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## WOMEN'S LEAGUE

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## LEAGUE CHAMPS HEADED TO NCAA TOURNAMENT *Providence College draws a trip to No. 1 seed Minnesota*

The expanded NCAA women's ice hockey bracket made room for Hockey East this year, awarding an automatic bid to today's tournament champion, Providence College. The Friars secured their first NCAA berth, and their third consecutive Hockey East title, with a determined 3-1 win over the University of Connecticut.

Their reward? A trip to Minnesota to face the defending NCAA champion and No. 1 seed Golden Gophers. Minnesota will host the Friars this coming Friday, March 18, at 7:00 p.m. CST.

In the other Friday night game, No. 2 seed Minnesota-Duluth will host St. Lawrence. On Saturday, ECACHL champion Harvard will host CHA champion Mercyhurst at 4:00 p.m. EST and ECACHL runner-up Dartmouth will host WCHA runner-up Wisconsin at 7:00 p.m. EST. The winners of the quarterfinal matches will advance to the women's Frozen Four on March 25 and 27 at the University of New Hampshire's Whittemore Center.

### **HOCKEY EAST TOURNAMENT RESULTS**

#### ***Saturday, March 12***

Semifinal Round

#1 Providence 9, #4 Boston College 1  
#3 Connecticut 5, #2 UNH 4 (OT)

#### ***Sunday, March 13***

Championship Game

Providence 3, Connecticut 1

### **NCAA TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE**

#### ***Friday, March 18***

Quarterfinal Round

Providence at Minnesota (8pm)  
St. Lawrence at Minnesota-Duluth (8pm)

#### ***Saturday, March 19***

Quarterfinal Round

Mercyhurst at Harvard (4pm)  
Wisconsin at Dartmouth (7pm)

#### ***Friday, March 25***

Semifinals at UNH (5/8pm - CSTV)

#### ***Sunday, March 27***

Third-place game at UNH (12:30pm)  
Championship game at UNH (4pm - CSTV)

***All times Eastern***