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INAUGURAL CHAMPIONSHIP WON BY PROVIDENCE *Friar women match men's feat as first-ever league champions*

On the 19th anniversary of Providence College's marathon victory over Boston College in the inaugural men's Hockey East championship game, the Friars equalled the accomplishment in winning the first women's championship, ousting UNH by a 1-0 final. Hilary Greaves was the game's only scorer, converting a give-and-go with tournament MVP Kelli Halcisak at the 6:01 mark of the second period. Friar rookie stopper Jana Bugden went mostly unchallenged in the finale, save for a breakaway chance by UNH's Stephanie Jones that Bugden stopped cleanly. Bugden needed to make just 13 saves in the title game and finished a perfect 39-for-39 with two shutouts in the tournament. Wildcat counterpart Jen Huggon was peppered with 32 shots in the championship game loss following a 2-0 shutout vs. Maine in the semifinal, and was selected as the goaltender of the CCM All-Tournament team.

Black Bear Dawn Froats also received consideration for the All-Tournament team, as she finished with 41 saves in the 2-0 loss to UNH. UConn rookie Kaitlyn Shain was forced to make 41 stops in semifinal action as well, but couldn't stifle a potent Providence offense that exploded for seven unanswered goals. Halcisak posted five assists in the win while Greaves had a pair of scores.

Halcisak and Greaves were both strong picks on the All-tourney team alongside Huggon. Rounding out the team were defenseman Allison Edgar of UNH, forward Rush Zimmerman of Providence, and Stephanie Jones.

RECENT RESULTS

Tuesday, February 25

at New Hampshire 7, Quinnipiac 1

Friday, February 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

Semifinals
 New Hampshire 2, Maine 0
 Providence 7, Connecticut 0

Sunday, March 16

Championship Game
 Providence 1, New Hampshire 0

HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	HE Offense	HE Defense
Providence	15	13	1	1	27	24-6-6	3.73 GPG	1.47 GAPG
New Hampshire	15	13	2	0	26	27-7-2	3.67 GPG	1.00 GAPG
Maine	15	5	8	2	12	12-15-4	1.80 GPG	2.07 GAPG
Connecticut	15	3	9	3	9	11-20-4	1.13 GPG	2.47 GAPG
Northeastern	15	4	10	1	9	9-18-4	1.60 GPG	2.40 GAPG
Boston College	15	2	10	3	7	12-17-3	1.53 GPG	4.07 GAPG



TPS LOUISVILLE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

KELLI HALCISAK – Providence
Junior Defenseman; Grosse Ile, MI

Powered Providence to a 7-0 win over UConn in the semifinals, setting up five of the Friar goals. Also set up the only goal in the title game, a 1-0 PC win.

ITECH ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

JANA BUGDEN – Providence
Freshman Goaltender; Corner Brook, NF

Stopped all 26 shots she faced in a 7-0 win over UConn and followed that with a perfect 13-for-13 in the championship game against UNH.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

JEN HUGGON – New Hampshire
Junior Goaltender; Airdrie, AB

Posted 15 saves in a 2-0 win over Maine for her 14th shutout of the season, and fell just one save short of her 15th by stopping 31 of 32 shots in the title game.

CCM ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Hilary Greaves, Sophomore Forward, Providence (*Cranston, RI*)
 Stephanie Jones, Sophomore Forward, New Hampshire (*Kimberly, BC*)
 Rush Zimmerman, Sophomore Forward, Providence (*Grosse Pointe, MI*)
 Allison Edgar, Junior Defenseman, New Hampshire (*Brigden, ON*)
 Kelli Halcisak, Junior Defenseman, Providence (*Grosse Ile, MI*)
 Jen Huggon, Senior Goaltender, New Hampshire (*Plymouth, MA*)

Most Valuable Player: Kelli Halcisak, Providence



TEAM NOTES

University of Connecticut: The Huskies have still never beaten semifinal opponent Providence (0-6-1), but they were the only Hockey East team other than UNH to get a point in the season series against the champs, tying the Friars 2-2 on Dec. 1. Over three regular season games, Providence outscored UConn just 7-5. The Friars finally opened the floodgates in the semifinal, however, winning 7-0 ... UConn scored two goals or less in each of 15 league games, but allowed two goals or less in 10 of those.

University of Maine: Senior goaltender Dawn Froats has posted a winning record in each of her last three seasons. Her 41 saves against UNH were a season-high. She finishes the season second among Hockey East goaltenders in overall GAA (1.68) and third in save percentage (.926) ... Senior Raffi Wolf finishes her career second all-time at Maine in career goals scored (55) and career points (92).

University of New Hampshire: UNH finished the 2003 season with 27 victories, the second highest total in the 26-year history of the program. Only the 1998 national championship team had more wins (31) ... The Wildcats improved to 13-4 in league semifinal games with Saturday's 2-0 victory against Maine ... Senior goaltender Jen Huggon broke three single-season UNH records in 2003. She is now the record holder in shutouts (14), games played (35) and minutes (2085:40) ... Sophomore forward Stephanie Jones, with 22 goals this year, became the first Wildcat to lead the team in goals in consecutive seasons since Brandy Fisher (1997-97) ... UNH went 23-0-1 this season when scoring first and only 4-7-1 when not scoring first.

Providence College: The Friars have the longest winning streak in the nation (10 games) and are tied for the best record in their last 16 games (14-1-1) with Harvard. Providence has outscored their opponents, 40-15, during their 10 winning streak and 57-22 in their last 16 ... The title game victory was the Friars' third win of the season over UNH, and second by shutout. Freshman goaltender Jana Bugden allowed just four goals in four games vs. UNH ... Tournament MVP Kelli Halcisak finished with a +33 on the season. Her 45 points overall rank her second in the nation among defensemen.



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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	35	2087	26	7	2	.930	1.52
2	Dawn Froats, ME	Sr	15	783	8	4	1	.926	1.68
3	Jana Budgen, PC	Fr	31	1806	20	5	5	.925	1.69
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	36	14	31	45
2	Rush Zimmerman, PC	So	36	20	20	40
3	Stephanie Jones, UNH	So	36	22	15	37
4	Carolyn Gordon, UNH	Jr	36	20	15	35
	Jenn Butsch, PC	Sr	36	17	18	35
	Ashley Payton, PC	So	36	12	23	35
7	Chandy Kaip, UNH	Sr	35	12	22	34
8	Allison Edgar, UNH *	Jr	36	9	23	32
9	Darlene Stephenson, PC	Jr	33	18	12	30
	Randi MacMaster, UNH	So	35	10	20	30
11	Lindsay Hansen, UNH	Fr	36	10	17	27
	Kristen Thomas, UNH *	Jr	33	4	23	27
13	Meagan Aarts, Maine	Jr	31	12	14	26
14	Danielle Culgin, PC	Sr	36	10	14	24
15	Brooke White, NU	Sr	29	8	15	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.....	36	129	3.58
2.Providence.....	36	125	3.47
3.Maine.....	31	70	2.26
4.Boston College.....	32	70	2.19
5.Northeastern.....	31	56	1.81
6.Connecticut.....	35	58	1.66

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1.New Hampshire.....	36	56	1.56
2.Providence.....	36	61	1.69
3.Maine.....	31	64	2.06
4.Northeastern.....	31	69	2.23
5.Connecticut.....	35	107	3.06
6.Boston College.....	32	118	3.69

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1.Providence.....	36	42	218	3	.193
2.Boston College.....	32	15	100	2	.150
3.New Hampshire.....	36	20	134	1	.149
4.Connecticut.....	35	20	142	1	.141
5.Northeastern.....	31	9	103	2	.087
6.Maine.....	31	8	102	0	.078

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1.Providence.....	36	23	182	6	.874
2.New Hampshire.....	36	16	119	2	.866
3.Maine.....	31	19	125	2	.848
4.Northeastern.....	31	22	128	0	.828
5.Connecticut.....	35	24	131	0	.817
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
17 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
11-20-4 (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
15 vs. Providence (S) L 0-7
(S) – Hockey East semifinal at Northeastern



Maine
12-15-4 (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 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. UNH (S) L 0-2
(S) – Hockey East semifinal at Northeastern



New Hampshire
27-7-2 (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) W 2-0
16 vs. Providence (T) L 0-1
(S) – Hockey East semifinal at Northeastern
(T) – Hockey East title game 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
24-6-6 (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 (S) W 7-0
16 vs. UNH W 1-0
* – Mayor's Cup
(S) – Hockey East semifinal at Northeastern
(T) – Hockey East title game at Northeastern

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