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OWENS, MURPHY LEAD UCONN TO NUTMEG CLASSIC TITLE *UNH remains perfect with a 2-1 win over ninth-ranked Brown*

The University of Connecticut recorded its first wins of the season in a big way last week, posting back-to-back narrow 2-1 triumphs in the Nutmeg Classic Tournament, defeating Yale and Quinnipiac. Senior forward Tiffany Owens scored a goal in each game and added one assist and was subsequently named Tournament MVP. Teammate Shannon Murphy got plenty of work, facing 57 shots over the two games and stopping 55 of them. Her outstanding .965 save percentage afforded her the Laurie Beliveau Award as the tournament's top goaltender.

Boston College and Northeastern also recorded their first wins of the season, over Vermont and Quinnipiac, respectively. The Huskies got the week started off right for Hockey East, shutting out Quinnipiac 3-0 thanks to 30 saves for goaltender Marissa Hourihan. BC, meanwhile, recovered from a humbling 7-1 loss at No. 2 Dartmouth to post a 3-1 win at Vermont. Rookie Deborah Spillane had a goal in each game and fellow freshman Sarah Feldman assisted on both.

After Brown dispatched Maine 3-0 on Friday, the Bears travelled south for a Sunday game at UNH. A great game yielded a 2-1 win for the Wildcats, who rode 33 Melissa Bourdon saves to victory.

Providence hosted Princeton for two games but came out on the short end, falling 4-1 Sunday after equalling the Tigers 4-4 on Saturday. Senior Rush Zimmerman had two goals and two assists in the two-game set.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

TIFFANY OWENS – Connecticut
Senior Forward; Belleville, MI

Most Valuable Player of the Nutmeg Classic had a goal in each of two 2-1 victories and added one assist

HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Offense	Defense
New Hampshire	2	2	0	0	4	6-0-0	4.17 GPG	1.00 GAPG
Maine	0	0	0	0	0	1-1-1	1.33 GPG	1.67 GAPG
Northeastern	0	0	0	0	0	1-2-0	1.67 GPG	4.33 GAPG
Providence	0	0	0	0	0	3-2-1	3.17 GPG	2.17 GAPG
Boston College	1	0	1	0	0	1-5-0	2.17 GPG	4.17 GAPG
Connecticut	1	0	1	0	0	2-3-0	2.60 GPG	3.40 GAPG

ITECH ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

DEBORAH SPILLANE – Boston College
Freshman Forward; Franklin, MA

Scored two of BC's four goals in a split weekend on the road, a 7-1 loss at Dartmouth and a 3-1 win at Vermont.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

SHANNON MURPHY – Connecticut
Senior Goaltender; Mapleville, RI

Earned the Laurie Beliveau Award for registering a .965 save percentage (stopping 55 of 57 shots) over two victories in the Nutmeg Classic.

RECENT RESULTS

Tuesday, October 26

at Northeastern 3, Quinnipiac 0

Friday, October 29

at Dartmouth 7, Boston College 1
 Brown 3, at Maine 0
 Connecticut 2, at Quinnipiac 1 ^

Saturday, October 30

at Providence 4, Princeton 4 (OT)
 Boston College 3, at Vermont 1
 St. Jerome 5, at Maine 3 (exh.)

Sunday, October 31

Princeton 4, at Providence 1
 at New Hampshire 2, Brown 1
 Connecticut 2, at Yale 1 ^
 at Maine 3, St. Jerome 1 (exh.)

UPCOMING GAMES

Wednesday, November 3

Northeastern at New Hampshire (7pm) *

Friday, November 5

Connecticut at Boston College (7pm) *

Saturday, November 6

Wayne State at Maine (11am)
 Clarkson at Providence (2pm)
 St. Lawrence at Northeastern (7pm)

Sunday, November 7

Boston College at Connecticut (2pm) *
 Wayne State at Maine (10am)
 St. Lawrence at Providence (2pm)
 Clarkson at Northeastern (2pm)

^ *Nutmeg Classic*

* *Hockey East game*

All game times are Eastern Time.

HOCKEY EAST HONOR ROLL

- **Melissa Bourdon, UNH** (So. G; Ile Bizard, QC) – Made 33 saves to lead a 2-1 Wildcat win over No. 9 Brown.
- **Tristan Desmet, Maine** (Sr. F; Strathmore, AB) – Scored a goal and added two assists in a split with exhibition opponent St. Jerome.
- **Marissa Hourihan, NU** (Jr. G; Hanover, MA) – Made 30 saves for her first shutout of the season., 3-0 vs. Quinnipiac.
- **Taylor Palazeti, UNH** (Fr. F; Calgary, AB) – Scored the game-winning goal with just over seven minutes remaining in UNH's 2-1 victory over ninth-ranked Brown.
- **Rush Zimmerman, PC** (Sr. F; Grosse Pointe, MI) – Scored two goals and added two assists in two games vs. Princeton.

TEAM STATISTICS (All Games)

TEAM OFFENSE

Team	GP	G	GPG
1. New Hampshire.....	6	25	4.17
2. Providence.....	6	19	3.17
3. Connecticut.....	5	13	2.60
4. Boston College.....	6	13	2.17
5. Northeastern.....	3	5	1.67
6. Maine.....	3	4	1.33

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1. New Hampshire.....	6	6	1.00
2. Maine.....	3	5	1.67
3. Providence.....	6	13	2.17
4. Connecticut.....	5	17	3.40
5. Boston College.....	6	25	4.17
6. Northeastern.....	3	13	4.33

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1. Providence.....	6	10	49	0	.204
2. Boston College.....	6	8	46	0	.174
3. New Hampshire.....	6	9	60	0	.150
4. Northeastern.....	3	4	29	2	.138
5. Connecticut.....	5	6	50	0	.120
6. Maine.....	3	0	16	0	.000

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1. New Hampshire.....	6	1	57	1	.982
2. Northeastern.....	3	2	23	0	.913
3. Maine.....	3	2	21	0	.905
4. Providence.....	6	6	53	0	.887
5. Connecticut.....	5	8	49	0	.837
6. Boston College.....	6	9	43	0	.791

TEAM NOTES

Boston College: Sarah Feldman picked up two assists this weekend and leads the team in points with seven.

University of Connecticut: Senior Tiffany Owens has scored four goals in just five games.

University of Maine: Maine is still playing without co-captain Emily Stevens. Stevens is also part of Maine's soccer team, the second seed in the upcoming America East Tournament.

University of New Hampshire: UNH has a 22-2-2 record over the past 26 games ... Nicole Hekle has scored at least one goal in four consecutive games. Lindsey Caleo and Stephanie Jones currently have five-game point-scoring streaks.

Northeastern University: Northeastern is 6-0-2 all-time against Quinnipiac. The Huskies' penalty killing unit was perfect against Quinnipiac last week, holding the Bobcats scoreless on 13 power plays ... Senior forward Lori DiGiacomo has played on defense all three games this season.

Providence College: The Friars are winless in their last eight meetings vs. Princeton. Their last victory came on November 7, 1999 ... The trio of Sonny Watrous, Karen Thatcher and Rush Zimmerman has combined for 28 points this season.

LEADING SCORERS (All Games)

Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1 Karen Thatcher, PC	Jr	6	5	6	11
2 Sonny Watrous, PC	So	6	5	5	10
3 Nicole Hekle, UNH	So	6	4	5	9
Rush Zimmerman, PC	Sr	6	4	5	9
5 Stephanie Jones, UNH	Sr	6	3	5	8
6 Sarah Feldman, BC	Fr	6	5	2	7
Lindsey Caleo, UNH	So	6	1	6	7
8 Tiffany Owens, UConn	Sr	5	4	2	6
Jaclyn Hawkins, UConn	Fr	5	3	3	6
Taylor Palazeti, UNH	Fr	6	3	3	6
Jennifer Hitchcock, UNH	Fr	6	2	4	6
12 Natalie Vibert, UConn *	So	5	3	2	5
Jackie Wedster, UNH	So	6	3	2	5
Deborah Spillane, BC	Fr	6	2	3	5

* defenseman

LEADING GOALTENDERS (All games)

Player, School	Cl	GP	Min	W	L	T	SP	GAA
1 Melissa Bourdon, UNH	So	6	362	6	0	0	.943	0.99
2 Rachel Gettings, ME	So	2	119	1	1	0	.930	1.50
3 Jayme Williams, ME	Fr	1	64	0	0	1	.931	1.87
4 Amy Thomas, PC	Sr	6	357	3	2	1	.899	2.01
5 Shannon Murphy, CT	Sr	3	179	2	1	0	.920	2.68

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