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WILDCATS GO THREE-FOR-THREE IN FIRST WEEK *Rookies make a difference for several Hockey East teams*

Making an early statement in the college hockey season, the UNH Wildcats won their first three games of the year, taking out Vermont 5-0 and sweeping Niagara by scores of 4-1 and 4-3. Sophomore goaltender Melissa Bourdon was credited for all three victories, and she got plenty of help from the offense, which was led by Nicole Hekle's five points on the week. Rookie Taylor Palazeti enjoyed a fine coming out party last Tuesday with two goals and one assist in the triumph over Vermont.

Palazeti wasn't the only first-year Hockey East player in making noise in her debut. BC's Sarah Feldman pitched in one goal in her first game and added two more in her second game. Unfortunately, the Eagles suffered back-to-back 4-3 losses to Wayne State. Maine defenseman Julie Poulin, a redshirt freshman, pioneered a late rally for the Black Bears at Vermont Saturday, turning a 2-0 deficit into a 2-2 tie in the final 2:45 of regulation. Poulin set up Maine's first goal of the game at the 17:15 mark of the third period and scored the game-tying goal at 18:56. That gave Maine a win and a tie on the weekend at Vermont, the win coming thanks to a 17-save shutout performance by sophomore Rachel Gettings in her first collegiate start. It marked a successful debut for Guy Perron as a Division-I head coach. Northeastern's Laura Schuler is hoping for the same next weekend at Niagara.

UConn's Jaclyn Hawkins was the week's top rookie, netting two goals and one assist in a 6-5 loss vs. fifth-ranked St. Lawrence on Friday. Hawkins added another goal in Saturday's rematch, but the Huskies narrowly lost once again, this time by a final score of 5-4. UConn averaged only 1.78 goals per game last year, but has started off this season with nine goals in the first two games against St. Lawrence, a strong defensive squad.

Karen Thatcher of Providence launched her junior season with a two-goal, two-assist performance to lead a 6-2 win at Colgate Saturday, but the Red Raiders got revenge on Sunday, prevailing 2-1 over the Friars.

RECENT RESULTS

Tuesday, October 12

New Hampshire 5, at Vermont 0

Friday, October 15

St. Lawrence 6, at Connecticut 5
 Maine 2, at Vermont 0
 at New Hampshire 4, Niagara 1

Saturday, October 16

Wayne State 4, at Boston College 3
 Providence 6, at Colgate 2
 St. Lawrence 5, at Connecticut 4
 Maine 2, at Vermont 2 (OT)
 at New Hampshire 4, Niagara 3 (OT)

Sunday, October 17

Wayne State 4, at Boston College 3
 at Colgate 2, Providence 1

UPCOMING GAMES

Friday, October 22

Connecticut at New Hampshire (7pm) *
 Northeastern at Niagara (7pm)

Saturday, October 23

Northeastern at Niagara (2pm)
 Vermont at Providence (2pm)
 Boston College at Quinnipiac (5pm)

Sunday, October 24

New Hampshire at Boston College (3pm) *
 Vermont at Providence (2pm)

* Hockey East game

All game times are Eastern Time.

HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Offense	Defense
Boston College	0	0	0	0	0	0-2-0	3.00 GPG	4.00 GAPG
Connecticut	0	0	0	0	0	0-2-0	4.50 GPG	5.50 GAPG
Maine	0	0	0	0	0	1-0-1	2.00 GPG	1.00 GAPG
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0	0	3-0-0	4.33 GPG	1.33 GAPG
Northeastern	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	-	-
Providence	0	0	0	0	0	1-1-0	3.50 GPG	2.00 GAPG



PLAYER OF THE WEEK

NICOLE HEKLE – New Hampshire
Sophomore Forward; Winnipeg, MB

Led UNH to three straight victories on the week with a goal and four assists, the final one setting up Jackie Wedster's OT game-winner vs. Niagara.

ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

JACLYN HAWKINS – Connecticut
Freshman Forward; Manotick, ON

Began her college career with a bang, scoring twice and adding one assist in the opener vs. St. Lawrence. She added another goal in the rematch on Saturday.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

RACHEL GETTINGS – Maine
Sophomore Goaltender; Watervliet, NY

Stopped all 17 shots she faced to record a shutout in her first collegiate start, a 2-0 win at Vermont.

HOCKEY EAST HONOR ROLL

- **Melissa Bourdon, UNH** (So. G; Ile Bizard, QC) – Registered three wins on the week, including a 5-0 shutout vs. Vermont.
- **Sonia Corriveau, Maine** (So. F; Rouyn-Noranda, QC) – Scored one goal in each of two games at Vermont, a win and a tie.
- **Sarah Feldman, BC** (Fr. F; Fall River, MA) – Scored three of BC's six goals in two games vs. Wayne State.
- **Taylor Palazeti, UNH** (Fr. F; Calgary, AB) – Scored two goals and added one assist in her collegiate debut, a 5-0 win vs. Vermont.
- **Julie Poulin, Maine** (Fr. D; Beauceville, QC) – Set up one goal and scored the other in the final three minutes of a 2-2 tie at UVM.
- **Karen Thatcher, PC** (Jr. F; Douglas, MA) – Scored a pair of goals and added two assists to lead a 6-2 win at Colgate Saturday.

TEAM STATISTICS (All Games)

TEAM OFFENSE

Team	GP	G	GPG
1.Connecticut.....	2	9	4.50
2.New Hampshire.....	3	13	4.33
3.Providence.....	2	7	3.50
4.Boston College.....	2	6	3.00
5.Maine.....	2	4	2.00
NA Northeastern.....	0	0	-

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1.Maine.....	2	2	1.00
2.New Hampshire.....	3	4	1.33
3.Providence.....	2	4	2.00
4.Boston College.....	2	8	4.00
5.Connecticut.....	2	11	5.50
NA Northeastern.....	0	0	-

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1.Connecticut.....	2	5	20	0	.250
2.Providence.....	2	4	18	0	.222
3.New Hampshire.....	3	6	31	0	.194
4.Boston College.....	2	2	12	0	.167
5.Maine.....	2	0	8	0	.000
NA Northeastern.....	0	0	0	0	-

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1.New Hampshire.....	3	0	30	1	1.000
2.Maine.....	2	1	16	0	.938
3.Providence.....	2	2	18	0	.889
4.Boston College.....	2	3	15	0	.800
5.Connecticut.....	2	5	20	0	.750
NA Northeastern.....	0	0	0	0	-

TEAM NOTES

Boston College: All nine freshmen saw action in both games against Wayne State. Freshmen Sarah Feldman and Deborah Spillane combined for five points Sunday.

University of Connecticut: The Huskies only reached the four-goal plateau three times last year, but have started this season with back-to-back 4+ goal games.

University of Maine: On Saturday, Maine scored a pair of goals in the final 2:45 of the third period to overcome a 0-2 deficit and earn a tie.... Maine allowed just one power play goal in 16 chances on the weekend, while three of Maine's four goals were scored on the power play.

University of New Hampshire: The UNH penalty kill was perfect on the week, going 30-for-30 ... UNH's rookie class made an immediate impact in the season opener by scoring four of the team's five goals ... Nicole Hekle, Jennifer Hitchcock and Jackie Wedster each recorded at least one point in all three games last week.

Providence College: Junior Karen Thatcher has averaged exactly one point per game over her career, with 66 points in 66 career games.

LEADING SCORERS (All Games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1	Nicole Hekle, UNH	So	3	1	4	5
2	Jaclyn Hawkins, UConn	Fr	2	3	1	4
	Karen Thatcher, PC	Jr	2	2	2	4
	Taylor Palazeti, UNH	Fr	3	2	2	4
	Jackie Wedser, UNH	So	3	3	1	4
6	Sarah Feldman, BC	Fr	2	3	0	3
	Tiffany Owens, UConn	Sr	2	2	1	3
	Natalie Vibert, UConn *	So	2	2	1	3
	Elizabeth Gallinaro, UConn *	Fr	2	1	2	3
	Sonny Watrous, PC	So	2	1	2	3
	Stephanie Jones, UNH	Sr	3	2	1	3
	Lindsay Hansen, UNH	Jr	3	1	2	3
	Jennifer Hitchcock, UNH	Fr	3	1	2	3
	Lindsey Caleo, UNH	So	3	0	3	3

* defenseman

LEADING GOALTENDERS (All games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	Min	W	L	T	SP	GAA
1	Rachel Gettings, ME	So	2	60	1	0	0	1.000	0.00
2	Melissa Bourdon, UNH	So	3	182	3	0	0	.915	1.31
3	Jayne Williams, ME	Fr	1	64	0	0	1	.931	1.87
4	Amy Thomas, PC	Sr	2	119	1	1	0	.895	2.02

