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MAINE SWEEPS CONNECTICUT TO TAKE SEED NO. 3
Huggon records ninth shutout of 15-game league schedule

Before the weekend began, the University of Maine was on the outside looking in, a point behind UConn and Northeastern in the playoff race. But the Black Bears left little doubt about their chances 48 hours later, having overtaken visiting Connecticut by scores of 2-0 and 5-1. The netminding tandem of Dawn Froats and Lara Smart each recorded one win in the series and look solid heading into the playoffs. The wins wrapped up the No. 3 seed for Maine (who will face UNH in one semifinal) and relegated UConn to No. 4. Tournament host Northeastern finished tied with UConn in the final standings, but lost the head-to-head tiebreaker.

Providence wrapped up the first-ever women's Hockey East regular season title last weekend, but added a bit of drama on Friday by recording its first OT win of the season, 3-2 at Niagara. The Friars have won eight straight, led by Player of the Month Kelli Halcisak, who was crowned the first women's Hockey East scoring champion with 21 points in league play.

With nine shutouts in 15 league games, UNH's Jen Huggon has set the bar incredibly high for future Hockey East goaltenders. She won the goaltending title with a GAA of 0.89, an amazing number. She allowed just one goal over five periods of play against BC last week. Huggon also won the inaugural women's ITECH Three Stars Award, totalling 22 points on five first star selections and ten overall. Northeastern stopper Chanda Gunn was second with 15 points.

The inaugural women's Hockey East championship tournament opens on Saturday, March 15, at Northeastern's Matthews Arena. UNH will play Maine in the first semifinal at 1pm followed by Providence vs. UConn at 4pm. The winners of those games face off Sunday at 2pm for the first-ever Women's Hockey East Championship.

RECENT RESULTS

Tuesday, February 25

at New Hampshire 7, Quinnipiac 1

Friday, Feb 28

at New Hampshire 4, Boston College 0 *
 Northeastern 1, at Quinnipiac 1 (OT)
 Providence 3, at Niagara 2 (OT)

Saturday, March 1

at Maine 2, Connecticut 0 *
 Quinnipiac 1, at Northeastern 1 (OT)

Sunday, March 2

at Maine 5, Connecticut 1 *
 at New Hampshire 8, Boston College 2 *

* **Hockey East game**

INAUGURAL
WOMEN'S HOCKEY EAST
CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

(All games at Matthews Arena;
 Northeastern University, Boston, MA)

Saturday, March 15

Semifinal Round:
 #3 Maine vs. #2 New Hampshire (1pm)
 #4 Connecticut vs. #1 Providence (4pm)

Sunday, March 16

2003 Championship Game (2pm)

HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	HE Offense	HE Defense
1. Providence	15	13	1	1	27	22-6-6	3.73 GPG	1.47 GAPG
2. New Hampshire	15	13	2	0	26	26-6-2	3.67 GPG	1.00 GAPG
3. Maine	15	5	8	2	12	12-14-4	1.80 GPG	2.07 GAPG
4. Connecticut *	15	3	9	3	9	11-19-4	1.13 GPG	2.47 GAPG
5. Northeastern	15	4	10	1	9	9-18-4	1.60 GPG	2.40 GAPG
6. Boston College	15	2	10	3	7	12-17-3	1.53 GPG	4.07 GAPG

* UConn awarded the No. 4 seed by virtue of a 2-1 record vs. Northeastern



TPS LOUISVILLE
PLAYER OF THE WEEK

STEPHANIE JONES – New Hampshire
Sophomore Forward; Kimberly, BC

Led all scorers on the week with four goals and two assists as UNH took three straight games. Also was an outstanding +7 in that span.

ITECH
ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

LINDSAY HANSEN – New Hampshire
Freshman Forward; Northport, NY

Posted back-to-back-to-back multiple-point games to power the Wildcats to a three straight wins on the week.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER
OF THE WEEK

LARA SMART – Maine
Junior Goaltender; Airdrie, AB

Gave the UConn offense nothing, stopping all 21 shots she faced for a 2-0 victory which secured the Black Bears a ticket to the Hockey East tournament.

HONOR ROLL

- **Dawn Froats, Maine** (Sr. G; Moose Jaw, SK) – Stopped 21 of 22 shots to cruise to a 5-1 win over visiting Connecticut and clinch the No. 3 seed for Maine.
- **Hilary Greaves, PC** (So. F; Cranston, RI) – Scored on a breakaway in OT to give PC a 3-2 win at Niagara.
- **Chanda Gunn, NU** (Jr. G; Huntington Beach, CA) – Stopped 30 shots in 1-1 tie at Quinnipiac.
- **Kelli Halcisak, PC** (Jr. D; Grosse Ile, MI) – Had a goal and an assist to lead the Friars to a 3-2 OT win at Niagara.
- **Katie Hartley, Maine** (Fr. F; Duxbury, MA) – Picked up two assists in a 5-1 win over UConn on Sunday.
- **Jen Huggon, UNH** (Sr. G; Plymouth, MA) – Allowed just one goal in five periods of play against BC, notching her ninth Hockey East shutout in Friday's 4-0 win.
- **Raffi Wolf, Maine** (Sr. F; Voerde, Germany) – Had a goal and two assists in a weekend sweep of UConn.

TEAM NOTES

Boston College: BC wraps its season with 12 victories, its most since the 1994-95 season ... Jill McInnis led all BC rookies and defenseman in point production with 15. She was the No. 2 scorer on the team behind Alaina Clark (21 pts) ... Sophomore Lisa Davis now has the top two single season GAA marks in the BC record book and has a BC-best 2.65 career GAA.

University of Connecticut: The Huskies have never beaten semifinal opponent Providence (0-5-1), but they were the only Hockey East team other than UNH to get a point in the season series against the regulars season champs, tying the Friars 2-2 on Dec. 1. Over three games, Providence outscored UConn just 7-5.

University of Maine: Maine's five senior skaters combined for four goals and five assists over their final two home games, back-to-back wins over UConn ... Goaltenders Dawn Froats and Lara Smart each posted three shutouts this season ... Senior captain Jarin Sjogren finished the regular season with 14 pts in her final 16 games.

University of New Hampshire: Wildcat notes: UNH will play Maine in the semifinals. The Wildcats have a 11-1-0 lifetime record vs. the Black Bears... Stephanie Jones leads the 2003 'Cats with 21 goals. Last year she had a team-best 17 goals. The last Wildcat skater to lead the team in goals in consecutive seasons was Brandy Fisher, who won the inaugural Patty Kazmaier Award in 1998 ... UNH has played in 13 conference title games and won five championships (1996, 1991, 1990, 1987, 1986) ... Stephanie Jones and Lindsay Hansen each ended the regular season with a seven-game point streak. Jones recorded 10-5-15 and Hansen had 3-6-9.

Northeastern University: Chanda Gunn is third in the country in save percentage (.930). She is the only player ever named a finalist for both the Patty Kazmaier and Humanitarian Awards ... Senior Brooke White ended her career 15th on the NU all-time scoring list with 117 points ... Senior Kim Greene, who transitioned from defense to forward this year, scored a career-high 15 goals ... This is the first season that NU hasn't made a postseason appearance since 1980-81.

Providence College: Friday's win was the Friars' first in OT this season ... Providence now has 22 wins, tied with the 1991-92 squad for the most-ever by a Friar team ... The Friars are undefeated in their last eight games and 12-1-3 in their last 16.



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LEADING GOALTENDERS (Hockey East games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	Min	W	L	T	SP	GAA
1	Jen Huggon, UNH	Sr	15	879	13	2	0	.953	0.89
2	Jana Budgen, PC	Fr	14	829	13	1	0	.926	1.45
3	Lara Smart, ME	Jr	10	611	2	6	2	.922	2.06
4	Chanda Gunn, NU	Jr	15	907	4	10	1	.921	2.38
5	Shannon Murphy, CT	So	11	631	1	7	3	.900	2.76

LEADING GOALTENDERS (All games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	Min	W	L	T	SP	GAA
1	Jen Huggon, UNH	Sr	33	1967	25	6	2	.927	1.59
2	Dawn Froats, ME	Sr	14	723	8	3	1	.921	1.66
3	Jana Budgen, PC	Fr	29	1686	18	5	5	.920	1.81
4	Chanda Gunn, NU	Jr	26	1570	7	16	3	.928	2.18
5	Lara Smart, ME	Jr	18	1098	4	11	3	.921	2.24

LEADING SCORERS (Hockey East games)

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

* defenseman

LEADING SCORERS (All games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1	Kelli Halcisak, PC *	Jr	34	14	25	39
2	Rush Zimmerman, PC	So	34	19	19	38
3	Stephanie Jones, UNH	So	34	21	15	36
4	Chandy Kaip, UNH	Sr	33	12	22	34
	Carolyn Gordon, UNH	Jr	34	19	15	34
	Jenn Butsch, PC	Sr	34	16	18	34
7	Ashley Payton, PC	So	34	12	21	33
8	Randi MacMaster, UNH	So	33	10	20	30
	Allison Edgar, UNH *	Jr	34	9	21	30
10	Darlene Stephenson, PC	Jr	31	17	12	29
11	Kristen Thomas, UNH *	Jr	31	4	23	27
	Lindsay Hansen, UNH	Fr	34	10	17	27
13	Meagan Aarts, Maine	Jr	30	12	14	26
14	Brooke White, NU	Sr	29	8	15	23
	Danielle Culgin, PC	Sr	34	9	14	23

* defenseman

TEAM STATISTICS (Hockey East games)

TEAM OFFENSE

Team	GP	G	GPG
1.Providence.....	15	56	3.73
2.New Hampshire.....	15	55	3.67
3.Maine.....	15	27	1.80
4.Northeastern.....	15	24	1.60
5.Boston College.....	15	23	1.53
6.Connecticut.....	15	17	1.13

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1.New Hampshire.....	15	15	1.00
2.Providence.....	15	22	1.47
3.Maine.....	15	31	2.07
4.Northeastern.....	15	36	2.40
5.Connecticut.....	15	37	2.47
6.Boston College.....	15	61	4.07

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1.Providence.....	15	21	78	0	.269
2.Connecticut.....	15	8	48	0	.167
3.New Hampshire.....	15	9	58	1	.155
4.Boston College.....	15	6	53	0	.113
5.Maine.....	15	4	56	0	.071
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.....	15	5	48	0	.896
3.Connecticut.....	15	5	42	0	.881
4.Maine.....	15	9	62	0	.855
5.Northeastern.....	15	13	62	0	.790
6.Boston College.....	15	10	42	0	.762

TEAM STATISTICS (All games)

TEAM OFFENSE

Team	GP	G	GPG
1.New Hampshire.....	34	127	3.74
2.Providence.....	34	117	3.44
3.Maine.....	30	70	2.33
4.Boston College.....	32	70	2.19
5.Northeastern.....	31	56	1.81
6.Connecticut.....	34	58	1.71

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1.New Hampshire.....	34	55	1.62
2.Providence.....	34	61	1.79
3.Maine.....	30	62	2.07
4.Northeastern.....	31	69	2.23
5.Connecticut.....	34	100	2.94
6.Boston College.....	32	118	3.69

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1.Providence.....	34	40	211	3	.190
2.Boston College.....	32	15	100	2	.150
3.New Hampshire.....	34	19	128	1	.148
4.Connecticut.....	34	20	136	1	.147
5.Northeastern.....	31	9	103	2	.087
6.Maine.....	30	8	100	0	.080

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1.Providence.....	34	23	175	6	.869
2.New Hampshire.....	34	16	115	2	.861
3.Maine.....	30	18	120	2	.850
4.Northeastern.....	31	22	128	0	.828
5.Connecticut.....	34	22	126	0	.825
6.Boston College.....	32	19	97	0	.804



Boston College
12-17-3 (2-10-3 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 L 0-4

MARCH
2 at New Hampshire L 2-8

(B) – Beanpot at Harvard



Connecticut
11-19-4 (3-9-3 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 L 0-2
2 at Maine L 1-5
14 vs. Providence (S) 4 pm

(S) – Hockey East semifinal at Northeastern



Maine
12-14-4 (5-8-2 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 W 2-0
2 CONNECTICUT W 5-1
15 vs. New Hampshire (S) 1pm

(S) – Hockey East semifinal at Northeastern

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



New Hampshire
26-6-2 (13-2-0 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 W 7-1
28 BOSTON COLLEGE W 4-0

MARCH
2 BOSTON COLLEGE W 8-2
15 vs. Maine (S) 1pm

(S) – Hockey East semifinal at Northeastern



Northeastern
9-18-4 (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 T+ 1-1

MARCH
1 QUINNIPIAC T+ 1-1

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



Providence
22-6-6 (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 W+ 3-2

MARCH
15 vs. Connecticut 4pm

* – Mayor's Cup
(S) – Hockey East semifinal at Northeastern