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FROZEN FOUR AWAITS ITS FIRST HOCKEY EAST TEAM UNH extends win streak, unbeaten streak with 3-1 triumph over Harvard

Seventeen straight wins. Twenty-nine games without a loss. And nearly seven games without allowing a goal. The UNH Wildcats just missed posting their seventh consecutive shutout in this past weekend's NCAA quarterfinal match, when the Harvard Crimson broke the streak with a goal in the closing seconds of a 3-1 loss. The otherwise irrelevant goal did not halt UNH's win streak (17) or undefeated streak (28-0-1) as the top-seeded 'Cats continued to march through the postseason. The Wildcats won their first two playoff games, both in the Hockey East tournament by identical scores of 6-0, en route to their first Hockey East championship.

Harvard was no easy mark, however, as the Crimson have been winning when it counted most, in the playoffs. But Harvard ultimately suffered its third loss in three head-to-head meetings vs. UNH this season, surrendering first-period goals to Jennifer Hitchcock (her 29th of the season) and Martine Garland. Goaltender Melissa Bourdon held Harvard scoreless until there was only 19 seconds left in the game, too late for any sort of comeback from a 3-0 deficit.

Now UNH advances to the Frozen Four semifinal against Minnesota, the host school. The Gophers are hardly unbeatable at home, however, where they have only a 16-6 record this season. Two of those losses came against Wisconsin, a team UNH defeated 2-1 in their only meeting this year.

Wisconsin is also part of the 2006 Frozen Four field, as is St. Lawrence. UNH has not faced St. Lawrence this season.

This will be the first appearance for Hockey East in the women's Frozen Four. The league began play in the 2002-03 season but already has multiple teams fighting for position in the national rankings.

NCAA TOURNAMENT

Friday, Mar. 17-18
Quarterfinals at campus sites
 at New Hampshire 3, Harvard 1
 at Minnesota 4, Princeton 0
 at St. Lawrence 1, Minnesota Duluth 0
 at Wisconsin 2, Mercyhurst 1 (2OT)

Friday, Mar. 24
Semifinals at Minnesota
 St. Lawrence vs. Wisconsin (5pm)
 New Hampshire at Minnesota (8pm)

Sunday, Mar. 26
Championship Game at Minnesota (4pm)

All times Eastern

HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	GF (Avg.)	GA (Avg.)	Overall
1. New Hampshire	21	19	1	1	39	107 (5.10)	23 (1.10)	33-2-1
2. Boston College	21	16	4	1	33	62 (2.95)	43 (2.05)	20-11-4
3. Providence	21	11	8	2	24	69 (3.29)	50 (2.38)	17-14-4
4. Maine	21	9	8	4	22	58 (2.76)	48 (2.29)	17-9-6
5. Connecticut	21	10	11	0	20	44 (2.10)	47 (2.24)	12-21-1
6. Boston University	21	6	13	2	14	36 (1.71)	66 (3.14)	12-17-4
7. Northeastern	21	6	14	1	13	43 (2.05)	79 (3.76)	8-24-1
8. Vermont	21	1	19	1	3	13 (0.62)	76 (3.62)	3-29-2

**PLAYER
OF THE WEEK**

MARTINE GARLAND – UNH
Sophomore Defenseman; Toronto, ON

Registered one goal and one assist in a span of 2:28 in the first period of a 3-1 win vs. Harvard. Her goal stood as the game-winner.