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UNH FLEXES ITS MUSCLE WITH TWO BIG LEAGUE WINS *UConn and UVM each sweep a pair; Providence battles but loses*

And then there were two. Connecticut and New Hampshire remain at the top of the Hockey East standings with perfect league marks after a weekend of inter-league skirmishes knocked Boston College and Boston University from the unbeaten ranks.

Boston College took UNH to the brink on Friday night before falling, 2-1, to the top-ranked Wildcats. With less than six minutes to go in Durham, and the Eagles clinging to a 1-0 lead, UNH's Jennifer Hitchcock (Lasalle, ON) buried a power play goal to tie the game. Hitchcock also got the game-winner, only 3:30 later, to complete the come-from-behind victory and preserve UNH's gleaming 8-0-0 mark.

On Sunday, the Wildcats made it nine wins in a row when they beat the visiting Terriers, 4-0, behind two goals from junior Leah Craig (Seaforth, ON) and the shutout goaltending of Melissa Bourdon (Ile Bizard, QC). BU came into the game with an unblemished 6-0-0 mark, but couldn't solve the Wildcat D. The Eagles quickly regrouped, and pinned a 7-4 loss on Northeastern, despite the heroics of Husky goaltender Sydney Arbelbide (Littleton, CO), who finished with 41 saves. BC netminder Johanna Ellison (Cloquet, MN) registered her first win of the season.

If winning the close ones is key to winning championships, UConn is looking good. In non-conference action, Huskies took a pair of thrillers from Wayne State, 4-3 and 3-2, to finish the week at 7-1-0 overall. Junior Jaclyn Hawkins (Manotick, ON) continued her torrid early season pace, as she potted two goals and four assists over the two-game series, while freshman sensation freshman Dominique Thibault (L'Original, ON) scored three goals and had an assist.

Vermont also had a reason to celebrate, after posting the programs first two wins of the season by sweeping Sacred Heart, 6-2 and 3-2. Freshman Chelsea Furlani (Colchester, VT) paced the Catamounts with four points (two goals, two assists) along with Jackie Thode's (Aurora, CO) two goals to present first-year coach Tim Bothwell with his first victories.

Despite the best efforts of Providence goaltenders Danielle Ciarletta (Blaine, MN) and Jana Bugden (Corner Brook, NF), the Friars dropped a pair to 3rd-ranked Mercyhurst in Pennsylvania, 4-3 and 3-0. Ciarletta registered a career-high 45 saves in Saturday's loss, while Bugden stopped 31 of 34 Laker shots on Sunday.

2006-07 HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Goals For	Goals Against
Connecticut	4	4	0	0	8	7-1-0	30	14
New Hampshire	3	3	0	0	6	9-0-0	38	10
Boston College	3	2	1	0	4	5-1-1	26	13
Boston University	3	2	1	0	4	6-1-0	19	10
Providence	3	2	1	0	4	3-4-0	18	14
Northeastern	4	1	3	0	2	1-6-0	18	42
Maine	4	0	4	0	0	1-7-0	19	43
Vermont	4	0	4	0	0	2-6-0	12	35

RECENT RESULTS

Friday, October 27

at UNH 2, Boston College 1 *
 at Connecticut 4, Wayne State 3
 at Vermont 6, Sacred Heart 2

Saturday, October 28

at Mercyhurst 4, Providence 3
 at Vermont 3, Sacred Heart 2
 at Connecticut 3, Wayne State 2

Sunday, October 29

Boston College 7, at Northeastern 4 *
 at New Hampshire 4, Boston Univ. 0 *
 at Mercyhurst 3, Providence 0

UPCOMING GAMES

Thursday, November 2

UNH at Boston College (7pm) *

Friday, November 3

Connecticut at Ohio State (7pm)
 North Dakota at Maine (7pm) #
 St. Cloud State at Vermont (7pm) #

Saturday, November 4

Boston Univ. at Boston College (2pm) *
 Northeastern at Niagara (2pm) #
 St. Cloud State at Vermont (2pm)
 Connecticut at Ohio State (4pm) #
 North Dakota at Maine (7pm)

Sunday, November 5

Northeastern at Niagara (2pm)

* Hockey East game

Commissioners' Cup Series game

% Hannaford/Kraft Kids' Club event

All game times are Eastern Time

TPS PLAYER OF THE WEEK

JENNIFER HITCHCOCK – UNH
Junior Forward; Lasalle, ON

Scored three goals last weekend to propel UNH to victories against 10th-ranked Boston College and previously unbeaten Boston University.

MISSION HOCKEY ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

CHELSEA FURLANI – Vermont
Freshman Forward; Colchester, VT

Collected four points (two goals, two assists) in the Catamounts' weekend sweep of Sacred Heart, including her first career goal on home ice.

PURE HOCKEY DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

BRITTANY WILSON – Connecticut
Sophomore Goaltender; Nepean, ON

Stopped 62 of 67 Wayne State shots to help the Huskies pull off the weekend sweep, propelling Connecticut to an impressive 7-1-0 record.

COLLEGIATE MILESTONES

Melanie Greene, Vermont (Fr., D, Queensbury, N.Y.)
First career goal vs. Sacred Heart, Oct. 27, 2006.

Jackie Thode, Vermont (Fr., D, Aurora, Colo.)
First career goal vs. Sacred Heart, Oct. 28, 2006.

Jennifer Hitchcock, UNH (Lasalle, ON)
Became the 35th Wildcat to record 100 career points with a power-play goal – her 49th career tally – against BU.

Johanna Ellison, BC (So., G, Cloquet, Minn.)
Got first start and win of the season Oct. 29, 2006, vs. NU.

Lindsay Berman, NU (Fr D; Odenton, MD)
First career goal vs. No.10 Boston College on Oct. 29, 2006

Tim Bothwell, Vermont (head coach)
First win, against Sacred Heart, Oct. 27, 2006.

LEADING SCORERS (All Games)

Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1 Jaclyn Hawkins, UConn	Jr	8	10	9	19
2 Sam Faber, UNH	So	9	8	6	14
3 Martine Garland, UNH	Jr	9	3	10	13
4 Dominique Thibault, UConn	Fr	8	5	6	11
Natalie Vibert, UConn	Sr	8	2	9	11
6 Melissa Anderson, BU	Fr	6	2	8	10
Sadie Wright-Ward, UNH	Jr	9	1	9	10
8 Anna McDonald, BC	Fr	7	6	3	9
Meghan Fardelmann, BC	So	7	5	4	9
Chelsey Jones, NU	Fr	7	5	4	9
Kristin Gigliotti, PC	Sr	7	5	4	9
Vanessa Vani, Maine	So	8	6	3	9
Kacey Bellamy, UNH	So	9	6	3	9
Jennifer Hitchcock, UNH	Jr	9	5	4	9
Kelly Paton, UNH	Fr	9	2	7	9
16 Sarah Feldman, PC	Jr	7	3	5	8
Kelli Stack, BC	Fr	7	2	6	8
Kristin Russell, UConn	So	8	0	8	8

HONOR ROLL

Jackie Thode, Vermont (Fr. D, Aurora, CO) -
Scored two goals, including the game-winner in Sartuday's 3-2 win, enabling Vermont to sweep Sacred Heart.

Dominique Thibault, UConn (Fr. F; L'Original, ON) -
Scored three goals and had an assist in the Huskies two wins over Wayne State this weekend.

Jaclyn Hawkins, UConn (Jr. F; Manotick, ON) -
Had three assists and a goal against Wayne State on Friday night. On Saturday, she added a goal and assisted on Dominique Thibault's goal.

Anna McDonald, BC (Fr. F; New Brighton, Minn.) -
Registered three goals and an assist over two games, including a strike a gainst UNH, and earned First Star status in Sunday's 7-4 win against NU.

Kelli Stack, BC (Fr. F; Brooklyn Heights, OH) Had a goal, an assist, and nine shots on goal as the Eagles split two games.

Chelsey Jones, NU (Fr. F; Lake Elmo, MN) - Had her second career multiple-goal game and first career three-point after scoring two goals and adding an assist in Sunday's 7-4 loss to No. 10 BC.

Melissa Bourdon, UNH (Sr. G; Ile Bizard, QC) -
Stopped 28 of 29 shots to compile a 2-0-0 record in last weekend's games vs. 10th-ranked Boston College and previously unbeaten Boston University. Bourdon recorded her fourth shutout of the season and 25th of her career with a 13-save effort vs. BU.

Danielle Ciarletta, Providence (So. G; Blaine, MN) -
Played valiantly in a losing effort against Mercyhurst, stopping 45 of 49 Laker shots.

Lindsay Berman, NU (Fr. D; Odenton, MD) - Scored her first career goal in the first period on Sunday's 7-4 loss to Boston College.

Martine Garland, UNH (Jr. D; Toronto, ON) - Recorded three points, all on assists, last weekend to lead UNH to victories against 10th-ranked Boston College and previously unbeaten Boston University. She set up both game-winning goals and had a second assist vs. BU.

Molly Schaus, BC (Fr. G; Natick, MA) - Had 33 saves in a superlative effort against UNH on Friday.

Sydney Arbelbide, NU (Fr. G; Littleton, CO) -
Played well, recording a career-high 41 saves in Sunday's loss to No. 10 Boston College.

LEADING GOALTENDERS (All Games)

Player, School	Cl	GP	Min	W-L-T	GAA	SP
1 Melissa Bourdon, UNH	Sr	7	425	7-0-0	1.27	.908
2 Molly Schaus, BC	Fr	6	363	4-1-1	1.49	.942
3 Jana Bugden, PC	Sr	5	298	2-3-0	1.61	.950
4 Allyse Wilcox, BU	So	6	362	5-1-0	1.66	.933
5 Brittany Wilson, UConn	So	8	480	7-1-0	1.75	.936
6 Shivaun Siegl, UVM	Sr	5	260	2-3-0	3.69	.857
7 Sarah Belliveau, NU	Jr	2	167	1-1-0	4.31	.860
8 Jenilee Roy, UVM	Jr	3	220	0-3-0	5.18	.853
9 Genevieve Turgeon, ME	So	5	308	1-4-0	5.25	.881
10 Stacey Scott, NU	So	3	141	0-3-0	7.22	.785



TEAM STATISTICS (All Games)

TEAM OFFENSE

Team	GP	G	GPG
1 New Hampshire	9	38	4.22
2 Connecticut	8	30	3.75
3 Boston College	7	26	3.71
4 Boston University	7	19	2.71
5 Northeastern Providence	7	18	2.57
7 Maine	8	19	2.38
8 Vermont	8	12	1.50

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1 New Hampshire	9	10	1.11
2 Boston University	7	10	1.43
3 Connecticut	8	14	1.75
4 Boston College	7	13	1.86
5 Providence	7	14	2.00
6 Vermont	8	35	4.38
7 Maine	8	43	5.38
8 Northeastern	7	42	6.00

POWER PLAY

Team	Totals	SHGA	Pct
1 Connecticut	17/54	0	31.5
2 New Hampshire	19/64	1	29.7
3 Boston College	6/45	0	13.3
Boston University	6/45	2	13.3
Providence	8/60	0	13.3
6 Maine	6/73	5	8.2
7 Northeastern	4/53	4	7.5
8 Vermont	1/45	3	2.2

PENALTY KILL

Team	Totals	SHG	Pct
1 New Hampshire	56/59	2	94.9
2 Boston University	43/47	1	91.5
3 Boston College	50/56	3	89.3
4 Providence	48/54	0	88.9
5 Connecticut	50/57	3	87.7
6 Vermont	49/59	0	83.1
7 Northeastern	33/46	1	71.7
8 Maine	42/63	0	66.7

PENALTY MINUTES

Team	GP	PiM	PMPG
1 Maine	8	164	20.5
2 Providence	7	127	18.1
3 Vermont	8	135	16.9
4 Boston College	7	114	16.3
5 Boston University	7	110	15.7
6 New Hampshire	9	141	15.7
7 Connecticut	8	120	15.0
8 Northeastern	7	98	14.0

TEAM NOTES

Boston College: BC extended its win streak vs. NU to five games after Sunday's win ... Senior Michelle Lombardi (Milton, MA) played her 100th career game vs. UNH, and scored her first goal of the season vs. NU ... Freshman Anna McDonald scored her team-leading 6th goal, and is tied with sophomore Meghan Fardelmann (Lansing, KS) with 9 points.

Boston University: Allyse Wilcox (Grand Blanc, MI) allowed more than two goals for the first time this season, giving up four goals against New Hampshire. Wilcox made a season-high 35 saves ... The loss to UNH ends BU's six-game winning streak, a program high. Last season the Terriers longest winning streak was two games ... BU faces BC on Saturday, Nov. 4 for the first of three meetings this season. BC leads the overall series 0-2-1.

University of Connecticut: UConn is off to its best start in program history with a 7-1-0 record ... The Huskies are outscoring their opponents by a 30-14 margin ... Only eight games into the season, Jaclyn Hawkins is well on her way to smashing her point total from a year ago, in which she had 27. To date, she has 19 points.

University of Maine: The Black Bears, which had the weekend off, prepare to welcome the Fighting Sioux of North Dakota to Orono next weekend. The women hope to repeat the success of the men's program, which swept the Fighting Sioux earlier this year.

University of New Hampshire: UNH has won 23 consecutive regular-season games and has a 35 game regular-season unbeaten streak of 34-0-1 ... UNH has won 21 consecutive home games and is unbeaten in the last 27 game at the Whittemore Center (24-0-3) ... Nineteen of UNH's 38 goals have come on the power play ... UNH recorded double digits in shots all six periods last weekend while yielding no more than nine shots in a period.

Northeastern University: Freshman goaltender Sydney Arbelbide faced 48 shots on Sunday, the most faced by an NU goaltender since Boston University peppered Marisa Hourihan with 50 on Feb. 14, 2006. Her save total was the most by a Husky since Hourihan's 47 in that game ... Northeastern's 2-0 lead after one period on Sunday marked the first time all season that the Huskies have led after one period ... After Sunday's game, the Huskies will play six consecutive games on the road.

Providence College: After two tough losses to national power Mercyhurst, Providence Coach Bob Deraney will have plenty of time to tinker with his offense before the Friars play Yale on Nov. 8.

University of Vermont: Vermont won its first two games of the season sweeping Sacred Heart at Gutterson Fieldhouse ... The Catamounts had scored only three times in six games prior to Friday's home opener, then scored three goals in a nine-minute span in the first period ... Five of Vermont's nine goals came from rookies.