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FIRST-PLACE UCONN HOSTS EAGLES, TERRIERS Huskies on the road to New Hampshire; Robert Morris visits UVM, PC

League-leading Connecticut hosts two Beantown rivals this weekend. On Saturday, Coach Tom Mutch's Boston College squad faces a UConn team fresh off two big weekend wins at the expense of Boston University and Northeastern. Player of the Week Natalie Vibert (Thunder Bay, ON) had the game-winner against BU while teammate Lesley Hurlburt (Markham, ON) was the star of UConn's win over NU, winning it seven seconds into overtime. UConn will try to contain BC's red-hot freshman Megan Keever (Harrisburg, PA) who burst onto the scene with a four-game multi-point scoring streak, including two game-winners (6-3-9).

Sunday's affair is a rematch of last weekend as Boston University treks to Connecticut. The Huskies won 2-0, but the resilient Terriers responded with a whitewash of their own at Vermont, 3-0. Freshman Melissa Haber (Toronto, ON) stonewalled the Catamounts to earn her second career shutout in as many starts. The Terriers host Providence on Saturday before the trip to Storrs.

Northeastern ventures north for a doubleheader against third-ranked New Hampshire in Durham. The Huntington Hounds worked overtime last week, knotting up Vermont 3-3 before succumbing to UConn 3-2 in OT. Chelsey Jones (Lake Elmo, MN) picked up two more goals to extend her scoring streak to seven games (5-5-10) while goalie Stacey Scott (Massena, NY) earned her first point as a Husky with the tie.

UNH hopes to continue its recent success

after taking three points from highly ranked St. Lawrence. Kelly Paton (Woodstock, ON) potted three goals in two games to propel the Wildcats en route to Rookie of the Week honors. Senior goalkeeper Melissa Bourdon (Ile Bizard, QC), who was named USCHO.com Defensive Player of the Week, should start her 100th career game on Friday. The two squads meet again on Saturday.

Vermont welcomes Robert Morris to Burlington in their lone game of the weekend. RMU has already faced off against a Hockey East foe this season, dropping a pair to BU. The Catamounts split two home games with the Colonials last season. Kristi Anderson (Naperville, IL) got two points in UVM's 3-1 triumph while goalie Shivaun Siegl (Livonia, NY) earned her first career win.

PC's Friars end their six-game road trip at BU before returning to their newly revamped locker room at Schneider Arena for a Sunday face-off with Robert Morris. Coach Bob Deraney will no doubt be looking for offense from someone not named Kristen Gigliotti (Sauquoit, NY). Gigliotti buried all four Friar scores last weekend and ranks first in the nation in goals by a defenseman. PC should get a boost from Mari Pehkonen (Tampere, Finland), who missed two games last week while playing in the Four Nations Cup for her home country.

In addition to Pehkonen, several players with Hockey East connections participated in the Four Nations Cup. Team USA featured Friar graduates Rush Zimmerman and Karen Thatcher skating alongside current UNH star

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2006-07 HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS								
<u>Team</u>	<u>GP</u>	W	L	Τ	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Overall</u>	Goals For	Goals Against
Connecticut	6	6	0	0	12	9-3-0	36	23
Boston College	5	4	1	0	8	8-1-1	41	19
New Hampshire	4	3	1	0	6	10-1-1	45	18
Providence	5	2	1	2	6	3-5-2	22	19
Boston University	6	3	3	0	6	7-3-0	24	17
Northeastern	6	1	4	1	3	2-8-1	29	54
Maine	6	0	4	2	2	3-7-2	29	50
Vermont	6	0	5	1	1	2-9-1	15	54

Kacey Bellamy (Westfield, MA). Former NU stopper Chanda Gunn started three games for the United States, including a 7-0 shutout over Sweden.

Defensive Player of the Week Genevieve Turgeon (Lac Beauport, QC) and her Maine teammates have a week off after battling Providence to a pair of 1-1 ties. The Black Bears in action next week with twin tilts at Sacred Heart.

-Scott Donnelly

RECENT RESULTS

Wednesday, November 8 at Yale 3, Providence 2

Thursday, November 9 at Boston College 3, Brown 2 #

Saturday, November 11 Northeastern 3, at Vermont 3 * Providence 1, at Maine 1 * Connecticut 2, at Boston Univ. 0 * at New Hampshire 1, St. Lawrence 1

Sunday, November 12 at Connecticut 3, Northeastern 2 * Boston University 3, at Vermont 0 * % Providence 1, at Maine 1 * at New Hampshire 4, St. Lawrence 0

UPCOMING GAMES

Friday, November 17 Northeastern at UNH (7pm) *

Saturday, November 18

Boston College at Connecticut (1pm) * Northeastern at UNH (2pm) * Providence at Boston University (3pm) * Robert Morris at Vermont (2pm) #

Sunday, November 19 Boston University at Connecticut (1pm) * Robert Morris at Providence (2pm)

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