



WOMEN'S PREVIEW

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No. 1 Boston College vs. No. 4 Connecticut - Sat. 3/5 at Merrimack College

- The 36-0-0 Eagles triumphed over Maine by scores of 5-2 and 5-1. February Pro Ambitions Rookie of the Month **Makenna Newkirk** (Scottsdale, Ariz.) led the Eagles in scoring in the quarterfinal series. Newkirk notched three goals in two games, two of which came in Friday's victory, and she chipped in two assists for a five-point weekend. The two outings were Newkirk's 10th and 11th multi-point games of the season. Her stellar first season landed her a spot on the Pro Ambitions All Rookie team.
- Top-10 Patty Kazmaier finalist **Haley Skarupa** (Rockville, Md.) heads to the semifinals riding a 12-game point streak, the second longest point streak this season behind Northeastern's **Kendall Coyne** (Palos Heights, Ill.) (13 games). Senior **Dana Trivigno** (Setauket, N.Y.), recently named to the 2016 U.S. Women's World Championship team, tallied four points in the series against Maine.
- In the defensive zone, sophomore netminder **Katie Burt** (Lynn, Mass.) set a new program record with 31 wins, passing her own mark from last season. Burt earned the statistical title of Hockey East Goaltending Champion for the second consecutive season and finished conference play with a 1.16 goals against average and a .942 save percentage.
- In UConn's quarterfinal series against New Hampshire, the Huskies swept the Wildcats by scores of 3-2 and 4-3. The second game went into three over-time periods, finishing as the second-longest game in WHEA history.
- In Saturday's 3-2 win, defenseman **Leah Lum** (Richmond, B.C.) contributed on all three goals (1g, 2a) and added an assist the next day.
- **Leah Bures** (Windsor, Ont.), Hockey East's best defensive forward in 2015-16, notched the game-tying marker and game-winning goal in the triple overtime. Alongside Lum, Bures chipped in a goal and two assists the previous evening. Bures earned Warrior Hockey East Player of the Week accolades for her clutch performance.
- Hockey East Defensive Player of the Week **Elaine Chull** (Waterford, Ont.) denied 113 Wildcat shots and picked up a .956 save percentage in two games to backbone the Huskies to the semifinals for the second consecutive season. Chull shattered the previous Hockey East season-high of 59 saves, her own record, with a 69-save performance in the triple overtime game.
- Boston College and Connecticut found themselves in the same position in the 2015 semifinals. BC defeated UConn by a score of 3-1. Eagles goals were scored by then-juniors **Alex Carpenter** (North Reading, Mass.), **Kallya Johnson** (Chandler, Ariz.) and Skarupa. Chull denied 51 shots in the contest for the Huskies. In semifinal play, BC has 5-4 record, and UConn has a 2-4 record. When the No. 1 seed faces the No. 4 seed in the semifinals, the No. 1 seed has an 8-1 record.

No. 2 Northeastern vs. No. 3 Boston University - Sat. 3/5 at Merrimack College

- Hockey East Scoring Champion, Warrior Hockey Player of the Week/Month, and Army ROTC Three Stars Award recipient **Kendall Coyne** (Palos Heights, Ill.) led the Northeastern Huskies past Providence and into the semifinals for the sixth consecutive season. The Top-10 Patty Kazmaier finalist notched her 12th career hat trick and 13th career four-point game in Saturday's 6-2 win. Coyne totaled seven points in two games and scored the trifecta in Saturday's outing: a short-handed goal, an even-strength goal, and a power-play goal. In the Hockey East post season, Coyne is first all-time in goals (12) and second all-time in points (20).
- In the quarterfinal series, the Huskies saw strong performances from sophomore **Denisa Křizová** (Horní Cerekev, Czech.) and **Heather Mottau** (Milton, Mass.). Křizová gathered four points in two games, including a 1-2-3 performance and game-winning mark in Saturday's 6-2 outing. Mottau matched her career high of three assists on Saturday and chipped in a helper the previous evening for a four-point weekend.
- Entering the semifinals, the Huskies are happy to have the additions of Pro Ambitions All Rookie Team members **Brittany Bugalski** (Boynton Beach, Fla.) between the pipes and **Maddie Hartman** (Deer Park, Ill.) defending the blue line. Bugalski finished conference play with a 1.54 goals against average and a .934 save percentage. Overall, Hartman collected 15 points (3g, 12a) and a plus-23 rating.
- Boston University defeated Vermont in a three-game quarterfinal round. The Terriers were led by sophomore **Rebecca Leslie** (Ottawa, Ont.) who tallied five points in the three outings including two goals in Game 3. Saturday and Sunday were Leslie's 13th and 14th multi-point games of the season.
- Senior **Sarah Lefort** (Ormstown, Qué.) scored a goal and an assist in Sunday's 6-1 victory. Lefort is now the all-time leading point-getter for Boston University (183 points).
- Freshmen **Sammy Davis** (Pembroke, Mass.) and **Mary Grace Kelley** (Natick, Mass.) look to continue strong performances in the semifinal round. Davis netted a goal in Friday's 3-0 win and was unanimously voted as a member of the Pro Ambitions All Rookie Team. Kelley finished the weekend plus-three and had a goal and an assist in a decisive Game 3 playing as a defenseman for the first time in her collegiate career.
- In the paint, sophomore goaltender **Erin O'Neill** (Minnetonka, Minn.) was the only goaltender to post a shut out in the Hockey East quarterfinals. She denied all 25 Catamount shots in Friday's 3-0 win and finished the weekend with a 1.34 goals against average and a .955 save percentage.
- The Terriers and Huskies have met three times in the semifinals, most recently last season when BU defeated Northeastern, 6-1, and went on to win its fourth consecutive title. The Terriers are 2-1 against Northeastern in the semifinals and 5-3 overall in semifinal match ups. Northeastern is 2-4 in semifinal play. When the No. 2 seed battles the No. 3 seed in the semifinals, the No. 2 seed has a 7-6 record.

14th Annual Women's Hockey East Championship - Sun. 3/6 at Merrimack

- This year marks the first time that Merrimack College will host the Women's Hockey East Championship. The recently renovated Lawler Rink is home of the Merrimack Warriors women's hockey team who just completed their inaugural season in Hockey East.
- The 14th Annual Women's Hockey East title game will be aired live on American Sports Network and aired on tape delay at 5:00 p.m. on NESN.
- In last year's title game, then-No. 2 BU upset No. 1 BC in a 4-1 decision. Terrier goals were scored by **Marle-Philip Poulin** who was named MVP of the 2015 tournament, **Maddie Ella** (Lewiston, N.Y.) and Lefort. The lone Boston College goal was scored by Carpenter, who finished the 2015-16 regular season at the top of the NCAA leader board with 76 points and 38 assists.
- In the finals, Boston College is 1-0 against Northeastern and 0-2 against Boston University. The win against Northeastern was in 2011, a 3-1 victory, and the only time BC hoisted the Bertagna Trophy. In tournament play overall, BC holds a 12-9 record.
- Northeastern University appeared in two championship games, in 2011 and 2013, but fell to BC and BU, respectively. The Huskies look for their first tournament title after having their best record in program history, boating a 28-7-1 record.
- Boston University holds an impressive 5-0 record in title game appearances. The wins came in 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015. Two of the wins came against BC and one win came against UConn. In tournament play overall, Boston University Head Coach **Brian Durocher**, the winningest coach in the Women's Hockey East playoffs, holds a 19-4 record.
- UConn, like Northeastern, has appeared in two championship games but suffered a setback each time, in 2005 and 2010. The Huskies fell to BU in 2010 in a 2-1 overtime decision.

UPCOMING GAMES

Saturday 3/5

WHEA Semifinals at Merrimack College

No. 1 Boston College vs. No. 4 UConn - 1:30pm
No. 2 Northeastern vs. No. 3 Boston Univ. - 4:30pm

Sunday 3/6

WHEA Championship Game - 1:30pm % ^

^ASN (live), NESN (tape delay, 5pm)

FINAL 2015-2016 HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Rk.	Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Conf. Off.	Conf. Def.
1.	Boston College*^\$	24	24	0	0	48	36-0-0	5.29 (1)	1.12 (1)
2.	Northeastern*^	24	20	4	0	40	28-7-1	4.58 (2)	1.88 (2)
3.	Boston University*^	24	17	5	2	36	22-13-2	4.00 (3)	2.92 (4)
4.	Connecticut*^	24	11	10	3	25	17-14-5	2.17 (4)	2.54 (3)
5.	New Hampshire*	24	8	16	0	16	11-24-1	2.12 (5)	3.12 (T5)
6.	Vermont*	24	6	15	3	15	9-25-3	1.96 (6)	3.21 (7)
7.	Providence*	24	6	16	2	14	10-24-2	1.83 (7)	3.67 (9)
8.	Maine*	24	6	17	1	13	10-23-2	1.67 (8)	3.12 (T5)
9.	Merrimack	24	3	18	3	9	5-26-3	1.38 (9)	3.42 (8)

*clinched playoff berth; ^ clinched home ice in the opening round; \$ clinched No. 1 seed and regular season title

IN THE POLLS

USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine
Women's College Hockey Poll - 3/1

Rk.	School	Pts. (FPV)	Record	LW
1.	Boston College	190 (19)	36-0-0	1
6.	Northeastern	94	28-7-1	6

USCHO.com
Div. I Women's College Hockey Poll 2/29

Rk.	School	Pts. (FPV)	Record	LW
1.	Boston College	150 (15)	36-0-0	1
6.	Northeastern	70	28-7-1	6

