

## WOMEN'S PREVIEW 13.19

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### Hockey East Regular Season Wraps This Weekend Eight League Tilts On Tap With Major Playoff Implications

#### No. 1 Boston College vs. No. 6 Boston University \* - Thu. 2/19 at BC; Sat. 2/21 at BU

• No. 1 Boston College clinched the Hockey East regular-season title for the second consecutive season last weekend. The Eagles defeated the Maine Black Bears twice to secure the top seed in the playoffs.

• Six different skaters found the back of the net in Friday afternoon's game while three separate players scored Saturday. Junior forward **Alex Carpenter** led the charge for the Eagles, striking twice Saturday and dishing out three helpers Friday. Her efforts earned her Warrior Hockey Co-Player of the Week honors.

The No. 6 Terriers come into this weekend after downing Providence in a home-and-home series in league play to wrap up the No. 2 seed in the league tournament.

• Junior forward **Sarah Lefort** lit the lamp three times Saturday, recording her fifth career hat trick, and added an assist en route to earning Warrior Hockey Co-Player of the Week honors. She then went on to earn her sixth career hat trick in Monday night's victory.

### UConn vs. Maine \* - Sat. 2/21, Sun. 2/22 at Maine

• UConn enters this weekend needing all four points at Maine as it battles for the No. 5 playoff seed. While UConn can tie with New Hampshire or Providence for the top-remaining seed, the Wildcats and Friars win initial tiebreakers over the Huskies.

• Husky freshman goaltender **Annie Belanger** turned away 48 shots, including five in overtime, to help preserve a tie with Northeastern last week. Her efforts earned her Pro Ambitions Rookie of the Week honors.

• Maine has already secured home ice advantage in the quarterfinals and is jockeying for the No. 3 seed with Northeastern this weekend. Just one point separates the two programs as the Black Bears and Huskies square off with UConn and New Hampshire, respectively.

• Freshman forward **Brooke Stacey** was the lone Maine player that was able to slip a puck past the Eagles over the weekend. Senior goaltender **Meghann Treacy** recorded 81 saves over the course of the two games.

#### New Hampshire vs. Northeastern \* - Sat. 2/21 at UNH; Sun. 2/22 at NU

• New Hampshire currently sits fifth in the Hockey East standings, three points ahead of Providence and UConn. The Wildcats can clinch the No. 5 seed with a single victory over the Huskies after a 1-0-1 weekend at Vermont.

• Freshman forward **Amy Boucher**, sophomore forward **Jonna Curtis**, and senior forward **Kayla Mork** each found the back of the net twice for UNH last weekend. Junior goaltender **Vilma Vaattovaara** stopped 33 shots in Friday's win before adding another 43 saves, including six in overtime, to help preserve a draw Saturday. Her efforts earned her Hockey East Defensive Player of the Week honors.

• Northeastern, previously victorious over New Hampshire, 2-0, Oct. 30, seeks a crucial four points against UNH. The Huskies hold just a one-point lead over Maine and the Black Bears own the tiebreaker over the Huskies as they won the season series, 2-1-0.

### Providence vs. Vermont \* - Sat. 2/21, Sun. 2/21 at PC

• Providence prepares for a two-game home stand against Vermont as it battles to secure playoff position. The Friars are locked in fight for the No. 5 seed, needing all four points and help to claim the highest-remaining slot over UNH and UConn.

Providence downed the Wildcats twice this year, going 2-1-0, and tied the season series with UConn, 1-1-1.
Vermont, currently in eighth in the league table, can win its way into sixth place with two wins over Providence and two losses or a loss and a tie from UConn.

	2014-2015	H	0(	CK	E	Y E	AST	S T A N D	INGS
Rk.	Team	GP	W	L	Т	Pts	Overall	Conf. Off.	Conf. Def.
1.	Boston College	19	19	0	0	38	29-1-1	5.63 (19)	0.84 (19)
2.	Boston University	19	15	4	0	30	21-7-2	4.11 (19)	2.26 (19)
3.	Northeastern	19	9	8	2	20	10-15-5	4.11 (19)	3.21 (19)
4.	Maine	19	9	9	1	19	10-16-3	2.00 (19)	2.63 (19)
5.	New Hampshire	19	6	11	2	14	9-19-3	2.00 (19)	3.16 (19)
6.	Providence	19	5	13	1	11	6-21-4	1.89 (19)	3.68 (19)
	Connecticut	19	3	11	5	11	7-17-8	2.21 (19)	3.63 (19)
8.	Vermont	19	4	14	1	9	13-17-2	2.11 (19)	3.63 (19)

### **Upcoming Games**

**Thursday, February 19** No. 6 Boston University at No. 1 Boston College - 2 p.m. \*

Saturday, February 21

UConn at Maine - 2 p.m. \* Vermont at Providence - 2 p.m. \* Northeastern at New Hampshire - 2 p.m. \* No. 1 Boston College at No. 6 Boston University - 3 p.m.\*

Sunday, February 22 UConn at Maine - 2 p.m. \* Vermont at Providence - 3 p.m. \* New Hampshire at Northeastern - 3 p.m. \*

> All game times are EST \* denotes league games

### WHEA In The Polls

Women's College Hockey Poll Rk. School, Pts. Record LR						
<u>Rk. School, Pts.</u>						
. Boston College, 190	29-1-1	1				
Boston University, 57	20-7-2	7				

1. Boston College, 150 29-1-1 1

7

6. Boston University, 68 20-7-2





# WOMEN'S PLAYOFF PICTURE

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Rk.	Team	GP	Record	Pts.	Max	PS	Overall	<b>Remaining Opponents</b>
1.	Boston College ^ *	19	19-0-0	38	42	1	29-1-1	vs. BU, at BU
2.	Boston University *	19	15-4-0	30	34	2	21-7-2	at BC, vs. BC
3.	Northeastern *	19	9-8-2	20	24	3-4	10-15-5	at UNH, vs. UNH
4.	Maine *	19	9-9-1	19	23	3-4	10-16-3	vs. UConn, vs. UConn
5.	New Hampshire	19	6-11-2	14	18	5-7	9-19-3	vs. NU, at NU
6.	Providence	19	5-13-1	11	15	5-8	6-21-4	vs. UVM, vs. UVM
	UConn	19	3-11-5	11	15	5-8	7-17-7	at Maine, at Maine
8.	Vermont	19	4-14-1	9	13	6-8	13-17-1	at PC, at PC

^ clinched regular season title; \* clinched home ice for quarterfinal playoff round

### **Remaining Schedule:**

**Thursday, Feb. 19** Boston University at Boston College - 7 p.m. **Saturday, Feb. 21** UConn at Maine - 2 p.m. Vermont at Providence - 2 p.m. Northeastern at New Hampshire - 2 p.m. Boston College at Boston University - 3 p.m. **Sunday, Feb. 22** UConn at Maine - 2 p.m. Vermont at Providence - 2 p.m. New Hampshire at Northeastern - 3 p.m.

### 2015 HOCKEY EAST PLAYOFF FORMAT

Quaterfinal Round: Best of Three Friday-Saturday, Feb. 27 - March 1, 2015 #1 hosts #8 #2 hosts #7 #3 hosts #6 #4 hosts #5

Championship Round (HYCC) Semifinals on Saturday, March 7, 2015 Final on Sunday, March 8, 2015

### Tiebreakers:

1. Head-to-Head.

2. Number of wins in conference play.

3. Best record against the first-place team(s), then the second-place team(s), then the third-place team(s), and so on.

4. Coin Flip.

Note: If more than two teams finish in a tie, the same criteria will be applied to reduce the number of teams tied, and then the process will commence again.

### **Potential Two-Way Tiebreakers:**

Maine and NU: Maine won season, 2-1 Northeastern and UNH: still have two to play Maine and UNH: Maine won season, 2-1 UNH and PC: PC won season, 2-1 UNH and UConn: UNH won season, 2-0-1 PC and UConn: tied season, 1-1-1; PC likely with more wins PC and VT: two games left in season series, Vermont leads 1-0 UConn and VT: UConn won season, 2-1

### Potential Three-Way Tiebreakers:

1. PC 2. UNH 3. UConn 1. UConn 2. UVM 3. PC