

WOMEN'S WEEKEND PREVIEW

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WILDCATS EARN NO. 1 NATIONAL RANKING ~Three weekend league games, highlighted by UNH hosting No. 8 UConn

WAKEFIELD, Mass. — Hockey East teams will be involved in 10 games over the weekend, which includes three league contests. The biggest league matchup of the weekend, will be between two nationally ranked teams, as No. 8 Connecticut will visit newly named No. 1 New Hampshire at the Whittemore Center in Durham on Saturday.

The Huskies (9-1-0, 2-0-0 WHEA) enter the game with the nation's longest winning streak, which currently stands at nine games. The Wildcats (8-1-0, 6-0-0 WHEA) also have a seven-game win streak heading into the game after a 4-1 victory against No. 10 Boston College on Wednesday night, which marks the second longest unbeaten streak in Division I women's hockey. Sophomore forward Dominique Thibault (L'Orignal, Ont.) leads the conference in scoring with 20 points (10g, 10a) in 10 games and her 2.00 points per game rank fifth best in the nation. UNH's team defense is in a four-way tie for the No. 1 spot on the national statistical leaderboard, allowing 1.00 goals per game, while the Huskies' offense ranks 12th in the country at 3.20 goals per game. Freshman goaltender Kayley Herman (Weyburn, Sask.) has done a nice job in nice for the Wildcats, sporting a perfect 7-0-0 record with a 0.86 GAA and a .942 save percentage, both of which rank in the Top 10 in the nation in both statistical categories.

In the first game of the weekend, Robert Morris will visit Maine on Friday afternoon in the opening game of a two-game set at Alfond Arena. The Black Bears have won both previous meetings against Robert Morris by scores of 3-1 and 4-1 in October of 2005. Pure Hockey Defensive Player of the Week Genevieve Turgeon (Lac Beauport, Que.) has started seven of 10 games in goal for Maine and has registered a .923 save percentage, which ranks fourth among league netminders.

Northeastern will host Wayne State for a two-game series at Matthews Arena on Saturday and Sunday. Laura Schuler's Huskies picked up their first win of the season on Tuesday night with a 5-4 victory over Providence at Schneider Arena. Sophomore forward Chelsey Jones (Lake Elmo, Minn.) led the way for NU with two third period goals, including the game-winner. Freshman goalie Leah Sulyma (Inuvik, N.T.) registered 31 saves in the win for the Huskies.

Vermont will make a tough trip south to face Providence College on Saturday afternoon and then will head west to Storrs, Conn. for a match up with No. 8 ranked Connecticut on Sunday. The Catamounts offense is led by senior Kate Lesniak (Buffalo, N.Y.) who has tallied a team-high nine points (5g, 4a), while sophomore goaltender Kristen Olychuck (Kelowna, B.C.) ranks fifth among conference netminders with a 2.24 GAA. The Friars will also entertain Dartmouth College on Sunday afternoon in Providence, R.I. Seniors Sarah Feldman (Fall River, Mass.) and Kathleen Smith (Waterloo, Ont.) have paced the Friars offense with five points apiece in six games to date.

Boston University, fresh off a 6-1 victory against Quinnipiac on Wednesday, will host the Princeton Tigers for a single game on Saturday at Walter Brown Arena. Junior forward Gina Kearns (Norwood, Pa.) leads the Terriers squad in scoring with nine points, while Melissa Anderson (Langley, B.C.), Erin Seman (Ramsey, Minn.) and Julie Poulin (Beauceville, Que.) have each registered eight points apiece for BU. UNH, playing its third game of the week, will cap off its weekend hosting the Tigers on Sunday afternoon at the Whittemore Center.

Rk.	Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Offense	 Defense
1.	New Hampshire	6	6	0	0	12	8-1-0	30 (3.33)	9 (1.00)
2.	Connecticut	2	2	0	0	4	9-1-0	32 (3.20)	16 (1.60)
	Boston College	5	2	3	0	4	5-3-1	21 (2.33)	19 (2.11)
4.	Providence	4	1	2	1	3	1-3-2	14 (2.33)	27 (4.50)
5.	Northeastern	2	1	1	0	2	1-6-1	22 (2.75)	35 (4.38)
6.	Maine	3	0	2	1	1	1-8-1	12 (1.20)	32 (3.20)
	Boston University	2	0	2	0	0	2-5-2	29 (3.22)	29 (3.22)
	Vermont	2	0	2	0	0	4-5-0	27 (3.00)	23 (2.56)

RECENT RESULTS

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

Wednesday, October 31 No. 8 Connecticut 3 at Rensselaer 2 0T

Thursday, November 1 No. 2 New Hampshire 4 at Boston University 1 *

> Friday, November 2 No. 9 Boston College 3 at Vermont 1 * Clarkson 2 at Maine 0

Saturday, November 3 No. 2 New Hampshire 5 at Vermont 0 at Boston University 6, Union 0 Clarkson 1 at Maine 0 at Rensselaer 4, Northeastern 0

Sunday, November 4 at Connecticut 2, Brown 1 0T

Tuesday, November 6 Northeastern 5 at Providence 4*

Wednesday, November 7 at No. 1 New Hampshire 4, No. 10 Boston College 1* at Boston University 6, Quinnipiac 1

UPCOMING GAMES

Friday, November 9 Robert Morris at Maine (2pm)

Saturday, November 10
Vermont at Providence * (2pm)
No. 8 Connecticut at No. 1 New Hampshire * (2pm)
Princeton at Boston University (3pm)
Robert Morris at Maine (1pm)
Wayne State at Northeastern (2pm)

Sunday, November 11 Vermont at No. 8 Connecticut * (2pm) Dartmouth at Providence (2pm) Princeton at No. 1 New Hampshire (2pm) Wayne State at Northeastern (1pm)

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