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HEKLE LEADS UNH OVER MINNESOTA STATE UConn's eight-game unbeaten streak ends with narrow losses at Princeton

The University of Connecticut rode an eight-game unbeaten streak into this weekend's series against Princeton and came away with back-to-back losses – but not without taking some pride home as well.

The unbeaten streak was by far the longest in the history of the program. Princeton, ranked eighth in the country, was no easy match. And yet the Huskies managed to limit the Tigers to just five goals during the two-game series at Hobey Baker Rink, thanks in part to the efforts of junior Kaitlyn Shain, who stopped 31 of 33 shots faced over the weekend. That included a 25-save performance in Sunday's 2-0 loss.

The series vs. Princeton proved the Huskies can play with the best – the shots were nearly even in both games. They'll need that confidence over their next seven games, six of which come against ranked opponents.

UNH looked good in the opener of the UNH Thanksgiving Tournament, dropping Minnesota State by a 4-1 final. Nicole Hekle led the way with a pair of goals and rookie Taylor Palazeti potted one goal and added one assist. But the Wildcats weren't as successful in Sunday's game against Mercyhurst, losing by a 4-0 final. It was the first home shutout suffered by UNH in a span of 26 games.

In the first of two games at Colgate, Rachel Gettings notched her second career shutout by turning aside all 18 shots she faced for a 2-0 win. Colgate took its revenge the next day, however, getting three shots past Gettings en route to a 3-1 victory and a split of the weekend.

Northeastern's Marisa Hourihan put in another workman's week, with a total of 116 saves over three games. Included in that was a 49-save masterpiece that unfortunately resulted in a 4-0 loss vs. fifth-ranked Wisconsin, who defeated tournament host Harvard 6-4 on Friday.

HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

<u>Team</u>	<u>GP</u>	W	L	Ι	<u>Pts</u>	Overall	Offense	<u>Defense</u>
New Hampshire	4	4	0	0	8	9-2-1	4.08 GPG	1.58 GAPG
Providence	2	2	0	0	4	6-3-3	3.08 GPG	2.08 GAPG
Connecticut	3	2	1	0	4	5-5-3	2.46 GPG	2.54 GAPG
Boston College	6	1	4	1	3	3-8-1	2.50 GPG	3.67 GAPG
Northeastern	3	1	2	0	2	2-10-1	1.54 GPG	4.85 GAPG
Maine	4	0	3	1	1	4-5-2	1.91 GPG	2.18 GAPG

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

NICOLE HEKLE – New Hampshire Junior Forward; Northport, NY

Scored two of UNH's four goals, including the game-winner, in a 4-1 win over Minnesota State. She was named to the UNH Thanksgiving All-Tournament team.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

MARISA HOURIHAN – Northeastern Junior Goaltender; Hanover, MA

Totalled 116 saves over three games on the week, including 49 saves on 53 shots faced to keep Northeastern competitive in a 4-0 loss vs. fifth-ranked Wisconsin.

RECENT RESULTS

Tuesday, November 23 at Brown 6, Northeastern 1

Friday, November 26

<u>Harvard Shootout</u> Minnesota 8, Northeastern 1

Saturday, November 27

at Princeton 3, Connecticut 1
Maine 2, at Colgate 0
at Brown 2, Providence 1 (Mayor's Cup)

<u>Harvard Shootout</u>

Wisconsin 4, Northeastern 0

<u>UNH Thanksgiving Tournament</u>
at New Hampshire 4, Minnesota State 1

Sunday, November 28

at Princeton 2, Connecticut 0 at Colgate 3, Maine 1 <u>UNH Thanksgiving Tournament</u> Mercyhurst 4, at New Hampshire 0

UPCOMING GAMES

*Monday, November 29*Providence at Yale (7:30pm)

Wednesday, December 1
New Hampshire at Dartmouth (7pm)

Friday, December 3

Maine at Northeastern (7pm) *
Providence at Boston College (7pm) *

Saturday, December 4

Connecticut at New Hampshire (2pm) *
Maine at Northeastern (3pm) *
Boston College at Providence (7pm) *

* Hockey East game All times Eastern

HOCKEY EAST HONOR ROLL

- Rachel Gettings, Maine (So. G; Watervliet, NY) Recorded her second career shutout with 18 saves in a 2-0 win over Colgate. Gettings held Colgate scoreless on 10 power play opportunities in the game.
- Taylor Palazeti, UNH (Fr. F; Calgary, AB) Recorded two points with one goal and one assist in the Wildcats' 4-1 win against Minnesota State on Saturday.
- **Nikki Petrich, NU** (Fr. F; Flint, MI) Scored both of the Huskies' goals this week with a power-play goal against Minnesota on Friday and an even-strength goal against Brown on Tuesday.
- Kaitlyn Shain, UConn (Jr. G; Calgary, AB) Stopped 31 of 33 shots faced at Princeton this past weekend, including 25 of 27 in Sunday's 2-0 loss.

TEAM NOTES

Boston College: BC has its work cut out this weekend with a home-and-home series vs. Providence. The Eagles defeated the Friars, 1-0, on March 3, 2002, but have been outscored by the Eagles 40-10 in the seven meetings since, all Friar wins.

University of Connecticut: UConn is averaging 2.46 goals per game this season, a big improvement from the 1.78 of last year and 1.66 the year before.

University of Maine: Maine has had eight different goal-scorers this year, led by captain Tristan Desmet, who has five.

University of New Hampshire: UNH is 5-0-0 when scoring the game's first goal but is also a respectable 4-2-1 when falling behind 1-0 ... UNH has scored multiple power-play goals in seven of 12 games this season ... Sunday marked UNH's first home shutout loss since Jan. 18, 2003, a span of 26 games.

Northeastern University: The Huskies last four games have been against teams ranked in the Top 10 ... Goaltender Marisa Hourihan has played every minute in goal for the team and currently has the most saves in Divison I with 470. She has five 40+ save games on the season ... Crystal Rochon has already matched her point total of last season with 10 so far.

Providence College: With 219 career penalty minutes, Rush Zimmerman is now tied with former teammate Meredith Roth for first place on PC's all-time list ... PC holds a significant 30-19-2 all-time series advantage over Brown, but is only 2-6-2 vs. the Bears in the annual Mayor's Cup, which dates back to the 1996 season.

ITECH Three Star Leaders:

<u>Name</u>	<u>CI</u>	<u>Pos</u>	<u>Schoo</u> l
Lisa Davis	Sr	G	BC
Lindsay Hansen	Jr	F	UNH







LEADING GOALTENDERS (League games)

	Player, School	CI	GP	Min	W	L	Т	SP	GAA
1	Melissa Bourdon, UNH	So	2	119	2	0	0	.960	0.50
	Brittany Busa, UNH	So	2	120	2	0	0	.962	0.50
3	Shannon Murphy, CT	Sr	2	120	2	0	0	.925	1.50
4	Amy Thomas, PC	Sr	2	120	2	0	0	.913	2.00
5	Rachel Gettings, ME	So	4	244	0	3	3	.870	2.94

LEADING GOALTENDERS (All games)

	Player, School CI	GP	Min	W	L	Т	SP	GAA
1	Melissa Bourdon, UNH So	10	586	7	2	1	.903	1.84
2	Amy Thomas, PC Sr	12	727	6	3	3	.913	1.98
3	Shannon Murphy, CT Sr	9	532	4	2	3	.924	2.14
4	Rachel Gettings, ME So	10	603	4	5	1	.894	2.19
5	Alison Quandt, BC Jr	6	357	1	5	0	.832	4.20

LEADING SCORERS (League games)

	Player, School	CI	GP	G	Α	Pts
1	Lindsay Hansen, UNH	Jr	4	3	5	8
2	Jennifer Hitchcock, UNH	Fr	4	5	2	7
	Nicole Hekle, UNH	So	4	4	3	7
4	Leah Craig, UNH	Fr	4	3	3	6
	Colleen Harris, BC	Fr	6	3	3	6
	Deborah Spillane, BC	Fr	6	2	4	6
7	Jackie Wedster, UNH	So	4	3	2	5
	Taylor Palazeti, UNH	Fr	4	2	3	5
	Lindsey Caleo, UNH	So	4	1	4	5
	Stephanie Jones, UNH	Sr	4	1	4	5
	Tristan Desmet, Maine	Sr	5	3	2	5
	Sarah Feldman, BC	Fr	6	2	3	5
13	Jaclyn Hawkins, UConn	Fr	3	3	1	4
	Leslie Hurlburt, UConn	So	3	1	3	4
	Crystal Rochon, NU	So	3	1	3	4
	Cheryl White, Maine	Jr	4	2	2	4

^{*} defenseman

LEADING SCORERS (All games)

	Player, School	CI	GP	G	Α	Pts
1	Karen Thatcher, PC	Jr	9	11	6	17
	Nicole Hekle, UNH	So	12	8	9	17
3	Rush Zimmerman, PC	Sr	12	7	9	16
	Lindsay Hansen, UNH	Jr	12	4	12	16
5	Deborah Spillane, BC	Fr	12	6	9	15
	Jaclyn Hawkins, UConn	Fr	13	8	7	15
7	Taylor Palazeti, UNH	Fr	12	6	8	14
8	Colleen Harris, BC	Fr	10	5	8	13
	Sarah Feldman, BC	Fr	12	7	6	13
10	Sonny Watrous, PC	So	12	7	5	12
	Stephanie Jones, UNH	Sr	12	5	7	12
	Lindsey Caleo, UNH	So	12	2	10	12
13	Jennifer Hitchcock, UNH	Fr	12	6	5	11
	Tiffany Owens, UConn	Sr	13	6	5	11
15	Crystal Rochon, NU	So	12	2	8	10

^{*} defenseman

TEAM STATISTICS (League games)

TEAM OFFENSE

Team	GP	G	GPG
1.New Hampshire	4	25	6.25
2.Providence	2	7	3.50
3.Connecticut	3	7	2.33
4.Maine	4	8	2.00
5.Boston College	6	11	1.83
6.Northeastern	3	5	1.67

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1.New Hampshire	4		0.50
2.Providence	2	4	2.00
3.Connecticut	3	7	2.33
4.Maine	4	12	3.00
5.Boston College	6	21	3.50
6.Northeastern	3	17	5.67

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1.Boston College	 6	 8	 36	 1	.222
2.New Hampshire		7		0	.184
3.Providence	2	2	14	0	.143
4.Maine	4	3	28	2	.107
5.Connecticut	3	1	20	0	.050
6.Northeastern	3	0	14	1	.000

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1.New Hampshire	12	19	1.58
2.Providence	12	25	2.08
3.Maine	11	24	2.18
4.Connecticut	13	33	2.54
5.Boston College	12	44	3.67
6.Northeastern	13	63	4.85

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ream	GP	PPG	ATT	SHGA	PCT
1.Boston College	12	20	80	1	.250
2.Providence	12	20	100	0	.200
3.New Hampshire	12	20	107	0	.187
4.Connecticut	13	13	111	0	.117
5.Northeastern	13	7	85	6	.082
6.Maine	11	4	85	3	.047

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