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# WOMEN'S LEAGUE

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## HAT TRICK FOR TOP-RANKED UNH

### *Wildcats sweep awards for top player, rookie, coach*

Repeating an awards hat trick from Hockey East's inaugural season, the University of New Hampshire swept the three major individual awards, acknowledging the season's top player, rookie and coach.

Sophomore Sadie Wright-Ward put on a scoring display in the final week of the regular season (12 points in just three games) to win the scoring title by just one point ahead of teammate Jennifer Hitchcock, and subsequently claimed the honor of TPS Hockey Player of the Year. Hitchcock, however, is being honored as the ITECH Three Stars Award winner, identifying the best collection of single-game performances this season.

First-year Wildcat Samantha Faber scored 20 of her 31 Hockey East points in the final month of the season to remove any doubt about who would be ITECH Rookie of the Year. She was a unanimous selection by the Hockey East coaches. And for the third time in four years of Hockey East play, UNH head coach Brian McCloskey has been chosen by his peers as the RBK / CCM Coach of the Year.

Providence College senior Karen Thatcher will be presented with the Sportsmanship Award for the third consecutive year, and UNH goaltender Melissa Bourdon will also make it three in a row as well, as the league's Goaltending Champion. She established a personal best with a 1.18 goals-against-average in league play in 2005-06.

#### **TPS Hockey Player of the Year**

Sadie Wright-Ward, New Hampshire  
(So. F; Durham, NH)  
Runner-up: Karen Thatcher, Providence

#### **Hockey East Scoring Champion**

Sadie Wright-Ward, New Hampshire (39 points)  
(So. F; Durham, NH)  
Runner-up: Jennifer Hitchcock, UNH (38 points)



#### **ITECH Goaltending Champion**

Melissa Bourdon, New Hampshire (1.18 GAA)  
(Jr. G; Ile Bizard, QC)  
Runner-up: Alison Quandt, BC (1.95 GAA)

#### **ITECH Rookie of the Year**

Samantha Faber, New Hampshire  
(Fr. F; Mt. Sinai, NY)  
Runner-up: Becky Zavisza, Boston College



**RBK / CCM Coach of the Year**  
Brian McCloskey, New Hampshire  
Runner-up: Guy Perron, Maine

#### **ITECH "Three Stars" Award**

Jennifer Hitchcock, New Hampshire  
(So. F; LaSalle, ON)  
Runners-up:  
Kaitlyn Shain, Connecticut  
Sadie Wright-Ward, New Hampshire



**Sportsmanship Award**  
Karen Thatcher, Providence  
(Sr. F; Douglas, MA)  
Runner-up: Deb Spillane, Boston College