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BU BREAKS IN TO HOCKEY EAST WITH NARROW 4-3 LOSS Shain's best efforts nullified by overpowering Minnesota offense

A very early start to league play yielded a win for Northeastern on Friday, as the host Huskies edged the visiting BU Terriers, 4-3, to start their 2005-06 season off right. It was the first varsity game for Boston University women's ice hockey, and left most observers content that the youthful Terriers will be able to contend all season long. The Terriers scored first, nearly equalled the Huskies in shots-ongoal, and never shied from play along the boards. BU's Gina Kearns made it interesting with a short-handed goal late in the third period to make it 4-3, but Northeastern held on for the win. NU mainstay Marisa Hourihan made 28 saves, as did BU rookie Allyse Wilcox, who also helped hold the Huskies scoreless on eight power play chances.

Maine and Vermont both hosted non-conference action, but had very different results against very different opponents. The Black Bears clipped Robert Morris in back-to-back contests, 3-1 and 4-1, outshooting their guests 81-20 over the two-game set. Sophomore blueliner Julie Poulin led the charge in Sunday's game, potting one goal and two assists. Clarkson had the shooting advantage on the weekend at Vermont, and converted it for two wins, 2-0 and 3-1. UVM goaltender Shivaun Siegl stopped 52 of 57 shots faced.

The toughest test for any Hockey East team, however, was UConn's game at Minnesota, the defending NCAA champion. Husky goaltender Kaitlyn Shain was up to the task, stopping 40 of 43 shots against an aggressive Gopher offense, but UConn's offense was shut out in the 3-0 loss. UConn rebounded with a 3-1 exhibition win vs. Alberta.

2005-06 STANDINGS								
2005-00 STANDINGS								
<u>Team</u>	GP	W	L	I	<u>Pts</u>	Overall	Offense	Defense
Northeastern	1	1	0	0	2	1-0-0	4.00 GPG	3.00 GAPG
Boston College	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	-	-
Connecticut	0	0	0	0	0	0-1-0	0.00 GPG	3.00 GAPG
Maine	0	0	0	0	0	2-0-0	3.50 GPG	1.00 GAPG
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	-	-
Providence	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	-	-
Vermont	0	0	0	0	0	0-2-1	1.33 GPG	2.67 GAPG
Boston University	1	0	1	0	0	0-1-0	3.00 GPG	4.00 GAPG

RECENT RESULTS

Friday, October 7

at Northeastern 4, Boston University 3 *
Clarkson 3, at Vermont 1
at Minnesota 3, Connecticut 0

Saturday, October 8

Clarkson 2, at Vermont 0 at Maine 3, Robert Morris 1 Connecticut 3, Alberta 1 (exh. - at Minnesota)

Sunday, October 9 at Maine 4, Robert Morris 1

UPCOMING GAMES

Tuesday, October 11

Quinnipiac at Boston University (7pm)

Friday, October 14

Quinnipiac at Boston College (7pm) Union at Boston University (7pm) Ohio State at Northeastern (7pm) Vermont at Wisconsin (8pm)

Saturday, October 15

Providence at Connecticut (2pm) *
Maine at New Hampshire (7pm) *
Union at Boston University (2pm)
Ohio State at Northeastern (3pm)
Vermont at Wisconsin (8pm)

Sunday, October 16

Maine at Boston College (2pm) *

* Hockey East game All game times are Eastern Time

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

JULIE POULIN - Maine

Sophomore Defenseman; Beauceville, QC

Led a 4-1 win over Robert Morris on Sunday, scoring one goal and quarterbacking the power play with two assists.

ITECH ROOKIE <u>OF THE WEEK</u>

ALLYSE WILCOX - Boston University

Freshman Goaltender; Grand Blanc, MI

Highly-regarded recruit was strong in her opening performance, stopping 28 of 32 shots faced at Northeastern to keep the Terriers close.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

KAITLYN SHAIN - Connecticut

Senior Goaltender; Calgary, AB

Stopped 56 of 59 shots faced over two games on the weekend, including 40 of 43 at Minnesota, the defending NCAA champion.