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WOMEN'S LEAGUE

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FIRST-EVER REGULAR SEASON TITLE GOES TO FRIARS
Plenty of possibilities remain for the championship tournament

Anticipation was heavy headed into this weekend's match-up between fourth-ranked UNH and eighth-ranked Providence. At stake: control of Hockey East's first-ever women's regular season title. The odds: even. The two teams had traded home victories earlier this season, but those were the sole losses suffered by either club in league play all season.

Providence tried to put an early end to the debate by scoring the game's first three goals. Undaunted, UNH scored the next two to cut the deficit to one. A third period barrage featured a combined seven goals by the two clubs, Providence emerging victorious by a 7-4 final. The Friars wrapped the title up Sunday with a close 2-1 win over visiting Maine.

Things were surprisingly still up for grabs with only eight games remaining in the regular season as of last week. Now there are only four left, and although the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds have been inked, the league's other four teams are so close that not one has either clinched or been eliminated from one of the two remaining playoff berths.

UConn is in the best shape, thanks to a 1-0 win at Northeastern Friday. Rookie netminder Kaitlyn Shain stopped all 24 shots she faced for her second consecutive Hockey East shutout. Chanda Gunn nearly played her equal, stopping 34 of 35 shots, only to suffer the loss in NU's last league game of the year. Though tied with their fellow Huskies in the standings, Northeastern loses the head-to-head tiebreaker vs. UConn, so they'll have to hope both Maine and BC falter next weekend in order to qualify for the inaugural championship tournament, which is taking place at NU's Matthews Arena.

Boston College surrendered 4-0 vs. Maine on Saturday, setting up the teams for likely opposite fates. BC now needs at least a win and a tie against second-place UNH in the final weekend to even have a chance at the postseason, while Maine is almost assuredly in with a single win (or two ties) against visiting UConn. However, a tie and a loss would not be enough for the Black Bears.

HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Rem. League Games
Providence *	15	13	1	1	27	21-6-6	None
New Hampshire *	13	11	2	0	22	23-6-2	BC (2)
Connecticut	13	3	7	3	9	11-17-4	at Maine (2)
Northeastern	15	4	10	1	9	9-18-2	None
Maine	13	3	8	2	8	10-14-4	UConn (2)
Boston College	13	2	8	3	7	12-15-3	at UNH (2)

* – clinched playoff berth

RECENT RESULTS

Friday, February 21

Connecticut 1, at Northeastern 0 *

Saturday, February 22

Maine 4, at Boston College 0 *
 at Providence 7, New Hampshire 4 *

Sunday, February 23

at Providence 2, Maine 1 *

UPCOMING GAMES

Tuesday, February 25

Quinnipiac at New Hampshire (7pm)

Friday, Feb 28

Boston College at New Hampshire (7pm) *
 Northeastern at Quinnipiac (7pm)
 Providence at Niagara (7pm)

Saturday, March 1

Connecticut at Maine (1pm) *
 Northeastern at Quinnipiac (3pm)

Sunday, March 2

Connecticut at Maine (1pm) *
 Boston College at New Hampshire (2pm) *

* *Hockey East game*
All times Eastern



**TPS LOUISVILLE
 PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

KELLI HALCISAK – Providence
Junior Defenseman; Grosse Ile, MI

Quarterbacked Providence to a 7-4 win over UNH with one goal and four assists. Also set up one of two Friar goals in Sunday's 2-1 win over Maine.

**ITECH
 ROOKIE OF THE WEEK**

KAITLYN SHAIN – Connecticut
Freshman Goaltender; Calgary, AB

Recorded her second straight Hockey East shutout with 24 saves in a 1-0 win at Northeastern.

**DEFENSIVE PLAYER
 OF THE WEEK**

JANA BUGDEN – Providence
Freshman Goaltender; Corner Brook, NF

Stopped 35 shots, including multiple breakaways, in a 7-4 defeat of UNH. Followed up with a 2-1 win over Maine that clinched the regular season title.

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Women's Playoff Picture

as of February 24, 2003



HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

<u>Team (Possible Seed)</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 (1) !	15	13	1	1	27	21-6-6	None
New Hampshire (2) *	13	11	2	0	22	23-6-2	BC (2)
Connecticut (3-5)	13	3	7	3	9	11-17-4	at Maine (2)
Northeastern (4-6)	15	4	10	1	9	9-18-2	None
Maine (3-6)	13	3	8	2	8	10-14-4	UConn (2)
Boston College (4-6)	13	2	8	3	7	12-15-3	at UNH (2)

! – clinched regular season title * – clinched playoff berth

Tiebreakers:

If two teams finish with the same number of points in the standings, the following tiebreakers will be used, in this order, to determine seeding:

1. Head-to-head results between the tied teams
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

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 tiebreaker scenarios:

Connecticut wins tiebreaker over Northeastern, 2-1
Northeastern wins tiebreaker over Maine, 2-1
Northeastern wins tiebreaker over BC (more league wins)
Maine wins tiebreaker over BC, 2-0-1
Connecticut and BC are tied at 1-1-1 (Numerous scenarios exist.
If they finish with identical records, UConn wins tiebreaker.)
Connecticut and Maine cannot finish in a tie

3-way tie between UConn, NU, and BC:
Connecticut gets No. 4 seed

3-way tie between Maine, NU, and BC:
Northeastern gets No. 4 seed

HONOR ROLL

- **Kim Berry, UConn** (So. F; Haverhill, MA) – Scored the only goal of the game with just 3:23 to play for a 1-0 win at Northeastern.
- **Karen Droog, Maine** (Jr. F; Listowel, ON) – Scored two goals in a 4-0 Hockey East win at Boston College.
- **Dawn Froats, Maine** (Sr. G; Moose Jaw, SK) – Picked up 7th win and 3rd shutout of season with a 4-0 win at Boston College.
- **Chanda Gunn, NU** (Jr. G; Huntington Beach, CA) – Stopped 34 of 35 shots faced vs. UConn, but surrendered by a 1-0 final.
- **Lara Smart, Maine** (Jr. G; Airdrie, AB) Stopped 30 of 32 shots faced in a narrow 2-1 loss at Providence.

TEAM NOTES

Boston College: Winless in its first nine Hockey East contests, BC is 2-2 in the last four. The Eagles have 12 wins overall this year, their highest total since 1994-95, when they recorded 15.

University of Connecticut: The Huskies and their Northeastern namesakes stand in a tie for third place in the league, but UConn has the tiebreaker advantage and two games in hand.

University of Maine: Senior Jarin Sjogren has stepped up her play with 12 points in Maine's last 14 games ... Goaltender Lara Smart is 0-5-1 this season when making 30 saves or more.

University of New Hampshire: The Wildcats had won nine consecutive games in which they scored a power play goal until Saturday's loss at Providence. UNH surrendered four third period goals in the game, the most in any single period by a UNH opponent this season ... The line of Carolyn Gordon, Randi MacMaster and Stephanie Jones has scored 11 of the team's 18 goals in the past four games. Jones has six of those as well as three assists in the same span.

Northeastern University: Junior Chanda Gunn has been forced to make 30+ saves in each of three contests against UConn this season. Despite stopping 98 of 102 shots in the series (.961 save percentage), Gunn finished the season just 1-2 vs. UConn. She ranks fourth on the all-time NU saves list with 1495 in just two seasons. She currently ranks fourth in the nation in save percentage (.928) this season.

Providence College: Saturday's victory gave the Friars their 12th 20-win season and fourth straight under Head Coach Bob Deraney ... This past weekend, junior Kelli Halcisak became the 24th player in Friar history to reach the benchmark 100-point plateau.

ITECH Three Star Leaders:

Name	Cl	Pos	School
Alaina Clark	Jr	F	BC
Karen Droog	Jr	F	Maine
Kim Greene	Sr	F	NU
Chanda Gunn	Jr	G	NU
Kelli Halcisak	Jr	D	PC
Jen Huggon	Sr	G	UNH
Stephanie Jones	So	F	UNH
Randi MacMaster	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	13	778	11	2	0	.954	0.92
2	Jana Budgen, PC	Fr	14	828	13	1	0	.926	1.45
3	Lara Smart, ME	Jr	9	550	1	6	2	.915	2.29
4	Chanda Gunn, NU	Jr	15	906	4	10	1	.921	2.38
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	31	1867	23	6	2	.927	1.64
2	Dawn Froats, ME	Sr	13	663	7	3	1	.918	1.72
3	Jana Budgen, PC	Fr	28	1621	17	5	5	.921	1.81
4	Chanda Gunn, NU	Jr	25	1505	7	16	2	.927	2.23
5	Lara Smart, ME	Jr	17	1038	3	11	3	.918	2.37

LEADING SCORERS (Hockey East games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1	Kelli Halcisak, PC *	Jr	15	6	15	21
2	Ashley Payton, PC	So	15	8	9	17
3	Jenn Butsch, PC	Sr	15	6	10	16
4	Darlene Stephenson, PC	Jr	14	9	6	15
	Rush Zimmerman, PC	So	15	9	6	15
6	Stephanie Jones, UNH	So	13	7	6	13
	Allison Edgar, UNH *	Jr	13	3	10	13
8	Randi MacMaster, UNH	So	13	5	7	12
9	Carolyn Gordon, UNH	Jr	13	6	5	11
10	Chandy Kaip, UNH	Sr	12	4	6	10
	Danielle Culgin, PC	Sr	15	4	6	10
	Meredith Roth, PC *	Jr	15	2	8	10
13	Brooke White, NU	Sr	13	5	4	9
	Kristen Thomas, UNH *	Jr	13	1	8	9
	Hilary Greaves, PC	So	15	4	5	9
	Rebecca Paul, NU	Fr	15	3	6	9

* defenseman

LEADING SCORERS (All games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1	Rush Zimmerman, PC	So	33	19	18	37
	Kelli Halcisak, PC *	Jr	33	13	24	37
3	Jenn Butsch, PC	Sr	33	16	18	34
4	Ashley Payton, PC	So	33	12	19	31
5	Stephanie Jones, UNH	So	31	17	13	30
6	Chandy Kaip, UNH	Sr	30	11	18	29
	Carolyn Gordon, UNH	Jr	31	17	12	29
8	Darlene Stephenson, PC	Jr	30	17	11	28
9	Randi MacMaster, UNH	So	30	10	16	26
	Allison Edgar, UNH *	Jr	31	7	19	26
11	Kristen Thomas, UNH *	Jr	28	3	22	25
12	Meagan Aarts, Maine	Jr	28	11	13	24
13	Brooke White, NU	Sr	27	8	15	23
14	Danielle Culgin, PC	Sr	33	9	13	22
15	Alaina Clark, BC	Jr	28	12	9	21

* defenseman

TEAM STATISTICS (Hockey East games)

TEAM OFFENSE

Team	GP	G	GPG
1.Providence.....	15	56	3.73
2.New Hampshire.....	13	43	3.31
3.Boston College.....	13	21	1.62
4.Northeastern.....	15	24	1.60
5.Maine.....	13	20	1.54
6.Connecticut.....	13	16	1.23

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1.New Hampshire.....	13	13	1.00
2.Providence.....	15	22	1.47
3.Connecticut.....	13	30	2.31
Maine.....	13	30	2.31
5.Northeastern.....	15	36	2.40
6.Boston College.....	13	49	3.77

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1.Providence.....	15	21	78	0	.269
2.Connecticut.....	13	7	40	0	.175
3.New Hampshire.....	13	8	51	1	.157
4.Boston College.....	13	6	49	0	.122
5.Maine.....	13	4	53	0	.075
6.Northeastern.....	15	2	42	1	.048

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1.Providence.....	15	8	79	2	.899
2.New Hampshire.....	13	5	44	0	.886
3.Connecticut.....	13	5	39	0	.872
4.Maine.....	13	8	54	0	.852
5.Northeastern.....	15	13	62	0	.790
6.Boston College.....	13	9	35	0	.743

TEAM STATISTICS (All games)

TEAM OFFENSE

Team	GP	G	GPG
1.New Hampshire.....	31	108	3.48
2.Providence.....	33	114	3.45
3.Boston College.....	30	68	2.27
4.Maine.....	28	63	2.25
5.Northeastern.....	29	54	1.86
6.Connecticut.....	32	57	1.78

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1.New Hampshire.....	31	52	1.68
2.Providence.....	33	59	1.79
3.Maine.....	28	61	2.18
4.Northeastern.....	29	67	2.31
5.Connecticut.....	32	93	2.91
6.Boston College.....	30	106	3.53

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1.Providence.....	33	38	203	3	.187
2.Boston College.....	30	15	96	2	.156
3.New Hampshire.....	31	18	119	1	.151
4.Connecticut.....	32	19	128	1	.148
5.Northeastern.....	29	9	96	1	.094
6.Maine.....	28	8	97	0	.082

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1.Providence.....	33	22	168	6	.869
2.New Hampshire.....	31	16	110	2	.855
3.Maine.....	28	17	112	2	.848
4.Northeastern.....	29	21	121	0	.826
5.Connecticut.....	32	22	123	0	.821
6.Boston College.....	30	18	90	0	.800



Boston College
12-15-3 (2-8-3 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

JANUARY

2 YALE	W+	3-2
4 PRINCETON	L	1-4
7 BROWN	L	2-6
11 at Maine	T+	3-3
12 at Maine	L	0-5
14 NEW HAMPSHIRE	L	0-6
18 at Providence	L	1-7
21 NORTHEASTERN	L	4-5
24 at Quinnipiac	W	2-0
25 at Quinnipiac	W	2-1
28 HARVARD	L	2-17

FEBRUARY

4 vs. Northeastern (B)	W	3-2
9 NIAGARA	W	1-0
11 vs. Harvard (B)	L	0-7
14 at Connecticut	L+	0-1
16 CONNECTICUT	W	3-2
22 MAINE	L	0-4
28 at New Hampshire		7 pm

MARCH

2 at New Hampshire		2 pm
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(B) – Beanpot at Harvard



Connecticut
11-17-4 (3-7-3 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

JANUARY

4 at Niagara	W	6-2
5 at Niagara	T+	3-3
10 ST. LAWRENCE	L	1-5
11 ST. LAWRENCE	L	0-7
17 MAINE	T+	2-2
19 NEW HAMPSHIRE	L	0-3
25 at Dartmouth	L	1-8
26 at Dartmouth	L	2-5
30 QUINNIPIAC	W	5-1

FEBRUARY

1 BROWN	W	3-2
7 at Providence	L	2-3
8 PROVIDENCE	L	1-2
14 BOSTON COLLEGE	W+	1-0
16 at Boston College	L	2-3
21 at Northeastern	W	1-0

MARCH

1 at Maine		1 pm
2 at Maine		1 pm



Maine
10-14-4 (3-8-2 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

JANUARY

6 COLGATE	W	5-0
7 COLGATE	W	3-1
11 BOSTON COLLEGE	T+	3-3
12 BOSTON COLLEGE	W	5-0
17 at Connecticut	T+	2-2
19 NORTHEASTERN	L	0-2
25 NIAGARA	L	3-4
26 NIAGARA	L	2-4
31 CORNELL	W+	2-1

FEBRUARY

1 CORNELL	L+	2-3
8 QUINNIPIAC	W	9-1
11 NEW HAMPSHIRE	L	0-3
15 at Northeastern	L	2-3
16 at Northeastern	W+	2-1
22 at Boston College	W	4-0
23 at Providence	L	1-2

MARCH

1 CONNECTICUT		1 pm
2 CONNECTICUT		1 pm



New Hampshire
23-6-2 (11-2-0 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 St. Lawrence	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

JANUARY

4 BROWN	W	3-1
10 NORTHEASTERN	W	3-0
11 NORTHEASTERN	W	3-0
14 at Boston College	W	6-0
18 MINNESOTA	L	0-4
19 at Connecticut	W	3-0
24 at Wisconsin	W	2-0
25 at Wisconsin	T+	1-1

FEBRUARY

1 at Providence	L	0-3
2 PROVIDENCE	W	4-1
11 at Maine	W	3-0
14 at Niagara	W	7-1
22 at Providence	L	4-7
25 QUINNIPIAC		7 pm
28 BOSTON COLLEGE		7 pm

MARCH

2 BOSTON COLLEGE		2 pm
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Northeastern
9-18-2 (4-10-1 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

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	L	0-1
28 at Quinnipiac		7 pm

MARCH

1 QUINNIPIAC		3 pm
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* – at Verona, WI
(B) – Beanpot at Harvard



Providence
21-6-6 (13-1-1 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

JANUARY

3 at Northeastern	W	6-3
5 PRINCETON	L	3-4
10 NIAGARA	T+	0-0
11 NIAGARA	T+	2-2
18 BOSTON COLLEGE	W	7-1
19 at Yale	T+	1-1
25 NORTHEASTERN	W	2-0
26 at Northeastern	W	3-1

FEBRUARY

1 NEW HAMPSHIRE	W	3-0
2 at New Hampshire	L	1-4
7 CONNECTICUT	W	3-2
8 at Connecticut	W	2-1
12 BROWN	W	4-3
14 at Quinnipiac	W	4-1
16 QUINNIPIAC	W	7-1
22 NEW HAMPSHIRE	W	7-4
23 MAINE	W	2-1
28 at Niagara		7 pm

* – Mayor's Cup

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