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EIGHT IN A ROW FOR STREAKING FRIARS
Maine and Northeastern split, gain ground ahead of Connecticut

Defending Hockey East champ Providence is making a late season run at first-place UNH, posting eight consecutive wins, seven in league play, since losing to UNH on Jan. 31. The Friars opened last week with a dramatic 2-1 overtime win at No. 10 Brown, as rookie Sonny Watrous potted the winner at the 4:27 mark of OT. Goaltender Jana Bugden turned aside 24 of 25 shots and assisted on the Friars' first goal.

Bugden was given the weekend off in a series vs. Boston College. As it turned out, she wasn't needed, as the Friars poured in 13 goals on 94 shots to sweep the two-game set. Junior Ashley Payton had a goal in each of three wins on the week and added two assists.

UNH maintained their five-point cushion ahead of Providence by ousting UConn in back-to-back contests. TPS Player of the Week Carolyn Gordon had two goals and one assist in the opener, a 4-1 home win for UNH, and ITECH Rookie of the Week Nicole Hekle did the honors in the rematch, scoring one goal and setting up five of the six others as UNH rolled to a 7-2 win in Storrs, CT. Hekle's six points established a new Hockey East record and tied the league record for assists in a single game.

Maine visited Northeastern for two games this past weekend and came away with a split, thanks to a three-goal rally in the closing minutes Saturday that turned a 2-0 deficit into a 3-2 victory for the Black Bears. Northeastern got the victory in Friday's opener, winning 4-3 thanks to 34 saves from goaltender Chanda Gunn.

UNH and Providence will wrap up their season series with a home-and-home set next weekend. A sweep by UNH would secure the regular season title for the Wildcats while a sweep by Providence would set up a thrilling to-the-wire conclusion to the season. Northeastern takes on UConn in a home-and-home series and can lock up a playoff spot with a win in either of those games.

RECENT RESULTS

Wednesday, February 18

Providence 2, at Brown 1 (OT)

Friday, February 20

at Northeastern 4, Maine 3 *
 at New Hampshire 4, Connecticut 1 *

Saturday, February 21

at Providence 8, Boston College 1 *
 Maine 3, at Northeastern 2 *

Sunday, February 22

New Hampshire 7, at Connecticut 2 *
 Providence 5, at Boston College 2 *

UPCOMING GAMES

Friday, February 27

Boston College at Maine (4pm) *

Saturday, February 28

Boston College at Maine (12noon) *
 New Hampshire at Providence (2pm) *
 Connecticut at Northeastern (2pm) *

Sunday, February 29

Providence at New Hampshire (2pm) *
 Northeastern at Connecticut (2pm) *

* *Hockey East game*
All times Eastern

2003-04 STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	HE Offense	HE Defense
New Hampshire	15	12	1	2	26	17-8-4	4.53 GPG	1.67 GAPG
Providence	14	10	3	1	21	15-11-2	3.86 GPG	1.64 GAPG
Northeastern	15	7	5	3	17	13-8-7	2.07 GPG	2.20 GAPG
Maine	16	6	8	2	14	9-14-4	1.88 GPG	2.56 GAPG
Connecticut	16	4	9	3	11	8-17-5	1.75 GPG	3.06 GAPG
Boston College	14	0	13	1	1	5-17-3	1.29 GPG	4.14 GAPG



**TPS HOCKEY
 PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

CAROLYN GORDON – UNH
Senior Forward; Petrolia, ON

Scored two goals in 22 seconds and later added one assist in Friday's 4-1 win over UConn. Put up three more points in the rematch, a 7-2 UNH victory.

**ITECH
 ROOKIE OF THE WEEK**

NICOLE HEKLE – UNH
Freshman Forward; Winnipeg, MB

Set a new Hockey East record Sunday with six points on one goal and five assists in powering New Hampshire over UConn, 7-2.

**DEFENSIVE PLAYER
 OF THE WEEK**

JANA BUGDEN – Providence
Sophomore Goaltender; Corner Brook, NF

Stopped 24 of 25 shots faced and set up the opening Friar goal in a slim 2-1 overtime win at No. 10 Brown on Tuesday.

HONOR ROLL

- **Tristan Desmet, Maine** (Jr. F; Strathmore, AB) – Scored a goal in each game of a split at Northeastern.
- **Amy Goodney, NU** (Fr. F; Marquette, MI) – Had a goal in each game of a split at Maine and also had one assist.
- **Chanda Gunn, NU** (Sr. G; Huntington Beach, CA) – Stopped 34 of 37 shots in a 4-3 win at Maine on Friday.
- **Kelli Halcisak, PC** (Sr. D; Grosse Ile, MI) – Blueliner had two goals in Sunday's 5-1 win at Boston College.
- **Lindsay Hansen, UNH** (So. F; Northport, NY) – Totalled five assists in a weekend sweep of UConn.
- **Morgan Janusc, Maine** (So. F; Dundas, ON) – Set up the game-tying and game-winning goals in a 3-2 comeback win at NU.
- **Katelynn Laffin, PC** (So. F; Norwell, MA) – Scored two goals and set up one other in Friday's 8-1 win over BC.
- **Ashley Payton, PC** (Jr. F; Chesterfield, MO) – Had goal in each of three Friar wins and added two assists for a five-point week.
- **Lara Smart, Maine** (Sr. G; Airdrie, AB) – Stopped 60 of 66 shots faced in a split at Northeastern.
- **Sonny Watrous, PC** (Fr. F; Albuquerque, NM) – Had an OT goal at Brown Tuesday and set up two goals in a weekend sweep of BC.

TEAM NOTES

Boston College: Lisa Davis totalled 81 saves vs. Providence this weekend, including 42 on Saturday. She has been forced to make 40 or more saves on five occasions this season and 11 times in her career.

University of Connecticut: UConn's power play goal against UNH on Sunday was its first in the past four games ... UConn is 2-8-2 since senior captain Stefanie Snow went down with a season-ending injury on January 16, and 2-7-2 since leading scorer Shannon Connolly went down the next night with a season-ending injury.

University of Maine: Meagan Aarts has scored a power play goal in three straight games ... Freshman Kelly Law has established a new team record for single season penalty minutes with 59 this year. Naomi Smethurst needs one more game to tie the team record for career games played. She has played 123 to date.

University of New Hampshire: Stephanie Jones became the 25th Wildcat to score 50 career goals with a first period goal Sunday at Connecticut. Gordon was No. 26 with her goal later in the same game ... UNH is 16-0-0 when scoring three or more goals in a game and 1-8-4 when held to two goals or less.

Northeastern University: Freshman scored four of the five NU goals over the weekend and have accounted for 30 of the team's 58 goals this season ... Senior goalie Chanda Gunn leads the nation in save percentage (.945) ... After going 13 straight games without a power-play goal, NU has scored one in four of the last five games.

Providence College: During their current eight-game win streak, the Friars' team plus-minus has gone from -35 to +63 ... Rush Zimmerman is just two points shy of 100 in her career. She has scored 25 points during a current 14-game point streak. During that same span, senior Kelli Halcisak has tallied 21 points.

ITECH Three Star Leaders:

Name	Cl	Pos	School
Carolyn Gordon	Sr	F	UNH
Chanda Gunn	Sr	G	NU
Kelli Halcisak	Sr	D	PC
Rebecca Paul	So	F	UNH
Lara Smart	Sr	G	Maine
Sonny Watrous	Fr	F	PC
Rush Zimmerman	Jr	F	PC



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LEADING GOALTENDERS (Hockey East games)

Player, School	Cl	GP	Min	W	L	T	SP	GAA
1. Melissa Bourdon, UNH	Fr	12	724	10	1	1	.922	1.66
2. Chanda Gunn, NU	Sr	12	713	6	3	3	.944	1.68
3. Jana Bugden, PC	So	9	481	4	3	1	.926	1.74
4. Lara Smart, Maine	Sr	16	968	6	8	2	.918	2.42
5. Kaitlyn Shain, CT	So	7	388	2	2	2	.913	2.78

LEADING GOALTENDERS (All games)

Player, School	Cl	GP	Min	W	L	T	SP	GAA
1. Melissa Bourdon, UNH	Fr	20	1205	13	5	2	.924	1.74
2. Chanda Gunn, NU	Sr	21	1271	8	6	7	.945	1.75
3. Jana Bugden, PC	So	21	1197	8	10	2	.901	2.35
4. Kaitlyn Shain, CT	So	15	836	6	5	2	.922	2.37
5. Lara Smart, Maine	Sr	25	1520	7	14	4	.916	2.60

LEADING SCORERS (Hockey East games)

Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1. Rush Zimmerman, PC	Jr	14	12	13	25
2. Lindsey Hansen, UNH	So	14	6	17	23
Carolyn Gordon, UNH	Sr	15	16	7	23
4. Rebecca Paul, UNH	So	15	8	13	21
5. Kelli Halcisak, PC *	Sr	14	8	12	20
6. Darlene Stephenson, PC	Sr	14	3	16	19
7. Sonny Watrous, PC	Fr	14	10	7	17
Kristen Thomas, UNH *	Sr	15	0	17	17
9. Stephanie Jones, UNH	Jr	14	5	9	14
Cyndy Kenyon, NU	So	15	6	8	14
11. Sadie Wright-Ward, UNH	Fr	15	7	6	13
12. Amy Goodney, NU	Fr	15	9	3	12
Lindsey Caleo, UNH	Fr	15	7	5	12
Nicole Hekle, UNH	Fr	15	5	7	12

* defenseman

LEADING SCORERS (All games)

Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1. Kelli Halcisak, PC *	Sr	28	16	20	36
Rush Zimmerman, PC	Jr	28	15	21	36
3. Carolyn Gordon, UNH	Sr	29	19	14	33
4. Lindsey Hansen, UNH	So	25	9	23	32
5. Darlene Stephenson, PC	Sr	28	9	19	28
Rebecca Paul, UNH	So	29	9	19	28
7. Kristen Thomas, UNH *	Sr	28	2	24	26
8. Stephanie Jones, UNH	Jr	28	11	14	25
9. Cyndy Kenyon, NU	So	28	11	13	24
10. Nicole Hekle, UNH	Fr	29	10	12	22
11. Meagan Aarts, Maine	Sr	27	11	9	20
Allison Edgar, UNH *	Sr	28	8	12	20
13. Sonny Watrous, PC	Fr	26	11	8	19
14. Amy Goodney, NU	Fr	28	12	6	18
Marie Desrosiers, NU	Fr	28	7	11	18

* defenseman

TEAM STATISTICS (Hockey East games)**TEAM OFFENSE**

Team	GP	G	GPG
1. New Hampshire.....	15	68	4.53
2. Providence.....	14	54	3.86
3. Northeastern.....	15	31	2.07
4. Maine.....	16	30	1.88
5. Connecticut.....	16	28	1.75
6. Boston College.....	14	18	1.29

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1. Providence.....	14	23	1.64
2. New Hampshire.....	15	25	1.67
3. Northeastern.....	15	33	2.20
4. Maine.....	16	41	2.56
5. Connecticut.....	16	49	3.06
6. Boston College.....	14	58	4.14

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1. Providence.....	14	18	73	0	.247
2. New Hampshire.....	15	19	80	3	.237
3. Boston College.....	14	6	55	3	.109
4. Maine.....	16	7	76	2	.092
5. Connecticut.....	16	6	73	1	.082
6. Northeastern.....	15	4	70	2	.057

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1. New Hampshire.....	15	6	63	1	.905
2. Providence.....	14	8	72	3	.889
3. Northeastern.....	15	9	77	2	.883
4. Maine.....	16	12	86	2	.860
5. Boston College.....	14	11	57	1	.807
6. Connecticut.....	16	14	72	2	.806

TEAM STATISTICS (All games)**TEAM OFFENSE**

Team	GP	G	GPG
1. New Hampshire.....	29	102	3.52
2. Providence.....	28	88	3.14
3. Maine.....	27	59	2.19
4. Northeastern.....	28	58	2.07
5. Connecticut.....	28	47	1.68
6. Boston College.....	25	40	1.60

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1. New Hampshire.....	29	58	2.00
Northeastern.....	28	56	2.00
3. Providence.....	28	60	2.14
4. Maine.....	27	69	2.56
5. Connecticut.....	28	79	2.82
6. Boston College.....	25	88	3.52

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1. Providence.....	28	36	164	4	.220
2. New Hampshire.....	29	32	149	5	.215
3. Boston College.....	25	11	95	4	.116
4. Northeastern.....	28	12	123	2	.098
5. Connecticut.....	28	12	147	4	.082
6. Maine.....	27	9	119	4	.076

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1. New Hampshire.....	29	11	128	3	.914
2. Northeastern.....	28	14	137	2	.898
3. Providence.....	28	22	147	5	.850
4. Connecticut.....	28	20	129	3	.845
5. Maine.....	27	24	139	2	.827
6. Boston College.....	25	22	102	1	.784



Boston College
5-17-3 (0-13-1 HE)

OCTOBER	26 QUINNIPAC	W 3-1
	30 VERMONT	L 1-3
NOVEMBER	2 UNION	W 4-1
	8 at Brown	W 3-1
	9 YALE	L 0-5
	14 MAINE	L 2-3
	15 MAINE	L 1-3
	22 at Connecticut	L 1-3
	23 CONNECTICUT	L 0-3
	26 at Northeastern	L 0-5
	30 at Princeton	L 0-8
DECEMBER	No games	
JANUARY	4 COLGATE	T+ 2-2
	9 at Quinnipiac	T+ 2-2
	10 at Quinnipiac	W 2-0
	15 at Union	W 5-3
	18 NORTHEASTERN	L 1-3
	23 at New Hampshire	L 0-7
	25 NEW HAMPSHIRE	L 2-7
FEBRUARY	3 HARVARD (B)	L 0-4
	6 CONNECTICUT	L 3-4
	8 at Connecticut	T+ 3-3
	14 at Northeastern	L 1-2
	15 NORTHEASTERN	L 1-2
	21 at Providence	L 1-8
	22 PROVIDENCE	L 2-5
	27 at Maine	4pm
	28 at Maine	12noon
MARCH	4 NEW HAMPSHIRE	7pm
	6 at New Hampshire	2pm
	10 PROVIDENCE	7pm
	13 at Providence	2pm

(B) – Beanpot at BC



Connecticut
8-17-5 (4-9-3 HE)

OCTOBER	11 at North Dakota	T+ 1-1
	12 at North Dakota	W 2-0
	18 MERCYHURST	L 1-2
	19 MERCYHURST	T+ 2-2
	24 NEW HAMPSHIRE	L 2-4
	26 at New Hampshire	T+ 1-1
NOVEMBER	1 PRINCETON	L 0-6
	2 PRINCETON	L 1-6
	7 QUINNIPAC	W 2-1
	15 DARTMOUTH	L 0-1
	16 DARTMOUTH	L 0-3
	22 BOSTON COLLEGE	W 3-1
	23 at Boston College	W 3-0
	28 at St. Lawrence	L 3-5
	29 at St. Lawrence	W 3-2
DECEMBER	4 YALE	W 4-1
JANUARY	9 MINNESOTA ST.	L 2-5
	10 MINNESOTA ST.	L 0-4
	16 at Providence	L 3-5
	17 PROVIDENCE	L 1-3
	23 at Maine	L 0-7
	24 at Maine	W 3-2
	30 NORTHEASTERN	L 0-3
	31 at Northeastern	T+ 1-1
FEBRUARY	6 at Boston College	W 4-2
	8 BOSTON COLLEGE	T+ 3-3
	14 PROVIDENCE	L 1-3
	15 at Providence	L 0-7
	20 at New Hampshire	L 1-4
	22 NEW HAMPSHIRE	L 2-7
	28 at Northeastern	2pm
	29 NORTHEASTERN	2pm
MARCH	6 MAINE	2pm
	7 MAINE	2pm



Maine
9-14-4 (6-8-2 HE)

OCTOBER	19 WISCONSIN	L 4-5
	20 WISCONSIN	L 1-6
	25 COLGATE	T+ 2-2
	26 COLGATE	W 2-1
NOVEMBER	1 at Yale	L 1-0
	2 at Yale	T+ 2-2
	7 at Brown	L 0-1
	8 vs. Princeton ¹	L+ 2-3
	14 at Boston College	W 3-2
	15 at Boston College	W 3-1
	22 PROVIDENCE	L 1-2
	23 PROVIDENCE	W 3-2
	29 at Harvard	L 0-6
DECEMBER	6 NORTHEASTERN	T+ 1-1
	7 NORTHEASTERN	W 2-1
	12 at Union	W 8-1
	13 at Union	W 8-0
JANUARY	16 at New Hampshire	L 1-4
	17 at New Hampshire	L 0-3
	23 CONNECTICUT	W 2-0
	24 CONNECTICUT	L 2-3
FEBRUARY	7 at Providence	L 2-4
	8 at Providence	L 0-5
	13 NEW HAMPSHIRE	L 2-5
	14 NEW HAMPSHIRE	T+ 2-2
	20 at Northeastern	L 3-4
	21 at Northeastern	W 3-2
	27 BOSTON COLLEGE	4pm
	28 BOSTON COLLEGE	12noon
MARCH	6 at Connecticut	2pm
	7 at Connecticut	2pm
	1 – at Northeastern	

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



New Hampshire
17-8-4 (12-1-2 HE)

OCTOBER	24 at Connecticut	W 4-2
	26 CONNECTICUT	T+ 1-1
NOVEMBER	1 at North Dakota	W 6-2
	2 at North Dakota	L 2-3
	7 ST. LAWRENCE	L+ 1-2
	9 ST. LAWRENCE	W 6-3
	15 at Princeton	W 3-0
	16 at Yale	T+ 1-1
	20 NORTHEASTERN	W 4-2
	22 at Northeastern	W 5-0
	25 at Brown	L 2-5
	30 HARVARD	L 1-2
DECEMBER	5 VERMONT	W 6-1
	9 at Harvard	L 0-4
	12 DARTMOUTH	L 2-4
JANUARY	3 at Dartmouth	L 1-4
	10 at Niagara	W 1-0
	11 at Mercyhurst	T+ 2-2
	16 MAINE	W 4-1
	17 MAINE	W 3-0
	23 BOSTON COLLEGE	W 7-0
	25 at Boston College	W 7-2
	31 PROVIDENCE	W 4-3
FEBRUARY	1 at Providence	L 2-5
	6 NORTHEASTERN	W 9-2
	13 at Maine	W 5-2
	14 at Maine	T+ 2-2
	20 CONNECTICUT	W 4-1
	22 at Connecticut	W 7-2
	28 at Providence	2pm
	29 PROVIDENCE	2pm
MARCH	4 at Boston College	7pm
	6 BOSTON COLLEGE	2pm
	13 at Northeastern	2pm



Northeastern
13-8-7 (7-5-3 HE)

OCTOBER	18 at St. Lawrence	L 1-3
	19 at Vermont	W 2-0
	23 at Providence	T+ 1-1
	25 at Quinnipiac	W 4-0
NOVEMBER	1 NIAGARA	T+ 2-2
	2 NIAGARA	W 3-0
	8 YALE	W 6-3
	9 PRINCETON	W+ 3-2
	14 CLARKSON	W+ 1-0
	20 at New Hampshire	L 2-4
	22 NEW HAMPSHIRE	L 0-5
	26 BOSTON COLLEGE	W 5-0
DECEMBER	6 at Maine	T+ 1-1
	7 at Maine	L 1-2
	12 OHIO STATE	L 0-3
	13 OHIO STATE	T+ 1-1
JANUARY	10 vs. Wisconsin *	T+ 1-1
	11 vs. Wisconsin *	T+ 2-2
	18 at Boston College	W 3-1
	25 PROVIDENCE	W 2-1
	30 at Connecticut	W 3-0
	31 CONNECTICUT	T+ 1-1
FEBRUARY	6 at New Hampshire	L 2-9
	10 vs. Harvard (B)	L 1-5
	14 BOSTON COLLEGE	W 2-1
	15 at Boston College	W 2-1
	20 MAINE	W 4-3
	21 MAINE	L 2-3
	28 CONNECTICUT	2pm
	29 at Connecticut	2pm
MARCH	6 at Providence	2pm
	7 PROVIDENCE	2pm
	13 NEW HAMPSHIRE	2pm

* – at Long Beach, CA
(B) – Beanpot at BC



Providence
15-11-2 (10-3-1 HE)

OCTOBER	18 at Vermont	W 5-1
	19 at St. Lawrence	T+ 2-2
	23 NORTHEASTERN	T+ 1-1
	31 at Dartmouth	L 2-7
NOVEMBER	11 HARVARD	L 0-3
	15 YALE	W 3-1
	16 at Princeton	L 2-4
	22 at Maine	W 2-1
	23 at Maine	L 2-3
	29 BROWN *	W 4-1
DECEMBER	2 at Harvard	L 1-2
JANUARY	3 at Minnesota State	L+ 1-2
	4 at Minnesota State	L 1-2
	10 at Mercyhurst	L 2-3
	11 at Niagara	W 3-0
	16 CONNECTICUT	W 5-3
	17 at Connecticut	W 3-1
	21 DARTMOUTH	L 6-8
	25 at Northeastern	L 1-2
	31 at New Hampshire	L 3-4
FEBRUARY	1 NEW HAMPSHIRE	W 5-2
	7 MAINE	W 4-2
	8 MAINE	W 5-0
	14 at Connecticut	W 3-1
	15 CONNECTICUT	W 7-0
	18 at Brown	W+ 2-1
	21 BOSTON COLLEGE	W 8-1
	22 at Boston College	W 5-2
	28 NEW HAMPSHIRE	2pm
	29 at New Hampshire	2pm
MARCH	6 NORTHEASTERN	2pm
	7 at Northeastern	2pm
	10 at Boston College	7pm
	13 BOSTON COLLEGE	2pm

* – Mayor's Cup