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# WOMEN'S LEAGUE RELEASE

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## SHUTOUT AT HARVARD LIFTS UNH WIN STREAK TO SEVEN Hockey East All-Stars give U.S. National Team a run for the money

PRESS

The UNH Wildcats' No. 3 ranking is not in jeopardy and may actually improve this week thanks to an impressive 3-0 win at Harvard on Thursday. Sophomore Leah Craig scored two of the three goals and assisted on the other to lead the offensive charge. At the other end, goaltender Melissa Bourdon needed to make just 16 saves to shut out the Crimson. It was the first time that powerhouse Harvard has been shut out since February of 2002.

That was the only game of the week for UNH, but the Whittemore Center did host one women's game, a unique exhibition game that pitted the Hockey East All-Stars against the U.S. National Team. The All-Stars jumped out to a somewhat surprising 2-0 first period lead thanks to goals by BU's Cara Hendry and Maine defenseman Kelly Law. But the National Team came storming back with two goals in the first 2:07 of the second period and it was a dogfight the rest of the way. Team USA got the bulk of the shots-on-goal, and finally grabbed the lead midway through the third when former Harvard star Angela Ruggiero got the first of two guick goals leading the team to a 5-2 victory. UConn stopper Kaitlyn Shain was impressive against the high-powered foe, stopping 41 shots. Former Northeastern All-American Chanda Gunn was in net at the other end and finished with 10 saves.

"This Hockey East Team is probably the college team that extended us the most," said Team USA head coach Ben Smith, acknowledging the challenge the All-Stars put forth.

Law was the only Maine player on the All-Star roster and represented the Black Bears well. Fellow Maine blueliner Julie Poulin was a force in the Bears' two-game set at Quinnipiac, scoring a goal in each game and adding one assist as Maine picked up a win and a tie.

In the only league game of the week, Boston College one-upped Northeastern with a 5-4 win thanks to two goals and two assists from Sarah Feldman. UConn surrendered two games earlier in the week despite more strong play from Shain and Providence was just edged in a battle vs. ECACHL rival Dartmouth.

## HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Team	<u>GP</u>	W	L	Τ	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Overall</u>	HE Offense	HE Defense
Providence	9	6	2	1	13	9-6-2	3.78 GPG	1.78 GAPG
New Hampshire	7	6	1	0	12	12-2-0	4.14 GPG	1.00 GAPG
Boston College	8	5	2	1	11	6-4-4	3.25 GPG	2.75 GAPG
Boston University	11	4	5	2	10	9-8-3	2.00 GPG	2.55 GAPG
Connecticut	8	4	4	0	8	5-12-0	1.88 GPG	1.62 GAPG
Northeastern	12	3	8	1	7	4-13-1	2.00 GPG	3.50 GAPG
Maine	8	2	4	2	6	10-4-4	2.12 GPG	2.88 GAPG
Vermont	7	1	5	1	3	2-13-2	1.14 GPG	3.43 GAPG

## **PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

LEAH CRAIG – New Hampshire Sophomore Forward; Seaforth, ON

Led UNH to a 3-0 shutout victory at No. 8 Harvard, scoring two goals and setting up the other.

## ITECH **ROOKIE OF THE WEEK**

**GENEVIEVE TURGEON – Maine** Freshman Goaltender; Lac Beauport, QC

Stopped 23 of 26 shots faced at Quinnipiac Saturday, including 15 of 16 in the third period, to preserve a 4-3 win.

#### RECENT RESULTS

Tuesday, December 6 Brown 1, at Connecticut 0

Thursday, December 8 at Harvard 3, Connecticut 1

Friday, December 9 Maine 2, at Quinnipiac 2 (OT)

Saturday, December 10 at Boston College 5, Northeastern 4 \* New Hampshire 3, at Harvard 0 Dartmouth 2, at Providence 1 Maine 4, at Quinnipiac 3

Sunday, December 11 U.S. Nat'l Team 5, Hockey East All-Stars 2 (exhibition at UNH)

## UPCOMING GAMES

Friday, December 30 Boston College vs. Clarkson (at Lake Placid, NY - 7pm)

Saturday, December 31 Boston College vs. Clarkson (at Lake Placid, NY - 3pm)

Sunday, January 1 Connecticut at Vermont (2pm) \* New Hampshire at Dartmouth (2pm)

\* Hockey East game All game times are Eastern Time

## **DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

KAITLYN SHAIN – Connecticut Senior Goaltender; Calgary, AB

Totalled 106 saves over three tough games, 27 of 28 vs. Brown, 38 of 41 at Harvard and 41 of 46 vs. the U.S. National Team.

## HONOR ROLL

- Melissa Bourdon, UNH (Jr. G; Ile Bizard, QC) Stopped all 16 shots faced in dealing Harvard its first shutout since February of 2002.
- Sarah Feldman, BC (So. F; Fall River, MA) Dominated a 5-4 win vs. Northeastern, scoring two goals and setting up two others.
- Rachel Gettings, Maine (Jr. G; Watervliet, NY) Notched 36 saves, including five in overtime, in a 2-2 tie at Quinnipiac Friday.
- Julie Poulin, Maine (So. D; Beauceville, QC) Scored the game-tying goal with just one second remaining in a 2-2 tie at Quinnipiac Friday and added another goal plus one assist in Saturday's 4-3 rematch win.
- Crystal Rochon, NU (Jr. F; St. Adolphe, MB) Had two goals and one assist, but the Huskies came up just short in a 5-4 loss at Boston College.
- Sadie Wright-Ward, UNH (So. F; Durham, NH) Notched one goal and one assist in a 3-0 win at Harvard.

## LEADING SCORERS (League games only)

	Player, School	CI	GP	G	Α	Pts
1	Kristin Gigliotti, PC (D)	Jr	9	5	9	14
2	Karen Thatcher, PC	Sr	9	5	8	13
3	Deb Spillane, BC	So	8	6	6	12
4	Becky Zavisza, BC	Fr	8	8	2	10
	Sonny Watrous, PC	Jr	9	6	4	10
	Crystal Rochon, NU	Jr	12	8	2	10
7	Ashley Payton, PC	Sr	9	4	5	9
	Laurel Koller, BU	Fr	11	6	3	9
	Ashley Bielawski, NU	Jr	12	5	4	9
	Nikki Petrich, NU	So	12	2	7	9
11	Kelly Law, Maine (D)	Jr	8	3	5	8
	Sarah Feldman, BC	So	8	4	4	8

## LEADING SCORERS (All games)

1 2 5 8	Player, School Karen Thatcher, PC Sonny Watrous, PC Kristin Gigliotti, PC (D) Laurel Koller, BU Deb Spillane, BC Julie Poulin, Maine (D) Gina Kearns, BU Erin Seman, BU Nicki Wiart, BU	<b>CI</b> Sr Jr Fr So Fr Fr Fr	<b>GP</b> 17 17 20 14 18 20 18 20	<b>G</b> 8 10 9 8 5 7 7 7	<b>A</b> 13 10 11 11 10 13 11 10 10	Pts 21 20 20 18 18 18 18 17 17
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## LEADING GOALTENDERS (League games only)

Player, School	CI	W-L-T	GAA	SP
1 Melissa Bourdon, UNH	Jr	5-1-0	1.16	.916
2 Kaitlyn Shain, UConn	Sr	4-4-0	1.36	.946
3 Jana Bugden, PC	Jr	5-2-1	1.92	.906
4 Alison Quandt, BC	Sr	4-0-1	2.01	.887
5 Allyse Wilcox, BU	Fr	4-4-2	2.26	.928
6 Genevieve Turgeon, ME	Fr	1-4-1	3.14	.871
7 Marisa Hourihan, NU	Sr	3-7-1	3.26	.900
8 Katie Nichols, UVM	So	0-3-1	3.49	.894

## LEADING GOALTENDERS (All games)

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## TEAM STATISTICS (League games only)

#### **TEAM OFFENSE**

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Team	GP	G	GPG
<ol> <li>New Hampshire</li> <li>Providence</li> <li>Boston College</li> <li>Maine</li> <li>Boston University</li> <li>Northeastern</li> <li>Connecticut</li> <li>Vermont</li> </ol>		29 34 26 17 22 24 15 8	4.14 3.78 3.25 2.12 2.00 2.00 1.88 1.14
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#### **TEAM DEFENSE**

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1.New Hampshire	7	7	1.00
2.Connecticut	8	13	1.62
3.Providence	9	16	1.78
4.Boston University	11	28	2.55
5.Boston College	8	22	2.75
6.Maine	8	23	2.88
7.Vermont	7	24	3.43
8.Northeastern	12	42	3.50

#### **POWER PLAY**

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1.Providence	 9	15	58	 1	.259
2.New Hampshire	-			_	.257
3.Maine		11	57	3	.193
4.Boston College	8	7	42	3	.167
5.Connecticut	8	5	38	0	.132
6.Boston University	11	7	55	1	.127
7.Vermont	7	3	41	0	.073
8.Northeastern	12	2	70	3	.029

#### **PENALTY KILL**

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1.Connecticut	8	1	29	0	.966
2.New Hampshire	7	2	27	3	.926
3.Boston University	11	8	79	2	. 899
4.Providence	9	9	71	2	.873
5.Maine	8	8	45	1	.822
6.Boston College	8	8	44	2	.818
7.Northeastern	12	15	68	2	.779
8.Vermont	7	8	33	0	.758

## TEAM STATISTICS (All games)

#### TEAM OFFENSE

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Team	GP	G	GPG
1.New Hampshire2.Maine3.Providence4.Boston University5.Boston College6.Northeastern7.Connecticut8.Vermont	18 17 20 14 18 17	60 60 54 58 39 34 24 18	4.29 3.33 3.18 2.90 2.79 1.89 1.41 1.06

#### **TEAM DEFENSE**

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1.New Hampshire	14	16	1.14
2.Maine		36	2.00
3.Connecticut		37	2.18
4.Providence	17	40	2.35
5.Boston College	14	36	2.57
6.Boston University	20	53	2.65
7.Vermont	17	51	3.00
8.Northeastern	18	64	3.56

## **POWER PLAY**

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1.New Hampshire	14	24	81	1	.296
2.Maine				5	.220
3.Providence	17	24	117	1	.205
4.Boston University	20	23	116	3	.198
5.Boston College	14	16	84	3	.190
6.Connecticut	17	8	80	1	.100
7.Northeastern	18	5	103	4	.049
8.Vermont	17	4	83	0	.048

## PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1.Maine 2.Boston University 3.New Hampshire 4.Providence 5.Boston College 6.Connecticut 7.Vermont	18 20 14 17 14 17	11 14 8	109 134 69 120 76 65 79	1 3 5 4 3 0 0	.899 .896 .884 .850 .829 .815 .797
8.Northeastern	18	21	102	2	.794



## TEAM NOTES

**Boston College:** The Eagles have two wins in their last four games vs. Northeastern after winning just once prior in the all-time series ... BC has yet to lose in six overtime games already this season (2-0-4) ... Freshman Maggie Taverna now has an impressive seven-game point streak.

**Boston University:** The Terriers did not play last week. They do not return to action until Jan. 7 vs. UNH. They have played 20 games so far this season, two more than any other Hockey East team and six more than both UNH and Boston College.

University of Connecticut: Jaclyn Hawkins scored her team-leading seventh goal of the season just 31 seconds into play vs. Harvard, but the Crimson outshot the Huskies 41-15 for the game and emerged with a 3-1 win.

**University of Maine:** Defenseman Julie Poulin has 18 points this season, tied for fourth in the nation among blueliners. The Maine record for points by a defenseman in one season is 24, set by Kelly Nelson in the 2000-01 season.

**University of New Hampshire:** UNH boasts the nation's longest active unbeaten streak (seven games; 7-0-0). The Wildcats lead the nation in offense (4.29 goals per game) and power play efficiency (29.6%) ... Sophomore Leah Craig has 12 goals already this year, matching her rookie year total ... In the last four games, Melissa Bourdon has stopped 53 of 55 shots, posting two shutouts. She now has 15 career shutouts, third most in UNH history ... UNH has allowed more than 16 shots in a game just one time this season (21 by Brown on Oct. 30) ... UNH's penatly kill has been successful in 23 of 24 shorthanded situations (95.8%) in the last seven games and have scored two short-handed goals in that span.

Northeastern University: Crystal Rochon has scored six goals in her last four games ... Saturday's game against BC marked the first time this season that the Huskies have lost when scoring three or more goals ... Marie Desrosiers' power play goal against BC Saturday was NU's first man advantage score since Nov. 5, breaking a drought of 39 scoreless power plays.

**Providence College:** Kristin Gigliotti ended a 13-game point streak when she was held scoreless in Saturday's 2-1 loss vs. Dartmouth. She is one of three Providence players that has already reached the 20-point plateau this season ... Senior Ashley Payton has 41 goals and 53 assists in her career and now needs just six points to reach 100 ... The Friars are 9-0-0 this season when any single player has more than one point.

**University of Vermont:** The Catamounts did not play last week. They return to action on New Year's Day, hosting Connecticut.

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Name	<u>CI</u>	Pos	<u>Schoo</u> l
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Crystal Rochon	Jr	F	NU
Kaitlyn Shain	Sr	G	UConn
Karen Thatcher	Sr	F	PC
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Allyse Wilcox	Fr	G	BU
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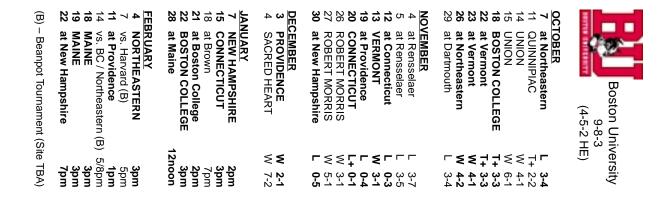
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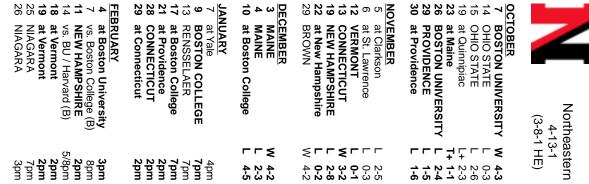
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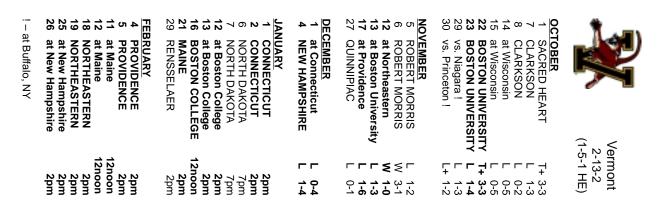
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