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BC SWEEP MAY LIFT EAGLES INTO PLAYOFFS *Providence moves into driver's seat with a win and a tie vs. UNH*

Just three weeks ago, BC's hopes for its first-ever Hockey East playoff berth seemed far-fetched. The Eagles were 2-8-2, and beyond the midpoint in league play, with four of their remaining eight games against top rivals UNH and Providence. But credit diligence, a fine freshman class and timely goaltending for BC's resurgence, a 4-1-1 streak in league play that has the Eagles right on the cusp of clinching that elusive playoff spot.

BC solidified its destiny with a two-game sweep vs. visiting Maine, who held a one-point advantage over the Eagles coming into the head-to-head weekend. The Eagles got two goals from rookie Deb Spillane in Saturday's contest (at neutral site Northeastern) and goaltender Alison Quandt did the rest, stopping 32 Black Bear shots in a 2-1 BC win. Sunday's rematch at Conte Forum featured an offensive explosion for the Eagles, as BC put in five goals and got 33 more saves from Quandt en route to a 5-2 victory. BC will clinch the final Hockey East playoff berth with one point in a two-game set vs. UNH, or a loss or tie by Maine in its final two games (hosting UConn next weekend.)

BC's sweep upstaged what was long-reckoned to be the main event, a home-and-home series between league leaders UNH and Providence. The Friars managed a tie in the opener at the Whittemore Center Saturday, getting a late goal from rookie Rachel Crissy to even the affair, 3-3. Back in Providence on Sunday, the Friars built a 4-0 lead and survived a wild Wildcat rally in the third period to emerge with a 4-3 win. Crissy was credited with the game-winning goal in that contest. The three-point weekend moved the Friars into a tie for first place with UNH, and Providence owns the head-to-head tiebreaker advantage.

UConn's Jaclyn Hawkins furthered her case for Rookie of the Year consideration with her second hat trick of the season in Saturday's 4-1 win vs. Northeastern. NU fought back for a 1-1 tie on Sunday, getting the equalizer from Stephanie Wood with just 12 seconds remaining in regulation. UConn is on a six-game undefeated streak, the second-longest in team history behind the eight-game streak set earlier this season.

HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Remaining
Providence	18	12	4	2	26	17-10-5	at NU, NU
New Hampshire	18	11	3	4	26	19-7-6	BC, at BC
Connecticut	18	9	5	4	22	13-11-8	at Maine (2)
Boston College	18	6	9	3	15	10-17-4	at UNH, UNH
Maine	18	5	11	2	12	14-13-3	UConn (2)
Northeastern	18	2	13	3	7	3-23-4	PC, at PC

RECENT RESULTS

Saturday, February 26

at New Hampshire 3, Providence 3 (OT) *
 at Connecticut 4, Northeastern 1 *
 Boston College 2, Maine 1 *(at NU)

Sunday, February 27

at Boston College 5, Maine 2 *
 at Providence 4, New Hampshire 3 *
 at Northeastern 1, Connecticut 1 (OT) *

UPCOMING GAMES

Friday, March 4

Connecticut at Maine (4pm) *

Saturday, March 5

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

Sunday, March 6

NU at Providence (2pm - CoxSports) *
 New Hampshire at Boston College (2pm) *

* Hockey East game

All times Eastern

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

DEBORAH SPILLANE – Boston College
Freshman Forward; Franklin, MA

Had three goals in a sweep vs. Maine, including a short-handed game-winner in the third period of Saturday's 2-1 triumph.

ITECH ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

RACHEL CRISSY – Providence
Freshman Forward; Naperville, IL

Scored the game-tying goal in Saturday's 3-3 tie at UNH and notched the game-winner in Sunday's 4-3 victory.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

ALISON QUANDT – Boston College
Junior Goaltender; Wayland, MA

Stopped 65 of 68 shots faced in a dramatic two-game sweep of Maine, including 32 of 33 in a narrow 2-1 win on Saturday.

HOCKEY EAST HONOR ROLL

- **Hilary Greaves, PC** (Sr. F; Cranston, RI) – Scored on a penalty shot and had one assist in a 4-3 win over UNH.
- **Jaclyn Hawkins, UConn** (Fr. F; Manotick, ON) – Notched her second hat trick of the season to lead a 4-1 win vs. Northeastern on Saturday.
- **Jennifer Hitchcock, UNH** (Fr. F; LaSalle, ON) – Had one goal in each of two games vs. Providence.
- **Marisa Hourihan, NU** (Jr. G; Hanover, MA) – Stopped 42 of 43 shots in a 1-1 tie Sunday vs. UConn.
- **Jill McInnis, BC** (Jr. D; Quincy, MA) – Had a goal and two assists in a weekend sweep vs. Maine.
- **Kaitlyn Shain, UConn** (Jr. G; Calgary, AB) – Allowed just two goals on 49 shots faced vs. Northeastern this weekend.
- **Andrea Steranko, Maine** (Sr. F; Regina, SK) – Scored one goal and set up the other in Sunday's 5-2 loss at BC.
- **Cristin Stuart, BC** (Fr. D; Rochester, MN) – Led a 5-2 win vs. Maine Sunday, setting up three goals.
- **Sonny Watrous, PC** (So. F; Albuquerque, NM) – Set up two goals in a 3-3 tie at UNH Saturday.

TEAM NOTES

Boston College: The Eagles went 3-for-7 on the power play in Sunday's 5-2 win vs. Maine ... Rookies Deborah Spillane and Colleen Harris have tallied six points each in four games against Maine this season.

University of Connecticut: UConn tied the single-season NCAA record with their eighth tie on Sunday ... Rookie Jaclyn Hawkins needs just two goals and four points to tie the school records in each category, both held by Kim Berry.

University of Maine: The sweep suffered at the hands of BC this past weekend was the first for the Black Bears vs. a Hockey East team other than Providence or UNH.

University of New Hampshire: Stephanie Jones moved into a tie for 10th place on UNH's career goals list with the 78th of her career Saturday vs. Providence ... UNH's four-game winless streak (0-2-2) is the longest in the three-year tenure of head coach Brian McCloskey ... The Wildcats have a 1-7-1 record when allowing three or more goals in a game.

Northeastern University: NU's 1-1 tie Sunday vs. No. 10 ranked UConn was the first non-loss for NU vs. a top 10 team ... Goaltender Marisa Hourihan still leads the nation in total saves (1149).

Providence College: The Friars are 6-2-2 in their last 10 home games vs. UNH but are only 0-9-2 in their last meetings at the Whittemore Center ... The Friars own an impressive 4-2-2 record vs. teams ranked in the top 10.

In Other News: Former NU goaltender Chanda Gunn, the 2003-04 Hockey Humanitarian Award winner, has been named to the U.S. Women's National Team which will compete in the World Championships in Sweden in April ... U.S. College Hockey Online announced that it will carry live broadcasts of all three games of the Hockey East championship tournament, March 12-13, from BU's Walter Brown Arena.



LEADING GOALTENDERS (League games)

Player, School	CI	GP	Min	W	L	T	SP	GAA
1 Melissa Bourdon, UNH	So	14	753	8	2	2	.917	1.91
2 Kaitlyn Shain, CT	Jr	13	791	7	3	3	.930	1.97
3 Amy Thomas, PC	Sr	16	956	11	3	2	.903	2.32
4 Alison Quandt, BC	Jr	10	606	5	3	2	.906	2.57
5 Rachel Gettings, ME	So	18	1086	5	11	2	.869	2.70

LEADING GOALTENDERS (All games)

Player, School	CI	GP	Min	W	L	T	SP	GAA
1 Melissa Bourdon, UNH	So	28	1584	16	6	4	.917	1.97
2 Kaitlyn Shain, CT	Jr	21	1232	9	7	4	.923	2.24
3 Rachel Gettings, ME	So	29	1746	14	13	2	.883	2.27
4 Shannon Murphy, CT	Sr	13	713	4	4	4	.915	2.52
Amy Thomas, PC	Sr	30	1762	16	9	5	.895	2.52

LEADING SCORERS (League games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1	Karen Thatcher, PC	Jr	16	10	18	28
	Nicole Hekle, UNH	So	18	12	16	28
3	Rush Zimmerman, PC	Sr	18	14	13	27
4	Stephanie Jones, UNH	Sr	18	14	11	25
5	Lindsay Hansen, UNH	Jr	18	4	16	20
6	Jaclyn Hawkins, UConn	Fr	16	15	4	19
7	Deborah Spillane, BC	Fr	18	12	6	18
	Tristan Desmet, Maine	Sr	18	11	7	18
9	Sonny Watrous, PC	So	14	7	10	17
10	Leah Craig, UNH	Fr	18	6	10	16
11	Crystal Rochon, NU	So	18	6	9	15
	Kerri Sanders, BC	Sr	18	5	10	15
	Amy Goodney, NU	So	18	4	11	15
14	Taylor Palazeti, UNH	Fr	18	9	5	14

LEADING SCORERS (All games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1	Rush Zimmerman, PC	Sr	32	21	28	49
2	Karen Thatcher, PC	Jr	27	21	27	48
3	Nicole Hekle, UNH	So	32	18	29	47
4	Stephanie Jones, UNH	Sr	32	23	16	39
5	Sonny Watrous, PC	So	28	19	15	34
6	Deborah Spillane, BC	Fr	31	18	15	33
7	Jaclyn Hawkins, UConn	Fr	30	21	10	31
	Lindsay Hansen, UNH	Jr	32	5	26	31
9	Tristan Desmet, Maine	Sr	31	16	14	30
10	Sarah Feldman, BC	Fr	31	15	12	27
11	Taylor Palazeti, UNH	Fr	32	15	11	26
	Tiffany Owens, UConn	Sr	32	12	14	26
13	Lindsey Caleo, UNH	So	32	3	22	25
14	Colleen Harris, BC	Fr	25	9	13	22
	Andrea Steranko, Maine	Sr	30	10	12	22
	Kerri Sanders, BC	Sr	31	6	16	22
	Leah Craig, UNH	Fr	32	10	12	22

TEAM STATISTICS (League games)

TEAM OFFENSE

Team	GP	G	GPG
1.New Hampshire.....	18	64	3.56
2.Providence.....	18	58	3.22
3.Connecticut.....	18	48	2.67
4.Boston College.....	18	43	2.39
5.Maine.....	18	36	2.00
6.Northeastern.....	18	33	1.83

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1.New Hampshire.....	18	30	1.67
2.Connecticut.....	18	40	2.22
3.Providence.....	18	43	2.39
4.Maine.....	18	50	2.78
5.Boston College.....	18	55	3.06
6.Northeastern.....	18	64	3.56

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1.Providence.....	18	19	92	1	.207
2.Boston College.....	18	20	100	3	.200
3.New Hampshire.....	18	19	107	1	.178
4.Connecticut.....	18	17	98	0	.173
5.Northeastern.....	18	12	91	4	.132
6.Maine.....	18	13	112	5	.116

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1.New Hampshire.....	18	10	93	2	.892
2.Connecticut.....	18	13	85	5	.847
3.Providence.....	18	16	96	1	.833
4.Boston College.....	18	17	98	3	.827
5.Maine.....	18	19	102	2	.814
6.Northeastern.....	18	25	126	1	.802

TEAM STATISTICS (All games)

TEAM OFFENSE

Team	GP	G	GPG
1.New Hampshire.....	32	103	3.22
2.Providence.....	32	98	3.06
3.Connecticut.....	32	82	2.56
4.Maine.....	30	76	2.53
5.Boston College.....	31	71	2.29
6.Northeastern.....	30	51	1.70

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1.New Hampshire.....	32	58	1.81
2.Maine.....	30	69	2.30
3.Connecticut.....	32	78	2.44
4.Providence.....	32	86	2.69
5.Boston College.....	31	98	3.16
6.Northeastern.....	30	125	4.17

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1.Boston College.....	31	36	176	6	.205
2.Providence.....	32	39	203	2	.192
3.New Hampshire.....	32	37	206	2	.180
4.Connecticut.....	32	34	206	0	.165
5.Northeastern.....	30	20	175	10	.114
6.Maine.....	30	21	187	8	.112

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1.New Hampshire.....	32	16	192	3	.917
2.Providence.....	32	27	208	1	.870
3.Maine.....	30	25	175	3	.857
4.Connecticut.....	32	30	170	5	.824
5.Boston College.....	31	32	176	3	.818
6.Northeastern.....	30	43	209	1	.794