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LANDMARK WEEKEND AS UCONN SWEEPS PROVIDENCE *BC inches ahead of Maine with only six games left to play*

There is little question that UNH and Providence are the dominant teams in Hockey East and have been so in all three seasons of Hockey East's existence. Providence won the first regular season title and UNH won the second. Providence defeated UNH in each of the first two tournament championship games. In fact, there have been only two occasions in three seasons that either team has lost to any of the other four Hockey East teams, that being when Providence lost two one-goal decisions at Maine and at Northeastern last year.

That all changed this past weekend when UConn not only defeated Providence for the first time ever, but swept the Friars in a home-and-home series (5-3, 3-2) that rocked the establishment and set up the Huskies as darkhorse title contenders. They'll host UNH for two games next weekend and can further their image as a legitimate threat with another solid showing.

The power play was a key factor in the Husky sweep, as UConn converted on five of nine opportunities on the weekend. Both game-winning goals came in the third period when the Huskies had the man advantage. Defensive Player of the Week Alicia Ramolla, a UConn defenseman, set up four of UConn's eight goals and the weekend and played a vital role in both the penalty kill and power play for the Huskies. Blueline partner Natalie Vibert led Sunday's 3-2 victory with the game-winning goal and two assists. Providence outshot the Huskies by a nearly 2-to-1 margin (58-31) but UConn junior Kaitlyn Shain was solid between the pipes, keeping the Friars at arm's length to pick up both wins.

UNH also swept a league weekend, dominating back-to-back games at Maine. Player of the Week Stephanie Jones had two goals in each game to extend her lengthy goal-scoring streak to eight games. Melissa Bourdon stopped 34 of 36 shots Saturday to preserve a 5-2 victory and one-upped herself with 28 saves on 28 shots in a 5-0 shutout win on Sunday.

Northeastern was overpowered by Harvard 9-1 in the first round of the Beanpot, but Boston College emerged victorious by the same score over BU's club team. Later in the week, BC and NU skated to a 4-4 tie with three different players picking up two goals each. With the tie, the Eagles snuck ahead of Maine for the vital fourth-place spot in Hockey East, which carries with it the final berth in the Hockey East tournament. BC will seek to knock off Harvard in Tuesday's Beanpot finale. Harvard has won six straight Beanpots.

RECENT RESULTS

Tuesday, February 8

Beanpot Tournament at Northeastern
 Boston College 9, Boston Univ. 1 (exh.)
 Harvard 9, at Northeastern 1

Saturday, February 12

New Hampshire 5, at Maine 2 *
 Connecticut 5, at Providence 3 *
 at Boston College 4, Northeastern 4 (OT) *

Sunday, February 13

New Hampshire 5, at Maine 0 *
 at Connecticut 3, Providence 2

UPCOMING GAMES

Tuesday, February 15

Beanpot Tournament (5/8pm)

Friday, February 18

Northeastern at Maine (4pm) *

Saturday, February 19

Northeastern at Maine (12noon) *
 New Hampshire at Connecticut (2pm) *
 Boston College at Providence (2pm) *

Sunday, February 20

New Hampshire at Connecticut (2pm) *
 Providence at Boston College (2pm) *

* Hockey East game
 All times Eastern

HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	HE Offense	HE Defense
New Hampshire	14	11	1	2	24	19-5-4	4.00 GPG	1.43 GAPG
Providence	14	10	3	1	21	15-9-4	3.29 GPG	2.21 GAPG
Connecticut	14	7	5	2	16	11-11-6	2.86 GPG	2.57 GAPG
Boston College	14	3	8	3	9	7-15-4	2.14 GPG	3.36 GAPG
Maine	14	3	9	2	8	12-11-3	1.79 GPG	2.23 GAPG
Northeastern	14	2	10	3	6	3-20-3	2.07 GPG	3.64 GAPG

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

STEPHANIE JONES – UNH
 Senior Forward; Kimberley, BC

Had two goals in each game to lead a two-game sweep at Maine and added one assist in Sunday's 5-0 shutout victory.

ITECH ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

NIKKI PETRICH – Northeastern
 Freshman Forward; Flint, MI

Scored two of Northeastern's four goals and set up one other to help the Huskies manage a 4-4 tie vs. Boston College.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

ALICIA RAMOLLA – Connecticut
 Sophomore Defenseman; Barrie, ON

A key element of UConn's power play and penalty kill, Ramolla had two assists in each of two victories over Providence.

HOCKEY EAST HONOR ROLL

- **Melissa Bourdon, UNH** (So. G; Ile Bizard, QC) – Stopped 62 of 64 shots faced over back-to-back victories at Maine, including all 28 in Sunday's 5-0 shutout win.
- **Sarah Courtney, BC** (Jr. F; Belmont, MA) - Scored two goals in a 4-4 tie vs. Northeastern, including the game-tying goal.
- **Leah Craig, UNH** (Fr. F; Seaforth, ON) – Had one goal and one assist in each of two victories at Maine.
- **Tristan Desmet, Maine** (Sr. F; Strathmore, AB) – Set up both Maine goals in a 5-2 loss to UNH.
- **Nicole Hekle, UNH** (So. F; Winnipeg, MB) – Had one goal and three assists in a sweep at Maine.
- **Taylor Palazeti, UNH** (Fr. F; Calgary, AB) – Scored three goals in a weekend sweep at Maine.
- **Crystal Rochon, NU** (So. F; St. Adolphe, MB) – Scored two goals and added one assist in a 4-4 tie vs. Boston College.
- **Kaitlyn Shain, UConn** (Jr. G; Calgary, AB) – Stopped 53 of 58 shots faced in a weekend sweep of Providence.
- **Deborah Spillane, BC** (Fr. F; Franklin, MA) – Scored two of BC's four goals in a 4-4 tie vs. Northeastern.
- **Natalie Vibert, UConn** (So. D; Thunder Bay, ON) - Factored into all three of UConn's goals in Sunday's 3-2 win, setting up the first two and scoring the game-winner.
- **Sonny Watrous, PC** (So. F; Albuquerque, NM) – Had two goals and two assists in a weekend series vs. Connecticut.

TEAM NOTES

Boston College: Six different players scored a goal in the 9-1 Beanpot win vs. BU ... Rookie Deb Spillane has had nine multiple-point games.

University of Connecticut: The weekend sweep over Providence was the second weekend sweep by the Huskies this year, and the first since early November vs. BC ... 10 of UConn's 18 skaters registered points this weekend, and five different players notched multi-point games.

University of Maine: Maine's defense had not given up five goals in a game this year until UNH did it twice this past weekend. Sunday's 5-0 loss marked just the third shutout suffered by the Black Bears this season.

University of New Hampshire: Stephanie Jones has scored nine of UNH's last 19 goals and has set up four others. She has an eight-game goal-scoring streak ... Nicole Hekle's 44 points is the highest single-season total by a Wildcat since Carisa Zaban recorded 72 points in the 1999-2000 season ... UNH is 14-1-2 when scoring the game's first goal and 18-0-3 when surrendering two goals or less.

Northeastern University: Of NU's six points in league play this season, five have come against BC. The Huskies are 0-9-1 vs. other Hockey East opponents in 2004-05.

Providence College: Junior Karen Thatcher ranks 10th nationally in points per game with 1.96 ... Senior Rush Zimmerman needs just three points to become the 14th Friar to reach the 150 career point mark and just 12 points to break the Friars' top 10 list.

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	11	610	8	1	1	.929	1.57
2 Amy Thomas, PC	Sr	12	724	9	2	1	.911	2.15
3 Kaitlyn Shain, CT	Jr	9	541	5	3	1	.914	2.44
4 Shannon Murphy, CT	Sr	5	300	2	2	1	.901	2.80
5 Rachel Gettings, ME	So	14	846	3	9	2	.870	2.83

LEADING GOALTENDERS (All games)

Player, School	Cl	GP	Min	W	L	T	SP	GAA
1 Melissa Bourdon, UNH	So	25	1441	16	5	3	.922	1.83
2 Rachel Gettings, ME	So	25	1506	12	11	2	.885	2.27
3 Amy Thomas, PC	Sr	26	1529	14	8	4	.898	2.47
4 Shannon Murphy, CT	Sr	13	713	4	4	4	.915	2.52
5 Kaitlyn Shain, CT	Jr	17	982	7	7	2	.913	2.56

LEADING SCORERS (League games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1	Karen Thatcher, PC	Jr	12	8	17	25
	Nicole Hekle, UNH	So	14	11	14	25
3	Stephanie Jones, UNH	Sr	14	13	10	23
	Rush Zimmerman, PC	Sr	14	10	11	21
5	Lindsay Hansen, UNH	Jr	14	4	14	18
6	Jaclyn Hawkins, UConn	Fr	12	11	3	14
	Deborah Spillane, BC	Fr	14	8	6	14
	Crystal Rochon, NU	So	14	6	8	14
	Leah Craig, UNH	Fr	14	5	9	14
	Tristan Desmet, Maine	Sr	15	7	7	14
	11	Sonny Watrous, PC	So	10	7	6
11	Sarah Feldman, BC	Fr	14	5	8	13
	Amy Goodney, NU	So	14	4	9	13
	Kerri Sanders, BC	Sr	14	4	9	13
15	Taylor Palazeti, UNH	Fr	14	7	5	12
	Nikki Petrich, NU	Fr	14	7	5	12

LEADING SCORERS (All games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1	Karen Thatcher, PC	Jr	23	19	26	45
2	Nicole Hekle, UNH	So	28	17	27	44
3	Rush Zimmerman, PC	Sr	28	17	26	43
4	Stephanie Jones, UNH	Sr	28	22	15	37
5	Sonny Watrous, PC	So	24	19	11	30
6	Lindsay Hansen, UNH	Jr	28	5	24	29
7	Deborah Spillane, BC	Fr	26	14	14	28
8	Jaclyn Hawkins, UConn	Fr	26	17	9	26
	Sarah Feldman, BC	Fr	26	14	12	26
	Tristan Desmet, Maine	Sr	27	12	14	26
11	Taylor Palazeti, UNH	Fr	28	13	11	24
	Tiffany Owens, UConn	Sr	28	12	12	24
13	Lindsey Caleo, UNH	So	28	3	20	23
14	Crystal Rochon, NU	So	25	7	13	20
	Andrea Steranko, Maine	Sr	26	9	11	20
	Leah Craig, UNH	Fr	28	9	11	20

TEAM STATISTICS (League games)

TEAM OFFENSE

Team	GP	G	GPG
1.New Hampshire.....	14	56	4.00
2.Providence.....	14	46	3.29
3.Connecticut.....	14	40	2.86
4.Boston College.....	14	30	2.14
5.Northeastern.....	14	29	2.07
6.Maine.....	14	25	1.79

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1.New Hampshire.....	14	20	1.43
2.Providence.....	14	31	2.21
3.Connecticut.....	14	36	2.57
4.Maine.....	14	41	2.93
5.Boston College.....	14	47	3.36
6.Northeastern.....	14	51	3.64

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1.Providence.....	14	16	77	1	.208
2.Boston College.....	14	16	80	2	.200
3.Connecticut.....	14	15	77	0	.195
4.New Hampshire.....	14	15	87	1	.172
5.Northeastern.....	14	11	68	2	.162
6.Maine.....	14	8	85	4	.094

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1.New Hampshire.....	14	8	80	2	.900
2.Connecticut.....	14	12	71	4	.831
Providence.....	14	12	71	1	.831
4.Boston College.....	14	14	78	2	.821
5.Maine.....	14	15	78	0	.808
6.Northeastern.....	14	20	96	1	.792

TEAM STATISTICS (All games)

TEAM OFFENSE

Team	GP	G	GPG
1.New Hampshire.....	28	95	3.39
2.Providence.....	28	86	3.07
3.Connecticut.....	28	74	2.64
4.Maine.....	26	65	2.50
5.Boston College.....	26	57	2.19
6.Northeastern.....	26	47	1.81

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1.New Hampshire.....	28	48	1.71
2.Maine.....	26	60	2.31
3.Connecticut.....	28	74	2.64
Providence.....	28	74	2.64
5.Boston College.....	26	84	3.23
6.Northeastern.....	26	112	4.31

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1.Boston College.....	26	31	149	4	.208
2.Providence.....	28	36	188	2	.191
3.New Hampshire.....	28	33	186	2	.177
4.Connecticut.....	28	32	185	0	.173
5.Northeastern.....	26	19	152	8	.125
6.Maine.....	26	16	160	7	.100

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1.New Hampshire.....	28	14	179	3	.922
2.Providence.....	28	23	183	1	.874
3.Maine.....	26	21	151	1	.861
4.Boston College.....	26	27	150	2	.820
5.Connecticut.....	28	29	156	4	.814
6.Northeastern.....	26	38	179	1	.788



Boston College
7-15-4 (3-8-3 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	L	1-3	
23 at Mercyhurst	L	0-6	

FEBRUARY			
4 at Connecticut	L	1-4	
6 CONNECTICUT	W	2-1	
8 vs. BU (B) (exh.)	W	9-1	
12 NORTHEASTERN	T+	4-4	
15 vs. Harvard (B)	8pm		
19 at Providence	8pm		
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
11-11-6 (7-5-2 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	W	5-3	
13 PROVIDENCE	W	3-2	
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
12-11-3 (3-9-2 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	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	L	2-5	
13 NEW HAMPSHIRE	L	0-5	
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
19-5-4 (11-1-2 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	1-5	
30 PROVIDENCE	W	2-1	

FEBRUARY			
4 at Northeastern	W	2-1	
12 at Maine	W	5-2	
13 at Maine	W	5-0	
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
3-20-3 (2-10-2 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	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)	L	1-9	
12 at Boston College	T+	4-4	
15 Boston U. (B) (exh.)	5pm		
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
(B) – Beanpot Tournament at NU



Providence
15-9-4 (10-3-1 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	
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22 NORTHEASTERN	W	3-1	
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29 NEW HAMPSHIRE	W	5-1	
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FEBRUARY			
5 MAINE	W+	2-1	
6 MAINE	W	4-1	
12 CONNECTICUT	L	3-5	
13 at Connecticut	L	2-3	
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