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SPLITS SET UP PHOTO FINISH IN SEASON NO. 1
Nothing settled as four teams trade one-goal wins

With only eight regular season league games remaining in the first season of women's Hockey East, very little has been decided. League-leaders UNH and Providence complete their season series Saturday in a game that will likely decide the league's first regular season champion and the No. 1 seed for the tournament. But for the four other teams, simply qualifying for the postseason is by no means a guarantee. Only two of those four will receive bids in the inaugural Women's Hockey East tournament, and all four remain in contention thanks to two series splits.

Maine's 2-1 overtime triumph at Northeastern Sunday was likely the most significant result, keeping the Black Bears on pace with the three teams they are chasing. Netminder Lara Smart stopped 28 of 29 shots faced and Karen Droog got the game-winner in OT to avenge a 3-2 loss at NU on Saturday. Husky rookie Cyndy Kenyon notched the first two goals of her career, one in each game. Northeastern now has just one league game remaining and leads by just two points over Connecticut and Boston College, who have three games remaining each.

UConn and BC also split their series this weekend with the host team winning each time. Megan McLeod was Friday's heroine, scoring the game's only goal, in overtime, as UConn prevailed 1-0. Husky rookie Kaitlyn Shain made 18 saves for the shutout, but BC's Lisa Davis was even more impressive with 36 saves and just one goal allowed. 48 hours later, it was BC's Kristin Blundo doing the honors, breaking a 2-2 tie in the final minute to give the Eagles the win.

UNH and Providence both cruised through the opposition this past week in preparation for their grudge match Saturday. The Friars got their first win over Brown since January of 1998 with a 4-3 victory at home on Wednesday before overpowering Quinnipiac 11-2 over two games of a home-and-home set. Jen Huggon led UNH to its eighth shutout in 12 league games with 24 saves in a 3-0 win over Maine. The Wildcats have dominated their Hockey East foes by a 39-6 scoring advantage over 12 games.

RECENT RESULTS

Tuesday, February 11

New Hampshire 3, at Maine 0 *
Beanpot Tournament at Harvard (5/8pm)
 Northeastern 8, Boston University 0
 at Harvard 7, Boston College 0

Wednesday, February 12

at Providence 4, Brown 3

Friday, February 14

at Connecticut 1, Boston College 0 (OT)*
 New Hampshire 7, at Niagara 1
 Providence 4, at Quinnipiac 1

Saturday, February 15

at Northeastern 3, Maine 2 *

Sunday, February 16

Maine 2, at Northeastern 1 (OT) *
 at Boston College 3, Connecticut 2 *
 at Providence 7, Quinnipiac 1

UPCOMING GAMES

Friday, February 21

Connecticut at Northeastern (7pm) *

Saturday, February 22

Maine at Boston College (2pm) *
 New Hampshire at Providence (2pm) *

Sunday, February 23

Maine at Providence (2pm) *

* Hockey East game
 All times Eastern

HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

<u>Team</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Overall</u>	<u>Rem. League Games</u>
Providence	13	11	1	1	23	19-6-6	UNH, Maine
New Hampshire	12	11	1	0	22	23-5-2	at PC, BC (2)
Northeastern	14	4	9	1	9	9-17-2	UConn
Boston College	12	2	7	3	7	12-14-3	Maine, at UNH (2)
Connecticut	12	2	7	3	7	10-17-4	at NU, at Maine (2)
Maine	11	2	7	2	6	9-13-4	at BC, at PC, UConn (2)

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TPS LOUISVILLE
PLAYER OF THE WEEK

LISA DAVIS – Boston College
Sophomore Goaltender; Falmouth, MA

Stopped 66 of 69 shots faced in a split with UConn. Made 50 saves vs. Harvard earlier in the week to earn the Bertagna Award as the Beanpot's best goaltender.

ITECH
ROOKIES OF THE WEEK

Kaitlyn Shain – UConn (Fr. G; Calgary, AB)
 Stopped all 18 shots she faced in edging Boston College, 1-0, in overtime.

Cyndy Kenyon – NU (Fr. F; Sparta, WI)
 Scored the first two goals of her career, one in each game in a split with Maine.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER
OF THE WEEK

LARA SMART – Maine
Sophomore Goaltender; Falmouth, MA

Stopped 28 of 29 shots faced to back-stop a 2-1 overtime win at Northeastern, avenging a 3-2 Maine loss the day before.

HONOR ROLL

- **Jana Budgen, PC** (Fr. G; Corner Brook, NF) – Made 33 saves on 36 shots as the Friars defeated Brown for the first time in five years.
- **Jenn Butsch, PC** (Sr. F; Berlin, VT) – Notched her first career hat trick in a 7-1 win against Quinnipiac
- **Tristan Desmet, Maine** (So. F; Strathmore, AB) – Scored a power play goal in each of two games at Northeastern.
- **Kim Greene, NU** (Sr. F; Everett, MA) – Scored twice in 3-2 win over Maine and also had a goal in Beanpot consolation victory over BU.
- **Chanda Gunn, NU** (Jr. G; Huntington Beach, CA) – Stopped 45 of 49 shots as the Huskies split one-goal wins with visiting Maine.
- **Kelli Halcisak, PC** (Jr. D; Grosse Ile, MI) – Quarterbacked the Friars to three straight wins with three goals and two assists.
- **Jen Huggon, UNH** (Sr. G; Plymouth, MA) – Allowed just one goal over two wins, including her 12th shutout of the season, 3-0 over Maine.
- **Stephanie Jones, UNH** (So. F; Kimberley, BC) – Had a hat trick and two assists in UNH's 7-1 victory at Niagara.
- **Megan McLeod, UConn** (So. F; Livonia, MI) – Scored the only goal for either team, an OT tally to deliver a 1-0 win for UConn vs. BC Friday.
- **Jarin Sjogren, Maine** (Sr. F; Bengough, SK) – Assisted on three of four Black Bear goals in a split at Northeastern.
- **Darlene Stephenson, PC** (Jr. F; Virden, MB) – Contributed four goals and three assists over three Friar victories.

TEAM NOTES

Boston College: Winless in their first nine Hockey East contests, the Eagles are 2-1 in their last three. They have 12 wins overall this year, their highest total since 1994-95, when they recorded 15.

University of Connecticut: The Huskies have split the two games they've played against their Northeastern namesakes. That sets up a vital game Friday at Northeastern, NU's last league contest of the year.

University of Maine: Sophomore Tristan Desmet has played well offensively recently, scoring four goals in her last four games ... Lara Smart's win at NU Sunday was her first since Jan. 6.

University of New Hampshire: UNH is undefeated at 19-0-1 when scoring the game's first goal and 4-5-1 when the opponent scores first ... Junior defenseman Allison Edgar recorded two assists in a game for the sixth time this season with her two-assist effort at Niagara ... Carolyn Gordon matched her career high of three points with two goals and an assist vs. Niagara. She leads the team and ranks second in Hockey East with 17 goals overall.

Northeastern University: Kim Greene had her fourth multiple-goal game of the season with two goals in a 3-2 win over Maine ... Eight different NU players scored in an 8-0 victory over BU in the Beanpot Consolation game.

Providence College: The Friars have five players that are currently enjoying scoring streaks. The longest streak is shared by juniors Darlene Stephenson and Kelli Halcisak, who have each scored at least one point in each of the last six games. Stephenson has at least two points in four of those ... Providence is undefeated in their last 5 games and 9-1-1 in their last 11.

ITECH Three Star Leaders:

Name	Cl	Pos	School
Alaina Clark	Jr	F	BC
Kim Greene	Sr	F	NU
Chanda Gunn	Jr	G	NU
Jen Huggon	Sr	G	UNH
Stephanie Jones	So	F	UNH
Ashley Payton, PC	So	F	PC
Rush Zimmerman	So	F	PC



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LEADING GOALTENDERS (Hockey East games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	Min	W	L	T	SP	GAA
1	Jen Huggon, UNH	Sr	12	719	11	1	0	.975	0.50
2	Jana Budgen, PC	Fr	12	708	11	1	0	.931	1.27
3	Lara Smart, ME	Jr	8	491	1	5	2	.912	2.32
4	Chanda Gunn, NU	Jr	14	847	4	9	1	.917	2.48
5	Shannon Murphy, CT	So	10	611	1	6	3	.907	2.55

LEADING GOALTENDERS (All games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	Min	W	L	T	SP	GAA
1	Jen Huggon, UNH	Sr	30	1808	23	5	2	.933	1.49
2	Jana Budgen, PC	Fr	26	1501	15	5	5	.922	1.76
3	Dawn Froats, ME	Sr	12	603	6	3	1	.914	1.89
4	Chanda Gunn, NU	Jr	24	1446	7	15	2	.925	2.28
5	Lara Smart, ME	Jr	16	978	3	10	3	.917	2.39

LEADING SCORERS (Hockey East games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1	Ashley Payton, PC	So	13	8	7	15
	Kelli Halcisak, PC *	Jr	13	5	10	15
3	Jenn Butsch, PC	Sr	13	5	9	14
4	Darlene Stephenson, PC	Jr	12	8	5	13
	Rush Zimmerman, PC	So	13	8	5	13
6	Stephanie Jones, UNH	So	12	6	6	12
	Allison Edgar, UNH *	Jr	12	3	9	12
8	Chandy Kaip, UNH	Sr	11	4	6	10
	Carolyn Gordon, UNH	Jr	12	6	4	10
	Randi MacMaster, UNH	So	12	4	6	10
11	Brooke White, NU	Sr	12	5	4	9
	Danielle Culgin, PC	Sr	13	3	6	9
	Rebecca Paul, NU	Fr	14	3	6	9
14	Alaina Clark, BC	Jr	12	4	4	8
	Kristen Thomas, UNH *	Jr	12	1	7	8
	Meredith Roth, PC *	Jr	13	1	7	8
	Kim Greene, NU	Sr	14	7	1	8

* defenseman

LEADING SCORERS (All games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1	Rush Zimmerman, PC	So	31	18	17	35
2	Jenn Butsch, PC	Sr	31	15	17	32
3	Kelli Halcisak, PC *	Jr	31	12	19	31
4	Chandy Kaip, UNH	Sr	29	11	18	29
	Stephanie Jones, UNH	So	30	16	13	29
	Ashley Payton, PC	So	31	12	17	29
7	Carolyn Gordon, UNH	Jr	30	17	11	28
8	Darlene Stephenson, PC	Jr	28	16	10	26
9	Allison Edgar, UNH *	Jr	30	7	18	25
10	Kristen Thomas, UNH *	Jr	27	3	21	24
	Randi MacMaster, UNH	So	29	9	15	24
12	Meagan Aarts, Maine	Jr	26	11	12	23
	Brooke White, NU	Sr	26	8	15	23
14	Alaina Clark, BC	Jr	27	12	9	21
	Danielle Culgin, PC	Sr	31	8	13	21

* defenseman

TEAM STATISTICS (Hockey East games)

TEAM OFFENSE

Team	GP	G	GPG
1.Providence.....	13	47	3.62
2.New Hampshire.....	12	39	3.25
3.Boston College.....	12	21	1.75
4.Northeastern.....	14	24	1.71
5.Maine.....	11	15	1.36
6.Connecticut.....	12	15	1.25

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1.New Hampshire.....	12	6	0.50
2.Providence.....	13	17	1.31
3.Connecticut.....	12	30	2.50
Northeastern.....	14	35	2.50
5.Maine.....	11	28	2.55
6.Boston College.....	12	45	3.75

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1.Providence.....	13	18	71	0	.254
2.Connecticut.....	12	7	37	0	.189
3.New Hampshire.....	12	7	43	0	.163
4.Boston College.....	12	6	45	0	.133
5.Maine.....	11	4	46	0	.087
6.Northeastern.....	14	2	41	1	.049

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1.New Hampshire.....	12	3	40	0	.925
2.Providence.....	13	7	66	1	.894
3.Connecticut.....	12	5	38	0	.868
4.Maine.....	11	7	47	0	.851
5.Northeastern.....	14	13	59	0	.780
6.Boston College.....	12	9	33	0	.727

TEAM STATISTICS (All games)

TEAM OFFENSE

Team	GP	G	GPG
1.New Hampshire.....	30	104	3.47
2.Providence.....	31	105	3.39
3.Boston College.....	29	68	2.34
4.Maine.....	26	58	2.23
5.Northeastern.....	28	54	1.93
6.Connecticut.....	31	56	1.81

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1.New Hampshire.....	30	45	1.50
2.Providence.....	31	54	1.74
3.Maine.....	26	59	2.27
4.Northeastern.....	28	66	2.36
5.Connecticut.....	31	93	3.00
6.Boston College.....	29	102	3.52

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1.Providence.....	31	35	196	3	.179
2.Boston College.....	29	15	92	2	.163
3.New Hampshire.....	30	17	111	0	.153
4.Connecticut.....	31	19	125	1	.152
5.Northeastern.....	28	9	95	1	.095
6.Maine.....	26	8	90	0	.089

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1.New Hampshire.....	30	14	106	2	.868
2.Providence.....	31	21	155	5	.865
3.Maine.....	26	16	105	2	.848
4.Northeastern.....	28	21	118	0	.822
5.Connecticut.....	31	22	122	0	.820
6.Boston College.....	29	18	88	0	.795



Boston College
12-14-3 (2-7-3 HE)

OCTOBER
18 VERMONT L+ 2-3
26 at North Dakota W 5-2
27 at North Dakota L 3-5

NOVEMBER
1 PROVIDENCE L 1-4
3 NORTHEASTERN T+ 3-3
10 at Niagara L 0-6
12 QUINNIPIAC W 5-1
17 RENSSELAER W 6-0
24 at Yale W 3-1
29 UNION W 6-1

DECEMBER
1 CORNELL W 5-1
7 at Providence L 2-6
30 CONNECTICUT T+ 1-1



Connecticut
10-17-4 (2-7-3 HE)

OCTOBER
12 at Mercyhurst L 0-2
13 at Mercyhurst L 2-4
19 WISCONSIN L 0-6
20 WISCONSIN L 2-4

NOVEMBER
1 at Quinnipiac W 4-0
2 QUINNIPIAC W 2-0
9 at Northeastern W+ 2-1
10 NORTHEASTERN L 1-3
16 at Findlay W 2-0
17 at Ohio State L 2-6
22 NIAGARA W 3-2
26 at Harvard L 1-5
30 CORNELL W 2-1

DECEMBER
1 PROVIDENCE T+ 2-2
7 at New Hampshire L 0-8
8 NEW HAMPSHIRE L 1-2
30 at Boston College T+ 1-1



Maine
9-13-4 (2-7-2 HE)

OCTOBER
25 at Vermont W 4-1
26 at Vermont W 4-0

NOVEMBER
2 at New Hampshire L 1-5
3 at New Hampshire L 0-1
9 PROVIDENCE L 0-3
10 PROVIDENCE L 0-5
15 at Quinnipiac W 2-0
16 at Quinnipiac L 0-2
30 at Princeton T+ 2-2

DECEMBER
1 at Yale T+ 3-3
7 at Niagara L 2-3
14 at Harvard L 0-6



New Hampshire
23-5-2 (11-1-0 HE)

OCTOBER
11 VERMONT W 4-0
18 at Ohio State W 1-0
19 at Ohio State W+ 5-4
25 at Quinnipiac W 5-3
26 at Quinnipiac W 10-0

NOVEMBER
2 MAINE W 5-1
3 MAINE W 1-0
8 at Niagara L 3-4
9 at St. Lawrence T+ 1-1
16 PRINCETON W 2-1
17 PRINCETON W 7-3
21 at Northeastern W 1-0
30 NIAGARA W 7-4

DECEMBER
1 NIAGARA W 6-2
7 CONNECTICUT W 8-0
8 at Connecticut W 2-1
13 at Harvard L 1-7
15 at Dartmouth L 0-3



Northeastern
9-17-2 (4-9-1 HE)

OCTOBER
12 vs. Wisconsin* L 2-4
13 at Wisconsin L 1-2
20 VERMONT W 3-0
27 ST. LAWRENCE L 1-2

NOVEMBER
3 at Boston College T+ 3-3
9 CONNECTICUT L+ 1-2
10 at Connecticut W 3-1
15 at Niagara L 2-3
16 at Niagara W 4-1
21 NEW HAMPSHIRE L 0-1
23 QUINNIPIAC W 6-1
30 at Yale W 4-1

DECEMBER
1 at Princeton L 2-6
6 at Brown T+ 2-2
7 at Harvard L 0-4



Providence
19-6-6 (11-1-1 HE)

OCTOBER
12 MINN.-DULUTH L 4-6
13 MINN.-DULUTH L 1-3
19 VERMONT W 6-0
26 ST. LAWRENCE T+ 2-2

NOVEMBER
1 at Boston College W 4-1
3 DARTMOUTH L 2-3
9 at Maine W 3-0
10 at Maine W 5-0
16 at Ohio State W 4-2
17 at Findlay W 1-0
23 at Dartmouth W 5-2
26 at Brown* T+ 4-4
30 QUINNIPIAC W 7-1

DECEMBER
1 at Connecticut T+ 2-2
7 BOSTON COLLEGE W 6-2
8 HARVARD L+ 1-2

+ – indicates overtime
Home games in CAPS
Hockey East games in **bold**

JANUARY
3 PROVIDENCE L 3-6
10 at New Hampshire L 0-3
11 at New Hampshire L 0-3
19 at Maine W 2-0
21 at Boston College W 5-4
25 at Providence L 0-2
26 PROVIDENCE L 1-3
31 WAYNE STATE L 0-2

FEBRUARY
1 WAYNE STATE L 0-2
4 vs. BC (B) L 2-3
8 NIAGARA W 3-1
11 vs. Boston U. (B) W 8-0
15 MAINE W 3-2
16 MAINE L+ 1-2
21 CONNECTICUT W 7 pm
28 at Quinnipiac W 7 pm

MARCH
1 QUINNIPIAC 3 pm
2 BOSTON COLLEGE 2 pm

* – at Verona, WI
(B) – Beanpot at Harvard

* – Mayor's Cup