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# WOMEN'S LEAGUE

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## PROVIDENCE SWEEPS MAINE TO TAKE OVER FIRST PLACE *BC splits weekend with UConn to stay in hunt for playoffs*

The balance of power tipped ever so slightly in favor of the Providence College Friars this past weekend, as PC took two games from Maine, 2-1 and 4-1. The four points lifted Providence into sole possession of first place for the first time this season, just a single point ahead of UNH. Both teams have played 12 of the 20 Hockey East games on their schedule, and a home-and-home set in late February will likely determine the regular season champ.

Karen Thatcher was the Friar heroine on Saturday, netting the overtime winner after setting up PC's earlier goal. Amy Thomas held the Black Bears at bay by stopping 26 of 27 shots faced, including all 14 she faced in the second period alone. Thomas was true again in the rematch, stopping 30 of 31 shots in cruising to a 4-1 triumph. Hilary Greaves netted a pair of goals for Providence.

UNH won its only game of the week, just edging Northeastern, 2-1, despite a 59-19 shots-on-goal advantage. Husky goaltender Marisa Hourihan tied her own school record with 57 saves (23 in the first period alone), matching the mark she established just a week before vs. Providence.

Clearly hungry for their first Hockey East playoff berth, the Boston College Eagles managed a split vs. UConn over the weekend, pulling even with Maine for fourth place. UConn overpowered BC in the first game of the set, posting a 4-1 win on goals from four different players. But the Eagles struck back the following day at home, as senior Kerri Sanders put in two second-period goals to lead the offense. Goaltender Alison Quandt did the rest, recording 24 saves en route to a narrow 2-1 victory, a vital one for Boston College.

BC opens play this week with an exhibition game vs. future league rival Boston University in the first game of the women's Beanpot. Northeastern's Hourihan will face another tough test with a first-round Beanpot match against Harvard.

### HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	HE Offense	HE Defense
Providence	12	10	1	1	21	15-7-4	3.42 GPG	1.92 GAPG
New Hampshire	12	9	1	2	20	17-5-4	3.83 GPG	1.50 GAPG
Connecticut	12	5	5	2	12	9-11-6	2.67 GPG	2.58 GAPG
Maine	12	3	7	2	8	12-9-3	1.92 GPG	2.58 GAPG
Boston College	13	3	8	2	8	7-15-3	2.00 GPG	3.31 GAPG
Northeastern	13	2	10	1	5	3-19-2	1.92 GPG	3.62 GAPG

### PLAYER OF THE WEEK

**KERRI SANDERS – Boston College**  
*Senior Forward; Saugus, MA*

Scored both BC goals in a slim 2-1 win over UConn on Sunday. Also set up BC's only goal in a 4-1 loss at UConn on Saturday.

### DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

**AMY THOMAS – Providence**  
*Senior Goaltender; Austin, TX*

Stifled Maine's attack by stopping 26 of 27 shots faced in a 2-1 OT win on Saturday and 30 of 31 faced in a 4-1 win on Sunday.

### RECENT RESULTS

#### Friday, February 4

New Hampshire 2, at Northeastern 1 \*  
 at Connecticut 4, Boston College 1 \*

#### Saturday, February 5

at Providence 2, Maine 1 \*

#### Sunday, February 6

at Providence 4, Maine 1 \*  
 at Boston College 2, Connecticut 1 \*

### UPCOMING GAMES

#### Tuesday, February 8

*Beanpot Tournament at Northeastern*  
 Boston College vs. Boston Univ. (5pm)  
 Harvard at Northeastern (8pm)

#### Saturday, February 12

New Hampshire at Maine (1pm) \*  
 UConn at Providence (2pm - CoxSports) \*  
 Northeastern at Boston College (2pm) \*

#### Sunday, February 13

New Hampshire at Maine (1pm) \*  
 Providence at Connecticut (2pm) \*

\* Hockey East game

All times Eastern

## HOCKEY EAST HONOR ROLL

- **Melissa Bourdon, UNH** (So. G; Ile Bizard, QC) – Stopped 18 of 19 shots in a narrow 2-1 victory at Northeastern.
- **Kristin Gigliotti, PC** (So. D; Sauquoit, NY) – Set up three Friar goals in a weekend sweep of Maine, including both in Saturday's 2-1 OT win.
- **Hilary Greaves, PC** (Sr. F; Cranston, RI) – Scored two of four PC goals in a 4-1 win over Maine.
- **Marisa Hourihan, NU** (Jr. G; Hanover, MA) – Tied her own school record (established just last week) with 57 saves in a 2-1 loss to No. 8 New Hampshire.
- **Alison Quandt, BC** (Jr. G; Wayland, MA) – Stopped 24 of 25 shots faced in a 2-1 win Sunday to earn BC a weekend split with UConn.
- **Karen Thatcher, PC** (Jr. F; Douglas, MA) – Notched an overtime goal and had one assist as well to deliver a 2-1 win over Maine. Also had one assist in the rematch, a 4-1 Friar victory.

## TEAM NOTES

**Boston College:** Kerri Sanders is second on the team in assists with 13. She has at least one point in five of the nine games in 2005.

**University of Connecticut:** The defeat to Boston College on Sunday was only the second time UConn has lost to the Eagles in five years of Division I play. The loss snapped a seven-game undefeated streak the Huskies had against BC, with the last defeat coming on Feb. 16, 2003 (3-2 at Boston College).

**University of Maine:** The Black Bears have outshot their opponent in each of their last four games, but have lost three of those ... Abby Krause scored her first collegiate goal Saturday at Providence.

**University of New Hampshire:** Stephanie Jones has a six-game goal-scoring streak, the longest by a Wildcat since she netted a goal in eight consecutive games in the 2002-03 season ... UNH has won 12 consecutive games vs. Northeastern by sweeping each of the last three season series ... UNH is 9-0-1 when recording 30+ shots in a game ... Each of UNH's last three wins have been by one goal – the 'Cats are 6-1 in one-goal games this season.

**Northeastern University:** UNH won all four meetings of the 2004-05 season series, but the Wildcats margin-of-victory diminished by multiple goals in each successive match (8, 6, 3, 1) ... Amy Goodney has set up four of the last five NU goals.

**Providence College:** The Friars are 19-1-2 all-time versus Maine, including 10-0 at Schneider Arena.

### ITECH Three Star Leaders:

Name	Cl	Pos	School
Jaclyn Hawkins	Fr	F	UConn
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	9	490	6	1	1	.914	1.71
2 Amy Thomas, PC	Sr	11	666	9	1	1	.920	1.98
3 Kaitlyn Shain, CT	Jr	7	421	3	3	1	.914	2.42
4 Rachel Gettings, ME	So	12	726	3	7	2	.885	2.48
5 Shannon Murphy, CT	Sr	5	300	2	2	1	.901	2.80

### LEADING GOALTENDERS (All games)

Player, School	Cl	GP	Min	W	L	T	SP	GAA
1 Melissa Bourdon, UNH	So	23	1321	14	5	3	.915	1.91
2 Rachel Gettings, ME	So	23	1386	12	9	2	.896	2.03
3 Amy Thomas, PC	Sr	25	1471	14	7	4	.902	2.41
4 Shannon Murphy, CT	Sr	13	713	5	4	4	.915	2.52
5 Kaitlyn Shain, CT	Jr	15	862	5	7	2	.913	2.57

### LEADING SCORERS (League games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1	Karen Thatcher, PC	Jr	10	7	14	21
	Nicole Hekle, UNH	So	12	10	11	21
3	Stephanie Jones, UNH	Sr	12	9	9	18
	Rush Zimmerman, PC	Sr	12	8	10	18
5	Lindsay Hansen, UNH	Jr	12	4	11	15
6	Jaclyn Hawkins, UConn	Fr	10	10	2	12
	Tristan Desmet, Maine	Sr	13	7	5	12
	Deborah Spillane, BC	Fr	13	6	6	12
	Sarah Feldman, BC	Fr	13	5	7	12
	Kerri Sanders, BC	Sr	13	4	8	12
11	Amy Goodney, NU	So	13	4	7	11
	Crystal Rochon, NU	So	13	4	7	11
13	Jennifer Hitchcock, UNH	Fr	12	5	5	10
	Leah Craig, UNH	Fr	12	3	7	10

### LEADING SCORERS (All games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1	Karen Thatcher, PC	Jr	21	18	23	41
2	Nicole Hekle, UNH	So	26	16	24	40
	Rush Zimmerman, PC	Sr	26	15	25	40
4	Stephanie Jones, UNH	Sr	26	18	14	32
5	Sonny Watrous, PC	So	22	17	9	26
	Deborah Spillane, BC	Fr	25	12	14	26
	Lindsay Hansen, UNH	Jr	26	5	21	26
8	Sarah Feldman, BC	Fr	25	14	11	25
9	Jaclyn Hawkins, UConn	Fr	24	16	8	24
	Tristan Desmet, Maine	Sr	25	12	12	24
11	Tiffany Owens, UConn	Sr	26	11	11	22
12	Taylor Palazeti, UNH	Fr	26	10	11	21
	Lindsey Caleo, UNH	So	26	3	18	21
14	Cheryl White, Maine	Jr	22	12	7	19
	Andrea Steranko, Maine	Sr	24	8	11	19

### TEAM STATISTICS (League games)

#### TEAM OFFENSE

Team	GP	G	GPG
1.New Hampshire.....	12	46	3.83
2.Providence.....	12	41	3.42
3.Connecticut.....	12	32	2.67
4.Boston College.....	13	26	2.00
5.Maine.....	12	23	1.92
Northeastern.....	13	25	1.92

#### TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1.New Hampshire.....	12	18	1.50
2.Providence.....	12	23	1.92
3.Connecticut.....	12	31	2.58
Maine.....	12	31	2.58
5.Boston College.....	13	43	3.31
6.Northeastern.....	13	47	3.62

#### POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1.Providence.....	12	14	67	1	.209
2.Boston College.....	13	13	72	2	.181
3.New Hampshire.....	12	12	78	1	.154
4.Connecticut.....	12	10	68	0	.147
5.Northeastern.....	13	8	63	2	.127
6.Maine.....	12	7	74	3	.095

#### PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1.New Hampshire.....	12	7	69	1	.899
2.Providence.....	12	7	62	1	.887
3.Boston College.....	13	11	73	2	.849
4.Connecticut.....	12	10	61	4	.836
5.Maine.....	12	12	69	0	.826
6.Northeastern.....	13	17	88	1	.807

### TEAM STATISTICS (All games)

#### TEAM OFFENSE

Team	GP	G	GPG
1.New Hampshire.....	26	85	3.27
2.Providence.....	26	81	3.12
3.Maine.....	24	63	2.62
4.Connecticut.....	26	66	2.54
5.Boston College.....	25	53	2.12
6.Northeastern.....	24	42	1.75

#### TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1.New Hampshire.....	26	46	1.77
2.Maine.....	24	50	2.08
3.Providence.....	26	66	2.54
4.Connecticut.....	26	69	2.65
5.Boston College.....	25	80	3.20
6.Northeastern.....	24	99	4.12

#### POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1.Boston College.....	25	28	141	4	.199
2.Providence.....	26	34	178	2	.191
3.New Hampshire.....	26	30	177	2	.169
4.Connecticut.....	26	27	176	0	.153
5.Northeastern.....	24	16	142	7	.113
6.Maine.....	24	15	149	6	.101

#### PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1.New Hampshire.....	26	13	168	2	.923
2.Providence.....	26	18	174	1	.897
3.Maine.....	24	18	142	1	.873
4.Boston College.....	25	24	145	2	.834
5.Connecticut.....	26	27	146	4	.815
6.Northeastern.....	24	34	165	1	.794



**Boston College**  
7-15-3 (3-8-2 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 QUINNIPIAC 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 L 1-3  
23 at Mercyhurst L 0-6

**FEBRUARY**  
4 at Connecticut L 1-4  
6 CONNECTICUT W 2-1  
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 ! 4pm  
27 MAINE 1pm

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

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



**Connecticut**  
9-11-6 (5-5-2 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 W 4-1  
22 MAINE L 2-3  
28 at Northeastern W 2-1  
29 NORTHEASTERN T+ 4-4

**FEBRUARY**  
4 BOSTON COLLEGE W 4-1  
6 at Boston College L 1-2  
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**  
12-9-3 (3-7-2 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 QUINNIPIAC W 5-1  
12 QUINNIPIAC 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 L 1-4  
22 at Connecticut W 3-2

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

**MARCH**  
4 CONNECTICUT 4pm  
5 CONNECTICUT 12noon  
! – at Northeastern

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



**New Hampshire**  
17-5-4 (9-1-2 HE)

**OCTOBER**  
12 at Vermont W 5-0  
15 NIAGARA W 4-1  
26 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  
19 NORTHEASTERN W 7-1  
20 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 1-5  
30 PROVIDENCE W 2-1

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

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

\* – UNH Tournament



**Northeastern**  
3-19-2 (2-10-1 HE)

**OCTOBER**  
22 at Niagara L 2-7  
23 at Niagara L 0-6  
26 QUINNIPIAC 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 ! L 1-8  
27 vs. Wisconsin ! 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 L 1-3  
23 PROVIDENCE L+ 2-3  
28 CONNECTICUT L 1-2  
29 at Connecticut T+ 4-4

**FEBRUARY**  
4 NEW HAMPSHIRE L 1-2  
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

! – at Harvard  
(B) – Beanpot Tournament at NU



**Providence**  
15-7-4 (10-1-1 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 W 3-1  
23 at Northeastern W+ 3-2  
29 NEW HAMPSHIRE W 5-1  
30 at New Hampshire L 1-2

**FEBRUARY**  
5 MAINE W+ 2-1  
6 MAINE W 4-1  
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**  
5 at Northeastern 2pm  
6 NORTHEASTERN 2pm

\* – Mayor's Cup