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FIVE HE SQUADS HOST ECACHL FOES THIS WEEKEND

Maine opens league slate against New Hampshire and Boston College

In what could be billed as the "Battle of the Northeast," four ECAC Hockey League squads will visit five Hockey East schools this weekend. In Friday's lone game, Boston University, fresh off its two-game sweep of Robert Morris in Pittsburgh, returns home to host Rensselaer. Then, in a slew of Saturday matinees, St. Lawrence visits Providence, Colgate invades Connecticut, Quinnipiac is at Northeastern, and Rensselaer plays a rematch against the Terriers.

On Sunday, St. Lawrence and Colgate swap opponents, with the Saints taking on the UConn Huskies and the Raiders going against the Friars in Providence. St. Lawrence is looking strong in the early season, taking two against Wayne State, with reigning ECAC Player of the Year Sabrina Harbec collecting five points. However, UConn has also displayed some offensive firepower, with junior Jaclyn Hawkins (Manotick, ON) potting five goals in two games against Vermont last weekend. The Huskies were airtight in the defensive end as well, allowing only two goals against the Catamounts.

The Friars hope a strong showing against their ECAC counterparts will

provide a springboard into league play, which comes next Wednesday against Northeastern.

This weekend also marks the start of Hockey East action for three other squads. In Orono, Maine will host New Hampshire on Saturday, and then takes on Boston College on Sunday. The Black Bears picked up their first win last Saturday, edging Bemidji State, 3-2, after dropping a hard-fought contest to nationally ranked Minnesota, 5-2, in the Easton Shootout. UNH and BC, meanwhile, come into Alford Arena riding winning streaks. The Wildcats are 4-0-0, after giving Minnesota the slip, 6-5 in overtime, in the Easton Shootout final. The Eagles are also undefeated, winning their first two games against Rensselaer and Quinnipiac.

The Black Bears will undoubtedly pay special attention to UNH's super sophomores Sam Faber (Mt. Sinai, NY), who rang up six points (three goals, three assists) in the Easton Shootout last weekend against Bemidji State and Minnesota, and offensive-minded blueliner Kacey Bellamy (Westfield, MA), who was just tabbed for the U.S. Women's Select Team. Meanwhile, the Black Bears are

looking to build on their own momentum from the Easton Shootout. A key to that game plan is putting the puck in the net, as both UNH and Boston College have been tough on the defensive side of center ice. BC's freshman goalie, Molly Schaus (Natick, MA), has been particularly stingy, allowing only a single goal in two games this year.

Also on Sunday, members of the BU and NU women's hockey teams, along with several Hockey East mascots and staff members from the league office will take part in the "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" walk from the Esplanade in Boston. The walk precedes Hockey East's "Skating Strides Against Breast Cancer" to be held in January. The league has designated Jan. 27, 2007 as a breast cancer awareness and fund-raising day. That date marks the first full weekend of league play, with all eight teams facing a Hockey East opponent.

2006-07 STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	GF (Avg.)	GA (Avg.)
Connecticut	2	2	0	0	0	2-0-0	11 (5.50)	2 (1.00)
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0	0	4-0-0	-	-
Boston University	0	0	0	0	0	2-0-0	-	-
Boston College	0	0	0	0	0	1-0-0	-	-
Maine	0	0	0	0	0	1-3-0	-	-
Northeastern	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	-	-
Providence	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	-	-
Vermont	2	0	2	0	0	0-4-0	2 (1.00)	11 (5.50)

UPCOMING GAMES

Friday, October 13

Rensselaer at Boston University (7pm)

Saturday, October 14

New Hampshire at Maine (12noon) *
 Colgate at Connecticut (1pm)
 St. Lawrence at Providence (1pm)
 Quinnipiac at Northeastern (2pm)
 Rensselaer at Boston University (3pm)

Sunday, October 15

Boston College at Maine (12noon) *
 St. Lawrence at Connecticut (1pm)
 Colgate at Providence (1pm)

Wednesday, October 18

Northeastern at Providence (7pm) *

* Hockey East game

All game times are Eastern Time