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WOMEN'S WEEKEND PREVIEW

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NO. 1 UNH FACES NU THURSDAY; PC HOSTS NO. 4 MERCYHURST ~No. 10 BC heads west to No. 5 Minnesota; No. 9 UConn travels to UVM~

WAKEFIELD, Mass. – Northeastern and No. 1 New Hampshire will kick start the weekend's schedule beginning on Thursday night at Matthews Arena, while No. 10 Boston College travels to No. 5 Minnesota for a two-game series at Ritter Arena in Minneapolis.

Top-ranked UNH (18-3-0, 9-0-0 WHEA) enters the game having won nine of its last 10 games. The Huskies and Wildcats will meet for the second time this season, after UNH shutout NU, 4-0, on Dec. 2 at Matthews Arena. Freshman goalie Leah Sulyma (Inuvik, N.W.T.) has been a solid addition to the Huskies' team, leading the team to victory in three of the last six games. Sulyma was named Hockey East Rookie of the Month in December, after registering a 2.00 GAA and .941 save percentage in the month. The Wildcats' Kayley Herman (Weyburn, Sask.) has also had a stellar beginning to her freshman season, notching a 1.23 GAA and a .931 save percentage. She ranks third in the nation in GAA and sixth in save percentage. UNH's offense ranks first in the nation scoring 3.90 goals per contest.

No. 9 Connecticut (13-4-2, 4-2-1 HEA) will travel north for the weekend to Burlington for a two-game series with Vermont starting on Friday night at Gutterson Fieldhouse. The Huskies won the previous meeting on November 11, a 4-1 win at Freitas Ice Forum in Storrs. Vermont has already exceeded its goal total from all of last season with 36 goals so far this season. Senior captain Jaclyn Hawkins (Manotick, Ont.) ranks sixth in the league in scoring with 21 points (7g,14a) in 20 games.

On Sunday afternoon, Boston University makes a short trip to Northeastern for a single game at Matthews Arena. The Terriers own the second highest scoring offense in the league at 3.18 goals per game. Junior Allyse Wilcox () owns a sparkling 1.85 GAA and .926 save percentage. Wilcox's GAA and save percentage rank eighth among Division I netminders.

No. 10 Boston College will take the flight to Minneapolis to take on No. 5 ranked Minnesota beginning on Saturday night. The Eagles, led by reigning Player of the Week Molly Schaus (Natick, Mass.), have defeated two nationally ranked opponents this season. Schaus has been consistent in goal for BC, notching a 2.52 GAA and a .913 save percentage.

Providence College will host No. 4 Mercyhurst at Schneider Arena for a two game matchup at Schneider Arena, while Maine will hit the road for a two-game set at Wayne State on Friday and Saturday. The Friars enter the game having won six of their last eight games and look to pick up their fifth and six non-league wins of the season.

HOCKEY EAST WEEKLY NOTES: The Hockey East Association and B2 Networks announced a multi-year partnership on Thursday. The agreement begins this March when both men's and women's conference tournament games are shown live on B2 Networks. The women's semifinal games held on March 8-9 at UConn's Freitas Ice Forum will be broadcast on B2 Networks as well as a minimum of seven of the men's quarterfinal games hosted at campus sites March 13-16...Sophomore forward Dominique Thibault ranks seventh in the nation scoring at 1.50 points per game...UNH's line of Sadie Wright-Ward, Leah Craig and Jenn Hitchcock have combined to record 394 career points in 384 games for the Wildcats.

RECENT RESULTS

Thursday, January 3
 No. 5 St. Lawrence 3 at Boston College 1

Friday, January 4
 Princeton 0 at No. 9 Connecticut 0 OT
 Providence 4 at Niagara 0
 at Boston College 5, No. 5 St. Lawrence 2

Saturday, January 5
 No. 1 New Hampshire 3 at Brown 1
 Providence 4 at Niagara 0
 Princeton 1 at No. 9 Connecticut 1 OT
 at Yale 1, Northeastern 0 OT
 Clarkson 5 at Vermont 1

Sunday, January 6
 Brown 3 at Northeastern 3 OT
 Clarkson 3 at Vermont 1

Tuesday, January 8
 at No. 3 Harvard 7, No. 10 Boston College 0

UPCOMING GAMES

Thursday, January 10
 No. 1 New Hampshire at Northeastern * (7pm)

Friday, January 11
 No. 9 Connecticut at Vermont * (4pm)
 Maine at Wayne State (7pm)

Saturday, January 12
 No. 9 Connecticut at Vermont * (4pm)
 Maine at Wayne State (2pm)
 Boston College at Minnesota (2pm)
 No. 4 Mercyhurst at Providence (2pm)

Sunday, January 13
 Boston University at Northeastern * (2pm)
 No. 4 Mercyhurst at Providence (1pm)
 No. 10 Boston College at No. 5 Minnesota (2pm)

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

2007-08 STANDINGS

Rk.	Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Offense	Defense
1.	New Hampshire	9	9	0	0	18	18-3-0	82 (3.90)	28 (1.33)
2.	Connecticut	7	4	2	1	9	13-4-3	54 (2.70)	42 (2.10)
	Providence	7	4	2	1	9	8-8-2	53 (2.94)	48 (2.66)
	Boston College	10	4	5	1	9	8-7-3	44 (2.44)	46 (2.55)
5.	Boston University	6	3	3	0	6	6-9-2	54 (3.18)	49 (2.88)
	Northeastern	6	3	3	0	6	4-11-2	39 (2.29)	64 (3.76)
7.	Maine	8	0	6	2	2	1-16-2	23 (1.21)	67 (3.53)
8.	Vermont	7	0	6	1	1	4-13-1	36 (2.00)	51 (2.83)

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