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CONNECTICUT HAS THE LOOK OF A CONTENDER *UConn Huskies take three of four points from first-place UNH*

The established power structure in Hockey East is no more.

Following a sweep of two-time champion Providence a week prior, the UConn Huskies took three out of four points in a two-game series vs. first-place UNH this past weekend, solidifying their status as legitimate Hockey East title contenders. The Wildcats outshot the host Huskies by a 2-to-1 margin (34-to-17) in the opener on Saturday but UConn goaltender Kaitlyn Shain was up to the task, stopping every shot she faced. UNH's Brittany Busa was her equal at the other end, and the game ended in a 0-0 deadlock. In the rematch, Shannon Connolly and Jaclyn Hawkins connected for two goals and Megan McLeod made it 3-0 before UNH made it interesting with two goals late in the second period. Shain stopped 30 of 32 shots faced, including all 12 faced in the third period.

Boston College threw its own wrench into the mix with an unexpected 4-1 win at Providence on Saturday, scoring three third-period goals in less than a minute to put the game away. The Friars unleashed 43 shots on goal, only to see BC 'tender Alison Quandt turn aside 42 of them. But the Friars outduelled Quandt on Sunday, picking up a 4-2 win at BC courtesy of two goals and one assist coming from senior Rush Zimmerman.

Looking to keep BC at bay in the hunt for the final playoff spot, the Maine Black Bears registered a sweep at home vs. Northeastern. Senior Tristan Desmet led the way in the first game, scoring the opening goal and the game-winner in a 3-2 triumph. Maine held control throughout the rematch, winning 5-0 behind an 16-save shutout victory for goaltender Rachel Gettings.

Maine is only one point ahead of Boston College, and must play two against BC in Boston next weekend. Saturday's game will be played at Northeastern's Matthews Arena due to a scheduling conflict at BC's Conte Forum.

If that's not enough to pique the interest of Hockey East fans, don't forget that UNH and Providence will have a home-and-home set next weekend as well. UNH can win its second consecutive regular season title with three points in the set.

RECENT RESULTS

Tuesday, February 15

Beanpot Tournament at Northeastern
 at Northeastern 4, Boston U. 0 (exh.)
 Harvard 6, Boston College 1

Friday, February 18

at Maine 3, Northeastern 2 *

Saturday, February 19

at Maine 5, Northeastern 0 *
 at Connecticut 0, New Hampshire 0 (OT) *
 Boston College 4, at Providence 1 *

Sunday, February 20

at Connecticut 3, New Hampshire 2 *
 Providence 4, at Boston College 2 *

UPCOMING GAMES

Saturday, February 26

Providence at New Hampshire (2pm) *
 Northeastern at Connecticut (2pm) *
 Maine vs. Boston College (at NU - 4pm) *

Sunday, February 27

Maine at Boston College (1pm) *
 New Hampshire at Providence (2pm) *
 Connecticut at Northeastern (2pm) *

* Hockey East game
 All times Eastern

HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Remaining Opponents
New Hampshire	16	11	2	3	25	19-6-5	PC, at PC, BC, at BC
Providence	16	11	4	1	23	16-10-4	at UNH, UNH, at NU, NU
Connecticut	16	8	5	3	19	12-11-7	NU, at NU, at Maine (2)
Maine	16	5	9	2	12	14-11-3	vs. BC, at BC, UConn (2)
Boston College	16	4	9	3	11	8-17-4	Maine (2), at UNH, UNH
Northeastern	16	2	12	2	6	3-22-3	at UConn, UConn, PC, at PC

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

KAITLYN SHAIN – Connecticut
Junior Goaltender; Calgary, AB

Kept UConn's hot streak intact by stopping all 34 shots she faced in a 0-0 tie vs. UNH on Saturday and 30 of 32 in the rematch, a 3-2 Husky win.

ITECH ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

JULIE POULIN – Maine
Freshman Defenseman; Beauceville, QC

Set up one goal in a 5-0 win over Northeastern and iced the game with a short-handed long-distance empty-net tally in the final minute.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

ALISON QUANDT – Boston College
Junior Goaltender; Wayland, MA

Earned Boston College a huge two-point win at Providence, stopping 42 of 43 shots faced to preserve a 4-1 victory.

HOCKEY EAST HONOR ROLL

- **Brittany Busa, UNH** (So. G; Concord, MA) – Stopped all 17 shots faced in a 0-0 tie at Connecticut on Saturday and totalled 37 saves on 39 shots faced in the weekend series.
- **Shannon Connolly, UConn** (Sr. F; Baldwinsville, NY) – Had one goal and one assist to lead UConn to a 3-2 win over UNH.
- **Tristan Desmet, Maine** (Sr. F; Strathmore, AB) – Scored three goals in a weekend sweep of Northeastern, including two in Friday's slim 3-2 win.
- **Rachel Gettings, Maine** (So. G; Watervliet, NY) – Stopped all 16 shots she faced Saturday to earn her fourth shutout of the year and finished the weekend sweep with 35 saves on 37 shots faced.
- **Jaclyn Hawkins, UConn** (Fr. F; Manotick, ON) – Had one goal and one assist to lead UConn to a 3-2 win over UNH.
- **Marisa Hourihan, NU** (Jr. G; Hanover, MA) – Stopped 38 of 41 shots in a narrow 3-2 loss at Maine Friday.
- **Rush Zimmerman, PC** (Sr. F; Grosse Pointe, MI) – Had three of BC's five goals and assisted on one other in a split vs. BC.

TEAM NOTES

Boston College: BC scored three goals in 53 seconds on Saturday en route to a 4-1 win, its first win vs. Providence since March 3, 2002.

University of Connecticut: The Huskies skated to their first ever scoreless tie on Saturday ... UConn's 12 wins and 7 ties are both new school records ... UConn joins Providence as the only teams to ever defeat UNH in Hockey East play.

University of Maine: Maine is undefeated at 11-0-1 when scoring three or more goals in a game this season but only 3-11-2 when scoring two or less.

University of New Hampshire: Saturday's scoreless tie was just the second in the 741-game history of the program. The other occurred Jan. 30, 1999, vs. Minnesota ... Prior to surrendering three goals to UConn on Sunday, the Wildcats had allowed just four goals in the previous five games.

Northeastern University: Marisa Hourihan ranks first in the nation in saves with 1073 ... NU's 5-0 loss at Maine Saturday was its first league loss by more than two goals in 2005. They had four one-goal losses and one two-goal loss to go with a win and two ties.

Providence College: Senior Rush Zimmerman had four points on the week to pass the 150-point mark for her career ... Head Coach Bob Deraney needs four more wins to record his fourth consecutive 20-win season.

Save the Date: The New England Hockey Writers' Banquet has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 13, at Prince Restaurant in Saugus.

ITECH Three Star Leaders:

Name	Cl	Pos	School
Jaclyn Hawkins	Fr	F	UConn
Nicole Hekle	So	F	UNH
Stephanie Jones	Sr	F	UNH
Kaitlyn Shain	Jr	G	UConn
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	12	630	8	1	1	.927	1.62
3 Kaitlyn Shain, CT	Jr	11	667	6	3	2	.925	2.16
2 Amy Thomas, PC	Sr	14	831	10	3	1	.904	2.24
5 Rachel Gettings, ME	So	16	966	5	9	2	.877	2.61
5 Alison Quandt, BC	Jr	8	486	3	3	2	.889	2.84

LEADING GOALTENDERS (All games)

Player, School	Cl	GP	Min	W	L	T	SP	GAA
1 Melissa Bourdon, UNH	So	26	1461	16	5	3	.921	1.85
2 Rachel Gettings, ME	So	27	1626	14	11	2	.889	2.18
3 Kaitlyn Shain, CT	Jr	19	1107	8	7	3	.920	2.38
4 Amy Thomas, PC	Sr	28	1637	15	9	4	.895	2.49
5 Shannon Murphy, CT	Sr	13	713	4	4	4	.915	2.52

LEADING SCORERS (League games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1	Karen Thatcher, PC	Jr	14	9	18	27
2	Nicole Hekle, UNH	So	16	11	15	26
3	Rush Zimmerman, PC	Sr	16	13	12	25
4	Stephanie Jones, UNH	Sr	16	13	10	23
5	Lindsay Hansen, UNH	Jr	16	4	15	19
6	Tristan Desmet, Maine	Sr	16	10	7	17
7	Jaclyn Hawkins, UConn	Fr	14	12	4	16
8	Sonny Watrous, PC	So	12	7	8	15
	Deborah Spillane, BC	Fr	16	9	6	15
	Leah Craig, UNH	Fr	16	6	9	15
	Crystal Rochon, NU	So	16	6	9	15
12	Kerri Sanders, BC	Sr	16	5	9	14
	Amy Goodney, NU	So	16	4	10	14
14	Taylor Palazeti, UNH	Fr	16	8	5	13
	Nikki Petrich, NU	Fr	16	8	5	13
	Sarah Feldman, BC	Fr	16	5	8	13

LEADING SCORERS (All games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1	Karen Thatcher, PC	Jr	25	20	27	47
	Rush Zimmerman, PC	Sr	30	20	27	47
3	Nicole Hekle, UNH	So	30	17	28	45
4	Stephanie Jones, UNH	Sr	30	22	15	37
5	Sonny Watrous, PC	So	26	19	13	32
6	Deborah Spillane, BC	Fr	29	15	15	30
	Lindsay Hansen, UNH	Jr	30	5	25	30
8	Tristan Desmet, Maine	Sr	29	15	14	29
9	Jaclyn Hawkins, UConn	Fr	28	18	10	28
10	Sarah Feldman, BC	Fr	29	15	12	27
11	Taylor Palazeti, UNH	Fr	30	14	11	25
	Tiffany Owens, UConn	Sr	30	12	13	25
13	Lindsey Caleo, UNH	So	30	3	20	23
14	Cheryl White, Maine	Jr	26	12	9	21
	Crystal Rochon, NU	So	27	7	14	21
	Kerri Sanders, BC	Sr	29	6	15	21
	Leah Craig, UNH	Fr	30	10	11	21

TEAM STATISTICS (League games)

TEAM OFFENSE

Team	GP	G	GPG
1.New Hampshire.....	16	58	3.62
2.Providence.....	16	51	3.19
3.Connecticut.....	16	43	2.69
4.Boston College.....	16	36	2.25
5.Maine.....	16	33	2.06
6.Northeastern.....	16	31	1.94

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1.New Hampshire.....	16	23	1.44
2.Providence.....	16	37	2.31
3.Connecticut.....	16	38	2.38
4.Maine.....	16	43	2.69
5.Boston College.....	16	52	3.25
6.Northeastern.....	16	59	3.69

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1.Providence.....	16	17	85	1	.200
2.Boston College.....	16	17	90	2	.189
3.Connecticut.....	16	15	83	0	.181
4.New Hampshire.....	16	16	92	1	.174
5.Northeastern.....	16	12	82	3	.146
6.Maine.....	16	11	100	4	.110

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1.New Hampshire.....	16	8	86	2	.907
2.Providence.....	16	13	81	1	.840
3.Connecticut.....	16	13	76	4	.829
4.Boston College.....	16	15	86	2	.826
Maine.....	16	16	92	1	.826
6.Northeastern.....	16	23	111	1	.793

TEAM STATISTICS (All games)

TEAM OFFENSE

Team	GP	G	GPG
1.New Hampshire.....	30	97	3.23
2.Providence.....	30	91	3.03
3.Maine.....	28	73	2.61
4.Connecticut.....	30	77	2.57
5.Boston College.....	29	64	2.21
6.Northeastern.....	28	49	1.75

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1.New Hampshire.....	30	51	1.70
2.Maine.....	28	62	2.21
3.Connecticut.....	30	76	2.53
4.Providence.....	30	80	2.67
5.Boston College.....	29	95	3.28
6.Northeastern.....	28	120	4.29

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1.Boston College.....	29	33	166	5	.199
2.Providence.....	30	37	196	2	.189
3.New Hampshire.....	30	34	191	2	.178
4.Connecticut.....	30	32	191	0	.168
5.Northeastern.....	28	20	166	9	.120
6.Maine.....	28	19	175	7	.109

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1.New Hampshire.....	30	14	185	3	.924
2.Providence.....	30	24	193	1	.876
3.Maine.....	28	22	165	2	.867
4.Boston College.....	29	30	164	2	.817
5.Connecticut.....	30	30	161	4	.814
6.Northeastern.....	28	41	194	1	.789