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UNH, BC SWEEP INTO FIRST PLACE Connecticut shocks Dartmouth; Terriers take two

There is a new leader atop the Hockey East standings. Two, actually. New Hampshire and Boston College each pulled off weekend sweeps to leapfrog Connecticut into the top spot. The Wildcats picked up 7-0 and 3-1 victories over visiting Maine to reach first-place while BC whitewashed Vermont 7-0 and 5-0 on consecutive games.

UNH received balanced scoring as Sam Faber (Mount Sinai, NY) led the way with four assists. The Eagles, on the other hand, benefited from outstanding performances by Meghan Fardelmann (Lansing, KS), who racked up nine points in three games, and freshman Kelli Stack (Brooklyn Heights, OH), who put together an eight point week of her own. In the goaltending department, New Hampshire netminder Melissa Bourdon (Ile Bizard, QC) pinned down her school-record 27th shutout on Friday before deferring to Lucy Schoedel (Ithaca, NY), who earned the 600th victory in the program's history on Saturday. BC Coach Tom Mutch gave workhorse Molly Schaus (Natick, MA) the weekend off and watched Johanna Ellison (Cloquet, MN) deliver his 50th (and 51st) career victories as Ellison picked up back-to-back shutouts in Burlington, making 31 saves.

Not to be outdone by the league leaders, Boston University pulled off a sweep of their own. The Terriers stunned Connecticut in Storrs on Thursday, netting a 3-2 overtime victory. BU scored twice

in the third to erase a 2-0 deficit before co-captain Gina Kearns (Norwood, PA) made the bus trip home seem a bit shorter, ending things at 2:13 of the extra session with her second game-winner of the year. Coach Brian Durocher's squad continued their winning ways on Saturday, picking up a spirited 4-2 victory over Northeastern at Walter Brown Arena. It was the Huskies who nearly spoiled a 2-0 Terrier lead before Cara Hendry (Calgary, AB) put the game out of reach in the third period. Freshman Melissa Haber (Toronto, ON) did the rest, stymieing a late NU flurry and making 25 stops to preserve the win. The triumph moved BU within three points of Providence, which was idle in league play, for the final playoff spot.

UConn bounced back from the overtime defeat to snap its losing streak at the hands of an unlikely foe. Fourth-ranked Dartmouth made the trip to Connecticut riding an eleven-game unbeaten streak and sitting atop the ECACHL standings only to be denied by the Huskies, 4-2. UConn needed only five shots in the second period to record three goals and break the game open. Freshman Dominique Thibault (L'Orignal, ON) tallied twice, including the game-winner, as the Huskies earned the highest-ranked win in school history.

In Wisconsin, the Providence Friars struggled to find the twine against the Badgers' top-ranked defense, falling 3-0 and 5-0. *-Scott Donnelly*

RECENT RESULTS

Tuesday, January 9

at Boston College 4, Northeastern 1 *

Thursday, January 11

Boston Univ. 3, at Connecticut 2 OT *

Friday, January 12

Boston College 7, at Vermont 0 *
 at Wisconsin 3, Providence 0
 at New Hampshire 7, Maine 0

Saturday, January 13

Boston College 5, at Vermont 0 *
 at New Hampshire 3, Maine 1 *
 at Boston Univ. 4, Northeastern 2 *
 at Connecticut 4, Dartmouth 2
 at Wisconsin 5, Providence 0 #

UPCOMING GAMES

Tuesday, January 16

Northeastern at Brown (7pm)

Friday, January 19

Boston College at Boston Univ. (7pm) *
 Connecticut at Mercyhurst (3:30pm)

Saturday, January 20

Vermont at Maine (12noon) *
 Providence at Northeastern (2pm) *
 Boston Univ. at Boston College (4pm) *
 Connecticut at Mercyhurst (1pm)
 New Hampshire at Dartmouth (1pm)

Sunday, January 21

Maine at Providence (4pm) *
 Robert Morris at Northeastern (2pm)

* *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
New Hampshire	10	9	1	0	18	17-2-3	92	33
Boston College	12	9	3	0	18	15-5-2	88	43
Connecticut	12	7	4	1	15	12-9-1	57	53
Providence	9	6	1	2	14	9-10-3	51	47
Boston University	11	5	5	1	11	13-7-2	62	47
Northeastern	13	2	10	1	5	3-17-1	48	103
Maine	10	1	7	2	4	6-12-2	64	83
Vermont	11	1	9	1	3	3-17-2	22	99

TPS PLAYER OF THE WEEK

MEGHAN FARDELMANN – BC
Sophomore Forward; Lansing, KS

Tallied nine points in three Hockey East games (five goals, four assists), helping to power the Eagles into a tie for first place in league standings.

MISSION HOCKEY ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

MELISSA HABER – Boston University
Freshman Goaltender; Toronto, ON

Recorded back-to-back wins for the first time in her career, stopping a combined 53 of 57 shots to help the Terriers pick up four league points.

PURE HOCKEY DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

GENEVIEVE TURGEON – MAINE
Sophomore goaltender; Lac Beauport, QC

Despite two losses, made 98 saves in two games against UNH, including 52 saves on 59 shots on Friday, and 46 saves on 49 shots on Saturday.

LEADING SCORERS (Hockey East)

Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1 Kelli Stack, BC	Fr	12	7	12	19
2 Sam Faber, UNH	So	10	5	13	18
Meghan Fardelmann, BC	So	11	10	8	18
4 Jaclyn Hawkins, UConn	Jr	12	11	6	17
5 Becky Zavisza, BC	So	12	8	8	16
Chelsey Jones, NU	Fr	13	10	6	16
7 Jennifer Hitchcock, UNH	Jr	10	10	4	14
Allie Thunstrom, BC	Fr	12	11	3	14
9 Natalie Vibert, UConn	Sr	12	6	7	13
10 Sonny Watrous, PC	Sr	9	4	8	12
Anna McDonald, BC	Fr	12	5	7	12
12 Kristin Gigliotti, PC	Sr	9	6	5	11
Leah Craig, UNH	Jr	10	6	5	11
Dominique Thibault, UConn	Fr	10	4	7	11
Kristen Russell, UConn	So	12	0	11	11
16 Sarah Feldman, PC	Jr	9	5	5	10
Vanessa Vani, Maine	So	10	5	5	10
18 Mari Pehkonen, PC	So	8	4	5	9
Deborah Spillane, BC	Jr	8	3	6	9
Megan Kever, BC	Fr	9	6	3	9
Sonia Corriveau, Maine	Sr	10	7	2	10
Nicole Hekle, UNH	Sr	10	5	4	9
Sadie Wright-Ward, UNH	Jr	10	1	8	9
Kacey Bellamy, UNH	So	10	1	8	9
Maggi Taverna, BC	So	12	1	8	9

LEADING SCORERS (All Games)

Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1 Sam Faber, UNH	So	22	12	20	32
2 Kelli Stack, BC	Fr	22	9	20	29
3 Jaclyn Hawkins, UConn	Jr	22	14	13	27
4 Allie Thunstrom, BC	Fr	22	17	8	25
Becky Zavisza, BC	So	22	11	14	25
6 Melissa Anderson, BU	Fr	18	9	15	24
Jennifer Hitchcock, UNH	Jr	22	17	7	24
8 Kacey Bellamy, UNH	So	21	7	16	23
9 Meghan Fardelmann, BC	So	20	14	8	22
Chelsey Jones, NU	Fr	20	13	9	22
Vanessa Vani, Maine	So	20	9	13	22
Erin Seman, BU	So	21	11	11	22
13 Kristin Gigliotti, PC	Sr	21	12	9	21
14 Kelly Paton, UNH	Fr	22	9	11	20
Anna McDonald, BC	Fr	22	8	12	20
Martine Garland, UNH	Jr	22	5	15	20
17 Natalie Vibert, UConn	Sr	22	6	13	19
Sadie Wright-Ward, UNH	Jr	22	3	16	19
19 Deborah Spillane, BC	Jr	17	9	9	18
Robyn Law, Maine	So	19	8	10	18
Dominique Thibault, UConn	Fr	20	10	8	18
Sonia Corriveau, Maine	Sr	20	10	8	18
Cara Hendry, BU	Sr	20	7	11	18
Sonny Watrous, PC	Sr	21	6	12	18

COLLEGIATE MILESTONES

UNH recorded its 600th victory with its 3-1 victory vs. Maine on January 13, 2007.

Coach Tom Mutch, BC

Recorded his 50th victory behind the bench when the Eagles downed Vermont on Friday, January 12, 2007

Shannon Clement, UNH (Sault Ste. Marie, ON)

Recorded her 50th career point with the second of her career-high three assists Jan. 12 vs. Maine.

Jessica Wilson, BC (Sr. D; Guilford, CT)

Scored her first career goal in BC's 5-0 win at Vermont on January 13, 2007

LEADING GOALTENDERS (HOCKEY EAST)

Player, School	Cl	GP	Min	W-L-T	GAA	SP
1 Melissa Bourdon, UNH	Sr	7	381	6-1-0	1.42	.904
2 Jana Bugden, PC	Sr	6	364	4-1-1	1.49	.946
3 Melissa Haber, BU	Fr	6	397	4-1-1	1.96	.924
4 Molly Schaus, BC	Fr	9	520	6-3-0	2.19	.917
5 Brittany Wilson, UConn	So	12	725	7-4-1	2.32	.912
6 Rachel Gettings, Maine	Sr	3	209	1-1-1	2.59	.890
7 Allyse Wilcox, BU	So	5	266	1-4-0	2.94	.897
8 Shivaun Siegl, UVM	Sr	4	245	0-3-1	3.43	.880
9 Stacey Scott, NU	So	5	287	0-4-1	4.18	.882
10 Sarah Belliveau, NU	Jr	7	434	2-5-0	4.70	.860
11 Genevieve Turgeon, ME	So	5	288	0-4-1	4.78	.894
12 Jenilee Roy, UVM	Jr	6	320	1-5-0	5.44	.851

LEADING GOALTENDERS (All Games)

Player, School	Cl	GP	Min	W-L-T	GAA	SP
1 Melissa Bourdon, UNH	Sr	17	999	12-2-3	1.62	.903
2 Danielle Ciarletta, PC	So	9	545	4-3-2	1.76	.932
3 Melissa Haber, BU	Fr	9	574	6-2-1	1.88	.919
4 Molly Schaus, BC	Fr	19	1129	12-5-2	2.07	.921
5 Allyse Wilcox, BU	So	13	750	7-5-1	2.24	.916
6 Jana Bugden, PC	Sr	13	774	5-7-1	2.33	.922
7 Brittany Wilson, UConn	So	21	1261	12-8-1	2.38	.917
8 Shivaun Siegl, UVM	Sr	9	505	2-6-1	3.92	.844
9 Sarah Belliveau, NU	Jr	12	732	3-9-0	4.26	.869
10 Genevieve Turgeon, ME	So	12	712	3-8-1	4.47	.895
11 Jenilee Roy, UVM	Jr	11	665	1-9-1	4.69	.862



TEAM STATISTICS (Hockey East)**TEAM OFFENSE**

Team	GP	G	GPG
1 Boston College	12	57	4.75
2 New Hampshire	10	45	4.50
3 Providence	9	30	3.33
4 Connecticut	12	38	3.17
5 Northeastern	13	32	2.46
6 Boston University	11	26	2.36
7 Maine	10	23	2.30
8 Vermont	11	8	0.73

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1 Providence	9	12	1.33
2 New Hampshire	10	14	1.40
3 Boston College	12	23	1.92
4 Connecticut	12	28	2.33
5 Boston University	11	26	2.36
6 Maine	10	43	4.30
7 Vermont	11	50	4.55
8 Northeastern	13	63	4.85

POWER PLAY

Team	Totals	SHGA	Pct
1 Boston College	17/62	1	27.4
2 Connecticut	17/71	0	23.9
3 New Hampshire	12/51	1	23.5
4 Providence	14/71	0	19.7
5 Northeastern	12/75	2	16.0
6 Boston University	9/69	1	13.0
7 Maine	7/74	4	9.5
8 Vermont	1/63	3	1.6

PENALTY KILL

Team	Totals	SHG	Pct
1 Providence	55/60	0	91.7
2 New Hampshire	40/45	2	88.9
3 Boston College	73/83	4	88.0
4 Connecticut	65/75	4	86.7
5 Boston University	55/65	1	84.6
6 Northeastern	63/75	1	84.0
7 Maine	52/69	0	75.4
8 Vermont	44/64	0	68.8

PENALTY MINUTES

Team	GP	PiM	PMPG
1 Maine	10	170	17.0
2 Boston College	12	172	14.3
3 Providence	9	128	14.2
4 Boston University	11	156	14.2
5 Connecticut	12	156	13.0
6 Northeastern	13	165	12.7
7 Vermont	11	132	12.0
8 New Hampshire	10	107	10.7

TEAM STATISTICS (All Games)**TEAM OFFENSE**

Team	GP	G	GPG
1 New Hampshire	22	92	4.18
2 Boston College	22	88	4.00
3 Maine	20	64	3.20
4 Boston University	22	62	2.82
5 Connecticut	22	57	2.59
6 Providence	22	51	2.32
7 Northeastern	21	48	2.29
8 Vermont	22	22	1.00

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1 New Hampshire	22	33	1.50
2 Boston College	22	43	1.95
3 Boston University	22	47	2.14
Providence	22	47	2.14
5 Connecticut	22	53	2.41
6 Maine	20	83	4.15
7 Vermont	22	99	4.50
8 Northeastern	21	103	4.90

POWER PLAY

Team	Totals	SHGA	Pct
1 New Hampshire	31/120	2	25.8
2 Connecticut	27/117	1	23.1
3 Boston College	23/112	3	20.5
4 Boston University	22/144	3	15.3
5 Providence	25/170	7	14.7
6 Maine	18/142	6	12.7
7 Northeastern	16/133	6	12.0
8 Vermont	3/110	5	2.7

PENALTY KILL

Team	Totals	SHG	Pct
1 Providence	137/152	0	90.1
2 Boston University	121/136	2	89.0
3 New Hampshire	98/111	4	88.3
4 Boston College	120/136	5	88.2
5 Connecticut	101/121	4	83.5
6 Northeastern	94/120	1	78.3
7 Vermont	99/129	0	76.7
8 Maine	98/130	0	75.4

PENALTY MINUTES

Team	GP	PiM	PMPG
1 Maine	20	334	16.7
2 Providence	22	333	15.1
3 Boston University	22	332	15.1
4 Boston College	22	284	12.9
5 Vermont	22	281	12.8
6 Northeastern	21	267	12.7
7 New Hampshire	22	258	11.7
8 Connecticut	22	252	11.5

HONOR ROLL

Stacey Scott, NU (So. G; Massena, NY) – Started three consecutive games for NU. On Tuesday against No. 8 Boston College, Scott made a career-high 38 saves, including 17 in the first period. Against BU, Scott gave up only three goals and made 29 saves, only one of which came at even strength.

Sam Faber, UNH (So. F; Mt Sinai, NY) – Recorded four points, all on assists, to lead UNH to a two-game sweep of Maine. She opened the weekend with an assist on the Wildcats' second tally in a 7-0 win, the set up all three of the team's goals in the 3-1 victory.

Jackie Thode, UVM (Fr. D; Aurora, CO) – The freshman defenseman was the Catamounts top player this weekend against No. 8 Boston College. She had an even plus/minus rating while logging considerable ice time against the Eagles.

Gina Kearns, BU (So. F; Norwood, PA) – During Thursday's 3-2 victory over Connecticut, assisted on the game-tying goal, helping BU overcome a two-goal deficit to end regulation tied at 2-2. Then in overtime, netted her second game-winning goal (ninth overall) to give the Terriers their first league overtime win in program history.

Erin Seman, BU (So. F; Ramsey, MN) – Had a three-point week against Connecticut and Northeastern. During Saturday's 4-2 win over Northeastern, notched another power-play goal and also assisted on Cara Hendry's game-winning goal.

Kelli Stack, BC (Fr. F; Brooklyn Heights, OH) – Exploded for eight points over three games this week against league opponents (three goals, five assists).

Johanna Ellison, BC (So. G; Cloquet, MN) – While making her second and third starts of the season, this sophomore earned two shutouts and made 31 saves. In 120 minutes, stopped every shot that she faced.

Jana Bugden, PC (Sr. G; Corner Brook, NF) – Stopped 32 of the 36 shots she faced against No. 2 Wisconsin.

Dominique Thibault, UConn (Fr. F; L'Original, ON) – After missing a week while competing with the Canadian U-22 team, netted three goals. She scored twice in UConn's upset of Dartmouth, including both UConn's first goal and the game-winner.



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TEAM NOTES

Boston College: Boston College went 3-0 this week, extending its win streak to four games, and moving into a tie for first place in the league standings with UNH ... Meghan Fardelmann and Kelli Stack combined for 17 points in three games, each registering at least a point in each game ... The Eagles converted seven of 14 power play opportunities this week, going .500 with the extra skater ... BC has scored their season-high seven goals four times, each time against a Hockey East opponent.

Boston University: The Terriers special teams have been on a hot streak in the new year. So far, seven of BU's ten goals have come on the power-play. On the penalty kill, the Terriers have not allowed opponents to score on the power play since Dec. 5, and have killed off 30 straight penalties ... BU's 3-2 overtime win against Connecticut on Thursday was the first ever Hockey East overtime win for the Terriers. Previously, BU beat RPI 3-2 in overtime on Oct. 13, 2006, to earn its first overtime win out of conference ... Senior co-captain Cara Henry (Calgary, Alta.) has recorded a point in 11 of her last 12 games.

University of Connecticut: UConn's win over No. 4 Dartmouth on Saturday marked the Huskies' highest-ranked win in school history. UConn is now 3-3 this year against Top 10 teams. The Dartmouth win snapped a five-game losing skid, UConn's longest since January of 2004. It was UConn's first win ever over the Big Green (1-4-1).

University of Maine: Senior Kate Sunstrum (London, ON) played in her 100th career game for Maine on Friday ... Maine's offense, which is averaging 3.20 goals per game, was shutout at New Hampshire on Friday night. The shutout was the second of the season for Maine, and both were against New Hampshire ... The Black Bears will face Vermont coming up on Saturday. Maine has an 8-0-1 all-time record against UVM.

University of New Hampshire: UNH's shutout streak of Maine ended at 247:37 with the Black Bears' third-period tally on Jan. 13. Rookie goaltender Lucy Schoedel's personal shutout streak ended at 111:17 on that goal ... UNH has a 35-10 scoring advantage in the second period with a 313-99 shot advantage in that stanza – an average of 4.5 shots allowed in the second period ... UNH's penalty kill unit was perfect in the two-game series vs. Maine (8-for-8). The Wildcats' had not allowed a power-play goal in consecutive games since Oct. 27 and 29 in games vs. Boston College and Boston University.

Northeastern University: Freshman Chelsey Jones (Lake Elmo, MN) snapped a season-high three-game scoreless streak with a third-period goal. It was the first time this season she had gone more than two consecutive games without a point ... With two goals and three assists in the last two games, Husky underclassmen have accounted for 70.8 percent of NU goals and 62.1 percent of NU points this season. The freshman class alone has accounted for 45.8 percent of goals and 41.4 percent of points this year ... The Huskies will face BU three more times in the final seven games of the regular season, all in February.

Providence College: The Friars return to Hockey East action, where they are unbeaten in their last six games, on Jan. 20 at Northeastern ... The Friars gave up their first man-down goal in over 295 minutes (dating back to December 9, 2006 versus Harvard University) when Wisconsin was able to score on the advantage with 33 seconds left in Saturday's contest.

University of Vermont: Vermont dropped a pair of games to eighth-ranked Boston College to wrap up its four-game homestand. All four contests were against three of the top four teams in Hockey East with the Catamounts going 1-3-0 ... UVM is at Maine Saturday at noon in its lone game this week.