



MEN'S WEEKEND PREVIEW

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WEEKEND PREVIEW #18

BC, UML PLAY HOME-AND-HOME SET; BU ENTERTAINS MAINE FOR TWO GAMES ~UMass, NU square off in series; Merrimack heads north to Vermont; UNH plays PC at home~

WAKEFIELD, Mass. – Boston University and No. 12 Maine will begin their series on Friday night live on NESN from Agganis Arena, while No. 10 Boston College and UMass-Lowell play a home-and-home match up starting Friday at the Tsongas Center. No. 15 UNH will also entertain Providence College Friday night at the Whittemore Center in Durham. Massachusetts and Northeastern will meet in a two-game series beginning on Friday night in Amherst, while Vermont plays host to Merrimack for a pair of games at Gutterson Fieldhouse in Burlington.

In the first meeting of the season series, Maine edge BU by a 3-2 score in Orono on November 8th. The Black Bears are coming off a weekend sweep of archrival UNH last weekend at Alford Arena. It marks the first time that the Black Bears have swept the Wildcats at home since winning back-to-back games on Jan. 30 and 31, 2004. The Terriers are coming off a 4-3 loss to BC in the Beanpot final on Monday night. Maine has killed off 13 straight opponent power plays dating back to Maine's game at Vermont on Jan. 29. The Terriers own a 7-1-1 record all-time vs. Maine at Agganis Arena with their only loss coming last year in Game 2 of the Hockey East quarterfinals on March 14 last year, a 6-3 Black Bear win.

The Eagles are coming off their 15th Beanpot title on Monday, as John Muse (East Falmouth, Mass.) earned tournament MVP honors making 31 stops in the 4-3 victory. The River Hawks are coming off a pair of losses to BU and Merrimack last weekend. The teams first meeting of the season was two weekends ago, a 3-1 UMass-Lowell win on Jan. 23 at the Tsongas Center. Junior forward Brian Gibbons (Braintree, Mass.) has tied a career-high with 35 points this season and he enters the weekend on a current league-high 11-game point streak with 19 points (5g,14a) during that time.

UNH has won both previous meetings this season vs. the Friars, but both games have been one-goal games, which included an overtime game in their most recent game on Jan. 22 at Schneider Arena. UNH's Phil DeSimone (East Amherst, N.Y.) scored the game-winner in the extra frame to give the Wildcats the win. Providence is coming off a 1-1 tie with Vermont last Saturday night at Schneider Arena.

Northeastern earned a 4-1 victory against Harvard in the Beanpot consolation game on Monday night at the TD Garden. The Huskies have won four of their last five games coming into this weekend's action. UMass won the first meeting of the season series by a 4-1 score back on Jan. 10. Last season, the two teams met up six times splitting the meetings 3-3, however, the Huskies defeated UMass 2-1 in the best of three Hockey East Quarterfinals.

The Catamounts enter their series coming off a three-point weekend at Providence last weekend. Merrimack is also coming off a 3-1 victory against the River Hawks at Lawler Arena last Saturday. On Oct. 23, Merrimack won the first meeting of the series this season by a 5-2 score in North Andover. Merrimack's power play ranks second in the nation running at a 25.9% clip. Freshman forward Stephane Da Costa (Paris, France) continues to lead the nation among rookie scorers with 1.39 points per contest for the Warriors. Da Costa has been named Pro Ambitions Rookie of the Month in Hockey East for the first four months of the season, marking the first time in league history that a rookie has accomplished that feat.

RECENT RESULTS

Monday, February 1

Beanpot Tournament (at TD Garden)
 No. 14 Boston College 6 vs. Harvard 0
 Boston University 2 vs. Northeastern 1

Friday, February 5

at Maine 3, No. 13 UNH 2 *
 No. 14 BC 7 at No. 15 UMass 1 *
 Boston University 3 at UMass-Lowell 2 *
 Vermont 5 at Providence 1 *
 Northeastern 5 at Merrimack 1 *

Saturday, February 6

at Maine 6, No. 13 UNH 3 *
 Vermont 1 at Providence 1 OT*
 at Merrimack 3, UMass-Lowell 1 *

Monday, February 8

Beanpot Tournament (at TD Garden)
 Northeastern 4 vs. Harvard 1
 No. 10 Boston College 4 vs. Boston U. 3

UPCOMING GAMES

Friday, February 12

Providence at No. 15 UNH *
 No. 10 Boston College at UMass-Lowell *
 Northeastern at Massachusetts *
 No. 12 Maine at Boston U. * (7:30pm, NESN)
 Merrimack at Vermont *

Saturday, February 13

UMass-Lowell at No. 10 Boston College (5pm) *
 Massachusetts at Northeastern *
 No. 12 Maine at Boston University *
 Merrimack at Vermont *

* denotes Hockey East Game
 All Games are EST

2009-2010 HEA STANDINGS

Rk.	Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Conf. Off.	Conf. Def.
1.	New Hampshire	20	12	5	3	27	13-10-4	3.65 (73)	2.85 (57)
2.	Boston College	19	11	6	2	24	16-8-2	3.61 (72)	2.50 (46)
	Maine	19	11	6	2	24	14-9-3	3.47 (66)	2.84 (54)
4.	Massachusetts	20	11	9	0	22	16-11-0	3.00 (58)	3.00 (64)
5.	Boston University	19	8	9	2	18	11-12-3	3.22 (61)	3.33 (62)
	UMass-Lowell	19	8	9	2	18	14-12-2	3.00 (57)	2.84 (54)
	Vermont	19	7	8	4	18	13-9-4	2.84 (54)	3.05 (58)
8.	Northeastern	19	8	10	1	17	13-12-1	2.28 (46)	3.22 (59)
9.	Merrimack	18	7	11	0	14	10-15-0	3.17 (57)	3.56 (64)
10.	Providence	20	4	14	2	9	9-16-2	1.75 (35)	3.05 (61)

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2009-10 HOCKEY EAST SEASON SUPERLATIVES

SHUTOUTS

Date	Goalie	Team	Opp.	Svs	Result
10/9	Carter Hutton	UML	St. Lawrence	24	W, 3-0
11/6	Chris Rawlings	NU	Boston U.	43	W, 1-0
11/8	Mike Spillane	UVM	Providence	33	W, 3-0
11/14	Carter Hutton	UML	Alabama-Huntsville	19	W, 4-0
11/30	Mike Spillane	UVM	Yale	26	W, 1-0
12/12	Rob Madore	UVM	St. Lawrence	21	W, 3-0
1/2	Carter Hutton	UML	Holy Cross	32	W, 3-0
1/2	Chris Rawlings	NU	at Dartmouth	32	W, 7-0
1/24	Rob Madore	UVM	at UMass	31	W, 3-0
2/1	John Muse	BC	vs. Harvard	33	W, 6-0

40+ SAVES

Date	Goalie	Team	Opp.	Svs	Result
10/30	Brian Foster	UNH	at Wisconsin	47	L, 1-4
10/31	Alex Beaudry	PC	at UMass	47	W, 2-1
11/6	Chris Rawlings	NU	Boston U.	43	W, 1-0
11/13	Paul Dainton	UMass	UNH	42	W, 4-3
1/12	Alex Beaudry	PC	at Boston College	41	L, 1-4
1/29	Brian Foster	UNH	at Merrimack	40	L, 3-2
1/30	Andrew Braithwaite	Merrimack	at UNH	43	L, 4-3

INDIVIDUAL HIGHS

Goals:	5	Stephane Da Costa, MC (10/17 vs. Army)
Assists:	5	James Marcou, UMass (11/24 at Vermont)
Points:	5	Stephane Da Costa, MC (10/17 vs. Army) James Marcou, UMass (11/24 at Vermont) Brian Flynn, Maine (11/28 vs. St. Lawrence) Chris Auger, UML (11/21 vs. Merrimack)
Point Streak:	11	Brian Gibbons, BC (1/1 to present; 19 pts.) Stephane Da Costa, MC (10/25 to 1/2; 17 pts.)
In League Play:	9	Stephane Da Costa, MC (10/30 to 12/12; 13 pts.)
Saves:	47	Brian Foster, UNH (10/30/09 vs. Wisconsin) 47 Alex Beaudry, PC (10/31/09 vs. Massachusetts)

TEAM HIGHS

Goals:	10	Maine (11/28 vs. St. Lawrence)
In league play:	9	Vermont (1/16/10 vs. Northeastern)
Shots on Goal:	49	Boston U. (11/24/09 at Harvard)
Consecutive Wins:	5	Boston College (11/27/09 to 12/12/09) Maine (11/27/09 to 12/12/09)
In league play:	4	Maine (11/27/09 to 12/12/09) New Hampshire (11/28/09 to 12/11/09)
Unbeaten Streak:	9	Maine (11/21/09 to 1/9/10; 7-0-2)
In league play:	11	New Hampshire (11/14/09 to 1/23/10; 9-0-2)

100+ POINTS

Date	Player	Opponent	Current Points
11/24	James Marcou, UMass	at Vermont	120
1/1	Ben Smith, BC	at Denver	106
1/22	Bobby Butler, UNH	at Providence	105
1/29	Nick Bonino, BU	vs. UMass	103

THE ROAD TO 100 CAREER POINTS IN 2009-10

Kory Falite, UML	98 pts.
Brian Gibbons, BC	98 pts.
Joe Whitney, BC	89 pts.
Wade MacLeod, NU	84 pts.
Justin Braun, UMass	79 pts.
Ben Holmstrom, UML	78 pts.

HAT TRICKS

Date	Player	Team	Opponent	Result
10/17	Stephane Da Costa	MC	vs. Army	W, 6-3
10/23	Matt Bergland	PC	at BGSU	W, 8-2
12/5	David Vallorani	UML	vs. UMass	W, 5-3
1/16	Brayden Irwin	Vermont	vs. Northeastern	W, 9-2

OVERTIME GOALS

Date	Player	Team	Opponent	Result
10/30	Colby Cohen	BU	at UML	W, 5-4
11/13	David Boehm	UMass	UNH	W, 4-3
11/24	Chris Connolly	BU	at Harvard	W, 6-5
1/9	Michael Scheu	UML	at Northeastern	W, 6-5
1/22	Phil DeSimone	UNH	at Providence	W, 3-2
1/22	Colby Cohen	BU	at Boston College	W, 5-4
1/23	Brandon Brodhag	MC	Providence	W, 2-1
1/30	Paul Thompson	UNH	vs. Merrimack	W, 4-3

THE LAST TIME

A player had four goals:

Stephane Da Costa, Merrimack (10/17/09 vs. Army)

A rookie had a hat trick:

Stephane Da Costa, Merrimack (10/17/09 vs. Army; 5 goals)
In league play: Jimmy Hayes, BC, 11/15/08 vs. UNH

A defenseman had a hat trick:

Marvin Degon, UMass, 1/7/06 at Merrimack

A goaltender recorded 50 saves:

Andrew Brathwaite, Merrimack, 2/2/08 vs. Providence
In league play: Andrew Brathwaite, Merrimack, 2/2/08 vs. PC (50 saves)

A team won five games in a row:

Boston College, (11/27 to 12/12); Maine, (11/27 to 12/12)
In League Play: New Hampshire, 2/14/09 to 2/28/09

A team won 10 games in a row:

Boston University, 1/7/06 to 2/13/06 (11 games)
In league play: New Hampshire, 11/12/06 to 1/19/07 (11 games)

A team was unbeaten in 10 straight games:

Boston University, 1/16/09 to 3/13/09 (17 games; 14-0-3)
In league play: UNH, 11/14/09 to 1/23/10 (11 games; 9-0-2)

A team recorded 50 shots-on-goal:

Providence, 2/15/08 vs. UNH (53 shots)
In league play: Providence, 2/15/08 vs. UNH (53 shots)

* – defenseman ! – rookie * neutral site game