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McCLOSKEY DEBUTS WITH A SHUTOUT
Former UNH men's assistant steers women to a 4-0 win vs. Vermont

Following an extended tenure as an assistant with the storied UNH men's hockey program, Brian McCloskey accepted the top job with the even-more-storied women's program during the offseason. Five championships in 25 years was an excellent but demanding legacy to defend. McCloskey's off to a strong start, as his new squad opened with a 4-0 whitewash victory over Vermont this weekend at UNH's Whittemore Center. Senior stopper Jen Huggon needed to make only 13 saves and Lindsay Hansen posted two assists in her collegiate debut. She was subsequently named Rookie of the Week.

Opening weekend proved a challenging one for the women of Hockey East. Never shying away from top competition, Hockey East preseason favorite Providence hosted the defending national champion Minnesota-Duluth Bulldogs. Saturday's contest quickly tipped in favor of the 'Dogs, who held a 5-0 lead early in the second period. But the Friars stormed back with relentless pressure, ultimately yielding a 6-4 loss as the final score. In Sunday's rematch, Providence All-Star defenseman Kelli Halcisak struck first to give the Friars a 1-0 lead, but the champs recovered with a goal in each period of a 3-1 final. Two close losses to the No. 1 ranked team in the nation was a testimony to the team's strengths, most notably that of rookie goaltender Jana Bugden, who stopped 34 of 37 shots faced in her first career start Sunday following an 11-of-12 showing in a relief effort on Saturday. Bugden was selected as Defensive Player of the Week.

Northeastern was also facing an elite-level rival, playing two games at No. 7 Wisconsin. Husky goaltender Chanda Gunn went right into her usual superstar mode, stopping 37 of 41 shots in a 4-2 opening game loss and then stopping 35 of 37 shots in the rematch, a 2-1 loss. Senior blueliner Kim Greene posted one power play goal in each game, but it wasn't enough to beat the Badgers.

The University of Connecticut was in action as well, taking on Mercyhurst for the first time ever. Mercyhurst was able to shutdown the Husky offense in Game 1, but UConn was able to score twice before dropping a 4-2 decision in the second game of the set. Sophomore Megan McLeod assisted on both Husky scores.

RECENT RESULTS

Friday, October 11

at New Hampshire 4, Vermont 0

Saturday, October 12

Minnesota-Duluth 6, at Providence 4
 at Mercyhurst 2, Connecticut 0
 at Wisconsin 4, Northeastern 2

Sunday, October 13

Minnesota-Duluth 3, at Providence 1
 at Mercyhurst 4, Connecticut 2
 at Wisconsin 2, Northeastern 1

UPCOMING GAMES

Friday, October 18

Vermont at Boston College (2pm)
 New Hampshire at Ohio State (7pm)

Saturday, October 19

Vermont at Providence (2pm)
 Wisconsin at Connecticut (2pm)
 New Hampshire at Ohio State (7pm)

Sunday, October 20

Wisconsin at Connecticut (2pm)
 Vermont at Northeastern (2pm)

All times Eastern

2002-03 HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Offense	Defense
Boston College	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	-	-
Connecticut	0	0	0	0	0	0-2-0	1.00 GPG	3.00 GAPG
Maine	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	-	-
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0	0	1-0-0	4.00 GPG	0.00 GAPG
Northeastern	0	0	0	0	0	0-2-0	1.50 GPG	3.00 GAPG
Providence	0	0	0	0	0	0-2-0	2.50 GPG	4.50 GAPG

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

CHANDA GUNN – Northeastern
Junior Goaltender; Huntington Beach, CA

One of the consensus top goaltenders in the nation backed her reputation by stopping 72 of 78 shots faced in a tough weekend series at No. 7 Wisconsin.

ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

LINDSAY HANSEN – New Hampshire
Freshman Forward; Northport, NY

Her debut in a Wildcat uniform was a resounding success, as she set up two of four New Hampshire scores in a convincing 4-0 win over Vermont.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

JANA BUGDEN – Providence
Freshman Goaltender; Cornerbrook, NF

Baptism by fire featured her impressively turning aside 45 of 49 shots over two games against Minnesota-Duluth, the No. 1 team in the nation.

HOCKEY EAST HONOR ROLL

- **Kim Greene, NU** (Sr. D; Everett, MA) – Scored one power play goal in each of two games at Wisconsin, accounting for two thirds of the Husky offense.
- **Jen Huggon, UNH** (Sr. G; Plymouth, MA) – Cruised to a 4-0 shutout win with 13 saves. It was her 13th career shutout.
- **Megan McLeod, UC** (So. F; Livonia, MI) – Assisted on both UConn goals in Sunday's 4-2 loss at Mercyhurst.
- **Shannon Murphy, UC** (So. G; Mapleville, RI) – Was named second star of the game after making 32 saves in Saturday's 2-0 loss at Mercyhurst.
- **Meredith Roth, PC** (Jr. D; Dubuque, IA) – Contributed a goal and an assist against top-ranked Minnesota Duluth.



TEAM STATISTICS (All Games)

TEAM OFFENSE

Team	GP	G	GPG
1. New Hampshire	1	4	4.00
2. Providence	2	5	2.50
3. Northeastern	2	3	1.50
4. Connecticut	2	2	1.00

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	G	GPG
1. New Hampshire	1	0	0.00
2. Connecticut	2	6	3.00
Northeastern	2	6	3.00
4. Providence	2	9	4.50

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	Pct
1. Northeastern	2	2	12	.167
2. Connecticut	2	1	14	.071
3. New Hampshire	1	0	2	.000
Providence	2	0	14	.000

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	K	Att	Pct
1. New Hampshire	1	3	3	1.000
2. Northeastern	2	11	13	.846
3. Connecticut	2	10	12	.833
Providence	2	10	12	.833

PENALTY MINUTES

Team	GP	PiM	PMPG
1. New Hampshire	1	8	8.00
2. Connecticut	2	26	13.00
3. Northeastern	2	28	14.00
4. Providence	2	46	23.00

TEAM USA – WOMEN'S SELECT TEAM

The Women's Hockey East Association is pleased to acknowledge the selection of four of its current athletes representing four different member programs to compete as members of Team USA in the prestigious Four Nations Cup Tournament in early November:

Name	School	Cl.	Pos.
Kim Berry	Connecticut	So	F
Gen Richardson	Boston College	Sr	D
Kristen Thomas	New Hampshire	Jr	D
Brooke White	Northeastern	Sr	F

Additionally, five alums of Hockey East programs will also be competing for Team USA: Tricia Dunn (UNH), Cammi Granato (PC), Erika Silva (NU), Brooke Whitney (NU), and Erin Whitten (UNH).

TEAM NOTES

University of Connecticut: The Huskies faced the Mercyhurst Lakers for the first time and dropped two close decisions.

University of New Hampshire: Friday's win over Vermont lifted UNH's opening-game record to 22-3-1 all-time. It was the ninth time a Wildcat opponent has been shutout in a home opener for UNH.

Northeastern University: NU had won every opening game in the program's 22-year history until this weekend. Opening at No. 7 ranked Wisconsin, the Huskies surrendered losses of 4-2 and 2-1.

Providence College: Sophomore Christina Redmond scored her second career goal in Saturday's 6-4 loss to Minnesota-Duluth.

LEADING SCORERS (All Games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1	Lindsay Hansen, UNH	Fr	1	0	2	2
	Kim Greene, NU *	Sr	2	2	0	2
	Meredith Roth, PC *	Jr	2	1	1	2
	Rachel Bertram, NU *	Fr	2	0	2	2
	Megan McLeod, UC	So	2	0	2	2

* defenseman