday and Saturday at Gutterson Fieldhouse. The Red Hawks took both games from the Catamounts last season in Oxford. UVM is 1-0 to start the season, after a 4-1 season opening win at Quebec City against Rensselaer. The game was the first ever NCAA Division I game played in Canada. Sophomore forward Justin Milo (Edina, Minn.) recorded two goals for Catamounts, while junior goalie Mike Spillane (Bow, N.H.) posted a .952 save percentage against the Engineers.

The UMass-Lowell River Hawks will also play a two-game set at No. 11 Michigan State in a rare Thursday, Friday series. UML is 2-4-0 all-time against the Spartans with the last meeting coming in January of 2004. Maine will also become the second HEA team to travel cross country to Alaska to play in the Alaskan Goal Rush Tournament in Fairbanks beginning on Friday night against Alaska-Anchorage. The Black Bears open their 34th season of hockey against the Seawolves.

2008-2009 HEA STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Offense	Defense
Boston College	0	0	0	0	0	1-0-0	5.00 (5)	4.00 (4)
Boston University	0	0	0	0	0	2-0-0	3.50 (7)	1.00 (2)
Maine	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	0.00 (0)	0.00 (0)
Massachusetts	0	0	0	0	0	1-1-0	2.00 (4)	2.50 (5)
UMass-Lowell	0	0	0	0	0	0-1-0	1.00 (1)	2.00 (2)
Merrimack	0	0	0	0	0	1-0-0	3.00 (3)	1.00 (1)
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0	0	1-0-0	5.00 (5)	1.00 (1)
Northeastern	0	0	0	0	0	1-0-1	3.00 (6)	2.00 (4)
Providence	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	0.00 (0)	0.00 (0)
Vermont	0	0	0	0	0	1-0-0	4.00 (4)	1.00 (1)

RECENT RESULTS

Friday, October 10

at No. 1 Boston College 5, Wisconsin 4
 Ice Breaker Tournament at Agganis Arena
 No. 11 Michigan State 3 vs. UMass 1
 at No. 9 BU 5, No. 5 North Dakota 1
 Kendall Hockey Classic at Anchorage, Alaska
 Northeastern 2 vs. Alaska 2 OT
 Maine 5 at New Brunswick 4 (exh)

Saturday, October 11

Ice Breaker Tournament at Agganis Arena
 UMass 3 vs. No. 5 North Dakota 2
 No. 9 BU 2 vs. No. 11 Michigan St. 1
 at No. 7 UNH 5, No. 14 Wisconsin 1
 UMass-Lowell at Colgate
 Kendall Hockey Classic at Anchorage, Alaska
 Northeastern 4 at Alaska-Anchorage 2
 Vermont 4 vs. Rensselaer 1 (at Quebec City)
 at Merrimack 3, Robert Morris 1
 Maine 6 at New Brunswick 6

UPCOMING GAMES

Thursday, October 16

UMass-Lowell at No. 11 Michigan State

Friday, October 17

Merrimack at No. 5 Boston University *
 Northeastern at Providence *
 Rensselaer at No. 6 UNH
 Bowling Green at No. 1 Boston College
 No. 7 Miami at Vermont
 UMass-Lowell at No. 11 Michigan State
 Alaskan Goal Rush Tournament
 Maine vs. Alaska-Anchorage (8:30pm, WABI)

Saturday, October 18

No. 1 Boston College at Northeastern *
 Bowling Green at Providence
 No. 7 Miami at Vermont
 Merrimack at Army
 Alaskan Goal Rush Tournament
 Maine at Alaska-Fairbanks (11:30pm, WABI)

Sunday, October 19

No. 5 Boston U. at No. 6 UNH * (5pm, ESPNU)

* Hockey East game
 All game times are EST, 7pm unless noted
 (Rankings in composite schedule are from USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine Poll)

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