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GUNN NAMED FINALIST FOR PATTY KAZMAIER AWARD BC finishes strong with close loss at Providence

In a preview of one of two Hockey East semifinals, first-place UNH outlasted host Northeastern Saturday, notching a 2-0 victory. UNH rookie stopper Melissa Bourdon stopped 16 shots for her fifth shutout of the season. NU senior goaltender Chanda Gunn kept UNH scoreless until late in the third period, stopping all 23 shots she faced in the first period and 43 shots overall. She has been named TPS Player of the Week for her efforts, on the same day that she has been named one of three finalists for the Patty Kazmaier Award, which is presented annually to the top player in women's college hockey. She was one of 10 finalists in her sophomore and junior seasons, and is also again a finalist for college hockey's prestigious Humanitarian Award.

Gunn's performance Saturday was mirrored at Providence by BC Eagle goaltender Alison Quandt. Quandt turned aside every one of a 25-shot barrage from the host Friars in the second period and finished with 43 saves total. She was pulled in the closing minutes, trailing 3-2, and the Friars locked up the win with an emptynet goal. That completed a sweep for Providence vs. Boston College, on the heels of a 6-1 win at BC on Wednesday. Three different Providence players posted four points on the week, led by rookie Sonny Watrous, who had three goals and one assist over the two games.

Providence will begin its Hockey East championship defense Saturday, opening the women's Hockey East tournament vs. Maine at 1:00 p.m. at NU's Matthews Arena. In the second semifinal at 4:00 p.m., UNH and Northeastern will rematch. The Wildcats swept the 2003-04 season series, 4-0.

2003-04 STANDINGS

<u>Team</u>	<u>GP</u>	W	L	Ι	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Overall</u>	HE offense	HE defense
1. New Hampshire	20	17	1	2	34	22-8-4	4.40 GPG	1.75 GAPG
2. Providence	20	14	5	1	27	19-13-2	3.95 GPG	1.85 GAPG
3. Maine	20	9	9	2	20	12-15-4	2.15 GPG	2.50 GAPG
4. Northeastern	20	7	9	4	18	13-12-8	1.75 GPG	2.45 GAPG
5. Connecticut	20	5	11	4	14	9-19-6	1.90 GPG	3.10 GAPG
6. Boston College	20	1	18	1	3	6-22-3	1.45 GPG	3.95 GAPG



TPS HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE WEEK

CHANDA GUNN – Northeastern Senior Goaltender; Huntington Beach, CA

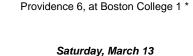
Kept high-scoring UNH off the board for 53:45 Saturday, totalling 43 saves on 45 shots, including 23 in the first period alone, before losing 2-0.



ITECH ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

SONNY WATROUS – Providence Freshman Forward; Albuquerque, NM

Led a sweep over Boston College, scoring three goals and adding one assist as Providence prevailed by final scores of 6-1 and 4-2.



RECENT RESULTS

Wednesday, March 10

New Hampshire 2, at Northeastern 0 *

at Providence 4, Boston College 2 *

CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

(all games at Northeastern)

Saturday, March 20

Semifinal Round No. 2 Providence vs. No. 3 Maine (1pm) No. 1 UNH at No. 4 Northeastern (4pm)

Sunday, March 21

Championship Game (1pm) (Televised live on NESN)

* Hockey East game

All times Eastern

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

ALISON QUANDT – Boston College Sophomore Goaltender; Wayland, MA

Magnificent performance at Providence was highlighted by stopping all 25 shots she faced in the second period, and 43 of 46 overall, in a 4-2 loss.

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HONOR ROLL

- Melissa Bourdon, UNH (Fr. G; Ile Bizard, QC) Stopped all 16 shots she faced, including seven on the power play, in a 2-0 win at Northeastern.
- Danielle Bourgette, PC (Jr. D; Anaheim, CA) Had one goal and one assist in each of two wins vs. BC.
- Kelli Halcisak, PC (Sr. D; Grosse IIe, MI) Led a 6-1 win at Boston College with one goal and two assists.
- Kaitlin McGrath, BC (Sr. F; Bridgewater, MA) Scored the only BC goal Wednesday vs. Providence and set up one of BC's two goals in Saturday's rematch.
- Rush Zimmerman, PC (Jr. F; Grosse Pointe, MI) Contributed a goal and three assists in the Friars' sweep of Boston College.

TEAM NOTES

University of New Hampshire: Melissa Bourdon now has six shutouts – tied for third-most in a single season by a UNH goaltender ... Saturday's game at Northeastern marked the third time this season that UNH has entered the third period in a scoreless tie. All three games have resulted in UNH wins ... UNH has won seven consecutive games vs. Northeastern, five by shutout ... The Wildcats have held their opponents under 20 shots 13 times this season and are 12-1 in those games.

Northeastern University: Gunn has stopped 40 or more shots six times this season ... Gunn tied her single-period record of 23 saves in the first period against UNH, keeping the game scoreless early.

Providence College: Rush Zimmerman had two assists last Wednesday at BC to reach the 100-point mark in her career. She is the 26th Friar to hit 100. The 6-1 win was the 100th of head coach Bob Deraney's career ... Senior goaltender Amy Quinlan recorded her first career point Saturday, assisting on an empty-net goal vs. BC.

Congratulations to Northeastern goaltender **Chanda Gunn**, winner of the 2003-04 ITECH Three Stars Award!

Name	<u>Pos</u>	<u>Stars</u>	<u>Pts</u>
Chanda Gunn, NU	G	9	20
Lara Smart, ME	G	10	19
Rebecca Paul, UNH	F	8	19
Tiffany Owens, CT	F	7	16
Sonny Watrous, PC	F	6	14
Rush Zimmerman, PC	F	8	13
Kelli Halcisak, PC	D	6	13
Carolyn Gordon, UNH	F	5	13
Jana Bugden, PC	G	5	11
Stephanie Jones, UNH	F	5	10
Melissa Bourdon, UNH	G	4	10
Amy Goodney, NU	F	4	10



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LEADING GOALTENDERS (Hockey East – FINAL)

Player, School	CI	GP	Min	w	L	т	SP	GAA
1. Melissa Bourdon, UNH	Fr	16	967	14	1	1	.913	1.80
2. Jana Bugden, PC	So	14	783	7	5	1	.916	1.92
3. Chanda Gunn, NU	Sr	17	1015	6	7	4	.937	2.01
4. Lara Smart, Maine	Sr	20	1208	9	9	2	.924	2.33
5. Kaitlyn Shain, CT	So	10	574	3	3	3	.910	2.82

LEADING GOALTENDERS (All games)									
Player, School	CI	GP	Min	w	L	т	SP	GAA	
1. Melissa Bourdon, UNH	Fr	24	1447	17	5	2	.918	1.82	
2. Chanda Gunn, NU	Sr	26	1573	8	10	8	.940	1.94	
3. Jana Bugden, PC	So	26	1498	11	12	2	.901	2.32	
4. Kaitlyn Shain, CT	So	18	1021	7	6	3	.919	2.47	
5. Lara Smart, Maine	Sr	29	1760	10	15	4	.920	2.52	

LEADING SCORERS (Hockey East – FINAL)

	Player, School	CI	GP	G	Δ	Pts
1.	Lindsey Hansen, UNH	So	19	8	23	31
2.	Rebecca Paul, UNH	So	20	12	18	30
3.	Rush Zimmerman, PC	Jr	16	13	16	29
4.	Carolyn Gordon, UNH	Sr	20	20	8	28
	Kelli Halcisak, PC *	Sr	20	10	18	28
6.	Darlene Stephenson, PC	Sr	20	4	22	26
7.	Sonny Watrous, PC	Fr	20	14	10	24
8.	Ashley Payton, PC	Jr	16	9	11	20
	Stephanie Jones, UNH	Jr	19	9	11	20
	Kristen Thomas, UNH *	Sr	20	1	19	20
11.	Tristan Desmet, Maine	Jr	20	9	9	18
12.	Karen Thatcher, PC	So	17	5	11	16
	Meagan Aarts, Maine	Sr	20	9	7	16
	Sadie Wright-Ward, UNH	Fr	20	8	8	16
	Lindsey Caleo, UNH	Fr	20	7	9	16
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* defenseman

TEAM STATISTICS (Hockey East – FINAL)

TEAM OFFENSE

Team	GP	G	GPG
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TEAM DEFENSE			
Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1.New Hampshire	20	35	1.75
2.Providence	20	37	1.85
3.Northeastern	20	49	2.45
4.Maine	20	50	2.50
5.Connecticut	20	62	3.10
6.Boston College	20	79	3.95

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1.Providence	20		 05		.263
2.New Hampshire		-		•	.205
3.Maine				0	.128
4.Connecticut	20	12	99	4	.121
5.Boston College	20	9	78	4	.115
6.Northeastern	20	5	81	2	.062

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1.New Hampshire2.Providence3.Maine4.Northeastern5.Boston College6.Connecticut	20 20 20 20	12 16 15 16	77 88 113 104 81 83	3 1	.864 .858 .856

LEADING SCORERS (All games)

	Player, School	CI	GP	G	Α	Pts
1.	Kelli Halcisak, PC *	Sr	34	18	26	44
2.	Rush Zimmerman, PC	Jr	30	16	24	40
	Lindsey Hansen, UNH	So	30	11	29	40
4.	Carolyn Gordon, UNH	Sr	34	23	15	38
5.	Rebecca Paul, UNH	So	34	13	24	37
6.	Darlene Stephenson, PC	Sr	34	10	25	35
7.	Stephanie Jones, UNH	Jr	33	15	16	31
8.	Kristen Thomas, UNH *	Sr	33	3	26	29
9.	Ashley Payton, PC	Jr	25	13	13	26
	Sonny Watrous, PC	Fr	32	15	11	26
11.	Meagan Aarts, Maine	Sr	31	12	13	25
	Karen Thatcher, PC	So	31	8	17	25
	Nicole Hekle, UNH	Fr	34	11	14	25
14.	Cyndy Kenyon, NU	So	33	11	13	24
	Allison Edgar, UNH *	Sr	33	8	16	24

* defenseman

TEAM STATISTICS (All games)

TEAM OFFENSE

Team	GP	G	GPG
1.New Hampshire	34	122	3.59
2.Providence	34	113	3.32
3.Maine	31	72	2.32
4.Northeastern	33	62	1.88
5.Connecticut	32	57	1.78
6.Boston College	31	51	1.65

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1.New Hampshire	34	68	2.00
2.Providence	34	74	2.18
3.Northeastern	33	72	2.18
4.Maine	31	78	2.52
5.Connecticut	32	92	2.88
6.Boston College	31	109	3.52

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1.Providence	34	43	186	4	.231
2.New Hampshire	34	36	168	5	.214
3.Boston College				5	.119
4.Connecticut	32	18	173	7	.104
5.Maine	31	14	137	4	.102
6.Northeastern	33	13	134	2	.097

PENALTY KILL

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6.Boston College	-		126	0	.786
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Final – Sun., March 21st 1:00 p.m.

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Media Information and Arrangements

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Banquet RSVP YES I will attend the Championship & Awards Banquet on Friday, March 19th at the Colonnade Hotel. (Starts

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