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WOMEN'S WEEKEND PREVIEW

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WEEKLY PREVIEW #10

NO. 1 UNH TRAVELS TO NO. 6 MERCYHURST FOR TWO-GAME SET

~Two league games on tap, eight non-league games over the weekend~

WAKEFIELD, Mass. — No. 1 ranked New Hampshire (15-2-0, 9-0-0 WHEA) enters the weekend series at No. 6 Mercyhurst with the nation's second longest unbeaten streak (6-0-0), to headline non-league action this weekend. No. 9 Boston College and Boston University will square off on Thursday night at Walter Brown Arena, while the Eagles will play at Northeastern on Saturday, rounding out the light league schedule this weekend.

The Wildcats have won 14 of their last 15 games and have outscored their opponent, 67 to 15 during that time. UNH owns a 6-2-0 non-league record this season and they have an impressive 6-1-0 record against nationally ranked opponents. Six of the top eight league scorers are on UNH's roster. Junior forward Sam Faber leads the league in scoring with 25 points (11g,14a) in 17 games. Faber's 1.47 points per game rank 12th in the country.

The Eagles (7-3-3, 4-3-1 WHEA) will meet the Terriers on Thursday night to begin the weekend. BC has won three of its last six contests, while BU is 2-1 in its last three games. The Eagles have won six of seven meetings since BU joined Hockey East in 2005-2006. The Terriers won their only game against the Eagles on Jan. 17, 2007 at Conte Forum, 3-1. Sophomore Kelli Stack (Brooklyn Heights, Ohio) will look to extend her eight-game point streak. Stack has amassed 13 points (6g,7a) during her point streak and has scored a goal in four of those eight games. Junior goaltender Allyse Wilcox (Grand Blanc, Mich.) has started 10 of the Terriers' 15 games this season, registering an impressive 1.84 GAA and .928 save percentage, both of which rank second among league netminders. The Terriers will also host Sacred Heart on Saturday in Boston.

Northeastern will play the Eagles on Saturday and will look for its third league win of the season. Senior captain Nikki Petrich (Flint, Mich.) leads the Huskies' with 15 points and she ranks ninth in the conference in scoring.

Providence College (6-6-2, 4-2-1 WHEA) will host ECAC for Yale on Thursday night at Schneider Arena and then will entertain No. 2 ranked Harvard on Saturday. No. 10 UConn will travel to play the Crimson on Friday at the Bright Hockey Center in Cambridge. The Friars have won four straight entering the game with Yale and they have outscored their opponent, 23-6 in that four-game stretch. PC has scored four or more goals in seven of its 14 games this season. Junior goalie Danielle Ciarletta (Blaine, Minn.) has started 12 games this season. In her last four starts, Ciarletta has posted a 4-0-0 record with a 1.25 GAA and a .942 save percentage.

The UConn Huskies (11-3-1, 4-2-1 WHEA) will look to get back of the winning track this weekend against Harvard in a single game. Sophomore forward Dominique Thibault (L'Orignal, Ont.) needs only two points to surpass her point total (25) from her freshman season with the Huskies. Thibault ranks second in the league in scoring with 24 points. Her 1.60 points per games ranks 10th in Division I hockey.

Maine will travel to No. 4 St. Lawrence for a weekend series, which begins on Friday night in Canton, N.Y. Black Bear goaltender Genevieve Turgeon (Lac Beauport, Que.) has an impressive .917 save percentage, averaging 37.6 saves in 13 starts this season.

HOCKEY EAST WEEKLY NOTES: UNH has a 4-3-1 all-time record vs. Mercyhurst in eight meetings...UNH freshman Jenn Wakefield ranks third in the nation among rookies scoring 1.31 points per game...Sophomore forward Kelli Stack ranks tied for fourth in league scoring with 11 points...Allyse Wilcox's (BU) .928 saver percentage ranks seventh in the nation among Division I goaltenders... In league play, Danielle Ciarletta sports a 2.27 GAA, which is third best among WHEA netminders...UNH junior Sam Faber has scored 18 of her 25 points in nine league games, to lead the conference in scoring.

RECENT RESULTS

Thursday, November 29
 No. 10 Boston College 2 at No. 9 Connecticut 2 OT*

Saturday, December 1
 at No. 1 New Hampshire 3, Boston University 2 OT *
 at No. 10 Boston College 6, No. 9 Connecticut 3 *
 at Providence 7, Maine 2 *
 at Northeastern 2, Vermont 1 *

Sunday, December 2
 No. 1 New Hampshire 4 at Northeastern 0 *
 at Boston University 3, Vermont 0 *
 at Providence 4, Maine 0 *

UPCOMING GAMES

Thursday, December 6
 No. 9 Boston College at Boston University * (7pm)
 Yale at Providence (7pm)

Friday, December 7
 No. 10 Connecticut at No. 2 Harvard (7pm)
 Maine at No. 4 St. Lawrence (7pm)
 No. 1 New Hampshire at No. 6 Mercyhurst (7pm)

Saturday, December 8
 No. 9 Boston College at Northeastern * (2pm)
 No. 1 New Hampshire at No. 6 Mercyhurst (3pm)
 Maine at No. 4 St. Lawrence (2pm)
 No. 2 Harvard at Providence (7pm)
 Sacred Heart at Boston University (3pm)

* 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	9	9	0	0	18	15-2-0	67 (3.94)	20 (1.18)
2.	Connecticut	7	4	2	1	9	11-3-1	47 (3.13)	35 (2.33)
	Providence	7	4	2	1	9	6-6-2	44 (3.14)	42 (3.00)
	Boston College	8	4	3	1	9	7-3-3	35 (2.69)	28 (2.15)
5.	Boston University	5	2	3	0	4	4-9-2	40 (2.66)	46 (3.06)
	Northeastern	5	2	3	0	4	3-10-1	33 (2.36)	59 (4.21)
7.	Maine	8	0	6	2	2	1-14-2	22 (1.29)	56 (3.29)
8.	Vermont	7	0	6	1	1	4-9-1	31 (2.21)	36 (2.57)

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