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BOSTON COLLEGE NIPPED BY NO. 5 DARTMOUTH

Connecticut, Vermont drop non-conference road tilts

The return from exams and holidays proved a rough one for Women's Hockey East squads, as Boston College lost a heartbreaker to 5th-ranked Dartmouth on the road, Connecticut dropped a pair to intrastate rivals Yale and Quinnipiac, and Vermont fell twice to Minnesota State.

At Hanover, NH, on Sunday, BC's Molly Schaus (Natick, MA) and the Big Green's Carl Clemis staged a goaltending duel after three first-period goals, but neither team would score again as Dartmouth edged the Eagles, 2-1. Dartmouth's Caroline Ethier put the Big Green up early, with a goal at the 1:10 mark, but BC's Allie Thunstrom (Maplewood, MN) responded seven minutes later to knot the contest at 1-1. Gillian Apps got the game-winner for Dartmouth with seven minutes left in the opening stanza after a nifty steal, and that would cap the scoring summary. Schaus held the fort for the next 47 minutes, finishing with 25 saves on the day. Clemis, however, was her equal, stopping 16 Eagle shots to record her 10th victory on the year. The Eagles return to Conte Forum for the first time in over a month to host St. Lawrence at 2:00 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5.

In the round-robin Nutmeg Classic, the league-leading UConn Huskies traveled to Yale and Quinnipiac, but came up short in both con-

tests. The 2-1 loss to Quinnipiac on Saturday was particularly tough, as the UConn freshman Jennie Bellonio (Guilford, CT), in her first career start, was spectacular, stopping 29 of 31 Bobcat shots. Unfortunately, the Huskies could only squeeze one of their 16 shots on goal past Quinnipiac's Laura Brennan. After Kallie Flor had spotted the Bobcats a 1-0 lead at the midway point of the game, UConn's Amy Hollstein (Pembroke, MA) potted her seventh goal of the season less than a minute later to square the match. The game see-sawed back and forth for the next 16 minutes, until Quinnipiac's Ashley Jaffray struck for the game-winner.

On Friday in New Haven, in the opening round of the Nutmeg Classic, the Yale Bulldogs shut down UConn's potent offense, registering a 3-0 win. Despite sustaining the loss, Husky goalie Brittany Wilson was superb, stopping 41 Bulldog shots on the night, and 35 of 37 in the first two periods alone to keep UConn in the game. However, the typically dangerous UConn forwards couldn't solve Wilson's counterpart, Shivon Zilis, or the Yale defense, which limited the Huskies to 28 shots on net. The Huskies are back on the ice, and on the road, this Thursday when they travel to face Vermont for a 4 p.m. game.

Vermont trekked to Minnesota State, where

the Mavericks downed the Catamounts by a 4-0 margin on Saturday and 7-1 on Sunday. UVM's junior goalie Jenilee Roy (Sandown, NH) was again solid in goal against the Mavericks on Saturday, making 39 saves in a losing effort as the overmatched Catamounts fell, 4-0. On Sunday, the Mavericks were again dominant, pinning a 7-1 loss on the Catamounts. Among the bright spots for Vermont was junior Stephanie Tewksbury (Marshfield, MA), who briefly tied the game with her first goal of the season. However, Minnesota State's Maggie Fisher tallied the game-winner five minutes later, and the Mavericks never looked back.

Vermont opens a four-game homestand this week hosting league-leading UConn on Thursday and Providence on Saturday. The Providence Friars, meanwhile, get back in action to-night, hosting Cornell.

2006-07 HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Goals For	Goals Against
Connecticut	9	7	1	1	15	11-6-1	47	39
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	11-5-1	63	38
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	2-14-2	19	78

TPS PLAYER OF THE WEEK

MOLLY SCHAUS – BC
Freshman Goaltender; Natick, MA

Almost singlehandedly kept Boston College close on the road with 25 saves on 27 shots in a tough 2-1 loss to No. 5 Dartmouth.

MISSION HOCKEY ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

JENNIE BELLONIO – Connecticut
Freshman Goaltender; Guilford, CT

In her first career start, Bellonio stopped 29 of 31 Bobcat shots in a losing effort, as UConn fell to Quinnipiac on the road, 2-1.

RECENT RESULTS

Friday, December 29

Yale 3, Connecticut 0

Saturday, December 30

Quinnipiac 2, Connecticut 1
 Minnesota State 4, Vermont 0

Sunday, December 31

Dartmouth 2, Boston College 1 #
 Minnesota State 7, Vermont 1 #

UPCOMING GAMES

Tuesday, January 2

Cornell at Providence (7pm)

Thursday, January 4

Connecticut at Vermont (4pm) *

Friday, January 5

St. Lawrence at Boston College (2pm)
 Boston Univ. at St. Cloud State (2pm)
 Clarkson at Northeastern (2pm)

Saturday, January 6

New Hampshire at Connecticut (1pm) *
 Providence at Vermont (2pm) *
 Clarkson at Boston College (2pm)
 Boston Univ. at St. Cloud State (2pm)
 St. Lawrence at Northeastern (2pm)

* **Hockey East game**

% **Hannaford/Kraft Kids' Club event**
 # **Commissioners' Cup Series**