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# WOMEN'S LEAGUE

## PRESS RELEASE



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### THIRD SEASON SET TO GO *UConn, Providence open with exhibition victories*

It's a humble beginning, but a beginning nevertheless.

The third season of women's Hockey East play is unofficially underway after both Connecticut and Providence recorded wins this weekend against exhibition opponent Bluewater. UConn's Caitlyn Salazer-Reid potted two goals and teammate Jacquelyn McGuire set up two scores as the Huskies prevailed 4-2 over Bluewater on Saturday. Visiting Providence on Sunday offered no redemption for the Hawks, who surrendered 7-0 to the two-time defending Hockey East champions. The Friars were led on the day by junior Karen Thatcher, who scored a natural hat trick. Rookie of the Year Sonny Watrous picked up right where she left off last season with two goals and one assist, while senior Rush Zimmerman pitched in four points in the convincing victory.

NCAA competition begins Tuesday when New Hampshire visits Vermont, who will join Hockey East starting in 2005-06. UNH is 8-0 all-time against Vermont, and 23-3-1 all-time in season-opening games. The new-look Wildcats return only 10 letterwinners from last year's regular season championship team, but boast one of the most enviable recruiting classes in the nation. Many of those will make an immediate impact.

After warming up against Bluewater, UConn will face a much bigger test in hosting fifth-ranked St. Lawrence in a two-game set this coming weekend. The Huskies pulled off one of the bigger upsets of last season with a 3-2 win at St. Lawrence over Thanksgiving weekend. Current senior Shannon Connolly had two of UConn's three goals in the game to lead the unranked Huskies to a victory over No. 5 St. Lawrence.

#### RECENT RESULTS

**Saturday, October 9**

at Connecticut 4, Bluewater 2 (exh.)

**Sunday, October 10**

at Providence 7, Bluewater 0 (exh.)

#### UPCOMING GAMES

**Tuesday, October 12**

New Hampshire at Vermont (7pm)

**Friday, October 15**

St. Lawrence at Connecticut (7pm)

Maine at Vermont (7pm)

Niagara at New Hampshire (7pm)

**Saturday, October 16**

Wayne State at Boston College (2pm)

Providence at Colgate (2pm)

St. Lawrence at Connecticut (4pm)

Maine at Vermont (7pm)

Niagara at New Hampshire (7pm)

**Sunday, October 17**

Wayne State at Boston College (1pm)

Providence at Colgate (2pm)

*\* Hockey East game*

*All game times are Eastern Time.*

#### FINAL 2003-04 STANDINGS

| Team              | GP | W  | L  | T | Pts | Overall | HE offense | HE defense |
|-------------------|----|----|----|---|-----|---------|------------|------------|
| 1. New Hampshire  | 20 | 17 | 1  | 2 | 36  | 23-9-4  | 4.40 GPG   | 1.75 GAPG  |
| 2. Providence     | 20 | 14 | 5  | 1 | 29  | 21-13-2 | 3.95 GPG   | 1.85 GAPG  |
| 3. Maine          | 20 | 9  | 9  | 2 | 20  | 12-16-4 | 2.15 GPG   | 2.50 GAPG  |
| 4. Northeastern   | 20 | 7  | 9  | 4 | 18  | 13-13-8 | 1.75 GPG   | 2.45 GAPG  |
| 5. Connecticut    | 20 | 5  | 11 | 4 | 14  | 9-19-6  | 1.90 GPG   | 3.10 GAPG  |
| 6. Boston College | 20 | 1  | 18 | 1 | 3   | 6-22-3  | 1.45 GPG   | 3.95 GAPG  |

#### 2004-05 STANDINGS

| Team           | GP | W | L | T | Pts | Overall | Offense | Defense |
|----------------|----|---|---|---|-----|---------|---------|---------|
| Boston College | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   | 0-0-0   | -       | -       |
| Connecticut    | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   | 0-0-0   | -       | -       |
| Maine          | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   | 0-0-0   | -       | -       |
| New Hampshire  | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   | 0-0-0   | -       | -       |
| Northeastern   | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   | 0-0-0   | -       | -       |
| Providence     | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   | 0-0-0   | -       | -       |