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UNH TOURNEY, MAYOR'S CUP TITLES UP FOR GRABS UVM hosts Bemidji for two; Yale visits NU; Maine, BU traveling

The national spotlight will fall on UNH's Whittemore Center this weekend as three teams ranked in the Top 10 nationally will converge for the UNH Tournament. The second-ranked UNH Wildcats welcome the third-ranked Mercyhurst Lakers, the ninth-ranked Boston College Eagles, and the up-and-coming Wayne State Warriors to Durham.

BC opens the eighth installment of the tournament with a matinee against Mercyhurst on Friday. The Eagles will put its five-game winning streak on the line against a Laker team that defeated them last January by a 5-2 score. Defensive Player of the Week Maggie Taverna (Howell, NJ), coming off a stellar effort (1-2-3) in a 5-1 victory over UConn, will need help shutting down the high-powered Lakers, who average just under four goals per game (3.91). The host Wildcats will then face off against Wayne State in the nightcap. Though the game marks the first meeting ever between the two programs, it will not be WSU's first trip to Hockey East country this season. The Warriors faced off against UConn earlier this year, dropping two one-goal decisions, 4-3 and 3-2.

Saturday's action features another afternoon tilt for Boston College as the Eagles square off against Wayne State. BC has never beaten the Warriors, dropping consecutive 4-3 decisions in 2004. UNH then takes center stage in its highly anticipated match against Mercyhurst. The Wildcats are coming off a huge weekend in which nine players recorded multiple points, led by Sam Faber's (Mount Sinai, NY) five assists. If this season's showdown is anything like last year, the fans should be in for a treat. New Hampshire beat the Lakers, 2-1, in dramatic fashion last season on a Sadie Wright-Ward (Durham, NH) game-winner with only 45 seconds on the clock.

This weekend is only the second time in the

history of the UNH Tournament that Providence College has not participated. Coach Bob Deraney's crew will instead make the short commute across town to vie for the Mayor's Cup against rival Brown on Friday. Player of the Week Kristin Gigliotti (Sauquoit, NY) and her fellow Friars look to defend their crown after wresting the title from the Bears last November with a 5-3 victory. Look for senior Sonny Watrous (Albuquerque, NM) to lead PC this weekend as she has five points (2-3-5) in just three Mayor's Cups. Providence finishes its weekend slate on Sunday against Niagara.

The rest of the league will also face non-conference foes. After a week off, Maine returns to action, trekking to Sacred Heart for two games. The Black Bears hope momentum from twin ties against Providence two weeks ago will carry over against the Pioneers. Maine swept SHU last season with help from Vanessa Vani (Mississauga, ON) who collected seven points in the two-game set.

Boston University also travels for dual non-conference games against Union. The Terriers will rely on reigning Rookie of the Week Jonnie Bloemers (Brooklyn Center, MN) to spark the offense. Bloemers picked up a goal and two assists against PC and UConn last week. Veteran starter Allyse Wilcox (Grand Blanc, MI) and freshman Melissa Haber (Toronto, ON) should continue to split the goaltending duties for Coach Brian Durocher.

Vermont hosts Bemidji State for a pair of games at Gutterson Fieldhouse to wrap up a lengthy nine-game homestand. Coach Tim Bothwell will look to freshman and leading scorer Chelsea Furlani (Colchester, VT) to find some offense quickly to propel the Cats past the Beavers this weekend.

Coach Laura Schuler's Northeastern squad hopes to rebound from last week's losses to

UNH with a lone face-off against the Yale Bulldogs. The Hounds need workhorse Sarah Belliveau (Woods Harbour, NS) to continue her outstanding play after last Saturday's 44-save effort. On the offensive side, freshman Chelsey Jones (Lake Elmo, MN) had her eight-game point scoring streak snapped, but junior Nikki Petrich (Flint, MI) started a streak of her own, scoring a goal in each game at UNH.

-Scott Donnelly

RECENT RESULTS

Friday, November 17
 at UNH 7, Northeastern 2 *

Saturday, November 18
 Boston College 5, at Connecticut 1 *
 at UNH 5, Northeastern 1 *
 Providence 5, at Boston University 3 *
 Robert Morris 2, at Vermont 0 #

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

UPCOMING GAMES

Friday, November 24
 Bemidji State at Vermont (7pm)
 Maine at Sacred Heart (7pm)
 Providence at Brown (7pm)
UNH Tournament
 Boston College vs. Mercyhurst (4pm)
 Wayne State at New Hampshire (7pm)

Saturday, November 25
 Yale at Northeastern (2pm)
 Maine at Sacred Heart (2pm)
 Boston University at Union (2pm)
 Bemidji State at Vermont (7pm)
UNH Tournament
 Boston College vs. Wayne State (4pm)
 Mercyhurst at New Hampshire (7pm)

Sunday, November 26
 Boston University at Union (2pm)
 Niagara at Providence (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	8	6	1	1	13	9-4-1	39	30
Boston College	6	5	1	0	10	9-1-1	46	20
New Hampshire	6	5	1	0	10	12-1-1	57	21
Providence	6	3	1	2	8	4-5-3	28	23
Boston University	8	3	4	1	7	7-4-1	29	24
Northeastern	8	1	6	1	3	2-10-1	32	66
Maine	6	0	4	2	2	3-7-2	29	50
Vermont	6	0	5	1	1	2-10-1	15	56