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SHOWDOWN TONIGHT; BATTLE FOR BOSTON LOOMS UConn visits OSU; NU at Niagara; Maine, UVM host WCHA foes

This weekend's Women's Hockey East docket features a host of non-conference match-ups and two highly anticipated league tilts. Boston College and New Hampshire renew their rivalry once again this week. The Eagles dropped a hard-fought contest last Friday to UNH at the Whittemore Center, 2-1, and will be aiming to even the score in the rematch at the Heights this evening. New Hampshire goaltender and reigning Defensive Player of the Month Melissa Bourdon (Ile Bizard, QC) is in search of her 26th career shutout, which would tie the school record set by Jen Huggon. One can be sure she'd love to pick up the historic victory against BC, the only Hockey East team to net a goal off of her this season.

On Saturday, Rookie of the Month Molly Schaus (Natick, MA) and her fellow Eagles welcome Boston University to Kelley Rink in a battle for Commonwealth Avenue supremacy. The Terriers will be looking to get back on track after their six-game winning streak was snapped last weekend in Durham, NH. The young BU program has never beaten their rivals from Chestnut Hill, but sophomore Terrier goaltender Allyse Wilcox (Grand Blanc, MI) would like to rewrite the ending in the teams' showdown on Saturday afternoon.

The rest of the league will pair off against non-conference foes and look to extend Hockey East's lead in the Commissioner's Cup standings. Coach Heather Linstad takes her first-place Connecticut Huskies west to challenge the Ohio State Buckeyes in a two-game set, beginning on Friday. Player of the Month Jaclyn Hawkins (Manotick, ON) will have to be on top of her game, facing off against an OSU team that shut down highly ranked

Minnesota last weekend, 2-1. The junior has already notched two hat tricks on the young season and tallied 19 points for the month of October (10-9-19). Hawkins and her supporting cast, including Defensive Player of the Week Brittany Wilson (Nepean, ON), hope to build on UConn's best start ever (7-1-0).

Tim Bothwell's Vermont squad swept two games from Sacred Heart last weekend to give their coach his first two wins behind the bench. Freshman Jackie Thode (Aurora, CO) was the star of the second clash with the Pioneers, netting two goals including the game-winner in a 3-2 victory. The Catamounts host St. Cloud State in Burlington this weekend as they continue their ten-game homestand after starting the season with six away from the Gutterson Fieldhouse.

Maine also hosts a WCHA foe for a pair of games when North Dakota comes to town. The men's program garnered twin wins against ND earlier this year and Coach Lauren Steblen's Black Bears are gunning to do the same. Sophomore Vanessa Vani (Mississauga, ON), who picked up a game-winner in Maine's 2-1 victory over the Fighting Sioux last season, will look to add to her goal totals as she ranks third in Hockey East with six tallies this season. North Dakota carries a six-game losing streak into Orono, but the squad is undefeated in non-conference play.

Northeastern is traveling out to Niagara to battle a Purple Eagles team that took New Hampshire into overtime earlier this season. The Huntington Hounds plan to reverse their fortunes against a Niagara team that beat Northeastern in the last game of the Huskies' 2005-06 season. Freshman sensation Chelsey

Jones (Lake Elmo, MN) leads the team in scoring (5-4-9) and ranks second among Hockey East rookies in goals.

After two tough losses at Mercyhurst, Coach Bob Deraney's PC Friars have the weekend off as they prepare to face the Yale Bulldogs on Wednesday night.

-Scott Donnelly

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

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