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# WOMEN'S WEEKEND PREVIEW

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## SIX LEAGUE GAMES DOMINATE SCHEDULE THIS WEEKEND

### ~UVM hosts PC for two; Maine travels to face Terriers~

**WAKEFIELD, Mass.** – The Vermont Catamounts will host Providence for a two-game series this weekend to begin the seven-game league schedule this weekend, beginning on Friday night at Gutterson Fieldhouse.

The Friars (10-9-3, 5-2-2 WHEA) are one of the league's hottest teams, coming into the game with 4-1-1 record in their last six games. PC senior blueliner Kathleen Smith (Waterloo, Ont.) is the leading scorer among league blueliners with 23 points (11g,12a), while also leading the Friars' roster in scoring. The Catamounts have allowed only 16 second period goals this season in 22 games this season, in comparison to the 52 they allowed in 32 games last season.

No. 2 New Hampshire (20-3-1, 10-0-1 HEA) will conclude its season series with Northeastern on Saturday afternoon at the Whittemore Center. The Wildcats are coming off a 1-1 tie with Providence last Saturday in Durham. UNH has won both of the previous meetings this season with the Huskies on December 2 (4-0) and January 10 (6-0). NU freshman goalie Leah Sulyma (Inuvik, N.W.T.) has made 83 saves in her two previous starts against the Wildcats.

No. 8 Connecticut (16-4-3, 7-2-1 WHEA) will host Boston College for a single game on Saturday afternoon at Freitas Ice Forum in Storrs to conclude the season series between the two teams. In the first meeting of the year on November 29, they skated to a 2-2 tie at UConn, then BC pulled off a 6-3 win the following night at Conte Forum. The Huskies own a 13-1-0 record this season when the offense scores three goals or more in a game. UConn owns the fourth longest unbeaten streak in Division I hockey at seven games (5-0-2), dating back to December 29. Sophomore forward Dominique Thibault (L'Orignal, Ont.) and senior forward Jaclyn Hawkins (Manotick, Ont.) and rank first and third respectively in the conference in scoring with 33 and 28 points respectively.

Maine will travel south for a weekend series at Boston University (7-11-2, 4-5-0 WHEA), which begins on Saturday afternoon. The Terriers will play host Agganis Arena for the first time in the program's history on Saturday and then they will return to Walter Brown Arena for the Sunday afternoon contest. The Black Bears picked up their first league victory of the season on Sunday at Alford Arena with a 4-1 win vs. Northeastern. The Terriers' offense ranks 11th in the nation in team offense, scoring 3.00 goals per game. BU has won five of its last eight games coming into the weekend set with Maine. Black Bear sophomore forward Taryn Peacock (Calgary, Alb.) was named Hockey East Player of the Week on Monday, she currently leads the team in scoring with 11 points. Peacock needs only one point to match her career-high of 12 points in her freshman campaign.

**HOCKEY EAST WEEKLY NOTES:** The Wildcats have won 20+ games all six years under the guidance of head coach Brian McCloskey...UConn's Dominique Thibault needs only seven points to tie Jaclyn Hawkins' school record of 40 points in a season...Thibault and UNH's Sam Faber lead the league with a +26 plus/minus rating...BC's Allie Thunstrom has scored five goals in her last six games...UVM sophomore goalie Kristen Olychuck averages the fifth most saves among league goalies with 25.2 saves per game.

#### RECENT RESULTS

Thursday, January 17  
 Northeastern 3 at Boston College 2 \*  
 No. 1 New Hampshire 3 at No. 9 Dartmouth 1

Friday, January 18  
 at No. 10 St. Cloud State 4, Vermont 1

Saturday, January 19  
 Providence 1 at No. 1 New Hampshire 1 OT \*  
 No. 8 Connecticut 3 at Boston University 2 \*  
 at No. 10 St. Cloud State 5, Vermont 1

Sunday, January 20  
 at Maine 4, Northeastern 1 \*  
 at Providence 3, Boston University 1 \*  
 No. 9 Dartmouth 2 at Boston College 2 OT

#### UPCOMING GAMES

Friday, January 25  
 Providence at Vermont \* (7pm)

Saturday, January 26  
 Providence at Vermont \* (7pm)  
 Maine at Boston University \* (2pm)  
 Northeastern at No. 2 New Hampshire \* (2pm)  
 Boston College at No. 8 Connecticut \* (1pm)

Sunday, January 27  
 Maine 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	11	10	0	1	21	20-3-1	92 (3.83)	30 (1.25)
2.	Connecticut	10	7	2	1	15	16-4-3	68 (2.96)	45 (1.97)
3.	Providence	9	5	2	2	12	10-9-3	64 (2.91)	56 (2.55)
4.	Boston College	11	4	6	1	9	8-9-5	51 (2.32)	55 (2.50)
5.	Boston University	9	4	5	0	8	7-11-2	60 (3.00)	56 (2.80)
	Northeastern	10	4	6	0	8	5-14-2	44 (2.10)	79 (3.76)
7.	Maine	9	1	6	2	4	2-18-2	30 (1.36)	77 (3.50)
8.	Vermont	9	0	8	1	1	4-17-1	39 (1.77)	71 (3.23)

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