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FRIARS FALL TO YALE; BLACK BEARS UP NEXT NU, UVM, BU and UConn in league action; BC, UNH eye ECACHL foes

This week's slate started early for the Providence Friars as they dropped a 3-2 decision to Yale in New Haven on Wednesday. The Bulldogs jumped out to a 1-0 lead before PC knotted the score just 45 seconds later on senior Kristin Gigliotti's (Sauquoit, NY) sixth goal. The Elis gained the upperhand in the second period, only to have Gigliotti square things up on a blistering shot to the top corner. It was Yale, however, that had the last laugh as the Bulldogs pulled away for good on a goal by Sheila Zingler with 5:32 remaining.

Gigliotti's two lasers bumped her season total to seven and tied her for the goal-scoring lead among defenseman in Hockey East. Goaltender Jana Bugden (Corner Brook, NF) made 30 saves, several of the spectacular variety, in the losing effort.

Providence can ill afford to rest as they travel to Maine for a weekend set beginning Saturday. PC hasn't lost to the Black Bears since Nov. 23, 2003, and carries a 10-game unbeaten streak (8-0-2) against Maine. Coach Lauren Steblen's Maine club can't be taken lightly, though, after a dramatic weekend sweep of North Dakota.

Boston College, coming off of its most successful weekend of the season, only has one game on the docket, a tilt tonight against the Brown Bears. The Eagles' continue to reap the benefits of its high-scoring freshman class. Kelli Stack (Brooklyn Heights, OH) is tied for the team lead in points, while fellow rookies Allie Thunstrom (Maplewood, MN) and Megan Keever (Harrisburg, PA) took home Hockey East Player of the Week and Rookie of the Week awards, respectively.

This weekend's showdown between third-

ranked New Hampshire and fourth-ranked St. Lawrence is sure to catch the attention of the national pollsters. UNH dropped a spot after its tough loss to Boston College, but Coach Brian McCloskey's Wildcats are eager to erase that memory. The Wildcats had their regular season unbeaten streak snapped, but they still have a 21-game winning streak at the Whittemore Center. Defenseman Kacey Bellamy (Westfield, MA) has driven the lethal UNH power play (27.8 percent, tops in Hockey East) with all seven of her goals coming with the extra attacker. Teammate Jennifer Hitchcock (LaSalle, ON) has tallied at least one goal in each of UNH's last four games.

Connecticut returns to league play after suffering two road losses to Ohio State. The Huskies' high-powered offense aims to get back on track after potting only one goal last weekend. Coach Heather Linstad's crew will venture east to Boston University to challenge a Terriers team still smarting from its loss to rival Boston College. In that game, BU freshman Melissa Anderson (Langley, BC) added two more points to her season totals, placing her atop the rookie scoring race. The Terriers are especially hungry to open the scoring on Saturday as their next goal will be the 100th tally in the program's Div. I history. Should BU fail to punch home the historic goal against UConn, they'll get another shot Sunday afternoon after traveling to Vermont. The Catamounts are searching for offense after being blanked last weekend by St. Cloud State. The game features a "Meet & Greet" with UVM players for all Hannaford Hockey East Kids' Club members afterwards.

UConn's concludes its three-game road trip

at BU before heading back to Storrs to host a Northeastern squad in the midst of a six-game trip. Prior to Sunday's match-up, the Huntington Hounds travel north to Catamount Country to face off against Vermont. Coach Tim Bothwell's squad will have to be stingy on defense to shut down NU freshman Chelsey Jones (Lake Elmo, MN) who hopes to add to her five-game point scoring streak (3-5-8).

-Scott Donnelly

RECENT RESULTS

Thursday, November 2
 at Boston College 7, UNH 2 *

Friday, November 3
 at Ohio State 5, Connecticut 1
 at Maine 3, North Dakota 1 #
 St. Cloud State 7, at Vermont 0 #

Saturday, November 4
 at Boston College 5, Boston Univ. 2 *
 Northeastern 3, at Niagara 0 #
 St. Cloud State 6, at Vermont 0
 at Ohio State 2, Connecticut 0 #
 at Maine 5, North Dakota 4 (OT)

Sunday, November 5
 at Niagara 6, Northeastern 3

Wednesday, November 8
 at Yale 3, Providence 2

UPCOMING GAMES

Thursday, November 9
 Brown at Boston College (7pm) #

Saturday, November 11
 Northeastern at Vermont (2pm) *
 Providence at Maine (2pm) *
 Connecticut at Boston Univ. (3pm) *
 St. Lawrence at New Hampshire (2pm)

Sunday, November 12
 Northeastern at Connecticut (1pm) *
 Boston University at Vermont (4pm) * %
 Providence at Maine (7pm) *
 St. Lawrence at New Hampshire (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	7-3-0	31	21
Boston College	5	4	1	0	8	7-1-1	38	17
New Hampshire	4	3	1	0	6	9-1-0	40	17
Providence	3	2	1	0	4	3-5-0	20	17
Boston University	4	2	2	0	4	6-2-0	21	15
Northeastern	4	1	3	0	2	2-7-0	24	48
Maine	4	0	4	0	0	3-7-0	27	48
Vermont	4	0	4	0	0	2-8-0	12	48