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WOMEN'S LEAGUE

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THATCHER'S HAT TRICK DROPS NO. 5 ST. LAWRENCE UConn sweeps BC, runs win streak to team record four straight

The Hockey East race has only just begun, but UConn made a statement this past weekend by sweeping Boston College, 4-1 and 3-2. Rookie forward Jaclyn Hawkins was instrumental in the series, potting three goals and one assist., while goaltender Shannon Murphy kept the Eagles at bay with 37 saves in the sweep. UConn has now won four straight games – it is the longest winning streak in the program's history.

Northeastern's initial foray into league play this season was a rough one as the Huskies surrendered to the UNH Wildcats, 8-0. Freshman Jennifer Hitchcock led the charge for UNH with a hat trick and one assist. Lindsay Hansen and Jackie Wedster each had two goals in the win, and sophomore Brittany Busa stopped all 14 shots she faced for her first career shutout.

Northeastern's Marisa Hourihan got a workout all week long, facing 61 shots from the UNH shooting gallery and 158 total over three games. The highlight of her efforts came Sunday, when Hourihan stopped all 23 shots she faced in the second period vs. Clarkson. Clarkson got the better of Hockey East this weekend, collecting a 3-2 win at NU following a 3-3 tie at Providence on Saturday.

St. Lawrence had to settle for the win over NU, however, as the Friars stormed back from Saturday's tie to soundly defeat SLU by a 5-1 final. Goaltender Amy Thomas came within 30 seconds of a shutout. Player of the Week Karen Thatcher had a hat trick in the game and totalled five goals on the weekend.

In other non-conference action, Maine was able to pull off a sweep of a two-game series vs. Wayne State, getting two one-goal victories. Rookie Danielle Tangredi put the exclamation point on the weekend with the OT winner on Sunday. Kate Sunstrum had a goal in each game.

HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

<u>Team</u>	<u>GP</u>	W	L	Ι	<u>Pts</u>	Overall	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Defense</u>
New Hampshire	3	3	0	0	6	7-0-0	4.71 GPG	0.86 GAPG
Connecticut	3	2	1	0	4	4-3-0	2.86 GPG	2.86 GAPG
Maine	0	0	0	0	0	3-1-1	2.00 GPG	1.80 GAPG
Providence	0	0	0	0	0	4-2-2	3.38 GPG	2.12 GAPG
Northeastern	1	0	1	0	0	1-5-0	1.17 GPG	4.83 GAPG
Boston College	3	0	3	0	0	1-7-0	2.00 GPG	4.00 GAPG

RECENT RESULTS

Wednesday, November 3
New Hampshire 8, Northeastern 0 *

Friday, November 5
Connecticut 4, at Boston College 1 *

Saturday, November 6 at Maine 2, Wayne State 1 at Providence 3, Clarkson 3 (OT) St. Lawrence 6, at Northeastern 1

Sunday, November 7
at Connecticut 3, Boston College 2 *
at Maine 4, Wayne State 3 (OT)
at Providence 5, St. Lawrence 1
Clarkson 2, at Northeastern 1

UPCOMING GAMES

Wednesday, November 10 Providence at Harvard (7pm)

*Friday, November 12*North Dakota at Connecticut (7pm)

Saturday, November 13

Boston College at Maine (1pm) * New Hampshire at St. Lawrence (2pm) Northeastern at Ohio State (2pm) North Dakota at Connecticut (4pm)

Sunday, November 14

Boston College at Maine (1pm) * New Hampshire at St. Lawrence (2pm) Northeastern at Ohio State (2pm)

> * Hockey East game All game times are Eastern Time.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

KAREN THATCHER – Providence Junior Forward; Douglas, MA

Scored five goals on the weekend, including a hat trick in a 5-1 win vs. fifth-ranked St. Lawrence and two of PC's three vs. Clarkson.

ITECH ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

JENNIFER HITCHCOCK – UNH

Freshman Forward; LaSalle, ON

Notched her first career hat trick and added one assist to power New Hampshire over Northeastern, 8-0, for UNH's seventh straight victory.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

SHANNON MURPHY – Connecticut

Senior Goaltender; Mapleville, RI

Was solid in a weekend sweep of Boston College, stopping 37 of 40 shots faced in the series, running her win streak to four straight games.

HOCKEY EAST HONOR ROLL

- Brittany Busa, UNH (So. G; Concord, MA) Stopped all 14 shots she faced for her first career shutout, 8-0 over Northeastern.
- Chantal Gauvin, UNH (Fr. D; Dollard-des-Ormeaux, QC) Recorded her first collegiate points with a three-assist game vs. NU.
- Rachel Gettings, Maine (So. G; Watervliet, NY) Recorded back-to-back one-goal wins over Wayne State, stopping 37 of 41 shots faced.
- Jaclyn Hawkins, UConn (Fr. F; Manotick, ON) Scored three goals and added one assist in a weekend sweep of Boston College.
- Marissa Hourihan, NU (Jr. G; Hanover, MA) Stopped 42 of 44 shots vs. Clarkson, including all 23 she faced in the second period.
- Leslie Hurlburt, UConn (So. F; Markham, ON) Had a goal and two assists in a 4-1 win at BC Friday and added another assist on Sunday.
- Amy Thomas, PC (Sr. G; Austin, TX) Nearly shut out No. 5 St. Lawrence, stopping the first 22 of 23 shots she faced.

TEAM STATISTICS (All Games)

TEAM OFFENSE

Team	GP	G	GPG
1.New Hampshire	7	33	4.71
2.Providence	8	27	3.38
3.Connecticut	7	20	2.86
4.Boston College	8	16	2.00
Maine	5	10	2.00
6.Northeastern	6	7	1.17

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1.New Hampshire	 7	6	0.86
2.Maine	5	9	1.80
3.Providence	8	17	2.12
4.Connecticut	7	20	2.86
5.Boston College	8	32	4.00
6.Northeastern	6	29	4.83

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
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PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1.New Hampshire	7	1	61	2	.984
2.Providence	8	8	73	0	.890
3.Northeastern	6	6	48	0	.875
4.Maine	5	4	30	0	.867
5.Connecticut	7	9	55	0	.836
6.Boston College	8	10	53	0	.811

TEAM NOTES

Boston College: Deborah Spillane scored her third goal in as many games on Friday night against UConn.

University of Connecticut: UConn is on a four-game winning streak, the longest in the program's four-plus years. In those four games, freshman forward Jaclyn Hawkins has three goals and three assists. She leads the team in points with 10.

University of Maine: The Black Bears have an eight game win streak over Wayne State University at Alfond Arena. Maine holds a 44-12 goal advantage in the eight wins.

University of New Hampshire: Nicole Hekle and Jennifer Hitchcock each extended their point-scoring streaks to seven games ... Twelve of UNH's 33 goals (36%) have been scored on the power play ... UNH's eight rookies have combined to produce 52% of the team's goals (17 of 33).

Northeastern University: Marisa Hourihan had 142 saves over three games last week, an average of 47 saves per game. She had 23 saves in the second period vs. Clarkson to tie the school record held by Chanda Gunn.

Providence College: The Friar line of Karen Thatcher, Sonny Watrous and Rush Zimmerman has combined for 30 points this season. Thatcher leads the league's top power-play unit with four man-advantage goals.

LEADING SCORERS (All Games)

	Player, School	CI	GP	G	Α	Pts
1	Karen Thatcher, PC	Jr	8	10	6	16
2	Rush Zimmerman, PC	Sr	8	5	7	12
3	Jaclyn Hawkins, UConn	Fr	7	6	4	10
	Jennifer Hitchcock, UNH	Fr	7	5	5	10
	Nicole Hekle, UNH	So	7	4	6	10
	Sonny Watrous, PC	So	8	5	5	10
7	Jackie Wedster, UNH	So	7	5	3	8
	Stephanie Jones, UNH	Sr	7	3	5	8
	Taylor Palazeti, UNH	Fr	7	3	5	8
	Lindsey Caleo, UNH	So	7	1	7	8
	Sarah Feldman, BC	Fr	8	5	3	8
	Kristin Gigliotti, PC *	So	8	2	6	8
13	Tiffany Owens, UConn	Sr	7	4	3	7
	Deborah Spillane, BC	Fr	8	3	4	7
15	Lindsay Hansen, UNH	Jr	7	3	3	6

* defenseman





LEADING GOALTENDERS (All games)

	Player, School	CI	GP	Min	W	L	Т	SP	GAA
1	Melissa Bourdon, UNH	So	6	362	6	0	0	.943	0.99
2	Rachel Gettings, ME	So	4	241	3	1	0	.917	1.74
3	Amy Thomas, PC	Sr	8	482	4	2	2	.905	1.99
4	Shannon Murphy, CT	Sr	5	299	4	1	0	.921	2.21



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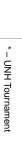
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