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'CATS CLAIM REGULAR SEASON CROWN WITH SWEEP *Connecticut stays alive; BC records first league win*

Erasing any doubt about who should be considered the top team in the conference, the UNH Wildcats rallied from a 3-1 deficit Sunday to record a 4-3 overtime win vs. defending champ Providence. That came on the heels of a 7-4 win at Providence on Saturday, completing the weekend sweep and giving UNH their first-ever Hockey East regular season championship. It is the team's first regular season crown since the 1997-98 season, when the Wildcats won the ECAC race.

The line of Carolyn Gordon, Lindsey Hansen and Rebecca Paul exploded against the Friars, totalling seven goals and nine assists on the weekend. Gordon provided the exclamation point to the weekend, netting Sunday's winner at 2:10 of OT. That was made possible by Paul's first career hat trick, as two of Paul's three goals came during the third period comeback. Hansen had two goals in Saturday's road win, as did Stephanie Jones and rookie Jackie Wedster. Karen Thatcher had two of the Friars' three goals in Sunday's loss.

UConn stayed alive in the playoff race by notching a narrow win vs. Northeastern followed by a 2-2 tie at home. UConn's Kaitlyn Shain went save-for-save with NU's Chanda Gunn throughout the weekend. Gunn finished up with 70 saves on 75 shots in the two-game set (including 19-for-19 in the first period of Sunday's tie at UConn) but it was Shain's 58-of-62 performance that netted her squad three out of a possible four points. Tiffany Owens had three goals and one assist to lead the offense. UConn now has a chance to get into the playoffs but will need a win and a tie vs. Maine at home next weekend to secure the final berth. Northeastern was able to lock up its first Hockey East playoff appearance with the tie on Sunday.

Boston College brushed itself off after a 2-0 shutout loss at Maine on Friday and came back to record a 5-2 win in the rematch, the team's first Hockey East win of the season. Nancy Gillis had two goals in the win, including the game-winner, and Lisa Davis stopped 29 of 31 shots. Maine's Lara Smart was perfect in the opener, stopping all 20 shots she faced, and Tristan Desmet scored both Black Bear goals.

RECENT RESULTS

Friday, February 27

at Maine 2, Boston College 0 *

Saturday, February 28

Boston College 5, at Maine 2 *
 New Hampshire 7, at Providence 4 *
 Connecticut 4, at Northeastern 2 *

Sunday, February 29

at New Hampshire 4, Providence 3 (OT) *
 at Connecticut 2, Northeastern 2 (OT) *

UPCOMING GAMES

Thursday, March 4

UNH at Boston College (7pm) *

Saturday, March 6

Maine at Connecticut (2pm) *
 Northeastern at Providence (2pm) *
 Boston College at UNH (2pm) *

Sunday, March 7

Maine at Connecticut (2pm) *
 Providence at Northeastern (2pm) *

* **Hockey East game**
All times Eastern

2003-04 STANDINGS

Team (Pos. Seed)	GP	W	L	T	Pts (Pos)	Overall	Remaining Opponents
New Hampshire (1) !	17	14	1	2	30 (36)	19-8-4	at BC, BC, NU
Providence (2-3) ^	16	10	5	1	21 (29)	15-13-2	NU, at NU, at BC, BC
Northeastern (2-4) ^	17	7	6	4	18 (24)	13-9-8	at PC, PC, UNH
Maine (3-4)	18	7	9	2	16 (20)	10-15-4	at Connecticut (2)
Connecticut (3-4)	18	5	9	4	14 (18)	9-17-6	Maine (2)
Boston College	16	1	14	1	3 (11)	6-18-3	UNH, at UNH, PC, at PC

! – clinched regular season title ^ – clinched playoff berth



TPS HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE WEEK

REBECCA PAUL – UNH
Sophomore Forward; Sudbury, ON

Contributed three assists to UNH's 7-4 win at Providence Saturday and then added three goals of her own in Sunday's rematch at home, a 4-3 OT win.

ITECH ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

MELISSA JUBINVILLE – Northeastern
Freshman Defenseman; Agawam, MA

With NU trailing 2-0 midway through the third period at UConn, Jubinville set up the first goal and scored the game-tying goal just two minutes later.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

KAITLYN SHAIN – Connecticut
Sophomore Goaltender; Calgary, AB

Turned aside 58 of 62 Northeastern shots in a home-and-home weekend, posting a narrow 4-2 victory on the road and a 2-2 tie at home.

HONOR ROLL

- **Susannah Brokl, NU** (Fr. F; Golden Valley, MN) – Scored her first two collegiate goals, one in each game of a two-game set with UConn.
- **Lisa Davis, BC** (Jr. G; Falmouth, MA) – Stopped 51 of 55 shots faced at Maine over the weekend.
- **Tristan Desmet, Maine** (Jr. F; Strathmore, AB) – Scored both Maine goals in a 2-0 win over Boston College.
- **Nancy Gillis, BC** (So. F; Needham, MA) – Scored two goals, including the game-winner, in BC's 5-2 win at Maine.
- **Carolyn Gordon, UNH** (Sr. F; Petrolia, ON) – Had a goal and an assist in each game of a sweep vs. Providence, including an OT winner.
- **Chanda Gunn, NU** (Sr. G; Huntington Beach, CA) – Stopped 70 of 75 shots faced in a home-and-home set vs. UConn.
- **Lindsay Hansen, UNH** (So. F; Northport, NY) – Had two goals and four assists in a weekend sweep of Providence.
- **Tiffany Owens, CT** (Jr. F; Belleville, MI) – Potted three goals and one assist to lead UConn to a win and a tie vs. Northeastern.
- **Lara Smart, Maine** (Sr. G; Airdrie, AB) – Stopped all 22 shots she faced in a 2-0 win vs. BC on Friday.
- **Karen Thatcher, PC** (So. F; Douglas, MA) – Scored two goals in the second period at UNH Sunday, giving PC a 3-1 lead.
- **Jackie Wedster, UNH** (Fr. F; Chicago, IL) – Rookie scored the first two goals of the game in Saturday's 7-4 win at Providence.

TEAM NOTES

Boston College: BC's win at Maine Saturday was the Eagles' first Hockey East win since Feb. 16, 2003, vs. UConn.

University of Connecticut: Juniors Jacquelyn McGuire, Tiffany Owens, Megan McLeod and Erika Spaeth each played in their 100th game over the weekend. Owens has recorded a point in six of her last eight games ... The Huskies are 3-12-3 at home but 6-5-3 on the road ... UConn is 8-2-2 when scoring first.

University of Maine: Naomi Smethurst set a school record by playing in her 124th career game on Saturday. She has never missed a game in her four years at Maine. Each of Maine's four seniors (Smethurst, Lara Smart, Karen Droog and Meagan Aarts) holds at least one UMaine record.

University of New Hampshire: Rebecca Paul recorded her 50th career point this weekend and has a seven-game point streak. Paul and her linemates, Lindsay Hansen and Carolyn Gordon, have combined for 17 goals over the last seven games, an average of nearly 2.5 goals per game. Hansen has posted four straight multiple-point outings ... UNH's power-play unit has converted on six of its last 10 chances.

Northeastern University: Of the Huskies 30 games this season, 10 have gone to overtime ... NU freshmen accounted for every point this weekend. Including in that mix were the first career points for Susannah Brokl and Melissa Wigmore ... NU senior goalie Chanda Gunn still leads the nation in save percentage at .944.

Providence College: The Friars recently became the second D-I women's hockey program to reach the 500-win plateau. Head Coach Bob Deraney is just three wins shy of 100 in his career ... Rush Zimmerman is just two points shy of 100 career points.

ITECH Three Star Leaders:

Name	Cl	Pos	School
Carolyn Gordon	Sr	F	UNH
Chanda Gunn	Sr	G	NU
Tiffany Owens	Jr	F	UConn
Rebecca Paul	So	F	UNH
Lara Smart	Sr	G	Maine



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LEADING GOALTENDERS (Hockey East games)

Player, School	Cl	GP	Min	W	L	T	SP	GAA
1. Chanda Gunn, NU	Sr	14	836	6	4	4	.942	1.79
2. Melissa Bourdon, UNH	Fr	14	846	12	1	1	.912	1.91
3. Lara Smart, Maine	Sr	18	1087	7	9	2	.918	2.37
4. Jana Bugden, PC	So	11	602	4	5	1	.906	2.39
5. Kaitlyn Shain, CT	So	9	513	3	2	3	.919	2.57

LEADING GOALTENDERS (All games)

Player, School	Cl	GP	Min	W	L	T	SP	GAA
1. Chanda Gunn, NU	Sr	23	1395	8	7	8	.944	1.81
2. Melissa Bourdon, UNH	Fr	22	1327	15	5	2	.918	1.90
3. Kaitlyn Shain, CT	So	17	961	7	5	3	.924	2.31
4. Lara Smart, Maine	Sr	27	1640	8	15	4	.916	2.56
5. Jana Bugden, PC	So	23	1318	8	12	2	.894	2.59

LEADING SCORERS (Hockey East games)

Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1. Lindsey Hansen, UNH	So	16	8	21	29
2. Rebecca Paul, UNH	So	17	11	16	27
3. Carolyn Gordon, UNH	Sr	17	18	8	26
4. Rush Zimmerman, PC	Jr	14	12	13	25
5. Kelli Halcisak, PC *	Sr	16	9	13	22
Darlene Stephenson, PC	Sr	16	3	19	22
7. Sonny Watrous, PC	Fr	16	11	7	18
Kristen Thomas, UNH *	Sr	17	0	18	18
9. Stephanie Jones, UNH	Jr	16	7	9	16
10. Allison Edgar, UNH *	Sr	16	4	11	15
11. Ashley Payton, PC	Jr	12	6	8	14
Sadie Wright-Ward, UNH	Fr	17	7	7	14
Cyndy Kenyon, NU	So	17	6	8	14
14. Meredith Roth, PC *	Sr	15	5	8	13
Nicole Hekle, UNH	Fr	17	5	8	13
Tiffany Owens, CT	Jr	18	8	5	13

* defenseman

LEADING SCORERS (All games)

Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1. Lindsey Hansen, UNH	So	27	11	27	38
Kelli Halcisak, PC *	Sr	30	17	21	38
3. Rush Zimmerman, PC	Jr	28	15	21	36
Carolyn Gordon, UNH	Sr	31	21	15	36
5. Rebecca Paul, UNH	So	31	12	22	34
6. Darlene Stephenson, PC	Sr	30	9	22	31
7. Stephanie Jones, UNH	Jr	30	13	14	27
Kristen Thomas, UNH *	Sr	30	2	25	27
9. Cyndy Kenyon, NU	So	30	11	13	24
Allison Edgar, UNH *	Sr	30	8	16	24
11. Nicole Hekle, UNH	Fr	31	10	13	23
12. Ashley Payton, PC	Jr	21	10	10	20
Karen Thatcher, PC	So	27	5	15	20
Sonny Watrous, PC	Fr	28	12	8	20
Meagan Aarts, Maine	Sr	29	11	9	20

* defenseman

TEAM STATISTICS (Hockey East games)

TEAM OFFENSE

Team	GP	G	GPG
1. New Hampshire.....	17	79	4.65
2. Providence.....	16	61	3.81
3. Northeastern.....	17	35	2.06
4. Connecticut.....	18	34	1.89
Maine.....	18	34	1.89
6. Boston College.....	16	23	1.44

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1. New Hampshire.....	17	32	1.88
2. Providence.....	16	34	2.12
3. Northeastern.....	17	39	2.29
4. Maine.....	18	46	2.56
5. Connecticut.....	18	53	2.94
6. Boston College.....	16	62	3.88

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1. New Hampshire.....	17	22	85	3	.259
2. Providence.....	16	19	78	0	.244
3. Boston College.....	16	8	66	4	.121
4. Connecticut.....	18	10	83	2	.120
5. Maine.....	18	7	86	2	.081
6. Northeastern.....	17	5	73	2	.068

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1. New Hampshire.....	17	7	68	1	.897
2. Providence.....	16	11	77	3	.857
3. Maine.....	18	14	97	3	.856
4. Northeastern.....	17	13	87	3	.851
5. Boston College.....	16	11	67	1	.836
6. Connecticut.....	18	15	75	2	.800

TEAM STATISTICS (All games)

TEAM OFFENSE

Team	GP	G	GPG
1. New Hampshire.....	31	113	3.65
2. Providence.....	30	95	3.17
3. Maine.....	29	63	2.17
4. Northeastern.....	30	62	2.07
5. Connecticut.....	30	53	1.77
6. Boston College.....	27	45	1.67

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1. Northeastern.....	30	62	2.07
2. New Hampshire.....	31	65	2.10
3. Providence.....	30	71	2.37
4. Maine.....	29	74	2.55
5. Connecticut.....	30	83	2.77
6. Boston College.....	27	92	3.41

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1. New Hampshire.....	31	35	154	5	.227
2. Providence.....	30	37	169	4	.219
3. Boston College.....	27	13	106	5	.123
4. Northeastern.....	30	13	126	2	.103
5. Connecticut.....	30	16	157	5	.102
6. Maine.....	29	9	129	4	.070

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1. New Hampshire.....	31	12	133	3	.910
2. Northeastern.....	30	18	147	3	.878
3. Connecticut.....	30	21	132	3	.841
4. Providence.....	30	25	152	5	.836
5. Maine.....	29	26	150	3	.827
6. Boston College.....	27	22	112	1	.804



Boston College
6-18-3 (1-14-1 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	L 0-2
	28 at Maine	W 5-2
MARCH	4 NEW HAMPSHIRE	7pm
	6 at New Hampshire	7pm
	10 PROVIDENCE	7pm
	13 at Providence	2pm

(B) – Beanpot at BC



Connecticut
9-17-6 (5-9-4 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 0-3
	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	W 4-2
	29 NORTHEASTERN	T+ 2-2
MARCH	6 MAINE	2pm
	7 MAINE	2pm



Maine
10-15-4 (7-9-2 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	W 2-0
	28 BOSTON COLLEGE	L 2-5
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
19-8-4 (14-1-2 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	W 7-4
	29 PROVIDENCE	W+ 4-3
MARCH	4 at Boston College	7pm
	6 BOSTON COLLEGE	2pm
	13 at Northeastern	2pm



Northeastern
13-9-8 (7-6-4 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	L 2-4
	29 CONNECTICUT	T+ 2-2
MARCH	6 at Providence	2pm
	7 PROVIDENCE	2pm
	13 NEW HAMPSHIRE	2pm

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



Providence
15-13-2 (10-5-1 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	L 4-7
	29 at New Hampshire	L+ 3-4
MARCH	6 NORTHEASTERN	2pm
	7 at Northeastern	2pm
	10 at Boston College	7pm
	13 BOSTON COLLEGE	2pm

* – Mayor's Cup