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WOMEN'S WEEKEND PREVIEW

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SKATING STRIDES WEEKEND GETS UNDERWAY SATURDAY ~UNH could take title vs. UVM; BU/UConn play home-and-home set~

WAKEFIELD, Mass. – With three weekends left in the regular season, No. 8 Connecticut (18-5-5, 9-3-3 WHEA) and Boston University (12-13-3, 8-6-1 WHEA) square off in a huge series this weekend for both teams, beginning on Saturday afternoon at Freitas Ice Forum. With some points this weekend, the Huskies could start to solidify their second place standing, while the Terriers look to start cementing their spot in the league playoffs. BU is currently three points ahead of BC for the final playoff spot with six games remaining.

BU needs only league two wins to match its 10 from last year, while UConn is three shy of its 12 victories in 06-07. The Terriers are unbeaten in their last four conference games and they have outscored their opponents, 11 to 3 during that time. UConn has lost only one game in its last 12, posting a 7-1-4 record in that stretch. The Huskies are coming off a 5-3 loss to PC last Sunday, while BU played No. 1 Harvard tough in the Beanpot final on Monday in the 3-1 loss.

Women's Hockey East will host its 2nd Annual "Skating Strides Against Breast Cancer" over the weekend. Six games have been designated as "Skating Strides" games. All eight teams in WHEA will participate, and will be wearing pink and white jerseys. Special events are planned for each arena, including raffles and silent auctions. Proceeds raised from each of the events will be and donated to, two local breast cancer charities: Friends of Mel Foundation and the American Cancer Society's "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" New England divisions.

No. 2 ranked New Hampshire (24-3-1, 14-0-1 WHEA) can clinch the Hockey East regular-season title outright this weekend with a four-point weekend against Vermont with UConn losing at least a point in its series with BU. UNH also can clinch at least a share of the regular-season title with two victories this weekend. The Wildcats enter the weekend with a 32-game (29-0-3) unbeaten streak in league play dating back to November 17, 2006. The Catamounts extended their penalty kill streak to 28 straight without a goal over the last seven games. UVM is now second in Hockey East in penalty killing at 86.5 and ranks 11th in the nation among 34 Division I teams.

Third-place Providence College (13-12-3, 8-5-2 WHEA) and Northeastern will meet this weekend in a two-game match up, which starts Saturday at Matthews Arena. PC owns a 9-1-1 record this season when they score four goals or more. Northeastern's Chelsea Jones (Lake Elmo, Minn.) has a point in her last five games for the the Huskies. Jones ranks second on the team this season with 20 points and she needs seven points to tie her career-high of 27 points, which she set in her freshman campaign in 06-07.

Boston College (11-11-6, 6-7-2 WHEA) will make the long trip north for the weekend for a two-game meeting at Alford Arena, which begins on Saturday night in Orono. Eagles' forward Kelli Stack (Brooklyn Heights, Ohio) is in the midst of a six-game point streak with nine points (5g,4a) in those games. Junior goaltender Genevieve Turgeon (Lac Beauport, Que.) became Maine's all-time saves leader last Friday with 32 saves, surpassing Amanda Cronin's (98-02) mark of 1,757. Turgeon has tallied 40+ saves on seven occasions this year.

HOCKEY EAST WEEKLY NOTES:

Vermont sophomore goalie Kristen Olychuck scored a goal in the third period in the Catamounts 3-1 loss to BU at Gutterson Fieldhouse on Feb. 8, 2008. She is the first goaltender from Hockey East to score a goal and after a check with the other conference offices, she is believed to be the first NCAA Division I goalie to be credited with a goal scored. UNH junior Sam Faber ranks seventh in the nation scoring 1.50 points per game and her 42 points leads the league. Her 29 points (12g, 17a) in 15 league games leads Hockey East.

RECENT RESULTS

Tuesday, February 5

Beanpot Tournament at Walter Brown Arena
 at Boston University 3, Boston College 1
 No. 1 Harvard 3 vs. Northeastern 1

Friday, February 8

Boston University 3 at Vermont 1 *
 at Northeastern 3, Maine 1 *

Saturday, February 9

Boston University 2 at Vermont 0 *
 at No. 8 Connecticut 3, Providence 0 *
 No. 2 New Hampshire 2 at Boston College 1 *
 Maine 4 at Northeastern 2 *

Sunday, February 10

at Providence 5, No. 8 Connecticut 3 *

Tuesday, February 12

Beanpot Tournament at Walter Brown Arena
 Boston College 2 vs. Northeastern 1
 No. 1 Harvard 3 vs. Boston University 1

UPCOMING GAMES

Saturday, February 16 (Skating Strides)

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

Sunday, February 17

Northeastern at Providence (SS) * (2pm)
 No. 8 Connecticut at Boston University (SS) * (3pm)
 Boston College at Maine * (2pm)
 Vermont at No. 8 New Hampshire * (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 *	15	14	0	1	29	24-3-1	117 (4.26)	34 (1.22)
2.	Connecticut	15	9	3	3	21	18-5-5	79 (2.81)	54 (1.88)
3.	Providence	15	8	5	2	16	13-12-3	78 (2.81)	72 (2.54)
4.	Boston University	15	8	6	1	17	12-13-3	80 (2.86)	70 (2.50)
5.	Boston College	15	6	7	2	14	11-11-6	66 (2.36)	64 (2.29)
6.	Northeastern	15	5	9	1	11	6-19-3	54 (1.93)	99 (3.54)
7.	Maine	15	2	10	3	7	3-23-3	40 (1.35)	102 (3.73)
8.	Vermont	15	1	13	1	3	5-22-1	44 (1.65)	88 (3.19)

* clinched playoff spot

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2007-2008 HOCKEY EAST REGULAR-SEASON SUPERLATIVES

SHUTOUTS

Date	Goalie	Team	Opp.	Svs	Result
10/12/07	Kristen Olychuck	UVM	Union	18	W, 4-0
10/12/07	Molly Schaus	BC	Colgate	27	W, 3-0
10/12/07	Brittany Wilson	UConn	Minnesota State	29	W, 2-0
10/14/07	Kayley Herman !	UNH	Colgate	23	W, 2-0
10/25/07	Brittany Wilson	UConn	Providence	19	W, 5-0
10/28/07	Lucy Schoedel	UNH	Maine	7	W, 5-0
11/3/07	Kayley Herman !	UNH	at Vermont	7	W, 5-0
11/24/07	Genevieve Turgeon	Maine	at Vermont	23	T, 0-0
11/24/07	Kristen Olychuck	UVM	Maine	21	T, 0-0
12/2/07	Allyse Wilcox	BU	Vermont	21	W, 3-0
12/2/07	Danielle Clarletta	PC	Maine	24	W, 4-0
12/2/07	Kayley Herman !	UNH	at Northeastern	24	W, 4-0
1/4/08	Danielle Clarletta	PC	at Niagara	25	W, 3-0
1/4/08	Brittany Wilson	UConn	Princeton	36	T, 0-0
1/5/08	Danielle Clarletta	PC	at Niagara	15	W, 4-0
1/10/08	Kayley Herman !	UNH	at Northeastern	8	W, 6-0
1/12/08	Jennie Bellonio	UConn	at Vermont	16	W, 6-0
2/3/08	Lucy Schoedel	UNH	at Maine	8	W, 6-0
2/9/08	Allyse Wilcox	BU	at Vermont	22	W, 2-0

40+ SAVES

Date	Goalie	Team	Opp.	Svs	Result
10/5/07	Genevieve Turgeon	Maine	at Mercyhurst	62	L, 4-0
10/14/07	Genevieve Turgeon	Maine	Providence	40	T, 2-2
10/19/07	Genevieve Turgeon	Maine	at Rensselaer	43	L, 6-1
10/26/07	Kristen Olychuck	UVM	at Dartmouth	41	L, 4-3
10/28/07	Genevieve Turgeon	Maine	at UNH	44	L, 5-0
10/28/07	Melissa Haber	BU	Dartmouth	50	T, 5-5
11/2/07	Genevieve Turgeon	Maine	Clarkson	49	L, 2-0
12/1/07	Allyse Wilcox	BU	at UNH	41	L, 3-2 OT
12/1/07	Genevieve Turgeon	Maine	at Providence	58	L, 7-2
12/2/07	Leah Sulyma !	NU	New Hampshire	43	L, 4-0
12/7/07	Sarah Bishop !	Maine	at St.Lawrence	52	L, 2-0
12/7/07	Jennie Bellonio	UConn	at Harvard	40	L, 2-0
1/4/08	Molly Schaus	BC	St. Lawrence	53	W, 5-2
1/5/08	Leah Sulyma !	NU	at Yale	47	L, 1-0 OT
1/10/08	Leah Sulyma !	NU	New Hampshire	40	L, 6-0
1/12/08	Molly Schaus	BC	at Minnesota	43	T, 2-2
1/13/08	Danielle Clarletta	PC	Mercyhurst	43	L, 3-0
1/17/08	Leah Sulyma !	NU	at BC	41	W, 3-2
1/20/08	Molly Schaus	BC	Dartmouth	46	T, 2-2
1/26/08	Genevieve Turgeon	Maine	at Boston U.	45	T, 1-1
2/2/08	Allyse Wilcox	BU	Providence	46	W, 3-1
2/3/08	Sarah Bishop !	Maine	New Hampshire	51	L, 6-0
2/5/08	Leah Sulyma !	NU	Harvard	47	L, 3-1
2/9/08	Molly Schaus	BC	vs. UNH	43	L, 1-2

TEAM HIGHS

Goals:	11	BU vs. Sacred Heart, 12/8/07
	11	UNH vs. Niagara, 11/25/07
In league play:	9	UNH at Maine, 2/2/08
Shots on Goal:	65	Providence, 12/1/07 vs. Maine
Consecutive Wins:	8	UNH, 10/14/07 to 11/10/07
In league play:	10	UNH, 10/21/07 to 1/10/08
Unbeaten Streak:	10	UNH, 12/8/07 to present
In league play:	15	UNH (14-0-1), 10/21/07 to present

HAT TRICKS

Date	Player	Team	Opponent	Result
10/6/07	Kate Lesniak	UVM	Sacred Heart	W, 5-1
12/1/07	Alyse Ruff !	PC	Maine	W, 6-0

OVERTIME GOALS

Date	Player	Team	Opponent	Result
10/7/07	Allie Thunstrom	BC	at Rensselaer	W, 3-2
10/31/07	Dominique Thibault	UConn	at Rensselaer	W, 3-2
11/4/07	Amy Hollstein	UConn	vs. Brown	W, 2-1
12/1/07	Jennifer Hitchcock	UNH	vs. Boston U.	W, 3-2
12/6/07	Jonnie Bloemers	BU	vs. BC	W, 3-2

THE LAST TIME

A player had four goals:
Leah Craig, UNH at Niagara, 10/22/05

A rookie had a hat trick:
Alyse Ruff, PC, 12/1/07 vs. Maine
In league play: Alyse Ruff, PC, 12/1/07 vs. Maine

A defenseman had a hat trick:
Kelli Halcisak, PC, 1/21/04 vs. Dartmouth

A goaltender recorded 50 saves:
Sarah Bishop, Maine, 2/3/08 vs. New Hampshire (51)
In league play: Sarah Bishop, Maine, 2/3/08 vs. New Hampshire (51)

A team won five games in a row:
New Hampshire, 12/8/07 to 1/17/08
In league play: New Hampshire, 11/7/07 to 1/10/08

A team won 10 games in a row:
New Hampshire, 17 games, 1/14/06 to 3/17/06
In league play: New Hampshire 14 games, 1/14/06 to 2/26/06

A team was unbeaten in 10 straight games:
New Hampshire 10 games (9-0-1), 12/8/07 to present
In league play: 32 games (29-0-3), 11/17/06 to present

A team recorded 50 shots-on-goal:
New Hampshire, 2/3/08 at Maine (57)
In league play: New Hampshire, 2/3/08 at Maine (57)

* - defenseman ! - rookie * neutral site game