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TWO LEAGUE VICTORIES LIFT UNH TO 5-0 OVERALL *Providence powers past Vermont, 2-1 and 5-0*

Starting hot is nothing new to UNH or head coach Brian McCloskey. The third-year skipper began his career with a 7-0 run to face off the 2002-03 season. This year, the Wildcats have raced out to a 5-0 opening and are 2-0 in Hockey East play after victories over Connecticut and Boston College this past weekend.

Stephanie Jones was the top star in the league opener on Friday, potting a goal and two assists in a 4-0 win over Connecticut. The Huskies scored nine goals in two games vs. St. Lawrence last weekend, but couldn't solve the UNH defense or sophomore goaltender Melissa Bourdon, who finished with 12 saves on the evening and stopped 24 of 25 shots faced on the weekend. Kaitlyn Shain, her counterpart at the UConn end, was impressive with 37 saves against a ranked opponent on the road, but she did not get enough offensive support to translate the effort into a win.

The only goal Bourdon gave up came on a 5-on-3 disadvantage Sunday at Boston College. Eagle rookie Sarah Feldman potted her fifth goal of the year and second of the weekend in the game, but neither was enough to get BC a win. UNH rolled to a 6-1 win thanks to a pair of goals each from rookies Jessica Zerafa and Leah Craig. The other game for Boston College was a slim 3-2 loss at Quinnipiac on Saturday.

Like UNH, Providence picked up two wins, defeating Vermont twice. Saturday's game was a close affair that was won 2-1 courtesy of two goals from sophomore Sonny Watrous. The 2003-04 Hockey East Rookie of the Year added another goal and two assists to finish the sweep on Sunday by a final of 5-0. Junior Karen Thatcher pitched in two goals late in the game to go with an earlier assist. Goaltender Amy Thomas allowed only one goal on 24 shots faced over the two games. Northeastern wasn't as successful in a two-game trip to Niagara, losing both by convincing margins.

RECENT RESULTS

Friday, October 22

at New Hampshire 4, Connecticut 0 *
 at Niagara 7, Northeastern 2

Saturday, October 23

at Niagara 6, Northeastern 0
 at Providence 2, Vermont 1
 at Quinnipiac 3, Boston College 2

Sunday, October 24

New Hampshire 6, at Boston College 1 *
 at Providence 5, Vermont 0

UPCOMING GAMES

Tuesday, October 26

Quinnipiac at Northeastern (7pm)

Friday, October 29

Boston College at Dartmouth (5pm)
 Brown at Maine (7pm)
 Connecticut at Quinnipiac (7pm)

Saturday, October 30

Princeton at Providence (2pm - CoxSports)
 Boston College at Vermont (4pm)
 St. Jerome at Maine (exh. - 7pm)

Sunday, October 31

Princeton at Providence (2pm)
 Brown at New Hampshire (2pm)
 Connecticut at Yale (2pm)
 St. Jerome at Maine (exh. - 2pm)

* Hockey East game

All game times are Eastern Time.

HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Offense	Defense
New Hampshire	2	2	0	0	4	5-0-0	4.60 GPG	1.00 GAPG
Maine	0	0	0	0	0	1-0-1	2.00 GPG	1.00 GAPG
Northeastern	0	0	0	0	0	0-2-0	1.00 GPG	6.50 GAPG
Providence	0	0	0	0	0	3-1-0	3.50 GPG	1.25 GAPG
Boston College	1	0	1	0	0	0-4-0	2.25 GPG	4.25 GAPG
Connecticut	1	0	1	0	0	0-3-0	3.00 GPG	5.00 GAPG

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

SONNY WATROUS – Providence
Sophomore Forward; Albuquerque, NM

Scored both Friar goals in Saturday's narrow 2-1 win over Vermont and added another goal and two assists in Sunday's convincing 5-0 victory.

ITECH ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

JESSICA ZERAFA – New Hampshire
Freshman Forward; Mississauga, ON

Powered a 6-1 win at Boston College on Sunday with two goals and one assist. She had four shots on goal and finished with a +3 for the game.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

MELISSA BOURDON – New Hampshire
Sophomore Goaltender; Ile Bizard, QC

Stopped 25 of 26 faced over two league victories, a 4-0 shutout win vs. Connecticut on Friday and a 6-1 win at Boston College on Sunday.

HOCKEY EAST HONOR ROLL

- **Leah Craig, UNH** (Fr. F; Seaforth, ON) – Netted the first two goals of her career in a 6-1 win at Boston College on Sunday.
- **Sarah Feldman, BC** (Fr. F; Fall River, MA) – Scored two of the three BC goals this weekend, including the Eagles' only goal vs. UNH.
- **Colleen Harris, BC** (Fr. F; Kenmore, NY) – Had a goal and an assist Saturday at Quinnipiac and added another assist vs. UNH.
- **Stephanie Jones, UNH** (Sr. F; Kimberley, BC) – Scored a goal and added three assists over two league wins on the week.
- **Kaitlyn Shain, UConn** (Jr. G; Calgary, AB) – Stopped 37 of 41 shots in Friday's loss at UNH.
- **Karen Thatcher, PC** (Jr. F; Douglas, MA) – Contributed two goals and two assists in a sweep over Vermont.
- **Amy Thomas, PC** (Sr. G; Austin, TX) – Stopped 23 of 24 shots faced in a sweep vs. Vermont.

TEAM STATISTICS (All Games)

TEAM OFFENSE

Team	GP	G	GPG
1. New Hampshire.....	5	23	4.60
2. Providence.....	4	14	3.50
3. Connecticut.....	3	9	3.00
4. Boston College.....	4	9	2.25
5. Maine.....	2	4	2.00
6. Northeastern.....	2	2	1.00

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1. Maine.....	2	2	1.00
New Hampshire.....	5	5	1.00
3. Providence.....	4	5	1.25
4. Boston College.....	4	17	4.25
5. Connecticut.....	3	15	5.00
6. Northeastern.....	2	13	6.50

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1. Providence.....	4	6	34	0	.176
2. Connecticut.....	3	5	30	0	.167
3. Boston College.....	4	5	33	0	.152
4. New Hampshire.....	5	7	49	0	.143
5. Northeastern.....	2	2	19	2	.105
6. Maine.....	2	0	8	0	.000

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1. New Hampshire.....	5	1	50	1	.980
2. Maine.....	2	1	16	0	.938
3. Providence.....	4	3	41	0	.927
4. Boston College.....	4	3	26	0	.885
5. Connecticut.....	3	6	30	0	.800
Northeastern.....	2	2	10	0	.800

TEAM NOTES

Boston College: Freshman Sarah Feldman has scored five of BC's nine goals this season and leads all Hockey East players in goal-scoring.

University of Connecticut: The Huskies scored nine goals in their first two games of the season but were shut out in their Hockey East opener at UNH. They are now 1-10-1 all-time against the Wildcats, and have not defeated them since 2001.

University of New Hampshire: UNH killed off the initial 42 shorthanded situations it faced this season until Boston College scored a 5-on-3 goal on Sunday ... UNH has scored at least four goals in all five games this season and has allowed more than one goal just once.

Northeastern University: The Huskies opened the season with two losses at Niagara, breaking a four-game undefeated streak against the Purple Eagles. Niagara outshot Northeastern 66-33 in the series.

Providence College: Senior forward Rush Zimmerman has accumulated 96 career penalties (tied for first all-time at PC) and 195 career penalty minutes (good for third all-time).

LEADING SCORERS (All Games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1	Karen Thatcher, PC	Jr	4	4	4	8
	Sonny Watrous, PC	So	4	4	4	8
	Nicole Hekle, UNH	So	5	3	5	8
4	Stephanie Jones, UNH	Sr	5	3	4	7
5	Lindsey Caleo, UNH	So	5	1	5	6
6	Sarah Feldman, BC	Fr	4	5	0	5
	Rush Zimmerman, PC	Sr	4	2	3	5
	Jackie Wedser, UNH	So	5	3	2	5
	Jennifer Hitchcock, UNH	Fr	5	2	3	5
	Taylor Palazeti, UNH	Fr	5	2	3	5
11	Jaclyn Hawkins, UConn	Fr	3	3	1	4
	Colleen Harris, BC	Fr	4	1	3	4
	Jessica Zerafa, UNH	Fr	5	3	1	4
	Lindsay Hansen, UNH	Jr	5	1	3	4

* defenseman

LEADING GOALTENDERS (All games)

	Player, School	Cl	GP	Min	W	L	T	SP	GAA
1	Rachel Gettings, ME	So	1	60	1	0	0	1.000	0.00
2	Melissa Bourdon, UNH	So	5	302	5	0	0	.931	0.99
3	Amy Thomas, PC	Sr	4	233	3	1	0	.919	1.29
4	Jayne Williams, ME	Fr	1	64	0	0	1	.931	1.87

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