

# **WOMEN'S PREVIEW**

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### #9 Maine vs. Merrimack - Fri. 1/19, Sat. 1/20 at Maine

- The Black Bears (15-6-3, 9-3-2 WHEA) host a pair of games against Merrimack (8-14-3, 3-10-2 WHEA) this weekend, looking to continue their four-game win streak and nine-game unbeaten streak alive. After a win against Merrimack, 5-1, Jan. 13, Maine currently sits third in the Army ROTC Women's Hockey East standings and has broken into the top-10 rankings for their second consecutive week.
- Maine's 15 wins are the second-most in program history, trailing just the 2011-12 and 2005-06 seasons when the Black Bears claimed 17 victories.
- Maine's offense features a pair of 20-point-getters already, including **Tereza Vanisova** (Strakonice, Czech Republic/13g, 24a) and **Brooke Stacey** (Kahnawake, Que./9g, 14a). Vanisova's 37 points puts the sophomore eighth in national scoring among full-time Division I players.
- Merrimack's **Katelyn Rae** (Courtice, Ont.) scored her fifth goal of the season last weekend and now leads her team with 18 points.
- Warriors goaltender **Samantha Ridgewell** (Outlook, Saskatchewan), currently has a .928 overall save percentage, the best among all league goaltenders. Meanwhile, Maine netminder **Carly Jackson** (Amherst, N.S.) tops the league with a 1.78 overall goals against average.

#### #7 Providence vs. New Hampshire - Fri. 1/19, Sat. 1/20 at UNH

- The seventh-ranked Friars (14-6-5, 10-2-3 WHEA) travel to New Hampshire (10-10-5, 7-7-3) for a weekend series against the Wildcats. The two programs last met Nov. 22, a 3-0 Providence victory.
- Providence freshman forward **Maureen Murphy** (Buffalo, N.Y.), a three-time league award recipient, scored the first hat trick of her collegiate career in the Friar's 6-3 win at Boston University on Saturday.
- The Friars are 5-1-2 in their last eight outings and have scored four or more goals in four of those contests.
- Friday marks the 150th meeting of New Hampshire and Providence, one of the oldest rivalries in women's college hockey. The Wildcats own an 80-55-14 record in the all-time series.
- New Hampshire freshman goaltender **Ava Boutilier** (Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island) tied her career-high with 39 saves in a 3-1 win against UConn on Jan. 14.

### #2 Boston College vs. Vermont - Fri. 1/19, Sat. 1/20 at BC

• The Catamounts (6-14-4, 3-9-3 WHEA) trek down to Boston for a pair of games this weekend, facing another top ranked team and Hockey East foe in #2 Boston College (20-2-3, 13-1-3 WHEA). Last time Vermont faced a top-10 team, the Catamounts went 1-1-0 at #5 Minnesota. In

a 4-1 victory, UVM freshman **Alyssa Holmes** (Burlington, Ont.) scored two goals and an added an assist to claim Pro Ambitions Rookie of the Week accolades for her efforts. The Catamounts also downed then-#3 Clarkson, 3-2, on Nov. 10.

- Boston College defenseman **Toni Ann Miano** (Bronx, N.Y.) became the first Eagle blueliner to record a hat trick Saturday afternoon as part of a four-goal outing. Miano potted her fourth goal of the day in overtime, securing a 5-4 win for her team. Her four-tally performance set the Women's Hockey East record for goals by a defenseman in a single game in a league play.
- Last time these two teams faced off the Eagles took a win, 4-2, at Vermont on Oct. 22. Sophomore forward **Caitrin Lonergan** (Roslindale, Mass.) powered the Eagles' offense with a hat trick in that outing.

#### UConn vs. Northeastern/Boston University - Fri. 1/19 at NU, Sun. 1/21 at UConn

- UConn (7-10-7, 1-9-4 WHEA) earned its first win in league play of 2017-18 with a 3-1 victory at New Hampshire on Jan. 13.
- Rookie **Natalie Snodgrass** (Eagan, Minn.) picked up a goal and an assist in the victory and now leads the Huskies with 13 goals, 10 assists and 23 points. UConn has not been led in scoring by a freshman since the 2011-12 season, when Snodgrass's sister, **Emily Snodgrass**, paced the Huskies with nine goals, 12 assists and 21 points in her rookie campaign.
- Husky senior forward **Theresa Knutson** (Onalaska, Wis.) scored the 45th goal of her career, the fourth-most of any UConn player in program history.
- Northeastern senior **McKenna Brand** (Nevis, Minn.) racked up six points (1g, 5a) in three games last week, recording her 100th collegiate point in the process. She became the 28th player in program history to reach the mark and earned Women's Hockey East Player of the Week honors for her efforts.
- UConn last played at Northeastern on Jan. 9, a 4-2 Northeastern win. Brand notched the game-winner and added an assist in the outing.
- Boston University (8-13-5, 4-10-4 WHEA) tied Northeastern on Tuesday night and will welcome UConn for the third and final tilt of 2017-18. The Terriers are 1-0-1 against the Huskies this season.
- In Tuesday's 3-3 draw, **Victoria Bach** (Milton, Ont.) completed her fourth hat trick of the season with 3.3 seconds left in regulation to force overtime. Bach's three goals set a program record for the Terriers, bringing her career total to 93 tallies.

### **UPCOMING GAMES**

### Friday 1/19

MC at #9 Maine - 2pm \* UVM at #2 BC - 7pm \*^ UConn at NU - 7pm \* #7 PC at UNH - 7pm \*

\* Women's Hockey East Game ^ ESPN3

### Saturday 1/20

UVM at #2 BC - 2pm \*^ MC at #9 Maine - 2pm \* #7 PC at UNH - 4pm \*

\* Women's Hockey East Game ^ ESPN3

### Sunday 1/21

BU at UConn - 2pm \*

\* Women's Hockey East Game



















USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine Women's College Hockey Poll - 1/16							
Rk.	School, Pts. (FPV)	Record	LW				
1.	Wisconsin (19), 190	23-1-0	1				
2.	Boston College, 171	19-2-3	2				
3.	Clarkson, 152	19-3-1	3				
4.	Colgate, 134	19-3-1	4				
5.	Minnesota, 111	17-6-2	7				
6.	Cornell, 85	11-6-1	5				
7.	Providence, 67	14-6-5	9				
8.	Ohio State, 59	15-5-4	6				
9.	Robert Morris, 40	12-4-3	8				

15-6-3

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Others receiving votes: St. Lawrence 12, Northeastern 4.

USCHO.com Women's College Hockey Poll - 1/15							
Rk.	School, Pts. (FPV)	Record	LW				
1.	Wisconsin (15), 150	23-1-0	1				
2.	Boston College, 122	19-2-3	2				
2.	Clarkson, 122	19-3-1	3				
4.	Colgate, 116	19-3-1	4				
5.	Minnesota, 76	17-6-2	5				
6.	Cornell, 75	11-6-1	6				
7.	Ohio State, 58	15-5-4	8				
8.	Providence, 41	14-6-5	7				
9.	Maine, 28	15-6-3	10				

Others receiving votes: Robert Morris 9, Northeastern 6, Mercy-

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# WOMEN'S HOCKEY EAST WEEKLY AWARDS

10. St. Lawrence

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WOMEN'S HOCKEY EAST PLAYER OF THE WEEK			ROOKIE	BITIONS OF THE WEEK	WOMEN'S HOCKEY EAST DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK		
	Week Oct. 2 Oct. 9 Oct. 16 Oct. 23 Oct. 30 Nov. 6  Nov. 13 Nov. 20 Nov. 27  Dec. 4 Dec. 11 Jan. 2 Jan. 8 Jan. 15	Player Lea-Kristine Demers, MC Daryl Watts, BC Briana Colangelo, UConn Meghara McManus, UNH Katie Burt, BC Caitrin Lonergan, BC Carlee Turner, UNH Alyssa Gorecki, UVM Victoria Bach, BU Victoria Bach, BU Aerin Frankel, NU Caitrin Lonergan, BC Victoria Bach, BU Mackenzie MacNeil, UVM Makenna Newkirk, BC McKenna Brand, NU	Week Oct. 2 Oct. 9 Oct. 16 Oct. 23 Oct. 30 Nov. 6 Nov. 13 Nov. 20 Nov. 27 Dec. 4 Dec. 11 Jan. 2 Jan. 8 Jan. 15	Michelle Weis, ME Veronika Pettey, NU Loryn Porter, ME Daryl Watts, BC Daryl Watts, BC Daryl Watts, BC Michelle Weis, ME Maureen Murphy, PC Natalie Snodgrass, UConn Maureen Murphy, PC Daryl Watts, BC Natalie Snodgrass, UConn Daryl Watts, BC Alyssa Holmes, UVM	Week Oct. 2 Oct. 9 Oct. 16 Oct. 23 Oct. 30 Nov. 6 Nov. 13 Nov. 20 Nov. 27 Dec. 4 Dec. 11 Jan. 2 Jan. 8 Jan. 15	Player  Whitney Dove, PC Ava Boutilier, UNH Samantha Ridgewell, MC Annie Belanger, UConn Madison Myers, PC Morgan Fisher, UConn Aerin Frankel, NU Corinne Schroeder, BU Samantha Ridgewell, MC Kyra Smith, UNH Kyra Smith, UNH Erin O'Neil, BU Carly Jackson, ME Toni Ann Miano, BC	



## WOMEN'S HOCKEY EAST MONTHLY AWARDS

WOMEN'S HOCKEY EAST **PLAYER OF THE MONTH Month Player** 

Daryl Watts, BC Sept./Oct. November Victoria Bach, BU Caitrin Lonergan, BC December

**PRO AMBITIONS ROOKIE OF THE MONTH** Month Player

Sept./Oct. Daryl Watts, BC November Daryl Watts, BC Maureen Murphy, PC December

WOMEN'S HOCKEY EAST **GOALTENDER OF THE MONTH** 

**Month** Player Sept./Oct. Madison Myers, PC November Aerin Frankel, NU December Katie Burt, BC

# 2017-18 WOMEN'S HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Rk.	Team	GP	W	L	Т	Pts	Overall	Conf. Off.	Conf. Def.
1.	Boston College	17	13	1	3	29	19-2-3	4.47 (1)	2.24 (2)
2.	Providence	15	10	2	3	23	14-6-5	3.73 (2)	2.33 (3)
3.	Maine	14	9	3	2	20	15-6-3	2.79 (5)	2.00 (1)
4.	Northeastern	16	8	7	1	17	12-10-2	2.94 (4)	2.62 (4)
	New Hampshire	17	7	7	3	17	10-10-5	2.18 (6)	2.65 (5)
6.	Boston University	17	4	10	3	11	8-13-4	3.00 (3)	3.12 (8)
7.	Vermont	15	3	9	3	9	6-14-4	1.73 (7)	3.20 (9)
8.	Merrimack	15	3	10	2	8	8-14-3	1.33 (9)	3.00 (7)
9.	UConn	14	1	9	4	6	7-10-7	1.64 (8)	2.93 (6)

















