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### **WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

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# NEW HAMPSHIRE, PROVIDENCE MAKE MOVE ON FIRST Vermont edges UConn; BC ties SLU, blanks Clarkson

The race for the top spot in Hockey East tightened significantly this weekend thanks to league victories for New Hampshire and Providence. The second-ranked Wildcats traveled to Connecticut to face off against the first-place Huskies and came home with a 6-2 victory. Coach Brian McCloskey's team opened up a 3-0 lead after two periods before Leah Craig (Seaforth, ON) and Nicole Hekle (Winnipeg, MB) blew the game open with three early strikes in the third. Jaclyn Hawkins (Manotick. ON) and Amy Hollstein (Pembroke, MA) notched powerplay tallies for UConn to end Melissa Bourdon's (Ile Bizard, QC) shutout bid. The UNH victory left Connecticut clinging to a one-point lead in the standings over the 'Cats and Providence, which took two points from Vermont.

PC senior Sonny Watrous (Albuquerque, NM) had a career game in Burlington, recording six points in the Friars' 7-0 win while linemate Sarah Feldman (Fall River, MA) buried three powerplay goals for the hat-trick. With the triumph, PC stayed on par with UNH for second place in Hockey East with 14 points. Earlier in the week, the Friars downed Cornell 3-1 in non-conference play to open the new year at Schneider Arena. Watrous assisted on the first two PC goals and Jana Bugden (Corner Brook, NF) turned away 20 Big Red shots for the win.

Before falling to Providence, Vermont picked up

its first Hockey East win of the season with a dramatic 3-2 win over Connecticut. The teams entered the final stanza knotted at 2-2 before junior Karen Sentoff (Liverpool, NY) netted the go-ahead goal with just over 10 minutes remaining. Reigning league Defensive Player of the Month Jenilee Roy (Sandown, NH) made Sentoff's tally stand up with 23 saves, including 14 in the third period.

In Chestnut Hill. Boston College bounced back from a 1-3-0 December with two strong showings. On Friday, the Eagles welcomed 6th-ranked St Lawrence to Conte Forum and came away with a 4-4 tie. BC had the Saints on the ropes after a three-goal second period, but SLU escaped, potting the equalizer with 19 seconds remaining. Coach Tom Mutch's squad was back in action against Clarkson on Saturday and came away 5-0 victors. Deb Spillane (Franklin, MA) and Allie Thunstrom (Maplewood, MN) each registered a goal and two assists while freshman goalie Molly Schaus (Natick, MA) earned her second career shutout. Northeastern also hosted Clarkson and St. Lawrence, but struggled to find its stride, dropping 5-0 and 5-3 decisions, respectively.

The Terriers of Boston University traveled west to face St. Cloud State in Minnesota, and managed a 2-2 tie on Friday on the strength of Cara Hendry's (Calgary, AB) game-tying goal, but fell on Saturday, 4-1.

#### RECENT RESULTS

Tuesday, January 2 at Providence 3, Cornell 1

Thursday, January 4 at Vermont 3, Connecticut 2 \*

Friday, January 5

at Boston College 4, St. Lawrence 4 OT Boston Univ. 2, at St. Cloud State 2 OT Clarkson 5, at Northeastern 0

Saturday, January 6

New Hampshire 6, at Connecticut 2 \*
Providence 7, at Vermont 0 \*
at Boston College 5, Clarkson 0
at St. Cloud State 4, Boston Univ. 1 #
St. Lawrence 5. at Northeastern 3

### **UPCOMING GAMES**

Tuesday, January 9
Northeastern at Boston College (7pm) \*

Thursday, January 11
Boston Univ. at Connecticut (7pm) \*

Friday, January 12

Boston College at Vermont (7pm) \*
Providence at Wisconsin (2pm)
Maine at New Hampshire (7pm)

#### Saturday, January 13

Boston College at Vermont (2pm) \* Maine at New Hampshire (2pm) \* Northeastern at Boston Univ. (4pm) \* Dartmouth at Connecticut (2pm) Providence at Wisconsin (2pm) #

\* Hockey East game

% Hannaford/Kraft Kids' Club event

# Commissioners' Cup Series

### 2006-07 HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Team Connecticut New Hampshire Providence	<b>GP</b> 11 8 9	<b>W</b> 7 7 6	<u>L</u> 3 1	<b>T</b> 1 0 2	Pts 15 14 14	Overall 11-8-1 15-2-3 9-8-3	51 82 51	Goals Against 48 32 39
Boston College Boston University Northeastern	9 9 9 11	6 3 2	3 5 8	0 1 1	14 12 7 5	12-5-2 11-7-2 3-15-1	72 55 45	42 43 95
Maine Vermont	8 7	1 1	5 7	2 1	4 3	6-10-2 3-15-2	63 22	73 87

# TPS PLAYER OF THE WEEK

SONNY WATROUS – Providence Senior Forward; Albuquerque, NM

Registered eight points on two goals and six assists in wins against Cornell and Vermont. Her six points against the Catamounts was a career high.

### MISSION HOCKEY ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

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

Scored two goals and an assist as the Eagles garnered three points on the weekend with a win against Clarkson and a tie against St. Lawrence.

# PURE HOCKEY DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

JACKIE WEDSTER – New Hampshire Senior defenseman; Chicago, IL

Recorded her first multiple-point game of the season for the Wildcats with two assists, and also had a solid plus-5 rating in UNH's 6-2 victory at No. 9 Connecticut.

### LEADING SCORERS (Hockey East)

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	Player, School	CI	GP	G	Α	Pts
1	Jaclyn Hawkins, UConn	Jr	11	10	6	16
2	Chelsey Jones, NU	Fr	11	9	6	15
3	Sam Faber, UNH	So	8	5	9	14
4	Becky Zavisza, BC	So	9	6	7	13
	Natalie Vibert, UConn	Sr	11	6	7	13
6	Jennifer Hitchcock, UNH	Jr	8	8	4	12
	Sonny Watrous, PC	Sr	9	4	8	12
8	Allie Thunstrom, BC	Fr	9	9	2	11
	Kristin Gigliotti, PC	Sr	9	6	5	11
	Kelli Stack, BC	Fr	9	4	7	11
11	Vanessa Vani, Maine	So	8	5	5	10
	Sarah Feldman, PC	Jr	9	5	5	10
	Dominique Thibault, UConn	Fr	9	3	7	10
	Kristen Russell, UConn	So	11	0	10	10
15	Meghan Fardelmann, BC	So	8	5	4	9
	Leah Craig, UNH	Jr	8	5	4	9
	Megan Keever, BC	Fr	9	6	3	9
18	Angela Taylor, UNH	So	6	5	3	8
	Melissa Anderson, BU	Fr	7	3	5	8
	Robyn Law, Maine	So	7	3	5	8
	Sonia Corriveau, Maine	Sr	8	7	1	8
	Mari Pehkonen, PC	So	8	4	4	8
	Anna McDonald, BC	Fr	9	5	3	8
	Nikki Petrich, NU	Jr	10	5	3	8

### **LEADING SCORERS (All Games)**

	Player, School	CI	GP	G	Α	Pts
1	Sam Faber, UNH	So	20	12	16	28
2	Melissa Anderson, BU	Fr	18	9	15	24
	Jaclyn Hawkins, UConn	Jr	20	13	11	24
4	Vanessa Vani, Maine	So	18	9	13	22
	Allie Thunstrom, BC	Fr	19	15	7	22
	Becky Zavisza, BC	So	19	9	13	22
	Jennifer Hitchcock, UNH	Jr	20	15	7	22
8	Chelsey Jones, NU	Fr	18	12	9	21
	Kristin Gigliotti, PC	Sr	19	12	9	21
	Kacey Bellamy, UNH	So	19	7	14	21
	Kelli Stack, BC	Fr	19	6	15	21
12	Martine Garland, UNH	Jr	20	5	15	20
13	Erin Seman, BU	So	19	9	10	19
14	Robyn Law, Maine	So	17	8	10	18
	Sonny Watrous, PC	Sr	19	6	12	18
	Kelly Paton, UNH	Fr	20	7	11	18
	Natalie Vibert, UConn	Sr	20	6	12	18
18	Sonia Corriveau, Maine	Sr	18	10	7	17
	Sarah Feldman, PC	Jr	20	9	8	17
	Sadie Wright-Ward, UNH	Jr	20	2	15	17
21	Anna McDonald, BC	Fr	19	8	8	16
22	Dominique Thibault, UConn	Fr	18	7	8	15
	Cara Hendry, BU	Sr	18	6	9	15

### **COLLEGIATE MILESTONES**

Tim Bothwell, UVM – Registered his first Hockey East win behind the bench as the Catamounts defeated 9th-ranked Connecticut 4-2 on January 4, 2007

Julie Clark, NU (Fr. D; Westford, MA) – Scored her first career goal against St. Lawrence on January 6, 2007

Jaclyn Hawkins, UConn (Jr. F; Manotick, ON) – Her 41st helper against UNH on January 6, 2007 broke UConn's career assist record of 40 set by Tiffany Owens



### LEADING GOALTENDERS (HOCKEY EAST)

Player, School	CI	GP	Min	W-L-T	GAA	SP
1 Jana Bugden, PC	Sr	6	367	4-1-1	1.48	.946
<ol><li>Melissa Bourdon, UNH</li></ol>	Sr	6	321	5-1-0	1.68	.897
3 Melissa Haber, BU	Fr	4	275	2-1-1	1.97	.921
4 Brittany Wilson, UConn	So	11	663	7-3-1	2.26	.913
5 Molly Schaus, BC	Fr	8	461	5-3-0	2.34	.913
6 Rachel Gettings, Maine	Sr	3	209	1-1-1	2.59	.890
7 Shivaun Siegl, UVM	Sr	3	185	0-2-1	2.92	.899
8 Allyse Wilcox, BU	So	5	266	1-4-0	2.94	.897
9 Genevieve Turgeon, ME	So	3	169	0-2-1	4.60	.881
10 Sarah Belliveau, NU	Jr	7	434	2-5-0	4.70	.860
11 Jenilee Roy, UVM	Jr	5	260	1-4-0	5.08	.859

## LEADING GOALTENDERS (All Games)

Player, School	CI	GP	Min	W-L-T	GAA	SP
<ol> <li>Danielle Ciarletta, PC</li> </ol>	So	8	509	4-2-2	1.53	.938
2 Melissa Bourdon, UNH	Sr	16	939	11-2-3	1.72	.900
3 Melissa Haber, BU	Fr	7	452	4-2-1	1.86	.916
4 Molly Schaus, BC	Fr	18	1069	11-5-2	2.13	.920
5 Allyse Wilcox, BU	So	13	750	7-5-1	2.24	.916
6 Jana Bugden, PC	Sr	12	690	5-6-1	2.26	.927
7 Brittany Wilson, UConn	So	19	1138	11-7-1	2.37	.918
8 Shivaun Siegl, UVM	Sr	8	445	2-5-1	3.78	.847
9 Sarah Belliveau, NU	Jr	12	732	3-9-0	4.26	.869
10 Genevieve Turgeon, ME	So	10	593	3-6-1	4.35	.891
11 Jenilee Roy, UVM	Jr	10	605	1-8-1	4.46	.867

TEAM STATISTICS (Hockey East)					TEAM STATISTICS (All Games)					
TEAM OFFENSE					TE	AM OFFENSE				
Team	GP	G 	GPG			Team	GP	G 	GPG	
1 Boston College	9	41	4.56		1	New Hampshire	20	82	4.10	
2 New Hampshire	8	35	4.38		2	Boston College	19	72	3.79	
3 Providence	9	30	3.33		3	Maine	18	63	3.50	
4 Connecticut	11	36	3.27		4	Boston University	20	55	2.75	
5 Maine	8	22	2.75		5	Connecticut	20	51	2.55	
6 Northeastern	11	29	2.64			Providence	20	51	2.55	
7 Boston University	9	19	2.11		7	Northeastern	19	45	2.37	
8 Vermont	9	8	0.89		8	Vermont	20	22	1.10	
TEAM DEFENSE	CD	<b>C A</b>	CARC		TE	AM DEFENSE	CD.	<b>C A</b>	CARC	
Team 	GP 	GA 	GAPG			Team 	GP 	GA 	GAPG	
1 Providence	9		.2	1.33	1		20	32	1.60	
2 New Hampshire	8		.3	1.62	2	Providence	20	39	1.95	
3 Connecticut	11		:5	2.27	3	Boston University	20	43	2.15	
4 Boston College	9		2	2.44	4	Boston College	19	42	2.21	
Boston University	9	2		2.44	5	Connecticut	20	48	2.40	
6 Maine	8		3	4.12	6	Maine	18	73	4.06	
7 Vermont	9		8	4.22	7	Vermont	20	87	4.35	
8 Northeastern	11	5	5	5.00	8	Northeastern	19	95	5.00	
POWER PLAY					PC	WER PLAY				
Team 	To	otals 	SHGA	Pct 		Team 	To	otals	SHGA	Pct
1 Connecticut		17/67	0	25.4	1	New Hampshire		9/111	2	26.1
2 New Hampshire		10/42	1	23.8	2	Connecticut		6/112	1	23.2
3 Boston College		10/48	1	20.8	3	Boston College		6/98	3	16.3
4 Providence		14/71	0	19.7	4	Providence		5/163	4	15.3
5 Northeastern	-	11/64	2	17.2	5	Boston University		8/132	3	13.6
6 Maine		7/66	4	10.6	6	Maine		8/134	6	13.4
7 Boston University		5/57	1	8.8	7	Northeastern		5/122	6	12.3
8 Vermont		1/58	3	1.7	8	Vermont		3/105	5	2.9
PENALTY KILL					PE	NALTY KILL				
Team 	To	otals 	SHG	Pct 		Team 	T.	otals 	SHG	Pct 
1 Providence	Į	55/60	0	91.7	1	Providence		33/147		90.5
2 Connecticut	(	52/70	4	88.6	2	Boston College	1:	11/126	5	88.1
3 Boston College		54/73	4	87.7		Boston University	1:	11/126	2	88.1
4 Northeastern		55/63	1	87.3	4	New Hampshire		90/103		87.4
5 New Hampshire		32/37	2	86.5	5	Connecticut		95/112		84.8
6 Boston University		45/55	1	81.8	6	Northeastern		86/108		79.6
7 Maine		15/60	0	75.0	7	Vermont		95/120		79.2
8 Vermont	4	10/55	0	72.7	8	Maine	9	91/121	0	75.2
PENALTY MINUTES					PE	ENALTY MINUTES				
Team	GP	PiM	I PMI	PG		Team	GP	PiM	PMF	PG
1 Maine	8	 152	. 19	 9.0	1	Maine	18	316	17.	6
2 Boston College	9	150		6.7	2	Providence	20	323		
3 Providence	9	128		4.2	3	Boston University	20	296		
4 Boston University	9	120		3.3	4	Boston College	19	262		
5 Connecticut	11	144		3.1	5	Vermont	20	263		
6 Vermont	9	114		2.7	6	Northeastern	19	232		
7 Northeastern	11	130		1.8	7	New Hampshire	20	242		
8 New Hampshire	8	91		1.4	8	Connecticut	20	232		
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### **HONOR ROLL**

**Sarah Feldman, PC** (Jr. F; Fall River, MA) – Scored four goals, including a hat trick versus Vermont. Feldman scored the game winner against Cornell on Tuesday in the Friars' 3-1 victory, and then on Saturday she added three more goals to help down Vermont 7-0.

**Erin Blood, BC** (Jr. D; Plymouth, MN) – The defenseman added three assists over the weekend to her season point total of 10. In the team's draw and victory, Blood registered a +5 rating.

Julia Clark, NU (Fr, D; Westford, MA) – Picked up her first career goal in the second period of Saturday's game against St. Lawrence after taking only her second shot of the season. With Clark's goal, every player currently on the Huskies' roster has recorded at least one point this season.

**Leah Craig, UNH** (Jr. F; Seaforth, ON) – Scored goals 3:18 apart spanning the second and third periods to push UNH's lead from 2-0 to 4-0 en route to a 6-2 victory at No. 9 UConn. **Molly Schaus, BC** (Fr. G; Natick, MA) – Made 54 saves in two games against St. Lawrence and Clarkson, including 14 stops in the third period against the Saints. The freshman earned her second career shutout against Clarkson.

Karen Sentoff, UVM (Jr. F; Liverpool, NY) – Had a goal and an assist in Vermont's 3-2 win over UConn last Thursday. Her goal, midway through the third period, was the game-winner against the league-leading Huskies.

**Allie Thunstrom, BC** (Fr. F; Maplewood, MN) – Rookie notched the fourth Eagle goal in both BC games this weekend, and also setup three other goals. Her point total, now at 15-7—22, is tied for first on the team.

**Deborah Spillane, BC** (Jr. F; Franklin, MA) – Recorded four points this weekend, including two goals and two assists. The co-captain also had a +4 rating.

**Jenilee Roy** (Jr., G, Sandown, N.H.) – Stopped 23 of 25 shots in UVM's 3-2 win over UConn.

**Jennifer Hitchcock, UNH** (Jr. F; LaSalle, ON) – Extended her point-scoring streak to eight games with an assist at UConn; the eight-game streak matches the longest by a Wildcat this season.



The 2007 Women's Hockey East

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### **TEAM NOTES**

**Boston College:** The Eagles moved to 12-5-2 on the season and to 1-3-2 against ranked teams ... Freshman Allie Thunstrom has scored a goal in each of her last four games, dating back to December 9, 2006 against Northeastern ... Megan Keever (Harrisburg, PA) went down with a knee injury against St. Lawrence on Saturday and will sit out indefinitely ... Head Coach Tom Mutch is two wins away from 50 career wins. All 48 wins have come while at BC.

**Boston University:** The Terriers return to Hockey East play on Jan. 11 at Connecticut, after more than a month of non-conference play ... Senior Cara Hendry extended her point streak to nine games, scoring the game-tying goal in BU's 2-2 tie against St. Cloud. She has registered 12 points during the streak ... Freshman goaltender Melissa Haber (Toronto, ON) saw 31 St. Cloud shots on Saturday, her second highest this season.

University of Connecticut: Freshman Dominique Thibault (L'Orignal, ON) missed the past week's games competing for the Canadian U-22 National Team. She netted the game-winning goal in Canada's win over host Germany in the Gold Media Game. Thibault was the only Hockey East representative on the team ... UConn is 8-3-1 at home this year and 3-5-0 on the road ... The Huskies have lost four straight games since the holiday break, matching their loss total in the 16 games beforehand.

University of Maine: The Black Bears will return to action this weekend when they play at New Hampshire for a two-game series ... The games will be the first for Maine since December 9, a break of 33 days ... Sophomore Vanessa Vani (St. Catherines, ON) continues to lead the Black Bears with 22 points, which ranks fourth in Hockey East ... Maine leads Hockey East in penalty minutes at 17.6 per game, which is also third in the nation ... Maine's offense is scoring 3.50 goals per game, which is ninth in the nation.

**University of New Hampshire:** Seven Wildcats recorded multiple points in the team's 6-2 victory at No. 9 UConn. Lindsey Caleo (Sr. F; Clinton Township, MI) matched her career highs in both assists and points with three points, all on assists, vs. the Huskies ... In first games of a new calendar year, UNH has a 26-2-2 record with an 11-2-0 mark on the road and a 7-0-0 ledger in conference games.

Northeastern University: Senior Marie Desrosiers (St. Hubert, QC) recorded two assists to double her season point total ... Saturday marked the first time since the 2001-2002 season that the Huskies scored more than one goal in a game against St. Lawrence, despite playing without leading scorer Chelsey Jones (Lake Elmo, MN) ... Senior Amy Goodney (Marquette, MI) picked up her team-leading 10th assist on Saturday. She has the most points of any Hockey East player without a goal.

**Providence College:** The win over Vermont extended Providence's unbeaten streak to six games in Hockey East play, including four straight wins dating back to Nov. 11, 2006 ... Freshman Brittany Nelson (Shelburne, VT) recorded her first collegiate assist.

**University of Vermont:** Vermont split a pair of home games including picking up its first Hockey East win of the season with a thrilling 3-2 win over league-leading UConn last Thursday ... Karen Sentoff (Liverpool, NY) scored the game-winner midway thriough the third period against the Huskies. Reigning Hockey East Goalie of the Month Jenilee Roy preserved the win with 14 saves in the deciding third period.