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MAINE RECORDS FIRST-EVER VICTORY OVER PROVIDENCE UConn and UNH post weekend sweeps in league play

Let the speculation begin about which is the best team in Hockey East.

Defending champ Providence has been temporarily toppled thanks to the University of Maine Black Bears, who recorded their first-ever win over the Friars by a 3-2 final on Sunday. TPS Player of the Week Lara Smart made 30 saves, including 19 in the third period, to secure the win for the hosts. Teammate Meagan Aarts scored two goals, including the third period game-winner, which lifted her career total to exactly 100 points. The Friars won the first game of the set, 2-1, and still hold a commanding 12-1-2 edge in the all-time series.

Northeastern was boasting an eight-game undefeated streak before running into UNH last week. The Huskies surrendered nine goals over the two-game home-and-home series, allowing the Wildcats to cruise in a sweep. Senior Carolyn Gordon scored two goals in each game, while teammate Melissa Bourdon was selected as ITECH Rookie of the Week for stopping 48 of 50 NU attempts on the weekend. In just three games played, Bourdon has two shutouts, thus conjuring images of former 'Cat stopper Jen Huggon, who had nine shutouts in 15 league games played last year.

Connecticut posted its first-ever weekend sweep in Hockey East play by recording back-to-back victories over Boston College, scoring three goals in each game. It marked the first time this season that the defense-first Huskies scored at least three goals in any game and the first time ever that they were able to score three goals in a Hockey East game. As usual, the goaltending could take much of the credit for the wins. Shannon Murphy stopped 26 of 27 shots in Saturday's 3-1 win and Kaitlyn Shain recorded her second shutout of the season with 21 saves in Sunday's 3-0 triumph. Megan Mcleod scored twice for UConn on Sunday and was selected as the ITECH First Star.

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2003-04 STANDINGS												
<u>Team</u>	GP	W	<u>L</u>	I	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Overall</u>	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Defense</u>				
New Hampshire	4	3	0	1	7	6-2-2	3.30 GPG	1.60 GAPG				
Maine	4	3	1	0	6	4-6-2	1.92 GPG	2.33 GAPG				
Connecticut	4	2	1	1	5	4-6-3	1.38 GPG	2.15 GAPG				
Providence	3	1	1	1	3	3-4-2	2.11 GPG	2.56 GAPG				
Northeastern	3	0	2	1	1	5-3-2	2.27 GPG	1.91 GAPG				
Boston College	4	0	4	0	0	3-6-0	1.67 GPG	2.56 GAPG				

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TPS HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE WEEK

LARA SMART – Maine Senior Goaltender; Airdrie, AB

Stood tall against a barrage by stopping 63 of 67 shots on the weekend, including 19 of 20 in the third period of a 3-2 win Sunday, Maine's first-ever vs. Providence.

ITECH ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

MELISSA BOURDON – UNH Freshman Goaltender; Ile Bizard, QC

Allowed just two goals on 50 shots to carry a weekend sweep of Northeastern. Saturday's shutout was her second in just three games played.

RECENT RESULTS

Thursday, November 20 at New Hampshire 4, Northeastern 2 *

Saturday, November 22

Providence 2, at Maine 1 *
New Hampshire 5, at Northeastern 0 *
at Connecticut 3, Boston College 1 *

Sunday, November 23

at Maine 3, Providence 2 *
Connecticut 3, at Boston College 0 *

UPCOMING GAMES

*Tuesday, November 25*New Hampshire at Brown (7pm)

Wednesday, November 26
Boston College at Northeastern (7pm) *

Friday, November 28

Connecticut at St. Lawrence (7pm)

Saturday, November 29

Brown at Providence (Mayor's Cup - 2pm - COX3) Maine at Harvard (2pm) Connecticut at St. Lawrence (4pm)

Sunday, November 30

Boston College at Princeton (1pm) Harvard at New Hampshire (2pm)

> * Hockey East game All times Eastern

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

KAITLYN SHAIN – Connecticut Sophomore Goaltender; Calgary, AB

Recorded her second shutout of the season by stopping all 21 shots she faced in a 3-0 triumph at Boston College.

HONOR ROLL

- Meagan Aarts, Maine (Sr. F; Watford, ON) Scored two goals, including the game-winner, to lead Maine to its first-ever win over Providence on Sunday.
- Lindsey Caleo, UNH (Fr. F; Clinton Township, MI) Contributed three points to UNH's weekend sweep of Northeastern.
- Lisa Davis, BC (Jr. G; Falmouth, MA) Stopped 38 of 41 shots faced in a 3-1 loss at Connecticut.
- Carolyn Gordon, UNH (Sr. F; Petrolia, ON) Powered UNH offense with two goals in each game of a sweep over Northeastern.
- Kelli Halcisak, PC (Sr. D; Grosse Ile, MI) Scored two goals, including one game-winner, and added an assist in PC's split at Maine.
- Cyndy Kenyon, NU (So. F; Sparta, WI) Set up both NU goals in a 4-2 loss at UNH.
- Megan McLeod, UConn (Jr. F; Livonia, MI) Scored two of UConn's three goals in a 3-0 shutout at Boston College Sunday.
- Shannon Murphy, UConn (Jr. G; Mapleville, RI) Stopped 26 of 27 shots to deal BC a 3-1 loss on Saturday.
- Rush Zimmerman, PC (Jr. F; Grosse Pointe, MI) Scored two goals, one short-handed, and added one assist in a split at Maine.

TEAM NOTES

Boston College: Sophomore Sarah Courtney was responsible for nine of BC's 48 shots vs. UConn this weekend, and scored the Eagles' only goal. Junior Kerri Sanders had 10 shots, but was held scoreless.

University of Connecticut: After leading UConn in goals last season, Sara Mahoney scored her first goal of the season in UConn's 3-1 victory over BC on Saturday ... The Huskies have allowed only one power play goal in the last 27 opportunities, and that one was surrendered to No. 2 Dartmouth.

University of Maine: Maine beat Providence for the first time ever on Sunday.. With two goals in the game, Meagan Aarts joined teammate Karen Droog as the only Maine players to ever reach the 100-point plateau ... Lara Smart has played all 12 games in goal and is averaging 29.4 saves per contest.

University of New Hampshire: Stephanie Jones, Carolyn Gordon and Kristen Thomas are all averaging at least one point per game this season ... UNH has netted a power play goal in each of the last five games ... UNH has yielded just one first period goal and have trailed for just 25:04 of 614:51 played this season ... Melissa Bourdon has a 3-0-0 record with a 0.67 GAA, .974 save percentage and two shutouts.

Northeastern University: NU had its national best eight-game unbeaten streak snapped by UNH Thursday ... NU has been outshot by opponents 337-283, but has outscored its foes 25-21.

Providence College: Senior Kelli Halcisak has scored at least one point in each of the last four games ... The Friars have lost three road games so far this season after losing just one road game all of last year.

ITECH Three Star Leaders:

<u>Name</u>	<u>CI</u>	<u>Pos</u>	<u>Schoo</u> l
Shannon Connolly	Jr	F	UConn
Sarah Courtney	So	F	BC
Karen Droog	Sr	F	Maine
Carolyn Gordon	Sr	F	UNH
Lara Smart	Sr	G	Maine
Rush Zimmerman	Jr	F	PC



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LEADING GOALTENDERS (Hockey East games)

Player, School	CI	GP	Min	W	L	Т	SP	GAA
1. Kaitlyn Shain, UConn	So	2	124	1	0	1	.985	0.48
2. Chanda Gunn, NU	Sr	1	65	0	0	1	.979	0.92
3. Melissa Bourdon, UNH	Fr	2	120	2	0	0	.958	1.00
4. Lara Smart, Maine	Sr	4	239	3	1	0	.935	1.75
5. Jana Bugden, PC	So	2	123	0	1	1	.882	1.95

LEADING GOALTENDERS (All games)

Player, School	CI	GP	Min	W	L	Т	SP	GAA
1. Chanda Gunn, NU	Sr	5	309	2	1	2	.961	1.16
2. Kaitlyn Shain, UConn	So	7	421	3	3	1	.943	1.71
3. Maghan Grahn, UNH	So	6	309	3	1	1	.909	1.94
4. Lara Smart, Maine	Sr	12	732	4	6	2	.927	2.29
Katy Augustyn, NU	So	6	361	4	2	0	.923	2.32

LEADING SCORERS (Hockey East games)

	Player, School	CI	GP	G	Α	Pts
1.	Carolyn Gordon, UNH	Sr	4	4	1	5
	Karen Droog, Maine	Sr	4	0	5	5
3.	Rush Zimmerman, PC	Jr	3	3	1	4
	Megan Mcleod, UConn	Jr	4	3	1	4
	Stephanie Jones, UNH	Jr	4	2	2	4
	Kristen Thomas, UNH *	Sr	4	0	4	4
7.	Kelli Halcisak, PC *	Sr	3	2	1	3
	Cyndy Kenyon, NU	So	3	0	3	3
	Meredith Roth, PC *	Sr	3	0	3	3
	Shannon Connolly, UConn	Jr	4	3	0	3
	Sarah Courtney, BC	So	4	3	0	3
	Meagan Aarts, Maine	Sr	4	2	1	3
	Lindsey Caleo, UNH	Fr	4	1	2	3
	Sadie Wright-Ward, UNH	Fr	4	1	2	3

^{*} defenseman

LEADING SCORERS (All games)

Player, School	CI	GP	G	Α	Pts
 Stephanie Jones, UNH 	Jr	10	6	6	12
Carolyn Gordon, UNH	Sr	10	6	5	11
Cyndy Kenyon, NU	So	11	4	7	11
Kelli Halcisak, PC *	Sr	9	5	5	10
Rush Zimmerman, PC	Jr	9	5	5	10
Kristen Thomas, UNH *	Sr	10	0	10	10
7. Marie Desrosiers, NU	Fr	11	4	5	9
Meagan Aarts, Maine	Sr	12	4	5	9
Karen Droog, Maine	Sr	12	4	5	9
10. Meredith Roth, PC *	Sr	9	0	7	7
Nicole Hekle, UNH	Fr	10	5	2	7
Allison Edgar, UNH *	Sr	10	3	4	7
13. Darlene Stephenson, PC	Sr	9	4	2	6
Amy Goodney, NU	Fr	11	3	3	6

^{*} defenseman

TEAM STATISTICS (Hockey East games)

TEAM OFFENSE

leam	GP	G	GPG
1.New Hampshire	4	14	3.50
2.Maine	4	10	2.50
3.Connecticut	4	9	2.25
4.Providence	3	5	1.67
5.Boston College	4	4	1.00
Northeastern	3	3	1.00

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1.New Hampshire	4	 5	1.25
2.Connecticut	4	6	1.50
3.Providence	3	5	1.67
4.Maine	4	7	1.75
5.Boston College	4	12	3.00
6.Northeastern	3	10	3.33

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
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1.Maine	4	4	22	1	. 182
New Hampshire	4	4	22	1	.182
3.Providence	3	3	18	0	.167
4.Boston College	4	1	17	1	.059
Northeastern	3	1	17	1	.059
6.Connecticut	4	0	17	0	.000

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2.Northeastern		21	1.91
3.Connecticut	13	28	2.15
4.Maine	12	28	2.33
5.Boston College	9	23	2.56
Providence	9	23	2.56

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1.New Hampshire	10	12	 53	3	.226
2.Providence	9	10	60	3	.167
3.Northeastern	11	8	51	1	.157
4.Boston College	9	4	32	1	.125
5.Maine	12	6	53	2	.113
6.Connecticut	13	5	74	3	.068

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1.New Hampshire	10	3	47	3	.936
2.Connecticut	13	6	68	2	.912
3.Providence	9	5	53	1	.906
4.Northeastern	11	7	47	0	.851
5.Boston College	9	7	36	0	.806
6.Maine	12	13	60	0	.783



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