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SEVEN IN A ROW FOR WILDCATS ON A ROLL Providence scares top-ranked Harvard before falling in overtime

Less than three minutes away from a shutout loss on Sunday, the Providence College Friars got a goal from junior defenseman Kelli Halcisak to tie the score at 1-1 against Harvard. But the Crimson is ranked No. 1 for a reason, and pulled out a 2-1 victory with just 16 seconds left in overtime. It was the first loss in nine games for the Friars, who remain undefeated at 4-0-1 in Hockey East play.

The New Hampshire Wildcats inched ahead of the Friars in the standings this weekend, however, collecting back-to-back wins over Connecticut to stretch their winning streak to seven games. The 'Cat offense exploded Saturday, piling up eight goals and winning easily, 8-0. It was Jen Huggon's sixth shutout of the season. Sunday's rematch was a much more even contest with the Wildcats edging the Huskies, 2-1. That lifted UNH's league record to an unblemished 5-0 and put the Wildcats in sole possession of first place in Hockey East headed into the holiday break. Though UNH is finished with conference play until Jan. 10, the team travels to Harvard and Dartmouth this coming weekend for head-to-head battles with the ECAC's two best teams, both ranked in the top five nationally.

Northeastern's goaltender Chanda Gunn put in another long work week, stabilizing NU with 46 saves in a 2-2 tie at Brown Friday before chalking up another 35 saves at Harvard, a 4-0 loss. Senior Pam Pachal set up both NU scores against Brown.

Boston College and Maine each had only one game on the week. The Eagles were overpowered 6-2 by Providence in league action while Maine just played tough a Niagara before surrendering, 3-2.

HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

<u>Team</u>	<u>GP</u>	W	L	Ţ	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Overall</u>	HE Offense	HE Defense
New Hampshire	5	5	0	0	10	14-1-1	3.40 GPG	0.40 GAPG
Providence	5	4	0	1	9	9-4-3	4.00 GPG	1.00 GAPG
Northeastern	4	1	2	1	3	5-8-2	1.75 GPG	1.75 GAPG
Connecticut	5	1	3	1	3	6-9-1	1.20 GPG	3.20 GAPG
Boston College	3	0	2	1	1	6-5-1	2.00 GPG	4.33 GAPG
Maine	4	0	4	0	0	3-6-2	0.25 GPG	3.50 GAPG



TPS LOUISVILLE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

KRISTEN THOMAS – New Hampshire Senior Defenseman; Wilmington, MA

The senior defenseman contributed four assists, three in one game, in New Hampshire's two-game weekend sweep of UConn.



ITECH ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

JANA BUGDEN – Providence Freshman Goaltender; Cornerbrook, NF

Picked up her seventh win of the season in a 6-2 victory over BC and turned aside 30 shots before Providence lost 2-1 in overtime to top-ranked Harvard.

RECENT RESULTS

Friday, December 6 Northeastern 2, at Brown 2 (OT)

Saturday, December 7

at Providence 6, Boston College 2 * at New Hampshire 8, Connecticut 0 * at Niagara 3, Maine 2 at Harvard 4, Northeastern 0

Sunday, December 8

New Hampshire 2, at Connecticut 1 * Harvard 2, at Providence 1 (OT)

UPCOMING GAMES

Friday, December 13 New Hampshire at Harvard (7pm)

> Saturday, December 14 Maine at Harvard (7pm)

Sunday, December 15 New Hampshire at Dartmouth (2pm)

> * Hockey East game All times Eastern

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

CHANDA GUNN – Northeastern Junior Goaltender; Huntington Beach, CA

Made 81 saves over the weekend, turning aside 46 shots in a 2-2 tie against No. 8 Brown and making 35 saves against top-ranked Harvard.

HONOR ROLL

- Kelli Halcisak, PC (Jr. D; Grosse IIe, MI) Scored a goal in each game last week, a highlight-reel breakaway goal in a 6-2 win over Boston College and PC's only goal in the closing minutes of regulation in a 2-1 OT loss to top-ranked Harvard.
- Jen Huggon, UNH (Sr. G; Plymouth, MA) Recorded her sixth shutout of the season and 18th of her career with a 14-save 8-0 Hockey East win over UConn Saturday. Stopped 19 of 20 shots in Sunday's rematch at UConn, a 2-1 UNH win.
- Chandy Kaip, UNH (Sr. F; Radville, SK) Scored two goals for UNH in an 8-0 shutout over UConn.
- Sara Mahoney, UConn (Jr. F; Lynn, MA) Scored UConn's only goal this weekend in a 2-1 loss to UNH.
 Pamela Pachal, NU (Sr. F; Slatcoats, SK) Assisted on both Husky scores in a 2-2 tie at Brown.
- Lara Smart, Maine (Jr. G. Airdrie, AB) Posted 31 saves, 17 in the third period alone, in a 3-2 loss at Niagara.
- Darlene Stephenson, PC (Jr. F; Virden, MB) Scored twice in PC's 6-2 win over Boston College.
- Rush Zimmerman, PC (So. F; Grosse Pointe, MI) Scored two goals and added an assist in 6-2 victory over BC.

TEAM NOTES

Boston College: Three Eagels – Alaina Clark, Jaclyn Kryzak and Kerri Sanders each have 10 points on the season.

University of Connecticut: Sara Mahoney scored the only goal against UNH this weekend and leads the team with seven goals on the season ... UConn was outshot by the Wildcats 38-14 on Saturday (an 8-0 loss), but shot an even 20-20 in the rematch on Sunday (a 2-1 loss).

University of Maine: The Black Bears are 1-6-2 in their last nine games after starting the season with a pair of wins.

University of New Hampshire: UNH has the longest active winning streak in the nation at seven games, its second such streak of the season ... In five conference games, the Wildcats have recorded three shutouts and outscored the opposition 17-2 ... UNH has scored a power-play goal in four consecutive games and is 6-for-18 in that span ... Kristen Thomas, Debbie Bernhard and Kristine Butt are tied for the Wildcats' longest active point-scoring streak of four games.

Northeastern University: Goaltender Chanda Gunn has seen 30+ shots seven times this season, including two games over 40 ... Friday's 2-2 tie with Brown made coach Joy Woog's record 1-3-1 against her alma mater.

Providence College: The Friars nine-game unbeaten streak (8-0-1) came to an end with a 2-1 overtime loss to top-ranked Harvard ... Kelli Halcisak and Ashley Payton have contributed at least one point each in the Friars' last five games.

ITECH Three Star Leaders:

<u>Name</u>	<u>CI</u>	<u>Pos</u>	<u>Schoo</u> l
Alaina Clark	Jr	F	BC
Danielle Culgin	Sr	F	PC
Chanda Gunn	Jr	G	NU
Jen Huggon	Sr	G	UNH
Randi MacMaster	So	F	UNH
Rush Zimmerman	So	F	PC



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LEADING GOALTENDERS (Hockey East games)

	Player, School	СІ	GP	Min	w	L	т	SP	GAA
1	Jen Huggon, UNH	Sr	5	299	5	0	0	.977	0.40
2	Jana Budgen, PC	Fr	4	240	4	0	0	.955	0.75
3	Chanda Gunn, NU	Jr	4	248	1	2	1	.933	1.69
4	Lara Smart, ME	Jr	3	180	0	3	0	.903	3.01
5	Shannon Murphy, UC	So	5	303	1	3	1	.896	3.16

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		Player, School	CI	GP	Min	w	L	т	SP	GAA	
	1	Jen Huggon, UNH	Sr	16	968	14	1	1	.926	1.49	
1	2	Jana Budgen, PC	Fr	13	717	7	3	2	.921	1.84	
;	3	Chanda Gunn, NU	Jr	13	788	4	7	2	.934	1.98	
4	4	Alison Quandt, BC	Fr	6	314	4	1	0	.908	2.10	
!	5	Dawn Froats, ME	Sr	6	245	2	1	1	.908	2.20	

LEADING SCORERS (Hockey East games)

	Player, School	CI	GP	G	Α	Pts
1	Ashley Payton, PC	So	5	3	5	8
2	Rush Zimmerman, PC	So	5	4	2	6
	Jenn Butsch, PC	Sr	5	2	4	6
	Danielle Culgin, PC	Sr	5	2	4	6
	Allison Edgar, UNH *	Jr	5	2	4	6
	Kristen Thomas, UNH *	Jr	5	1	5	6
7	Darlene Stephenson, PC	Jr	4	5	0	5
	Kristine Butt, UNH	Sr	5	2	3	5
	Stephanie Jones, UNH	So	5	2	3	5
10	Alaina Clark, BC	Jr	3	3	1	4
	Carolyn Gordon, UNH	Jr	5	2	2	4
	Chandy Kaip, UNH	Sr	5	2	2	4
	Randi MacMaster, UNH	So	5	2	2	4
	Kelli Halcisak, PC *	Jr	5	1	3	4
	Meredith Roth, PC *	Jr	5	1	3	4
	* defenseman					

LEADING SCORERS (All games)

	Player, School	CI	GP	G	Α	Pts	
1	Kristen Thomas, UNH *	Jr	14	3	18	21	
2	Jenn Butsch, PC	Sr	16	8	11	19	
	Chandy Kaip, UNH	Sr	16	7	12	19	
4	Carolyn Gordon, UNH	Jr	16	11	7	18	
	Rush Zimmerman, PC	So	16	10	8	18	
6	Stephanie Jones, UNH	So	16	7	8	15	
	Ashley Payton, PC	So	16	6	9	15	
	Kelli Halcisak, PC *	Jr	16	5	10	15	
9	Kristine Butt, UNH	Sr	16	9	5	14	
	Kim Greene, NU	Sr	15	9	5	14	
	Allison Edgar, UNH *	Jr	16	6	8	14	
	Randi MacMaster, UNH	So	15	6	8	14	
13	Brooke White, NU	Sr	13	1	12	13	
14	Danielle Culgin, PC	Sr	16	5	7	12	
	* defenseman						

TEAM STATISTICS (Hockey East games)

TEAM OFFENSE

Team	GP	G	GPG
1.Providence	5	20	4.00
2.New Hampshire	5	17	3.40
3.Boston College	3	6	2.00
4.Northeastern	4	7	1.75
5.Connecticut	5	6	1.20
6.Maine	4	1	0.25
TEAM DEFENSE			
Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1.New Hampshire	5	2	0.40
2.Providence	5	5	1.00

2.Providence	5	5	1.00
3.Northeastern	4	7	1.75
4.Connecticut	5	16	3.20
5.Maine	4	14	3.50
6.Boston College	3	13	4.33

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1.Providence	5	7	31	0	.226
2.New Hampshire	5	4	21	0	.190
3.Boston College	3	2	12	0	.167
Connecticut	5	3	18	0	.167
5.Maine	4	0	20	0	.000
Northeastern	4	0	9	0	.000
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1.New Hampshire	5	1	Att 	SHG 0	Pct
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TEAM STATISTICS (All games)

TEAM OFFENSE

Team	GP	G	GPG
1.New Hampshire 2.Providence 3.Boston College 4.Northeastern	16 12	68 57 40 34	4.25 3.56 3.33 2.27
5.Maine 6.Connecticut	11	18 26	1.64 1.62
TEAM DEFENSE	GP	GA	GAPG

1.New Hampshire	16	24	1.50
2.Providence	16	30	1.88
3.Northeastern	15	33	2.20
4.Maine	11	25	2.27
5.Boston College	12	33	2.75
6.Connecticut	16	46	2.88

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1.New Hampshire	16	12	62	0	.194
2.Boston College	12	9	47	1	.191
3.Providence	16	15	116	2	.129
4.Northeastern	15	7	56	0	.125
5.Connecticut	16	8	71	1	.113
6.Maine	11	2	38	0	.053

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1.New Hampshire	16	7	57	1	.877
2.Northeastern		8	62	0	.871
3.Providence	16	12	91	3	.868
4.Connecticut	16	13	76	0	.829
5.Boston College	12	9	48	0	.812
6.Maine	11	10	49	1	.796



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26	PROVIDENCE	2 pm		
31	WAYNE STATE	7 pm		

FEBRUARY

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