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UNH TAKES TWO FROM NIAGARA; BC STOPS RPI *Vermont, Maine fall in openers; UConn, NU and BU win exhibitions*

Last year's Women's Hockey East tournament finalists started their 2006-07 seasons in fine fashion this past weekend, with New Hampshire taking two from Niagara and Boston College slipping past RPI, 2-1, on the road.

On Saturday, last year's Rookie of the Year Samantha Faber (Mount Sinai, NY) helped UNH avoid a letdown, netting an overtime winner that gave the Wildcats a weekend sweep. The 'Cats Melissa Bourdon (Ile Bizard, QC) notched her 22nd career shutout in Friday's opener, 5-0. In the rematch, Niagara pushed UNH to the brink, but Faber finished off a feed from Kacey Bellamy (Westfield, MA) in the extra stanza to get the win. Friday night, the Boston College Eagles faced a stern early season test, but left Troy, NY, with a hard-fought 2-1 win over RPI thanks to three newcomers. Freshmen Anna McDonald (New Brighton, MN) and Allie Thunstrom (Maplewood, MN) got the goals, while first-year goaltender Molly Schaus (Natick, MA) recorded 18 saves.

Vermont absorbed two losses at Clarkson, 9-1 and 4-1, but the Catamounts had to be encouraged by the play of netminder Jenilee Roy (Sanborn, NH). The junior entered the first game with UVM down 6-0, and held the potent Golden Knights offense to seven goals over the next five periods. Likewise, Maine suffered back-to-back defeats at the hands of nationally ranked Mercyhurst, 5-2 and 8-1, though freshman Taryn Peacock (Calgary, AB) tallied in each game for the Black Bears. In exhibition action, Northeastern took two against the Bluewater Hawks and the Toronto Jr. Aeros. Boston University also toppled the Hawks, while the UConn Huskies dominated Etobicoke, 6-0. The Providence Friars also played the Jr. Aeros, dropping a close 2-1 match in overtime.

RECENT RESULTS

Friday, September 29

Boston College 2, at RPI 1
 at New Hampshire 5, Niagara 0
 at Clarkson 9, Vermont 0
 at Connecticut 6, Etobicoke 0 (ex.)

Saturday, September 30

at New Hampshire 4, Niagara 3 OT
 Mercyhurst 5, at Maine 2
 at Clarkson 4, Vermont 1
 Toronto Jr. Aeros 2, at Providence 1 OT (ex.)
 at Northeastern 4, Bluewater 1 (ex.)

Sunday, October 1

Mercyhurst 8, at Maine 1
 at Boston University 5, Bluewater 2 (ex.)
 at Northeastern 3, Toronto Jr. Aeros 0 (ex.)

UPCOMING GAMES

Friday, October 6

Vermont at Connecticut (7pm) *
 New Hampshire vs. Bemidji State (4pm) !
 Maine vs. Minnesota (7pm) !
 Northeastern at Ohio State (7pm)
 Boston University at Robert Morris (7:30pm)

Saturday, October 7

Quinnipiac at Boston College (2pm)
 Boston University at Robert Morris (2pm)
 Maine vs. Bemidji State (4pm) !
 New Hampshire vs. Minnesota (7pm) !
 Vermont at Connecticut (4pm) *
 Northeastern at Ohio State (7pm)

* Hockey East game

! Easton Shootout, Minneapolis, MN

All game times are Eastern Time

2006-07 STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	2005-06 HE	2005-06
Boston College	0	0	0	0	0	1-0-0	16-4-1	20-11-4
Boston University	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	6-13-2	12-17-4
Connecticut	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	10-11-0	12-21-1
Maine	0	0	0	0	0	0-2-0	9-8-4	17-9-6
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0	0	2-0-0	19-1-1	33-3-1
Northeastern	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	6-14-1	8-24-1
Providence	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	14-4-2	21-11-5
Vermont	0	0	0	0	0	0-2-0	1-19-1	3-29-2

TPS PLAYER OF THE WEEK

SAMANTHA FABER – New Hampshire
Sophomore Forward; Mount Sinai, NY

Had two goals and an assist in the Wildcats' season-opening twin wins against Niagara, including the overtime tally that sealed the second victory, 4-3.

ITECH ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

TARYN PEACOCK – Maine
Freshman Forward; Calgary, AB

Despite the Black Bears being over-matched in two losses to highly ranked Mercyhurst, Peacock was a bright spot, registering her first two collegiate goals.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

MOLLY SCHAUS – Boston College
Freshman Goaltender; Natick, MA

In her first collegiate start for the Eagles, Schaus stopped 18 of 19 shots to preserve a opening-night victory, on the road, against Rensselaer.