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POINT TAKEN FOR UCONN AND MAINE VS. TOP FOES *Boston College and Northeastern split two-game set*

The significance of a single point in Hockey East play may seem small, but the significance of a single point in Hockey East play against league leaders UNH and Providence is much more apparent.

First-place UNH may have gotten the best of a two-game series vs. Maine this weekend, posting a win and a tie, but the Wildcats only outscored the Black Bears 4-3 over the two games, meaning the competition (Maine, et al) is a lot closer than it may seem.

The same was true for Providence vs. UConn. After picking up a slim 4-3 win at UConn, the Friars had to settle for a 3-3 tie at home vs. the Huskies the next day. UConn goaltender Shannon Murphy made that possible with 44 saves. The Friars were led offensively on the weekend by the outstanding trio of Karen Thatcher (five assists), Sonny Watrous (one goal, one assist in each game) and Rush Zimmerman (one goal, three assists).

A trio of Wildcats were equally productive as senior Stephanie Jones had a goal in each of three games and added three assists to secure Player of the Week honors. Jennifer Hitchcock was named ITECH Rookie of the Week for setting up three key goals for UNH on the week. Nicole Hekle, meanwhile, had three goals and two assists. Maine's Rachel Gettings stopped all but one shot Friday, but was outduelled by UNH's Melissa Bourdon, who posted her third shutout of the season.

Northeastern was able to break a nine-game losing streak Sunday with a vital 3-1 win over Boston College, earning a split for the weekend. Ashley Bielawski scored two goals and Marisa Hourihan stopped 36 shots in the victory. Saturday's 4-3 BC win was led by Deborah Spillane, who scored two goals and set up one other.

While UNH and Providence essentially retained their shared status as favorites after this past weekend's action, plenty of buzz was generated by the other four Hockey East squads, setting up a great race to the finish line, and a great battle for the 2005 Hockey East championship.

HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	HE Offense	HE Defense
New Hampshire	9	7	0	2	16	15-4-4	4.56 GPG	1.22 GAPG
Providence	6	5	0	1	11	10-6-4	3.83 GPG	2.50 GAPG
Maine	8	2	4	2	6	11-6-3	2.12 GPG	2.38 GAPG
Boston College	11	2	7	2	6	6-12-3	2.09 GPG	3.45 GAPG
Connecticut	6	2	3	1	5	6-9-5	2.50 GPG	3.17 GAPG
Northeastern	8	2	6	0	4	3-15-1	2.00 GPG	4.12 GAPG

RECENT RESULTS

Tuesday, January 11
 at New Hampshire 5, Colgate 1

Friday, January 14
 at New Hampshire 1, Maine 0 *

Saturday, January 15
 at New Hampshire 3, Maine 3 (OT) *
 at Boston College 4, Northeastern 3 *
 Providence 4, at Connecticut 3 *

Sunday, January 16
 at Northeastern 3, Boston College 1 *
 at Providence 3, Connecticut 3 (OT) *

UPCOMING GAMES

Friday, January 21
 Maine at Connecticut (7pm) *

Saturday, January 22
 Northeastern at Providence (2pm) *
 Boston College at Mercyhurst (2pm)
 Maine at Connecticut (4pm) *

Sunday, January 23
 Providence at Northeastern (2pm) *
 Boston College at Mercyhurst (1pm)

* Hockey East game
 All times Eastern

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

STEPHANIE JONES – UNH
Senior Forward; Kimberley, BC

Had a goal in each of three games for New Hampshire, including the only goal in a 1-0 win vs. Maine, and added three assists on the week.

ITECH ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

JENNIFER HITCHCOCK – UNH
Freshman Forward; LaSalle, ON

Had one goal and four assists over three games on the week. She set up two game-winning goals and one game-tying goal.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

SHANNON MURPHY – Connecticut
Senior Goaltender; Mapleville, RI

Stopped 44 of 47 shots faced, including four in overtime, to preserve a gritty 3-3 tie at Providence.

HOCKEY EAST HONOR ROLL

- **Ashley Bielawski, NU** (So. F; Needham, MA) – Scored three of NU's six goals vs. BC this past weekend.
- **Melissa Bourdon, UNH** (So. G; Ile Bizard, QC) – Recorded her third shutout of the season with 14 saves in a slim 1-0 win vs. Maine.
- **Brittany Busa, UNH** (So. G; Concord, MA) – Stopped 16 of 17 shots faced in a relief effort that yielded a 3-3 tie vs. Maine.
- **Shannon Connolly, UConn** (Sr. F; Baldwinsville, NY) – Had a power play goal in each of two games vs. PC and added one assist.
- **Lori DiGiacomo, NU** (Sr. F/D; Temecula, CA) – Had a game-winning goal and two assists in a weekend split with BC.
- **Rachel Gettings, Maine** (So. G; Watervliet, NY) – Stopped 20 of 21 shots faced in a slim 1-0 loss at UNH Friday.
- **Nicole Hekle, UNH** (So. F; Winnipeg, MB) – Had two goals, including the game-tying score with under a minute to play, and added one assist in a 3-3 tie vs. Maine. Also had a goal and an assist Tuesday vs. Colgate.
- **Marisa Hourihan, NU** (Jr. G; Hanover, MA) – Stopped 35 of 36 shots in NU's 3-1 win over BC on Sunday.
- **Deborah Spillane, BC** (Fr. F; Franklin, MA) – Downed Northeastern 4-3 on Saturday with two goals and one assist.
- **Karen Thatcher, PC** (Jr. F; Douglas, MA) – Contributed five assists over two games vs. Connecticut.
- **Sonny Watrous, PC** (So. F; Albuquerque, NM) – Had one goal and one assist in each of two games vs. UConn.
- **Rush Zimmerman, PC** (Sr. F; Grosse Pointe, MI) – Led 4-3 win at UConn Saturday with a goal and two assists.

TEAM NOTES

Boston College: The all-freshman first line of Colleen Harris, Deborah Spillane and Sarah Feldman has combined for 66 points on the season ... Goaltender Alison Quandt is 3-2-2 in her last seven starts.

University of Connecticut: After snapping a four-game drought, Tiffany Owens has scored three goals and three assists in the last five games. Shannon Connolly has also been hot, with five points in the last five games ... UConn has been outscored 28-15 in the third period this year.

University of Maine: Maine's 11-6-3 record is its best ever through 20 games. The team needs just six more wins to reach 17, which would be its best total ever.

University of New Hampshire: UNH's scoring has been balanced this season with 26 goals in both the first and second periods and 27 in the third ... UNH completed its stretch of seven games in 15 days with a 3-1-3 record ... UNH has a 4-1 record in games decided by one goal this season.

Northeastern University: Sophomore Ashley Bielawski scored two goals the entire first half of the season before scoring three this weekend vs. BC ... The NU win Sunday snapped a nine-game losing streak dating back to November 19.

Providence College: PC continues to be an unbeaten team (10-0) when leading after the first period ... Karen Thatcher is just seven points away from the 100-point career mark.

ITECH Three Star Leaders:

Name	Cl	Pos	School
Tristan Desmet	Sr	F	Maine
Lindsay Hansen	Jr	F	UNH
Nicole Hekle	So	F	UNH
Stephanie Jones	Sr	F	UNH
Sonny Watrous	So	F	PC
Rush Zimmerman	Sr	F	PC



LEADING GOALTENDERS (League games)

Player, School	Cl	GP	Min	W	L	T	SP	GAA
1 Melissa Bourdon, UNH	So	6	310	4	0	1	.916	1.35
2 Rachel Gettings, ME	So	8	490	2	4	2	.891	2.32
3 Amy Thomas, PC	Sr	6	365	5	0	1	.903	2.47
4 Shannon Murphy, CT	Sr	4	243	2	1	1	.903	2.71
5 Alison Quandt, BC	Jr	4	243	1	2	1	.854	3.45

LEADING GOALTENDERS (All games)

Player, School	Cl	GP	Min	W	L	T	SP	GAA
1 Melissa Bourdon, UNH	So	20	1114	12	4	3	.916	1.84
2 Rachel Gettings, ME	So	19	1150	11	6	2	.901	1.88
3 Shannon Murphy, CT	Sr	12	656	4	3	4	.917	2.47
4 Amy Thomas, PC	Sr	20	1170	10	6	4	.892	2.67
5 Alison Quandt, BC	Jr	13	790	4	7	2	.886	2.81

LEADING SCORERS (League games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1	Nicole Hekle, UNH	So	9	9	8	17
2	Stephanie Jones, UNH	Sr	9	6	8	14
	Lindsay Hansen, UNH	Jr	9	4	10	14
4	Deborah Spillane, BC	Fr	11	6	6	12
5	Karen Thatcher, PC	Jr	4	4	7	11
	Rush Zimmerman, PC	Sr	6	5	6	11
	Sarah Feldman, BC	Fr	11	5	6	11
8	Jennifer Hitchcock, UNH	Fr	9	5	5	10
9	Kerri Sanders, BC	Sr	11	2	7	9
10	Sonny Watrous, PC	So	6	4	4	8
	Tristan Desmet, Maine	Sr	9	6	2	8
	Taylor Palazeti, UNH	Fr	9	4	4	8
	Leah Craig, UNH	Fr	9	3	5	8
	Lindsey Caleo, UNH	So	9	1	7	8
15	Crystal Rochon, NU	So	8	1	6	7
	Colleen Harris, BC	Fr	10	4	3	7

LEADING SCORERS (All games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1	Nicole Hekle, UNH	So	23	15	21	36
2	Rush Zimmerman, PC	Sr	20	12	21	33
3	Karen Thatcher, PC	Jr	15	15	16	31
4	Stephanie Jones, UNH	Sr	23	15	13	28
5	Sonny Watrous, PC	So	20	16	9	25
	Deborah Spillane, BC	Fr	21	11	14	25
	Lindsay Hansen, UNH	Jr	23	5	20	25
8	Sarah Feldman, BC	Fr	21	14	10	24
9	Tristan Desmet, Maine	Sr	21	11	9	20
	Taylor Palazeti, UNH	Fr	23	10	10	20
	Lindsey Caleo, UNH	So	23	3	17	20
12	Jaclyn Hawkins, UConn	Fr	20	11	7	18
	Jennifer Hitchcock, UNH	Fr	23	8	10	18
14	Cheryl White, Maine	Jr	18	12	5	17
	Colleen Harris, BC	Fr	18	7	10	17
	Tiffany Owens, UConn	Sr	20	9	8	17

TEAM STATISTICS (League games)

TEAM OFFENSE

Team	GP	G	GPG
1.New Hampshire.....	9	41	4.56
2.Providence.....	6	23	3.83
3.Connecticut.....	6	15	2.50
4.Maine.....	8	17	2.12
5.Boston College.....	11	23	2.09
6.Northeastern.....	8	16	2.00

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1.New Hampshire.....	9	11	1.22
2.Maine.....	8	19	2.38
3.Providence.....	6	15	2.50
4.Connecticut.....	6	19	3.17
5.Boston College.....	11	38	3.45
6.Northeastern.....	8	33	4.12

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1.Providence.....	6	7	35	1	.200
2.Boston College.....	11	13	66	1	.197
3.New Hampshire.....	9	11	64	1	.172
4.Northeastern.....	8	6	41	1	.146
5.Maine.....	8	6	52	2	.115
6.Connecticut.....	6	4	37	0	.108

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1.New Hampshire.....	9	5	54	1	.907
2.Boston College.....	11	9	63	2	.857
3.Maine.....	8	8	48	0	.833
4.Providence.....	6	6	34	1	.824
5.Northeastern.....	8	12	62	1	.806
6.Connecticut.....	6	7	34	1	.794

TEAM STATISTICS (All games)

TEAM OFFENSE

Team	GP	G	GPG
1.New Hampshire.....	23	80	3.48
2.Providence.....	20	63	3.15
3.Maine.....	20	57	2.85
4.Connecticut.....	20	49	2.45
5.Boston College.....	21	49	2.33
6.Northeastern.....	19	33	1.74

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1.New Hampshire.....	23	39	1.70
2.Maine.....	20	38	1.90
3.Connecticut.....	20	57	2.85
4.Providence.....	20	58	2.90
5.Boston College.....	21	65	3.10
6.Northeastern.....	19	85	4.47

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1.Boston College.....	21	27	124	1	.218
2.Providence.....	20	27	146	2	.185
3.New Hampshire.....	23	29	163	2	.178
4.Connecticut.....	20	21	145	0	.145
5.Northeastern.....	19	14	120	6	.117
6.Maine.....	20	14	127	5	.110

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1.New Hampshire.....	23	11	153	2	.928
2.Maine.....	20	14	121	1	.884
Providence.....	20	17	146	1	.884
4.Boston College.....	21	20	125	2	.840
5.Connecticut.....	20	24	119	1	.798
6.Northeastern.....	19	29	139	1	.791



Boston College
6-12-3 (2-7-2 HE)

OCTOBER			
16 WAYNE STATE	L	3-4	
17 WAYNE STATE	L	3-4	
23 at Quinnipiac	L	2-3	
24 NEW HAMPSHIRE	L	1-6	
29 at Dartmouth	L	1-7	
30 at Vermont	W	3-1	

NOVEMBER			
5 CONNECTICUT	L	1-4	
7 at Connecticut	L	2-3	
13 at Maine	W	3-2	
14 at Maine	T+	2-2	
19 at Northeastern	L	2-4	
21 QUINNIPAC	W	7-4	

DECEMBER			
3 PROVIDENCE	L	0-2	
4 at Providence	L	5-7	
7 VERMONT	W	3-0	
12 PRINCETON	L+	2-3	

JANUARY			
1 vs. Clarkson *	W	1-0	
2 vs. Clarkson *	T+	1-1	
8 at New Hampshire	T+	2-2	
15 NORTHEASTERN	W	4-3	
16 at Northeastern	L	1-3	
22 at Mercyhurst	2pm		
23 at Mercyhurst	1pm		

FEBRUARY			
4 at Connecticut	7pm		
6 CONNECTICUT	2pm		
8 vs. Boston University (B)	5pm		
12 NORTHEASTERN	2pm		
15 vs. NU / Harvard (B)	5/8pm		
19 at Providence	2pm		
20 PROVIDENCE	2pm		
26 vs. Maine 1	4pm		
27 MAINE	1pm		

MARCH			
5 at New Hampshire	2pm		
6 NEW HAMPSHIRE	2pm		

* – at Lake Placid, NY
(B) – Beanpot Tournament at NU
1 – at Northeastern



Connecticut
6-9-5 (2-3-1 HE)

OCTOBER			
15 ST. LAWRENCE	L	5-6	
16 ST. LAWRENCE	L	4-5	
22 at New Hampshire	L	0-4	
29 at Quinnipiac *	W	2-1	
31 at Yale *	W	2-1	

NOVEMBER			
5 at Boston College	W	4-1	
7 BOSTON COLLEGE	W	3-2	
12 NORTH DAKOTA	T+	2-2	
13 NORTH DAKOTA	W	5-2	
19 at Minnesota State	T+	2-2	
20 at Minnesota State	T+	2-2	
27 at Princeton	L	1-3	
28 at Princeton	L	0-2	

DECEMBER			
4 at New Hampshire	L	2-5	
8 HARVARD	L	3-5	

JANUARY			
4 at Brown	T+	3-3	
8 at Niagara	W	2-0	
9 at Mercyhurst	L	1-4	
15 PROVIDENCE	L	3-4	
16 at Providence	T+	3-3	
21 MAINE	7pm		
22 MAINE	4pm		
28 at Northeastern	7pm		
29 NORTHEASTERN	7pm		

FEBRUARY			
4 BOSTON COLLEGE	7pm		
6 at Boston College	2pm		
12 at Providence	2pm		
13 PROVIDENCE	2pm		
19 NEW HAMPSHIRE	2pm		
20 NEW HAMPSHIRE	2pm		
26 NORTHEASTERN	2pm		
27 at Northeastern	2pm		

MARCH			
4 at Maine	4pm		
5 at Maine	12noon		

* – Nutmeg Classic Tournament



Maine
11-6-3 (2-4-2 HE)

OCTOBER			
15 at Vermont	W	2-0	
16 at Vermont	T+	2-2	
29 BROWN	L	0-3	

NOVEMBER			
6 WAYNE STATE	W	2-1	
7 WAYNE STATE	W+	4-3	

13 BOSTON COLLEGE	L	2-3	
14 BOSTON COLLEGE	T+	2-2	
20 PROVIDENCE	L	2-3	
21 PROVIDENCE	L	2-4	
27 at Colgate	W	2-1	
28 at Colgate	L	1-3	

DECEMBER			
3 at Northeastern	W	3-1	
4 at Northeastern	W+	3-2	
11 QUINNIPAC	W	5-1	
12 QUINNIPAC	W	5-1	

JANUARY			
1 YALE	W	5-4	
7 SACRED HEART	W	8-0	
8 SACRED HEART	W	4-1	
14 at New Hampshire	L	0-1	
15 at New Hampshire	T+	3-3	
21 at Connecticut	7pm		
22 at Connecticut	4pm		

FEBRUARY			
5 at Providence	2pm		
6 at Providence	2pm		
12 NEW HAMPSHIRE	1pm		
13 NEW HAMPSHIRE	1pm		
18 NORTHEASTERN	4pm		
19 NORTHEASTERN	12noon		
26 vs. Boston College 1	4pm		
27 at Boston College	1pm		

MARCH			
4 CONNECTICUT	4pm		
5 CONNECTICUT	12noon		

1 – at Northeastern

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



New Hampshire
15-4-4 (7-0-2 HE)

OCTOBER			
12 at Vermont	W	5-0	
15 NIAGARA	W	4-1	
16 NIAGARA	W+	4-3	
22 CONNECTICUT	W	4-0	
24 at Boston College	W	6-1	
31 BROWN	W	2-0	

NOVEMBER			
3 NORTHEASTERN	W	8-0	
13 at St. Lawrence	T+	2-2	
14 at St. Lawrence	L	3-5	
20 NORTHEASTERN	W	7-1	
27 MINNESOTA STATE *	W	4-1	
28 MERCYHURST *	L	0-4	

DECEMBER			
1 at Dartmouth	L	3-4	
4 CONNECTICUT	W	5-2	
9 at Northeastern	W	5-2	
11 HARVARD	W	2-1	

JANUARY			
1 PRINCETON	T+	1-1	
2 YALE	W	3-1	
5 DARTMOUTH	L	1-3	
8 BOSTON COLLEGE	T+	2-2	
11 COLGATE	W	5-1	
14 MAINE	W	1-0	
15 MAINE	T+	3-3	
29 at Providence	L	3-3	
30 PROVIDENCE	2pm		

FEBRUARY			
4 at Northeastern	7pm		
12 at Maine	1pm		
13 at Maine	1pm		
19 at Connecticut	2pm		
20 at Connecticut	2pm		
26 PROVIDENCE	2pm		
27 at Providence	2pm		

MARCH			
5 BOSTON COLLEGE	2pm		
6 at Boston College	2pm		

* – UNH Tournament



Northeastern
3-15-1 (2-6-0 HE)

OCTOBER			
22 at Niagara	L	2-7	
23 at Niagara	L	0-6	
26 QUINNIPAC	W	3-0	

NOVEMBER			
3 at New Hampshire	L	0-8	
6 ST. LAWRENCE	L	1-6	
7 CLARKSON	L	1-2	
13 at Ohio State	T+	1-1	
14 at Ohio State	L+	5-6	
19 BOSTON COLLEGE	W	4-2	
20 at New Hampshire	L	1-7	
23 at Brown	L	1-6	
26 vs. Minnesota 1	L	1-8	
27 vs. Wisconsin 1	L	0-4	

DECEMBER			
3 MAINE	L	1-3	
4 MAINE	L+	2-3	
9 NEW HAMPSHIRE	L	2-5	
11 PRINCETON	L	2-6	

JANUARY			
15 at Boston College	L	3-4	
16 BOSTON COLLEGE	W	3-1	
22 at Providence	2pm		
23 PROVIDENCE	2pm		
28 CONNECTICUT	7pm		
29 at Connecticut	7pm		

FEBRUARY			
4 NEW HAMPSHIRE	7pm		
8 HARVARD (B)	8pm		
12 at Boston College	2pm		
15 BC / BU (B)	5/8pm		
18 at Maine	4pm		
19 at Maine	12noon		
26 at Connecticut	2pm		
27 CONNECTICUT	2pm		

MARCH			
5 PROVIDENCE	2pm		
6 at Providence	2pm		

1 – at Harvard
1 – at Northeastern



Providence
10-6-4 (5-0-1 HE)

OCTOBER			
16 at Colgate	W	6-2	
17 at Colgate	L	1-2	
23 VERMONT	W	2-1	
24 VERMONT	W	5-0	
30 PRINCETON	T+	4-4	
31 PRINCETON	L	1-4	

NOVEMBER			
6 CLARKSON	T+	3-3	
7 ST. LAWRENCE	W	5-1	
10 at Harvard	T+	2-2	
20 at Maine	W	3-2	
21 at Maine	W	4-2	
27 at Brown *	L	1-2	
29 at Yale	L	1-5	

DECEMBER			
3 at Boston College	W	2-0	
4 BOSTON COLLEGE	W	7-5	

JANUARY			
2 at Dartmouth	L	2-10	
8 at Mercyhurst	W	3-2	
9 at Niagara	L+	4-5	
15 at Connecticut	W	4-3	
16 CONNECTICUT	T+	3-3	
22 NORTHEASTERN	2pm		
23 at Northeastern	2pm		
29 NEW HAMPSHIRE	2pm		
30 at New Hampshire	2pm		

FEBRUARY			
5 MAINE	2pm		
6 MAINE	2pm		
12 CONNECTICUT	2pm		
13 at Connecticut	2pm		
19 BOSTON COLLEGE	2pm		
20 at Boston College	2pm		
26 at New Hampshire	2pm		
27 NEW HAMPSHIRE	2pm		

MARCH			
4 at Northeastern	2pm		
6 NORTHEASTERN	2pm		

* – Mayor's Cup