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CONNECTICUT TOPPLES HARVARD

UNH battles Ivy powers to a pair of stalemates; Eagles rebound

Both league and non-league action provided intriguing storylines this week. In Hockey East, Boston College rebounded from two losses to beat Northeastern, forcing a three-way tie with New Hampshire and Providence for second place behind Connecticut. The Huskies also went into the holiday break on a high note, edging perennial power Harvard, 3-2, last Tuesday on the strength of Brittany Wilson's (Nepean, ON) goaltending and Kristen Russell's (Dauphin, MB) late game-winner.

Meanwhile, third-ranked New Hampshire battled two of the top teams in the country to a pair of 3-3 draws over the weekend. Fifth-ranked Harvard, with superstar Julie Chu, promptly built a 3-1 lead on the Wildcats through two periods. But UNH's Jennifer Hitchcock (LaSalle, ON) stunned the Crimson faithful with two third-period tallies to square the match. On Sunday, the Wildcats hosted intrastate rival Dartmouth, and again deadlocked. UNH fought back from an early 2-0 deficit and Hitchcock gave the 'Cats a 3-2 lead, only to see the Big Green get the tying goal in the last 19 seconds.

Boston College scorched the Northeastern with five unanswered goals in the second stanza to cruise to the 7-1 victory. Eagle forward Becky Zavisza (Suffield, CT) and NU's

Nikki Petrich (Flint, MI) traded tallies in the first before the Eagles took control. BC's Meghan Fardelmann (Lansing, KS) scored the first of her two strikes to give the Eagles the lead for good. Kelli Stack (Brooklyn Heights, OH) continued her impressive play with two points.

The rest of the conference was engaged in non-league play, and Boston University picked up Hockey East's lone victory, whitewashing Sacred Heart, 8-0. Two first period goals from Erin Seman (Ramsey, MN) were all Melissa Haber (Toronto, ON) would need as she recorded her third career shutout in only her sixth start. Freshman Lynn Hillen (Minnetonka, MN) scored the first three points of her career while sophomore Caroline Bourdeau (West Hartford, CT) contributed a goal and three helpers.

The tales of Providence and Maine were eerily similar as each team got brilliant goaltending but failed to find much offense, dropping twin tilts each to ECACHL foes. The Friars lost, 5-0, at Dartmouth despite 36 saves from Jana Bugden (Corner Brook, NF). On Saturday, the Friars fell to Harvard, 2-0, with Danielle Ciarletta (Blaine, MN) absorbing the loss despite a fine effort in goal. In Orono, the Maine Black Bears hosted St. Lawrence for a pair but came away empty-handed both times, falling by the identical 5-1 score on back-to-back occasions.

Next release set for Jan. 2

Due to the holiday break in the regular season schedule, the Women's Hockey East Weekly Release won't be published again until play resumes. The next release is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2007.

RECENT RESULTS

Tuesday, December 5

Brown 3, at Boston University 1
 at Connecticut 3, Harvard 2

Friday, December 8

St. Lawrence 5, at Maine 1
 New Hampshire 3, at Harvard 3 OT
 at Dartmouth 5, Providence 0

Saturday, December 9

Boston College 7, at Northeastern 1 *
 St. Lawrence 5, at Maine 1
 at Boston University 8, Sacred Heart 0
 at Harvard 2, Providence 0

Sunday, December 10

at New Hampshire 3, Dartmouth 3 OT #

UPCOMING GAMES

Friday, December 29

Connecticut at Yale (3pm)

Saturday, December 30

Connecticut at Quinnipiac (4pm)
 Vermont at Minnesota State (8pm)

Sunday, December 31

Boston College at Dartmouth (1pm)
 Vermont at Minnesota State (4pm)

* Hockey East game

% Hannaford/Kraft Kids' Club event

Commissioners' Cup Series

2006-07 HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Goals For	Goals Against
Connecticut	9	7	1	1	15	11-4-1	46	34
New Hampshire	7	6	1	0	12	14-2-3	76	30
Providence	8	5	1	2	12	7-8-3	41	38
Boston College	9	6	3	0	12	11-4-1	62	36
Boston University	9	3	5	1	7	11-6-1	52	37
Northeastern	11	2	8	1	5	3-13-1	42	85
Maine	8	1	5	2	4	6-10-2	63	73
Vermont	7	0	6	1	1	2-12-2	18	67

TPS PLAYER OF THE WEEK

JENNIFER HITCHCOCK – UNH
Junior Forward; La Salle, ON

Scored half of the Wildcats' goals in back-to-back 3-3 draws against Harvard and Dartmouth. Her two goals at Harvard erased a 3-1 deficit.

MISSION HOCKEY ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

KELLI STACK – Boston College
Freshman Forward; Brooklyn Heights, OH

Was on ice for four of the Eagles' seven goals against Northeastern, registering a shorthanded goal and her team-leading 14th assist.

PURE HOCKEY DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

BRITTANY WILSON – Connecticut
Sophomore Goaltender; Nepean, ON

Made several big saves down the stretch, and 25 in all, as the Huskies topped No. 5 Harvard, 3-2, on Tuesday for UConn's first-ever win over the Crimson.

COLLEGIATE MILESTONES

Katie Sunstrom, Maine (Sr. F; London, ON)

Skated in her 100th career game against St. Lawrence on Dec. 8, 2006

Jana Bugden, Providence (Sr. G; Corner Brook, NF)

Started her 100th career game, making 36 saves against Dartmouth on Dec. 8, 2006

Gabriel Beaudry, Boston College (Fr. D; Cortland, NY)

Scored her first career goal in a 7-1 victory over Northeastern on Dec. 9, 2006

Lynn Hillen, Boston University (Fr. F; Minnetonka, MN)

Notched her first career goal in the Terriers' 8-0 whitewash of Sacred Heart of Dec. 9, 2006

Courtney Sheary, New Hampshire (Fr. D; Melrose, MA)

Scored the first goal of her career in the Wildcats' 3-3 tie with Dartmouth on Dec. 9, 2006.

LEADING SCORERS (All Games)

Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1 Sam Faber, UNH	So	19	11	15	26
2 Melissa Anderson, BU	Fr	16	8	15	23
3 Vanessa Vani, Maine	So	18	9	13	22
4 Chelsey Jones, NU	Fr	17	12	9	21
Jennifer Hitchcock, UNH	Jr	19	15	6	21
6 Jaclyn Hawkins, UConn	Jr	16	11	9	20
Martine Garland, UNH	Jr	19	5	15	20
8 Becky Zavisza, BC	So	16	8	11	19
Kristin Gigliotti, PC	Sr	18	11	8	19
Kacey Bellamy, UNH	So	18	7	12	19
11 Kelli Stack, BC	Fr	16	4	14	18
Erin Seman, BU	So	17	9	9	18
Robyn Law, Maine	So	17	8	10	18
Kelly Paton, UNH	Fr	19	7	11	18
15 Sonia Corriveau, Maine	Sr	18	10	7	17
Sadie Wright-Ward, UNH	Jr	19	2	15	17
17 Allie Thunstrom, BC	Fr	16	12	4	16
Natalie Vibert, UConn	Sr	16	6	10	16

HONOR ROLL

Martine Garland, UNH (Jr. D; Toronto, ON) - Recorded a total of three points with one goal and two assists in UNH's 3-3 ties against both Harvard and Dartmouth. Her first-period tally vs. Dartmouth pulled the 'Cats within 2-1 and she assisted on Jennifer Hitchcock's power-play goal that put UNH ahead 3-2 in the middle stanza.

Kristen Russell, UConn (So. F; Dauphin, MB) - Made her first goal of the year count, as it was the game-winning goal with 3:14 to play as the Huskies downed No. 5 Harvard, 3-2, on Tuesday night. It is UConn's first-ever win over the Crimson.

Vanessa Vani, Maine (So. F; St. Catherines, ON) - Scored 46 seconds after the opening face-off on Saturday to give the Black Bears their only lead of the weekend in a two-game set against visiting St. Lawrence.

Caroline Bourdeau, BU (So. F; West Hartford, CT) - Registered a career-high four points on Saturday afternoon in BU's 8-0 blanking of Sacred Heart, including a goal and three assists in the game. The four points bumped Bourdeau's yearly total to seven points, just one point away from reaching her 2005-06 season numbers (4-4-8), with 16 games remaining in the regular season.

Melissa Haber, BU (Fr. G; Toronto, ON) - Made four saves against Sacred Heart on Saturday to record her third shutout in six starts this year.

Meghan Fardelmann, BC (So. F; Lansing, KS) - Scored two even strength goals, including the go-ahead goal, in the second period against Northeastern on Saturday to lead BC to a 7-1 win. She also recorded a +3 rating.

Genevieve Turgeon, Maine (So. G; Lac Beauport, QC) - Recorded 37 saves despite losing to ECACHL power St. Lawrence, 5-1.

LEADING GOALTENDERS (All Games)

Player, School	Cl	GP	Min	W-L-T	GAA	SP
1 Melissa Haber, BU	Fr	6	395	4-1-1	1.67	.919
2 Danielle Ciarletta, PC	So	7	460	3-2-2	1.69	.938
3 Melissa Bourdon, UNH	Sr	15	879	10-2-3	1.71	.901
4 Brittany Wilson, UConn	So	16	961	11-4-1	2.06	.927
5 Molly Schaus, BC	Fr	15	886	10-4-1	2.17	.918
6 Allyse Wilcox, BU	So	12	686	7-5-0	2.28	.915
7 Jana Bugden, PC	Sr	11	631	4-6-1	2.38	.923
8 Shivaun Siegl, UVM	Sr	8	445	2-5-1	3.78	.847
9 Sarah Belliveau, NU	Jr	11	672	3-8-0	4.20	.867
10 Genevieve Turgeon, ME	So	10	593	3-6-1	4.35	.891
11 Jenilee Roy, UVM	Jr	7	465	0-6-1	4.65	.863



TEAM STATISTICS (All Games)

TEAM OFFENSE

Team	GP	G	GPG
1 New Hampshire	19	76	4.00
2 Boston College	16	62	3.88
3 Maine	18	63	3.50
4 Boston University	18	52	2.89
5 Connecticut	16	46	2.88
6 Northeastern	17	42	2.47
7 Providence	18	41	2.28
8 Vermont	16	18	1.12

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1 New Hampshire	19	30	1.58
2 Boston University	18	37	2.06
3 Providence	18	38	2.11
4 Connecticut	16	34	2.12
5 Boston College	16	36	2.25
6 Maine	18	73	4.06
7 Vermont	16	67	4.19
8 Northeastern	17	85	5.00

POWER PLAY

Team	Totals	SHGA	Pct
1 New Hampshire	29/108	2	26.9
2 Connecticut	21/92	0	22.8
3 Boston College	16/85	3	18.8
4 Maine	18/134	6	13.4
5 Boston University	15/116	3	12.9
Northeastern	15/116	6	12.9
7 Providence	19/151	4	12.6
8 Vermont	1/85	5	1.2

PENALTY KILL

Team	Totals	SHG	Pct
1 Providence	121/135	0	89.6
2 New Hampshire	87/98	4	88.8
3 Boston College	94/108	5	87.0
4 Boston University	99/114	2	86.8
5 Connecticut	84/100	4	84.0
6 Vermont	83/101	0	82.2
7 Northeastern	80/101	1	79.2
8 Maine	91/121	0	75.2

PENALTY MINUTES

Team	GP	PiM	PMPG
1 Maine	18	316	17.6
2 Providence	18	297	16.5
3 Boston University	18	258	14.3
4 Boston College	16	226	14.1
5 Vermont	16	221	13.8
6 Connecticut	16	208	13.0
7 Northeastern	17	216	12.7
8 New Hampshire	19	232	12.2

TEAM NOTES

Boston College: With an 11-4-1 first-half, this is the best start the Eagles have ever had ... Saturday was the most balanced attack for BC this year as six different Eagles notched goals ... The five-goal second period for the Eagles on Saturday is a season-high ... Sophomore goaltender Johanna Ellison (Cloquet, MN) made her second appearance of the season on Saturday, replacing Molly Schaus (Natick, MA) in the third period.

Boston University: Halfway through the 2006-07 season, sophomore Erin Seman (Ramsey, MN) has compiled nine goals and nine assists. Seman's 18 total points at the midway point of the season equals her 2005-06 season totals (7-11-18) ... The starting forward line of Erin Seman, senior co-captain Cara Hendry (Calgary, AB) and freshman Melissa Anderson (Langley, BC) is responsible for 28 of BU's last 57 points. The three are also all riding point streaks. Hendry leads the trio, registering a point in her last eight games (4-7-11).

University of Connecticut: For the first time in school history, UConn has now defeated all four Beanpot schools in the same season ... The Huskies got their second straight win over a ranked opponent on Tuesday by defeating No. 5 Harvard, 4-2. Kristen Russell (So. F; Dauphin, MB) netted the game-winning goal with just 3:14 left in the game to secure the win for UConn.

University of Maine: In Friday's 5-1 loss, Maine saw St. Lawrence notch four unanswered goals before the Black Bears got on the board. Rookie Taryn Peacock (Calgary, AB) tipped the puck in off a shot from Jenna Cowan (Hartney, MB) ... Maine was outshot 76-30. Genevieve Turgeon and Rachel Gettings (Watervliet, NY) split time, totaling 37 and 29 saves respectively.

University of New Hampshire: UNH is now 3-0-3 vs. the ECAC this season ... Last weekend's back-to-back 3-3 ties marked the first time this season that UNH surrendered more than one goal in consecutive games ... UNH hadn't played consecutive overtime games since Nov. 2002. UNH has skated to back-to-back ties just four times in its 30-year history ... The attendance for the Dartmouth game at the Whittemore Center was 1,024.

Northeastern University: After Saturday's loss, the Huskies are off until a Jan. 5 tilt against Clarkson ... Junior Nikki Petrich has three goals and an assist in her last two games ... With Petrich's goal against Boston College, Northeastern has scored at least one power-play goal in 11 of its last 12 games (13 in that span).

Providence College: For the sixth straight appearance, and fifth straight start dating back to Nov. 11, Friar sophomore goaltender Danielle Ciarletta allowed two or fewer goals.

University of Vermont: The Catamounts are idle until Dec. 30-31, when they head west for a two-game series at WCHA rival Minnesota State Mankato.