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**WOMEN'S LEAGUE**  
**WEEKEND**  
**PREVIEW**



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**PLAYOFF PARTICIPANTS ARE SET**  
**BU Playoff Hopes Dashed with 3-2 Home Loss to UNH**

[Note: Commissioner Bertagna has dusted off his typewriter to pen this week's Preview.]

It could have been an extremely interesting finish to the Women's Hockey East regular season. Instead, it will simply be interesting.

Boston University was removed from the playoff picture by Wednesday night's 3-2 loss to #1 New Hampshire. UNH, who out shot BU by 46-15, ran its league mark to 16-1-2 with two games left to play.

Still, there are a number of final standing positions yet to be determined, the most significant being #2, #3, and #4. Sure, all three of the schools are in the playoffs. But #4 will draw #1 New Hampshire, in its own building, and while they might not admit to it, all of the potential opposing coaches would prefer to delay such a meeting, if at all possible, until the final.

There is also some pride at stake in the lower half of the standings where the Huskies of Northeastern have a chance to move up a spot from seventh to sixth. How does that happen? If NU can win at Boston University and Maine loses at Boston College. Those Saturday results would put Northeastern and Maine in a tie for sixth place and the tie-breaker goes to Northeastern, by virtue of its 2-1-0 record against Maine this season.

Back to #2 through #4...here's the lowdown:

**Boston College and UConn:** They are #2 in the league and #7 in the nation. To remain the second seed in next week's tournament, BC has to win against Maine to finish with 30 points. Then, they have to hope Connecticut doesn't sweep its Providence series, thereby matching the 30-point mark. If they do, UConn wins the tie-breaker by virtue of a 2-1-0 regular season record against the Eagles.

**UConn and Providence:** How convenient that they play each other. It's pretty simple. Providence has to sweep to reach 27 points, one more than UConn has now.

And in other news...

**Scoring Title:** Going into the weekend, BC boasts the top four scorers, with freshman Kelli Stack (Brooklyn Heights, OH) at the head of the class with 12-21-33 with one game to play. A pack of Wildcats lurks nearby with two games to go.

**Goaltending Title:** A done deal. UNH senior Melissa Bourdon (Ile Bizard, PQ) has pretty much clinched it with a 1.19 GAA entering the weekend. BU's Melissa Haber (Toronto, ON) is next at 1.86. Either way, someone named Melissa has the title.

**TIE-BREAKERS**

1. Head-to-Head Results
2. Number of Wins in Conference Play
3. Best Record vs. #1, then #2, etc.
4. Coin Flip

BC-UConn: UConn  
 UConn-Providence: Can't finish tied  
 Maine-Northeastern: Northeastern

**RECENT RESULTS**

**Wednesday, February 21**  
 New Hampshire 3, Boston U. 2 \*

**UPCOMING GAMES**

**Saturday, February 24**  
 Connecticut at Providence (1pm) \*  
 New Hampshire at Vermont (2pm) \*  
 Northeastern at Boston U. (3pm) \*  
 Maine at Boston College (7:30pm) \*

**Sunday, February 25**  
 Providence at Connecticut (1pm) \*  
 New Hampshire at Vermont (2pm) \*%  
 END of REGULAR SEASON

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

**2006-07 HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS**

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Goals For	Goals Against	Can Finish	Games Remaining
New Hampshire*	19	16	1	2	34	24-3-5	81 (130)	25 (48)	1	at VT, at VT
Boston College#	20	14	6	0	28	22-8-2	90 (131)	38 (62)	2-3	ME
Connecticut#	19	12	5	2	26	17-12-3	55 (78)	37 (72)	2-3-4	at PC, PC
Providence#	19	10	6	3	23	13-15-4	61 (82)	43 (78)	3-4	UConn, at UConn
Boston University	20	9	9	2	20	18-12-3	46 (87)	49 (78)	5	NU
Maine	20	5	13	2	12	10-18-2	41 (82)	67 (107)	6-7	at BC
Northeastern	20	4	14	2	10	5-25-2	43 (64)	89 (148)	6-7	at BU
Vermont	19	1	17	1	3	3-25-2	16 (30)	85 (134)	8	UNH, UNH

\*Clinched Regular Season Title; #Clinched a Playoff Berth

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## HOCKEY EAST HEAD-TO-HEAD

	<b>BC</b>	<b>BU</b>	<b>UC</b>	<b>ME</b>	<b>UNH</b>	<b>NU</b>	<b>PC</b>	<b>UVM</b>	<b>Overall</b>
<b>BC</b>	---	2-1-0	1-2-0	2-0-0	1-2-0	3-0-0	2-1-0	3-0-0	14-6-0
<b>BU</b>	1-2-0	---	1-1-1	2-1-0	0-3-0	1-0-1	1-2-0	3-0-0	9-9-2
<b>UC</b>	2-1-0	1-1-1	---	3-0-0	0-2-1	3-0-0	1-0-0	2-1-0	12-5-2
<b>ME</b>	0-2-0	1-2-0	0-3-0	---	0-3-0	1-2-0	0-1-2	3-0-0	5-13-2
<b>UNH</b>	2-1-0	3-0-0	2-0-1	3-0-0	---	3-0-0	2-0-1	1-0-0	16-1-2
<b>NU</b>	0-3-0	0-1-1	0-3-0	2-1-0	0-3-0	---	0-3-0	2-0-1	4-14-2
<b>PC</b>	1-2-0	2-1-0	0-1-0	1-0-2	0-2-1	3-0-0	---	3-0-0	10-6-3
<b>UVM</b>	0-3-0	0-3-0	1-2-0	0-3-0	0-1-0	0-2-1	0-3-0	---	1-17-1

## HOCKEY EAST TIEBREAKERS

1. Head-to-head results between the tied teams
2. Number of wins in conference play
3. Best record against the first-place team(s), then the second-place team(s), then the third-place team(s), and so on
4. Coin flip

If more than two teams finish in a tie, the same criteria will be applied to reduce the number of teams tied, and then the process will commence again.