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WOMEN'S WEEKEND PREVIEW

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WEEKLY PREVIEW #5

UVM HOSTS NATIONALLY RANKED BC, UNH AT GUTTERSON ~Four games in the league, eight total on the slate this weekend~

WAKEFIELD, Mass. – Tim Bothwell's Vermont Catamounts (4-2-0) will host two of the leagues toughest teams this weekend at Gutterson FieldHouse in Burlington as the No. 9 ranked Boston College Eagles faceoff on Friday at 4 p.m. in UVM's league opener, while the No. 2 New Hampshire Wildcats (5-1-0, 3-0-0 WHEA) will visit on Saturday afternoon. Vermont will face its most difficult test to date, but will rely on senior forward Kate Lesniak (Buffalo, N.Y.) and freshman forward Teddy Fortin, who have paced the Catamount offense so far this year with eight and six points respectively.

The Wildcats will travel to Boston for a meeting with BU on Thursday night at Walter Brown Arena. UNH has received strong play to this point from junior forward Sam Faber (Mt. Sinai, N.Y.), as well as freshmen Jenn Wakefield (Pickering, Ont.) and goaltender Kayley Herman (Weyburn, Sask.). Faber amassed eight point last month, while Wakefield was honored as the league's top rookie also with eight points (5g,3a) in October. Herman (4-0-0) has caught the eye of the conference opponents posting a 1.00 GAA and a .942 save percentage. The Terriers have played a tough early season schedule, sophomore goaltender Melissa Haber (Toronto, Ont.) helped preserve a 5-5 tie in its last game vs. No. 9 ranked Dartmouth last Sunday with a 50-save effort to earn her Pure Hockey Defensive Player of the Week honors.

The red hot Connecticut Huskies (8-1-0, 2-0-0 WHEA) earned the highest national ranking in school history this week as the No. 8 team in the country. The Huskies will play a single game on the weekend with a Sunday meeting against Brown University at Freitas Ice Forum in Storrs, Conn. Sophomore forward Dominique Thibault (L'Orignal, Ont.) has taken the league by storm this season with 19 points in her first nine games of the season, after recording 25 points in 33 games in her freshman campaign with the Huskies. The Hockey East Player of the Month for October ranks third in the country in scoring at 2.11 points per game.

The Black Bears of Maine will host a two-game set with Clarkson on Friday and Saturday. Junior goalie Genevieve Turgeon (Lac Beauport, Que.) has done her part to keep the Black Bears in games, but head coach Dan Lichterman would like to see the offense provide more support for its netminder.

Northeastern will also play a single contest at Rensselaer on Saturday, while the Terriers will host Union on Saturday as both teams look for their first victories of the season. Senior captain Nikki Petrich (Flint, Mich.) leads the Huskies squad offensively with eight points, while freshman Kristi Kehoe (Bakersfield, Calif.) has also tallied eight points (4g,4a) for Laura Schuler's Huskies.

Providence College is the only Hockey East team idle this weekend after a huge victory on Wednesday night, the Friars first of the season, against the No. 9 ranked Eagles at Conte Forum. The Friars have received at least one point from 12 players this season, while freshman netminder Jennifer Smith (St. Albans, Vt.) took down the Eagles with a 23-save effort in her first collegiate start on Tuesday night.

2007-08 STANDINGS

Rk.	Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Offense	Defense
1.	New Hampshire	3	3	0	0	6	5-1-0	17 (2.83)	7 (1.16)
2.	Connecticut	2	2	0	0	4	8-1-0	30 (3.33)	15 (1.67)
3.	Providence	3	1	1	1	3	1-2-2	10 (2.00)	22 (4.40)
4.	Boston College	3	1	2	0	2	4-2-1	17 (2.43)	14 (2.00)
5.	Maine	3	0	2	1	1	1-6-1	12 (1.50)	29 (3.63)
6.	Vermont	0	0	0	0	0	4-3-0	26 (3.71)	15 (2.14)
	Boston University	1	0	1	0	0	0-4-2	16 (2.67)	24 (4.00)
	Northeastern	1	0	1	0	0	0-5-1	17 (2.83)	27 (4.50)

RECENT RESULTS

Thursday, October 25
at No. 8 Connecticut 5, Providence 0 *
No. 4 New Hampshire 4 at No. 7 Boston College 1 *

Friday, October 26
at No. 9 Dartmouth 4, Vermont 3 OT

Saturday, October 27
No. 8 Connecticut 5 at Northeastern 3 *
at No. 7 Boston College 3, Maine 2 *

Sunday, October 28
at No. 4 New Hampshire 5, Maine 0 *
at Boston University 5, No. 9 Dartmouth 5 OT

Tuesday, October 30
Providence 3 at No. 9 Boston College 2 *

Wednesday, October 31
No. 8 Connecticut 3 at Rensselaer 2 OT

UPCOMING GAMES

Thursday, November 1
No. 2 New Hampshire at Boston University (7pm) *

Friday, November 2
No. 9 Boston College at Vermont (4pm) *
Clarkson at Maine (7pm)

Saturday, November 3
Clarkson at Maine * (2pm)
No. 2 New Hampshire at Vermont (7pm) *
Northeastern at Rensselaer (2pm)
Union at Boston University (3pm)

Sunday, November 4
Brown at No. 8 Connecticut (1pm)

* Hockey East game
All Games Eastern Standard Time (EST)
(Rankings in composite schedule and release are from the USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine Poll)

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