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# WOMEN'S LEAGUE

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## THREE-PEAT FOR PROVIDENCE

### *Friars knock out feisty UConn – now headed to Minnesota for NAAs*

The Providence College Friars made it three-for-three on Sunday, winning their third straight Hockey East tournament title in what is just the league's third year of existence. The two-time regular season champs added to their trophy case with a hard-fought 3-1 win over the University of Connecticut.

That ended a program-record nine-game undefeated streak for UConn, who advanced to its first-ever championship game with a dramatic 5-4 OT win vs. UNH in Saturday's semifinal, a battle of special teams. The Huskies got three power-play goals and survived two 4-on-4 goals by the Wildcats to emerge victorious. Senior sniper Tiffany Owens had two power-play goals, including the game-winner, to lead the charge. Rookie teammate Jaclyn Hawkins, the ITECH Hockey East Rookie of the Year, tied the game 4-4 late in the third period and set up Owens' winner in OT.

Providence paved a much less rocky route to the final, scoring four goals in the first period of what would eventually be a 9-1 victory over Boston College. Senior Rush Zimmerman had a pure hat trick in the second period, but fellow offensive stars Sonny Watrous (2 G, 3 A) and Karen Thatcher (5 assists) were equally impressive.

Just a month removed from a sweep suffered at the hands of the Huskies, the Friars exacted revenge in the championship game. After yielding the first goal of the game, PC shut down the UConn attack, limiting the Huskies to just six shots-on-goal for the rest of the contest. The pucks started going in for the Friars, who went ahead 2-1 at the 14:06 mark of the third and put it away three minutes later. Zimmerman had two assists in the finale and was named the Pure Hockey Tournament MVP.

With the victory, the Friars secured Hockey East's first-ever berth in the expanded NCAA Women's Ice Hockey Championship Tournament. Though three-time champions of Hockey East, the Friars were given the toughest draw of any NCAA tournament participant, and will be sent West to face top seed Minnesota on Friday night.

### HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	HE Offense	HE Defense
1. Providence	20	14	4	2	30	21-10-5	3.25 GPG	2.40 GAPG
New Hampshire	20	13	3	4	30	21-8-6	3.80 GPG	1.65 GAPG
3. Connecticut	20	11	5	4	26	16-12-8	2.75 GPG	2.15 GAPG
4. Boston College	20	6	11	3	15	10-20-4	2.30 GPG	3.35 GAPG
5. Maine	20	5	13	2	12	14-15-3	1.95 GPG	2.85 GAPG
6. Northeastern	20	2	15	3	7	3-25-4	1.90 GPG	3.55 GAPG

### HOCKEY EAST TOURNAMENT

#### Saturday, March 12

Semifinal Round

#1 Providence 9, #4 Boston College 1  
 #3 Connecticut 5, #2 UNH 4 (OT)

#### Sunday, March 13

Championship Game

Providence 3, Connecticut 1

### NCAA TOURNAMENT

#### Friday, March 18

Quarterfinal Round

PROVIDENCE at Minnesota (8pm)  
 St. Lawrence at Minnesota-Duluth (8pm)

#### Saturday, March 19

Quarterfinal Round

Mercyhurst at Harvard (4pm)  
 Wisconsin at Dartmouth (7pm)

#### Friday, March 25

Semifinals at UNH (5/8pm - CSTV)

#### Sunday, March 27

Third-place game at UNH (12:30pm)  
 Championship game at UNH (4pm - CSTV)

All times Eastern

### PLAYER OF THE WEEK

**RUSH ZIMMERMAN – Providence**  
*Senior Forward; Grosse Pointe, MI*

Pure Hockey Tournament MVP had a pure hat trick in the second period of a 9-1 win over BC and set up two third-period goals in a 3-1 title game win over UConn.

### ITECH ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

**JACLYN HAWKINS – Connecticut**  
*Freshman Forward; Manotick, ON*

Scored the game-tying goal and set up the game-winner in a 5-4 OT win in the semifinal vs. UNH. Also set up the game's opening goal to finish with three points.

### DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

**KRISTIN GIGLIOTTI – Providence**  
*Sophomore Defenseman; Sauquoit, NY*

Had one goal in each game, including the tournament-winning goal, and added three assists in the tourney. Helped limit BC and UConn to just one goal each.

## HOCKEY EAST HONOR ROLL

- **Danielle Bourgette, PC** (Sr. D; Anaheim, CA) – Set up two of three PC goals in a 3-1 title game win vs. UConn.
- **Tiffany Owens, UConn** (Sr. F; Belleville, MI) – Scored two power-play goals, including the OT game-winner, in a 5-4 semifinal win over UNH. Assisted on the only UConn goal vs. Providence in the title game.
- **Kaitlyn Shain, UConn** (Jr. G; Calgary, AB) – Made 32 saves in a 5-4 OT win vs. UNH and 27 in a 3-1 title game loss to top seed Providence. Many of those came on point-blank opportunities.
- **Karen Thatcher, PC** (Jr. F; Douglas, MA) – Powered the Friars to a 9-1 win over Boston College with five assists. Notched her first goal of the tournament with under three minutes remaining in the final, giving PC some much-needed insurance.
- **Amy Thomas, PC** (Sr. G; Austin, TX) – Allowed just one goal in each of two tournament games, stopping 42 of 44 shots faced.
- **Sonny Watrous, PC** (So. F; Albuquerque, NM) – Exploded for two goals and three assists in a 9-1 semifinal win vs. BC.
- **Natalie Vibert, UConn** (So. D; Thunder Bay, ON) – Had one goal and one assist in a 5-4 OT win vs. UNH.

## TEAM NOTES

**Boston College:** Deborah Spillane finished the season as the team leader in points with 36. She ended the season with a six-game point streak ... Freshmen Spillane (19 goals), Sarah Feldman (16) and Colleen Harris (9) finished the season 1-2-3 in goal-scoring for the Eagles. The BC freshmen class this season combined for 112 points ... Defenseman Jill McInnis ended the season with six points in her last seven games.

**University of Connecticut:** UConn ended the season with 16 wins, five better than its previous best ... In her first season with the Huskies, Jaclyn Hawkins has established new team records for single season goals (25) and points (39).

**University of New Hampshire:** Senior captain Stephanie Jones played in 142 career games, one less than the UNH record. She finished her career with 78 goals and 64 assists for 142 points ... Saturday's overtime loss ended UNH's 11-game unbeaten streak (2-0-9) in OT games. It also marked just the third time all season that UNH held a lead at any point in a game and lost ... The three power-play goals allowed Saturday were the most by the Wildcats this season. UConn was 1-for-22 on the power play vs. UNH in the four regular season games.

**Providence College:** Head Coach Bob Deraney has posted four consecutive 20-win seasons, and five in the past six years ... Rush Zimmerman's five-point weekend moved her into the top 10 on PC's all-time points list with 161 for her career ... The 2005 Hockey East title was PC's 10th championship tournament crown. The Friars won seven ECAC titles and have won the first three Hockey East titles.

## WOMEN'S HOCKEY EAST CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT



**Pure Hockey MVP:** Rush Zimmerman, Providence



### CCM All-Tournament Team:

Amy Thomas, Sr. G, Providence  
 Kristin Gigliotti, So. D, Providence  
 Natalie Vibert, So. D, Connecticut  
 Tiffany Owens, Sr. F, Connecticut  
 Sonny Watrous, So. F., Providence  
 Rush Zimmerman, Sr. F, Providence

## LEADING GOALTENDERS (League games)

	Player, School	CI	GP	Min	W	L	T	SP	GAA
1	Melissa Bourdon, UNH	So	16	874	10	2	2	.915	1.85
2	Kaitlyn Shain, CT	Jr	15	911	9	3	3	.935	1.91
3	Amy Thomas, PC	Sr	18	1077	13	3	2	.901	2.34
4	Alison Quandt, BC	Jr	12	706	5	5	2	.902	2.72
5	Rachel Gettings, ME	So	20	1205	5	13	2	.861	2.79

## LEADING GOALTENDERS (All games)

	Player, School	CI	GP	Min	W	L	T	SP	GAA
1	Melissa Bourdon, UNH	So	31	1747	18	6	4	.913	1.99
2	Kaitlyn Shain, CT	Jr	25	1482	12	8	4	.924	2.27
3	Rachel Gettings, ME	So	31	1864	14	15	2	.877	2.35
4	Amy Thomas, PC	Sr	34	2002	20	9	5	.898	2.43
5	Alison Quandt, BC	Jr	24	1392	8	13	3	.889	3.14

### LEADING SCORERS (League games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1	Nicole Hekle, UNH	So	20	13	20	33
2	Karen Thatcher, PC	Jr	18	13	19	32
3	Rush Zimmerman, PC	Sr	20	16	14	30
4	Stephanie Jones, UNH	Sr	20	14	12	26
	Lindsay Hansen, UNH	Jr	20	8	18	26
6	Jaclyn Hawkins, UConn	Fr	18	18	6	24
7	Leah Craig, UNH	Fr	20	7	14	21
8	Deborah Spillane, BC	Fr	20	13	7	20
9	Tristan Desmet, Maine	Sr	20	12	7	19
10	Sonny Watrous, PC	So	16	7	10	17
	Amy Goodney, NU	So	20	4	13	17
12	Jennifer Hitchcock, UNH	Fr	20	10	6	16
	Kerri Sanders, BC	Sr	20	6	10	16
	Crystal Rochon, NU	So	20	7	9	16

### LEADING SCORERS (All games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1	Karen Thatcher, PC	Jr	31	25	33	58
2	Rush Zimmerman, PC	Sr	36	26	31	57
3	Nicole Hekle, UNH	So	35	19	33	52
4	Stephanie Jones, UNH	Sr	35	23	19	42
5	Sonny Watrous, PC	So	32	21	18	39
	Jaclyn Hawkins, UConn	Fr	34	25	14	39
7	Lindsay Hansen, UNH	Jr	35	9	29	38
8	Deborah Spillane, BC	Fr	34	19	17	36
9	Tristan Desmet, Maine	Sr	33	17	14	31
	Tiffany Owens, UConn	Sr	36	14	17	31
11	Sarah Feldman, BC	Fr	34	16	12	28
	Leah Craig, UNH	Fr	35	12	16	28
13	Taylor Palazeti, UNH	Fr	35	15	12	27
14	Lindsey Caleo, UNH	So	35	4	22	26
15	Jennifer Hitchcock, UNH	Fr	35	14	11	25

### TEAM STATISTICS (League games)

#### TEAM OFFENSE

Team	GP	G	GPG
1.New Hampshire.....	20	76	3.80
2.Providence.....	20	65	3.25
3.Connecticut.....	20	55	2.75
4.Boston College.....	20	46	2.30
5.Maine.....	20	39	1.95
6.Northeastern.....	20	38	1.90

#### TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1.New Hampshire.....	20	33	1.65
2.Connecticut.....	20	43	2.15
3.Providence.....	20	48	2.40
4.Maine.....	20	57	2.85
5.Boston College.....	20	67	3.35
6.Northeastern.....	20	71	3.55

#### POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1.Boston College.....	20	22	110	3	.200
2.Providence.....	20	20	101	1	.198
3.New Hampshire.....	20	22	116	1	.190
4.Connecticut.....	20	19	111	0	.171
5.Northeastern.....	20	13	97	6	.134
6.Maine.....	20	13	121	5	.107

#### PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1.New Hampshire.....	20	12	103	2	.883
2.Connecticut.....	20	13	94	5	.862
3.Providence.....	20	17	102	3	.833
4.Maine.....	20	21	115	2	.817
5.Boston College.....	20	20	107	3	.813
6.Northeastern.....	20	26	135	1	.807

### TEAM STATISTICS (All games)

#### TEAM OFFENSE

Team	GP	G	GPG
1.New Hampshire.....	35	119	3.40
2.Providence.....	36	117	3.25
3.Connecticut.....	36	95	2.64
4.Maine.....	32	79	2.47
5.Boston College.....	34	75	2.21
6.Northeastern.....	32	56	1.75

#### TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1.New Hampshire.....	35	66	1.89
2.Maine.....	32	76	2.38
3.Connecticut.....	36	88	2.44
4.Providence.....	36	93	2.58
5.Boston College.....	34	119	3.50
6.Northeastern.....	32	132	4.12

#### POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1.Boston College.....	34	39	194	6	.201
2.Providence.....	36	41	220	2	.186
3.New Hampshire.....	35	40	221	2	.181
4.Connecticut.....	36	39	233	0	.167
5.Northeastern.....	32	21	181	12	.116
6.Maine.....	32	21	196	8	.107

#### PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1.New Hampshire.....	35	21	210	3	.900
2.Providence.....	36	29	228	3	.873
3.Maine.....	32	27	188	3	.856
4.Connecticut.....	36	30	191	5	.843
5.Boston College.....	34	36	187	3	.807
6.Northeastern.....	32	44	218	1	.798



**Boston College**  
10-20-4 (6-11-3 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 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  
12 NORTHEASTERN T+ 4-4  
15 vs. Harvard (B) L 1-6  
19 at Providence W 4-1  
20 PROVIDENCE L 2-4  
26 vs. Maine ! W 2-1  
27 MAINE W 5-2

**MARCH**  
5 at New Hampshire L 2-10  
6 NEW HAMPSHIRE L 1-2  
12 Providence (HE) L 1-9

\* – at Lake Placid, NY  
(B) – Beanpot Tournament at NU  
! – at Northeastern  
(HE) – Hockey East tourney at BU



**Connecticut**  
16-12-8 (11-5-4 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 T+ 0-0  
20 NEW HAMPSHIRE W 3-2  
26 NORTHEASTERN W 4-1  
27 at Northeastern T+ 1-1

**MARCH**  
4 at Maine W 3-2  
5 at Maine W 4-1  
12 New Hampshire (HE) W+ 5-4  
13 Providence (HE) L 1-3

\* – Nutmeg Classic Tournament  
(HE) – Hockey East tourney at BU



**Maine**  
14-15-3 (5-13-2 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 L 2-5  
13 NEW HAMPSHIRE L 0-5  
18 NORTHEASTERN W 3-2  
19 NORTHEASTERN W 5-0  
26 vs. Boston College ! L 1-2  
27 at Boston College L 2-5

**MARCH**  
4 CONNECTICUT L 2-3  
5 CONNECTICUT L 1-4  
! – at Northeastern

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



**New Hampshire**  
21-8-6 (13-3-4 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  
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 T+ 0-0  
20 at Connecticut L 2-3  
26 PROVIDENCE T+ 3-3  
27 at Providence L 3-4

**MARCH**  
5 BOSTON COLLEGE W 10-2  
6 at Boston College W 2-1  
12 Connecticut (HE) L+ 4-5

\* – UNH Tournament  
(HE) – Hockey East tourney at BU



**Northeastern**  
3-25-4 (2-15-3 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) L 1-9  
12 at Boston College T+ 4-4  
18 at Maine L 2-3  
19 at Maine L 0-5  
26 at Connecticut L 1-4  
27 CONNECTICUT T+ 1-1

**MARCH**  
5 PROVIDENCE L+ 4-5  
6 at Providence L 1-2  
! – at Harvard  
(B) – Beanpot Tournament at NU

\* – UNH Tournament  
(HE) – Hockey East tourney at BU



**Providence**  
21-10-5 (14-4-2 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 L 3-5  
13 at Connecticut L 2-3  
19 BOSTON COLLEGE L 1-4  
20 at Boston College W 4-2  
26 at New Hampshire T+ 3-3  
27 NEW HAMPSHIRE W 4-3

**MARCH**  
5 at Northeastern W+ 5-4  
6 NORTHEASTERN W 2-1  
12 Boston College (HE) W 9-1  
13 Connecticut (HE) W 3-1  
18 at Minnesota (N) 8pm

\* – Mayor's Cup  
(HE) – Hockey East tourney at BU  
(N) – NCAA tournament