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SHOWDOWNS LOOM BETWEEN UNDEFEATED TEAMS *Connecticut and Vermont to host non-conference opponents*

The Boston College Eagles will have revenge on their minds when they visit New Hampshire on Friday night. The Wildcats defeated BC in last season's Hockey East Championship Game, but the 10th-ranked Eagles have come flying out of the gate with a 4-0-1 start. However, they face their toughest test yet in the top-ranked Wildcats (7-0-0), who carry a 19-game winning streak at the Whittemore Center into the weekend.

The Wildcats have built on last season's success, picking up two non-conference wins last weekend over Brown and Colgate. Standout goalie Melissa Bourdon (Ile Bizard, QC) notched her 24th career shutout versus Brown, 2-0, and sophomore defenseman Kacey Bellamy (Westfield, MA) netted two powerplay goals to lead UNH over the Raiders, 4-1.

But while UNH may be the established champion, the Eagles, led by reigning Hockey East Defensive Player of the Week freshman Molly Schaus (Natick, MA), are primed to vie for the league crown. Schaus will have to continue her stellar play between the pipes against a Wildcat offense averaging 4.57 goals a game.

BC will be back in action on Sunday as they make the short trip to Northeastern to take on a Huskies team riding high from their first win of year. NU took down Maine, 6-5, after spotting the Black Bears a 5-1 lead midway through the second period. NU junior Missy Elumba (Cottage Grove, MN) notched two tallies in the final stanza to complete the dramatic comeback on Sunday.

New Hampshire's weekend doesn't get any easier as they host another league tilt against an undefeated Boston University squad on Sunday. The 6-0-0 Terriers will look to build on their early season success, which included back-to-back shutouts last weekend. Freshman Melissa Anderson (Langley, BC) has gotten on the scoresheet in every game she has played this season.

The Providence Friars will trek to Pennsylvania to face off against 3rd-ranked and reigning College Hockey America champion Mercyhurst for a two-game set this weekend. Behind the rock-solid goaltending of senior Jana Bugden (Corner Brook, NF), who leads Hockey East with a .961 save percentage, PC will look to upend a ranked opponent for the first time this season. To do that, the Friars will have to find their offense, which struggled against the Connecticut Huskies after putting up solid numbers in two victories over Northeastern (4.50 goals per game).

Connecticut hosts Wayne State for a pair of games in Storrs as the Huskies look to continue their winning ways. UConn added a victory at Maine, thanks in large part to Hockey East Player of the Week Jaclyn Hawkins' (Manotick, ON) second hat-trick of the month, on Saturday before picking up a signature win over rival Providence, 1-0, on Sunday, courtesy of Michelle Binning's (Oshawa, ON) first career goal.

Vermont rounds out the weekend slate with two tilts against the Pioneers of Sacred Heart. The Catamounts return to the friendly

confines of the Gutterson Fieldhouse after six straight road games to open the season and will look to get Coach Tim Bothwell his first win behind the bench.

The Maine Black Bears have the weekend off as they prepare to mirror the men's twin wins in a weekend stint at North Dakota against the Fighting Sioux in early November.

RECENT RESULTS

Wednesday, October 18
 at Providence 4, Northeastern 1 *

Friday, October 20
 at Boston College 2, Princeton 2 (OT)
 at New Hampshire 2, Brown 0

Saturday, October 21
 at Connecticut 8, Maine 3 *
 Providence 5, at Northeastern 3 *
 at Boston University 3, Vermont 0 *
 at Boston College 3, Yale 1 #

Sunday, October 22
 Connecticut 1, at Providence 0 * %
 at Northeastern 6, Maine 5 *
 at Boston University 4, Vermont 0 *
 New Hampshire 4, at Colgate 1

UPCOMING GAMES

Friday, October 27
 Boston College at UNH (7pm) *
 Wayne State at Connecticut (7pm)
 Sacred Heart at Vermont (7pm)

Saturday, October 28
 Providence at Mercyhurst (2pm)
 Sacred Heart at Vermont (2pm)
 Wayne State at Connecticut (4pm)

Sunday, October 29
 Boston College at Northeastern (2pm) *
 Boston Univ. at New Hampshire (2pm) *
 Providence at Mercyhurst (1pm)

* Hockey East game
 # Commissioners' Cup Series game
 % Hannaford/Kraft Kids' Club event
 All game times are Eastern Time

2006-07 HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Goals For	Goals Against
Connecticut	4	4	0	0	8	5-1-0	23	9
Boston University	2	2	0	0	4	6-0-0	19	6
Providence	3	2	1	0	4	3-2-0	15	7
Boston College	1	1	0	0	2	4-0-1	18	7
New Hampshire	1	1	0	0	2	7-0-0	32	9
Northeastern	3	1	2	0	2	1-5-0	14	35
Maine	4	0	4	0	0	1-7-0	19	43
Vermont	4	0	4	0	0	0-6-0	3	31