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# WOMEN'S LEAGUE

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## 'SKATING STRIDES' A HUGE SUCCESS UConn, Eagles sweep; UNH moves past Providence

The "Skating Strides Against Breast Cancer" event may have dominated the weekend, but there were still important league games played. Connecticut and Boston College had the most success, winning weekend sweeps, while UNH took three points from Providence to move into sole possession of second place behind the Eagles.

The weekend's stellar play was overshadowed by a larger cause as Women's Hockey East has already raised more than \$17,000 for the fight against breast cancer as more 1000 fans turned out for the festivities. Players throughout the league sold t-shirts in advance and the teams wore custom jerseys during warm-ups to raise awareness for the cause. Several skaters for each team used pink TPS sticks during the game, which were later signed and raffled off. The final tally is still forthcoming as several men's programs will be raffling off signed merchandise from the "Skating Strides" event at upcoming home games.

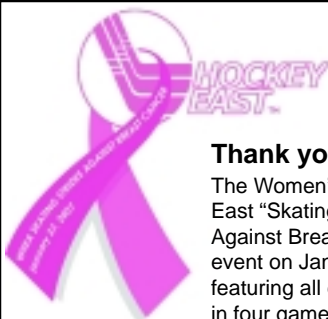
On the ice, UNH defeated Providence 3-1 on Saturday before the two teams deadlocked, 2-2 on Sunday afternoon. UNH rookie Micaela Long (South Boston, MA) had a breakout series, notching a goal and an assist on Saturday before potting the game-tying goal at the Whittemore Center in the rematch. PC goalie Danielle Ciarletta was immense in the rematch, notching 40 saves.

Connecticut took down Northeastern, 4-1, in a

battle between Huskies. Freshman Dominique Thibault (L'Original, ON) score the game-winning goal with her pink stick and added two assists to earn the game's First Star as UConn rode a three-goal third period to victory. The teams met again in Boston on Sunday with Connecticut's Huskies winning again, 2-0. Brittany Wilson (Nepean, ON) had an assist and made 37 saves to preserve the shutout as NU outshot UConn 37-18. Connecticut, after falling from first to fourth place, moved into a tie with Providence in third place.

Boston College's vaunted goaltending duo of Johanna Ellison (Cloquet, MN) and Molly Schaus (Natick, MA) once again proved too stingy for the competition. Ellison and the Eagles turned aside Vermont, 4-1 on Saturday with help from Kelli Stack (Brooklyn Heights, OH) who had two assists. On Sunday afternoon against Maine, Schaus got the start and whitewashed the Black Bears by a 6-0 score. Allie Thunstrom (Maplewood, MN) notched her league-leading 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> goals of the season as the Eagles protected home ice and tightened their grasp on first-place.

Boston University won its only contest of the week, blanking Maine 3-0. The Terriers and Black Bears entered the third stanza scoreless, but BU score three times in the last 10 minutes to ensure the victory. Sarah Russell (Tewksbury, MA) buried the game-winner, her first tally of the season.



**Thank you!**  
 The Women's Hockey East "Skating Strides Against Breast Cancer" event on Jan. 27, featuring all eight teams in four games, raised more than \$17,000 for cancer research.

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**RECENT RESULTS**  
**Saturday, January 27**  
 at Connecticut 4, Northeastern 1 \*  
 at Boston College 4, Vermont 1 \*  
 New Hampshire 3, at Providence 1 \*  
 at Boston University 3, Maine 0 \*

**Sunday, January 28**  
 at Boston College 6, Maine 0 \*  
 Connecticut 2, at Northeastern 0 \*  
 Providence 2, at New Hampshire 2 OT \*

**UPCOMING GAMES**  
**Tuesday, January 31**  
 New Hampshire at Boston Univ. (7pm) \*

**Saturday, February 3**  
 Connecticut at Maine (12noon) \*  
 Boston College at UNH (2pm) \*  
 Boston Univ. at Northeastern (2pm) \* %  
 Vermont at Providence (2pm) \*

**Sunday, February 4**  
 Connecticut at Maine (12noon) \*  
 Vermont at Providence (2pm) \*

*\* Hockey East game  
 % Hannaford/Kraft Kids' Club event*

### 2006-07 HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Goals For	Goals Against
Boston College	16	12	4	0	24	18-6-2	74 (105)	27 (47)
New Hampshire	12	10	1	1	21	18-3-4	50 (99)	17 (40)
Providence	13	8	2	3	19	11-11-4	41 (62)	19 (54)
Connecticut	14	9	4	1	19	14-10-2	44 (66)	29 (62)
Boston University	14	7	6	1	15	15-8-2	32 (68)	33 (54)
Maine	14	2	10	2	6	7-15-2	28 (69)	55 (95)
Northeastern	16	2	13	1	5	3-22-1	33 (52)	74 (121)
Vermont	13	1	11	1	3	3-19-2	9 (23)	57 (106)

**TPS  
PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

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

Tallied five points over the weekend in wins against Vermont and Maine, including two goals and three assists. She was named the Itech First Star in both games.

**MISSION HOCKEY  
ROOKIE OF THE WEEK**

**DOMINIQUE THIBAUT – UConn**  
*Freshman Forward; L'Original, QC*

Netted a pair of goals, including the game-winner, and added an assist in UConn's 4-1 win over Northeastern on Saturday in Storrs.

**PURE HOCKEY DEFENSIVE  
PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

**DANIELLE CIARLETTA – Providence**  
*Sophomore Goaltender; Blaine, MN*

Had 40 saves, including four in overtime, to preserve Providence's tie on Saturday with the No. 4 ranked Wildcats at UNH's Whittemore Center.

## LEADING SCORERS (Hockey East)

Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1 Kelli Stack, BC	Fr	16	9	18	27
2 Becky Zavisza, BC	So	16	11	11	22
3 Meghan Fardelmann, BC	So	15	11	10	21
Allie Thunstrom, BC	Fr	16	15	6	21
5 Sam Faber, UNH	So	10	5	13	18
Jaclyn Hawkins, UConn	Jr	14	11	7	18
7 Sonny Watrous, PC	Sr	13	5	11	16
Chelsey Jones, NU	Fr	16	10	6	16
9 Jennifer Hitchcock, UNH	Jr	12	11	4	15
10 Dominique Thibault, UConn	Fr	12	6	8	14
Kristin Gigliotti, PC	Sr	13	7	7	14
Natalie Vibert, UConn	Sr	14	7	7	14
13 Deborah Spillane, BC	Jr	12	5	8	13
Sarah Feldman, PC	Jr	13	5	8	13
15 Leah Craig, UNH	Jr	12	7	5	12
Anna McDonald, BC	Fr	12	5	7	12
Kristen Russell, UConn	So	14	1	11	12
18 Mari Pehkonen, PC	So	12	5	6	11
Sonia Corriveau, Maine	Sr	14	9	2	11

## LEADING SCORERS (All Games)

Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1 Kelli Stack, BC	Fr	26	11	26	37
2 Sam Faber, UNH	So	23	12	20	32
Allie Thunstrom, BC	Fr	26	21	11	32
4 Jaclyn Hawkins, UConn	Jr	26	16	15	31
Becky Zavisza, BC	So	26	14	17	31
6 Melissa Anderson, BU	Fr	19	9	16	25
Meghan Fardelmann, BC	So	24	15	10	25
Erin Seman, BU	So	24	13	12	25
Jennifer Hitchcock, UNH	Jr	25	18	7	25
10 Kristin Gigliotti, PC	Sr	25	13	11	24
11 Vanessa Vani, Maine	So	24	10	13	23
Kacey Bellamy, UNH	So	24	7	16	23
Kelly Paton, UNH	Fr	25	10	13	23
14 Deborah Spillane, BC	Jr	21	11	11	22
Chelsey Jones, NU	Fr	25	13	9	22
Sonny Watrous, PC	Sr	25	7	15	22
Martine Garland, UNH	Jr	25	5	17	22
18 Dominique Thibault, UConn	Fr	24	12	9	21

## COLLEGIATE MILESTONES

**Ginny Berg, NU** (Fr. F; Sterling, AK)

Scored her first collegiate goal in loss to UConn on January 27, 2007. Berg became the 18th different player to score at least one goal for the Huskies this season.

**Melissa Bourdon, UNH** (Sr. G; Ile Bizard, QC)

Became the program's all-time career win leader with her 77<sup>th</sup> on January 27, 2007, a 3-1 victory over Providence. Bourdon surpassed the previous mark of 76 established by Alicia Roberts (1997-2000).

**Brittany Wilson, UConn** (So. G; Neapean, ON)

Won her 13th game of the year Saturday, topping the school mark of 12 set by Kaitlyn Shain in 2004-05.

**Natalie Vibert, UConn** (Sr. D; Thunder Bay, ON)

Her goal on Sunday at Northeastern was the 20<sup>th</sup> of her career, the most ever by a UConn blueliner.

## LEADING GOALTENDERS (HOCKEY EAST)

Player, School	Cl	GP	Min	W-L-T	GAA	SP
1 Melissa Bourdon, UNH	Sr	8	440	7-1-0	1.36	.912
2 Jana Bugden, PC	Sr	9	544	6-2-1	1.54	.942
3 Melissa Haber, BU	Fr	8	517	6-1-1	1.62	.932
4 Molly Schaus, BC	Fr	12	699	8-4-0	1.80	.927
5 Brittany Wilson, UConn	So	14	845	9-4-1	2.06	.922
6 Allyse Wilcox, BU	So	6	326	1-5-0	3.50	.883
7 Shivaun Siegl, UVM	Sr	5	305	0-4-1	3.54	.881
8 Genevieve Turgeon, ME	So	9	530	1-7-1	3.85	.903
9 Stacey Scott, NU	So	6	347	0-5-1	4.32	.873
10 Sarah Belliveau, NU	Jr	7	434	2-5-0	4.70	.860
11 Jenilee Roy, UVM	Jr	7	380	1-6-0	5.05	.857

## LEADING GOALTENDERS (All Games)

Player, School	Cl	GP	Min	W-L-T	GAA	SP
1 Melissa Haber, BU	Fr	11	694	8-2-1	1.64	.926
2 Melissa Bourdon, UNH	Sr	19	1119	13-3-3	1.72	.901
3 Danielle Ciarletta, PC	So	10	610	4-3-3	1.77	.935
4 Molly Schaus, BC	Fr	22	1308	14-6-2	1.88	.926
5 Jana Bugden, PC	Sr	16	955	7-8-1	2.20	.924
6 Brittany Wilson, UConn	So	25	1506	14-9-2	2.35	.922
7 Allyse Wilcox, BU	So	14	810	7-6-1	2.52	.908
8 Shivaun Siegl, UVM	Sr	10	565	2-7-1	3.93	.849
9 Sarah Belliveau, NU	Jr	13	848	3-10-0	3.96	.870
10 Genevieve Turgeon, ME	So	16	954	4-11-1	4.03	.900
11 Jenilee Roy, UVM	Jr	12	725	1-10-1	4.55	.865



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

Team	GP	G	GPG
1 Boston College	16	74	4.62
2 New Hampshire	12	50	4.17
3 Providence	13	41	3.15
4 Connecticut	14	44	3.14
5 Boston University	14	32	2.29
6 Northeastern	16	33	2.06
7 Maine	14	28	2.00
8 Vermont	13	9	0.69

**TEAM DEFENSE**

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1 New Hampshire	12	17	1.42
2 Providence	13	19	1.46
3 Boston College	16	27	1.69
4 Connecticut	14	29	2.07
5 Boston University	14	33	2.36
6 Maine	14	55	3.93
7 Vermont	13	57	4.38
8 Northeastern	16	74	4.62

**POWER PLAY**

Team	Totals	SHGA	Pct
1 Boston College	22/84	1	26.2
2 Connecticut	17/76	0	22.4
3 New Hampshire	14/69	1	20.3
4 Providence	17/97	0	17.5
5 Northeastern	12/84	2	14.3
6 Boston University	10/82	2	12.2
7 Maine	11/96	4	11.5
8 Vermont	1/71	4	1.4

**PENALTY KILL**

Team	Totals	SHG	Pct
1 Providence	82/ 1	0	90.1
2 New Hampshire	53/59	2	89.8
3 Boston College	92/103	6	89.3
4 Connecticut	71/81	4	87.7
5 Northeastern	72/85	1	84.7
6 Boston University	64/78	1	82.1
7 Maine	70/89	0	78.7
8 Vermont	51/73	0	69.9

**PENALTY MINUTES**

Team	GP	PiM	PMPG
1 Maine	14	216	15.4
2 Providence	13	198	15.2
3 Boston College	16	225	14.1
4 Boston University	14	186	13.3
5 Northeastern	16	210	13.1
6 Vermont	13	165	12.7
7 Connecticut	14	168	12.0
8 New Hampshire	12	139	11.6

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

Team	GP	G	GPG
1 Boston College	26	105	4.04
2 New Hampshire	25	99	3.96
3 Maine	24	69	2.88
4 Boston University	25	68	2.72
5 Connecticut	26	66	2.54
6 Providence	26	62	2.38
7 Northeastern	26	52	2.00
8 Vermont	24	23	0.96

**TEAM DEFENSE**

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1 New Hampshire	25	40	1.60
2 Boston College	26	47	1.81
3 Providence	26	54	2.08
4 Boston University	25	54	2.16
5 Connecticut	26	62	2.38
6 Maine	24	95	3.96
7 Vermont	24	106	4.42
8 Northeastern	26	121	4.65

**POWER PLAY**

Team	Totals	SHGA	Pct
1 New Hampshire	35/145	3	24.1
2 Boston College	28/134	3	20.9
3 Connecticut	28/135	1	20.7
4 Boston University	23/157	4	14.6
5 Providence	28/196	7	14.3
6 Maine	22/164	6	13.4
7 Northeastern	16/150	6	10.7
8 Vermont	3/118	6	2.5

**PENALTY KILL**

Team	Totals	SHG	Pct
1 Providence	164/183	0	89.6
2 New Hampshire	116/130	4	89.2
3 Boston College	139/156	7	89.1
4 Boston University	130/149	2	87.2
5 Connecticut	114/138	4	82.6
6 Northeastern	113/142	1	79.6
7 Maine	116/150	0	77.3
8 Vermont	106/138	0	76.8

**PENALTY MINUTES**

Team	GP	PiM	PMPG
1 Maine	24	380	15.8
2 Providence	26	403	15.5
3 Boston University	25	362	14.5
4 Vermont	24	314	13.1
5 Boston College	26	337	13.0
6 Northeastern	26	336	12.9
7 New Hampshire	25	300	12.0
8 Connecticut	26	286	11.0

## HONOR ROLL

**Micaela Long, UNH** (Fr. F; South Boston, MA) – Recorded three points with two goals and an assist in the home-and-home series vs. Providence.

**Brittany Wilson, UConn** (So. G; Nepean, ON) – Stopped 45 of 46 shots to help UConn to a weekend and season sweep of Northeastern. Recorded her fourth shutout of the year on Sunday, making 37 saves on the road against Northeastern.

**Sarah Russell, BU** (So. F; Tewksbury, MA) – Notched her first goal of the season during BU's 3-0 win over Maine on Saturday. The goal ended 51:57 minutes of scoreless hockey.

**Melissa Haber, BU** (Fr. G; Toronto, ON) – Improved her conference record to 6-1-1 on Saturday, earning her fourth shutout of the year. Haber made 14 saves, improving her conference save percentage to .932.

**Allie Thunstrom, BC** (Fr. F; Maplewood, MN) – Collected two goals and an assist in two games over the weekend against Vermont and Maine. Her 21 goals on the season is the most on the team and seventh best in the country.

**Sydney Arbelbide, NU** (Fr., G; Littleton, CO) – Started both games of a weekend series for the first time in her career. Arbelbide made 34 saves on Saturday against UConn, and stopped 16 shots the following day against the Huskies.

**Chelsea Furlani, UVM** (Fr. F; Colchester, VT) – Had a solid game in 4-1 loss at No. 9 BC on Saturday, scoring Vermont's lone goal, her team-high sixth of the season.

## ITECH THREE STAR LEADERS

At the conclusion of each Hockey East game, the ITECH "Three Stars of The Game" are selected. The player earning the most points over the course of the season will be honored at season's end. The leaders to date:

Name	Cl	Pos	School
Sam Faber	So	F	UNH
Meghan Fardelman	So	F	BC
Melissa Haber	Fr	G	BU
Brittany Wilson	So	G	UConn



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## TEAM NOTES

**Boston College:** The Eagles have won three consecutive games ... Boston College outshot opponents 77-25 in two games this weekend ... BC and its opponents went a combined 1-for-19 on the power play ... Kelli Stack is tied for 10th in the BC record books for points in a season with 37. No Eagle has scored more than 37 points in a season since Erin Magee tallied 41 in 1998-99 as a senior ... Stack has scored at least a point in nine-straight games, including six multi-point games ... Junior Lindsay Wright (Calgary, AB) doubled her goal total to four this season by notching one in each game this weekend.

**Boston University:** The Terriers recorded their fourth shutout on Saturday, by defeating Maine 3-0. BU has shut out opponents five times this season, four in conference matchups ... Sophomore Sarah Russell (Tewksbury, MA) scored her first goal of the season during the game, notching the game-winning tally ... Freshman Melissa Anderson (Langley, BC) returned after missing four games with a dislocated shoulder. Anderson recorded an assist on Saturday, and has recorded at least a point in nine of her last 11 games.

**University of Connecticut:** UConn took both ends of a home-and-home series against Northeastern this weekend, winning 4-1 on Saturday and 2-0 on Sunday. Coupled with a win in November, it marks the second time that UConn has ever swept a Hockey East season series. UConn took all three meetings with Vermont a year ago ... All four of UConn's shutouts this year have come in Hockey East play.

**University of Maine:** The Black Bears have now lost eight of their last nine games ... Since the holiday break, Genevieve Turgeon (Lac Beauport, QC) has started six straight games. In those games, she has averaged 37 saves and made over 30 saves four times ... In losses to BC and BU over the weekend, Maine was shutout in back-to-back games for the first time since November, 2002 ... The Black Bears will host UConn this weekend. The Huskies won the first game of the season, 8-3.

**University of New Hampshire:** UNH extended its home unbeaten streak vs. PC to 15 games (12-0-3) with Sunday's 2-2 tie ... Lindsey Caleo (Clinton Township, MI) with three goals and four assists, and Leah Craig (Seaforth, ON) with five goals and two assists, have been UNH's top point producers in January with seven points apiece ... UNH is 2-0-4 in six overtime games this season. The school record for most OT games in one season is eight, and the benchmark for ties is six.

**Northeastern University:** After being outshot 38-19 in Saturday's game against UConn, the Huskies returned to outshoot UConn, 37-18, on Sunday. The 21-shot margin was the second-highest in NU's favor this season. NU outshot Connecticut 16-0 in the third period, the first time this season NU has held an opponent without a shot on goal for an entire period ... The team's nine goals allowed in its last three games ties a season-low for any three-game span.

**Providence College:** Providence is undefeated in overtime games this season (1-0-4, 1-0-3 WHE)... Sophomore Katy Beach (Cleveland, OH) recorded her fifth goal of the season, tying her goal production from last season ... Sophomore goaltender Danielle Ciarletta ranks sixth in the nation with a .935 save percentage ... Providence returns to action next weekend with two home games versus Vermont. In the team's last meeting on Jan. 6, the Friars won 7-0.

**University of Vermont:** Vermont is at Providence for a two-game series this weekend. The Cats and Friars play Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 pm ... Kari Furlani (Colchester, VT) registered her first career point at Boston College on Saturday, Jan. 27, assisting on a goal scored by her sister, Chelsea.