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# WOMEN'S WEEKLY PRESS RELEASE

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## MAINE TOPPLES SACRED HEART IN LICHTERMAN'S FIRST WIN ~Six Hockey East teams officially open 07-08 season this weekend~

This past weekend, the Maine Black bears officially opened the start of the 2007-08 WHEA season by defeating Sacred Heart 6-1 at Alford Arena. With the win, first year bench boss Dan Lichterman picked up his first collegiate win as a head coach. Eight different Black Bears figured into the scoring, including freshman Jordan Colliton's three points (1g, 2a) and junior Vanessa Vani's two point effort (1g, 1a). Junior netminder Genevieve Turgeon started the game, making 11 saves in the first 40 minutes, giving way to freshman netminder Sarah Bishop, who stopped nine Sacred Heart shots in the final period in her first collegiate appearance. Maine owns a 4-2 record in the past six season openers and will play six of their next seven games on the road.

This coming weekend, six of the eight WHEA teams open their 2007-08 seasons on Friday October 5th. Both Boston University and Northeastern travel to Minneapolis, Minn. for the Nike Bauer Women's Classic hosted by the University of Minnesota at Ridder Arena. North Dakota rounds out the four team tournament field, with round robin play scheduled for both Friday and Saturday.

Meanwhile, back East, two-time defending champion and No. 3 ranked New Hampshire will head to the North Country of New York for a two game series against No. 4 ranked St. Lawrence, in an early season showdown of two of the top five teams in the USA Today/USA Hockey poll. Also on Friday, Boston College, led by first year Head Coach Katie King, will open their season against ECAC foe Rensselaer at Conte Forum. The Eagles currently sit at No. 8 in the national poll. UConn opens their season at home with a two-game series vs. The Ohio State University at the Freitas Ice Forum (10/5 and 10/6). The Storrs, Conn. site will also host the 2008 WHEA Championship on March 8-9. The Maine Black Bears travel to Erie, Pa. for a two game set at No. 2 ranked Mercyhurst, with games on both Friday and Saturday. The Vermont Catamounts open their season hosting Sacred Heart in a two game match-up Saturday and Sunday, October 6-7, at Gutterson Fieldhouse. Only Providence College is idle this weekend. The Friars will officially begin their season on Sunday, October 14th with a 2 p.m. game at Maine (Alford Arena) for the opening game of the WHEA league schedule.

Hockey East teams also hosted four exhibition games last weekend and all four came away victorious, which included a 10-1 win for Connecticut over Bluewater on Saturday afternoon and a 3-1 win for Northeastern over Mississauga at Matthews Arena. On Sunday, the conference continued to dominate in exhibition action with Boston University taking out Mississauga, 6-1 at Walter Brown and Providence skating to a 10-1 victory over Bluewater at Schneider Arena.

### 2007-08 STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Offense	Defense
Boston College	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	0.00 GPG	0.00 GPG
Boston University	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	0.00 GPG	0.00 GPG
Connecticut	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	0.00 GPG	0.00 GPG
Maine	0	0	0	0	0	1-0-0	6.00 GPG	1.00 GPG
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	0.00 GPG	0.00 GPG
Northeastern	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	0.00 GPG	0.00 GPG
Providence	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	0.00 GPG	0.00 GPG
Vermont	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	0.00 GPG	0.00 GPG

#### TPS HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE WEEK

**VANESSA VANI – MAINE**  
Junior Forward; St. Catharines, Ontario

Posted two points (1g, 1a) in the 6-1 victory over Sacred Heart on Saturday with three shots on goal and a +2 plus/minus rating. Vani also registered the game-winning goal against the Pioneers.

#### MISSION ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

**JORDAN COLLITON – MAINE**  
Freshman Forward; Blackie, Alberta

Registered a game-high three points (1g, 2a) vs. the Pioneers on Saturday in her first collegiate game as a Black Bear with two shots and a +2 rating.

#### PURE HOCKEY DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

**ELYCE THOMAS – MAINE**  
Sophomore Defenseman; Port Coquitlam, B.C.

Thomas was on the ice for four of the Black Bears six goals earning her a +4 rating in the 6-1 win over Sacred Heart on Saturday.

#### RECENT RESULTS

*Saturday, September 29*  
at Maine 6, Sacred Heart 1  
at Connecticut 10, Bluewater 1 (exh)  
at Northeastern 3, Mississauga 1 (exh)

*Sunday, September 30*  
at Boston University 6, Mississauga 1 (exh)  
at Providence 10, Bluewater 1 (exh)

#### UPCOMING GAMES

*Friday, October 5*  
Maine at Mercyhurst  
Ohio State at Connecticut  
New Hampshire at St. Lawrence  
Rensselaer at Boston College  
*Nike Bauer Women's Classic*  
Boston U. vs. North Dakota at Minnesota (4pm)  
Northeastern at Minnesota

*Saturday, October 6*  
Maine at Mercyhurst (2pm)  
Ohio State at Connecticut (4pm)  
New Hampshire at St. Lawrence (4pm)  
Sacred Heart at Vermont (2pm)  
*Nike Bauer Women's Classic*  
Northeastern vs. North Dakota at Minnesota (4pm)  
Boston U. at Minnesota

*Sunday, October 7*  
Sacred Heart at Vermont (6:45pm)

\* Hockey East game  
Games start at 7pm EST unless indicated