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# WOMEN'S WEEKEND PREVIEW

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WEEKLY PREVIEW #9

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## NO. 9 UCONN/NO. 10 BC MEET IN TWO-GAME SET ~Maine travels to PC for two-game series; No. 1 UNH plays BU/NU~

**WAKEFIELD, Mass.** – In a meeting of two of the three nationally ranked teams in Hockey East, No. 9 Connecticut and No. 10 Boston College will play a home-and-home series beginning on Thursday night at Freitas Ice Forum in Storrs, Conn.

The Huskies (11-2-0, 4-1-0 WHEA) enter Thursday's game having won 11 of their last 12 games. Sophomore forward Dominique Thibault (L'Orignal, Ont.) is the Huskies' leading scorer with 22 points (11g, 11a) and ranks eighth in the nation in scoring at 1.69 points per game. The Eagles (6-3-2, 3-3-0 WHEA) are 2-2-1 in their last five games and they will be looking for their first win of the season against a nationally ranked opponent. Sophomore goaltender Molly Schaus (Natick, Mass.) has registered a 2.06 GAA and a .918 save percentage, starting in all 11 contests to date for the Eagles. UConn won the season series last year, 2-1, including the last meeting on February 10, 2007, a 3-2 Husky win at Conte Forum.

No. 1 ranked New Hampshire (13-2-0, 7-0-0 WHEA) will host Boston University on Saturday at the Whittemore Center and then they will travel to Northeastern on Sunday afternoon for a game at Matthews Arena. UNH's four-game win streak is currently the second longest in the nation. The Wildcats own the second best winning percentage in Division I hockey at 86.7%. UNH's offense, which is ranked second nationally, is led by junior forward Sam Faber (Mt. Sinai, N.Y.), who ranks 15th in the nation in scoring at a 1.47 points per game.

Providence (4-6-2, 2-2-1 WHEA) will host Maine for a two-game set on Saturday and Sunday at Schneider Arena. The Friars have won their last two games, including a 7-1 win over Robert Morris last Sunday afternoon. Maine and Vermont are coming off a 0-0 tie last Saturday at Gutterson Fieldhouse. It marked the first scoreless tie in the six-year history of the conference. Pure Hockey Defensive Player of the Week Genevieve Turgeon (Lac Beauport, Que.) won the award for a league-high fourth time this season, recording 60 saves in two games last week for the Black Bears.

Vermont will come south for the weekend for two games with a Saturday game at Northeastern and a Sunday afternoon match up with the BU Terriers. Sophomore goaltender Kristen Olychuck (Kelowna, B.C.) has been solid in net for the Catamounts the year, posting a 2.34 GAA and a .910 save percentage. Olychuck's GAA ranks fourth in the conference and 17th among Division I netminders. Junior goalie Allyse Wilcox (Grand Blanc, Mich.) has posted a 1.95 GAA for the Terriers this season in eight starts. Senior captain Nikki Petrich (Flint, Mich.), the TPS Hockey Player of the Week on Monday, ranks ninth in the league in scoring, as the Huskies leading scorer with 14 points.

**HOCKEY EAST WEEKLY NOTES:** The UNH Wildcats were the No. 1 team in the country for the second straight week...The last time the Wildcats were No. 1 in the USA Today Poll in consecutive weeks was a six-week stretch from Feb. 6, 2006 to March 12, 2006...Coming into the weekend, UNH has a 15-game win streak against BU and a 18-game win streak against Northeastern, all of which have been under head coach Brian McCloskey...UConn's penalty kill ranks seventh in the nation at 89.1%...BU's Allyse Wilcox ranks 10th in the nation in GAA and save percentage ranks 14th among Division I goalies...In conference play, Genevieve Turgeon's .922 save percentage is best among league netminders...After this weekend's games, there are only four more conference games before the holiday break and then conference play will resume on January 10 with UNH at Northeastern, a rematch of Sunday's game.

### RECENT RESULTS

Tuesday, November 20  
 Boston University 3 at Maine 2 \*  
 at Northeastern 3, Quinnipiac 2

Saturday, November 24  
 Maine 0 at Vermont 0 OT \*  
 Boston College 2 at Yale 2 OT  
 at Providence 5, Brown 2  
 at No. 1 New Hampshire 6, Niagara 2

Sunday, November 25  
 at No. 1 New Hampshire 11, Niagara 1  
 at Providence 7, Robert Morris 1

### UPCOMING GAMES

Thursday, November 29  
 No. 10 Boston College at No. 9 Connecticut \*

Saturday, December 1  
 Maine at Providence \* (2pm)  
 Vermont at Northeastern \*  
 Boston University at No. 1 New Hampshire \* (2pm)  
 No. 9 Connecticut at No. 10 Boston College \*

Sunday, December 2  
 Vermont at Boston University \* (3pm)  
 No. 1 New Hampshire at Northeastern \* (4pm)  
 Maine at Providence \* (2pm)

\* Hockey East game  
 All Games Eastern Standard Time (EST)

(Rankings in composite schedule and release are from the USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine Poll)

## 2007-08 STANDINGS

Rk.	Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Offense	Defense
1.	New Hampshire	7	7	0	0	14	13-2-0	60 (4.00)	18 (1.20)
2.	Connecticut	5	4	1	0	8	11-2-0	42 (3.23)	27 (2.08)
3.	Boston College	6	3	3	0	6	6-3-2	27 (2.45)	23 (2.09)
4.	Providence	5	2	2	1	5	4-6-2	33 (2.75)	40 (3.33)
5.	Boston University	3	1	2	0	2	3-8-2	35 (2.69)	43 (3.31)
	Northeastern	3	1	2	0	2	2-9-1	31 (2.58)	54 (4.50)
	Maine	6	0	4	2	2	1-12-2	20 (1.33)	45 (3.00)
8.	Vermont	5	0	4	1	1	4-7-1	30 (2.50)	31 (2.58)

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