



WOMEN'S WEEKLY RELEASE

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WEEKLY RELEASE #1

UCONN HUSKIES KICK OFF WITH WIN OVER SACRED HEART ~WHEA teams win six of eight exhibition games over the weekend~

WAKEFIELD, Mass. – Junior forward Dominique Thibault (L'Original, Que.), the reigning 2008 WHEA Player of the Year, picked up where she left off last season, as she recorded five points (3g,2a) in Connecticut's season-opening win (13-0) at Freitas Ice Forum on Saturday.

Thibault was named Player of the Week for her efforts, while freshman forward Monque Weber (Rogers, Minn.) was named Rookie of the Week with a three-point (1g,2a) effort against the Pioneers. Junior blueliner Cristin Allen (Pickering, Ont.) also had a great effort with an amazing +8 plus/minus rating and two helpers vs. Sacred Heart. Allen earned the first Defensive Player of the Week Award in the opening weekend of WHEA play.

On Friday night, UConn battled to a 4-4 tie with Dawson College, while defending champion New Hampshire made quick work of Brampton, 7-0, at the Whittemore Center. UNH scored in all three periods and all 14 skaters that dressed recorded a shot on goal. Senior forward Angela Taylor (Paisley, Scotland) and 2008 WHEA Rookie of the Year Jenn Wakefield (Pickering, Ont.) each amassed four points in the Wildcats victory.

The Maine Black Bears recorded a 6-3 victory against Prince Edward Island on Saturday at Alford Arena. Junior forward Amy Stech (Duluth, Minn.) led the Black Bears with a four-point effort (1g,3a), while Abby Barton (Woodstock, N.B.), Melissa Gagnon (St. Gilles, Que.) and Lexie Hoffmeyer (Grand Blanc, Mich.) all tallied three-point performances in the game. Northeastern was downed by Dawson College on Saturday at Matthews Arena. Junior forward Annie Hogan (Medford, Mass.) and Karoline Perdios (Braintree, Mass.) notched goals for the Huskies in the losing cause.

Boston University earned a 5-4 overtime win on Sunday afternoon vs. Dawson at Walter Brown Arena, courtesy of sophomore forward Jillian Kirchner's (Frankfort, Ill.) power play goal just 1:53 into the extra frame. Providence College also skated for the first time in 2008-2009 with a 4-1 triumph over Brampton at Schneider Arena. Junior forward Jackie Duncan (Hudson, Que.) posted two goals for the Friars in the victory.

2008-2009 WHEA STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	SOL	Pts	Overall	Offense	Defense
Boston College	0	0 (0)	0	0	0	0-0-0	0.00 (0)	0.00 (0)
Boston University	0	0 (0)	0	0	0	0-0-0	0.00 (0)	0.00 (0)
Connecticut	0	0 (0)	0	0	0	1-0-0	13.00 (13)	0.00 (0)
Maine	0	0 (0)	0	0	0	0-0-0	0.00 (0)	0.00 (0)
New Hampshire	0	0 (0)	0	0	0	0-0-0	0.00 (0)	0.00 (0)
Northeastern	0	0 (0)	0	0	0	0-0-0	0.00 (0)	0.00 (0)
Providence	0	0 (0)	0	0	0	0-0-0	0.00 (0)	0.00 (0)
Vermont	0	0 (0)	0	0	0	0-0-0	0.00 (0)	0.00 (0)

RECENT RESULTS

Friday, September 26
 at New Hampshire 7, Brampton 0
 at Connecticut 4, Dawson 4 OT

Saturday, September 27
 at Connecticut 13, Sacred Heart 0
 Dawson 4 at Northeastern 2
 at Maine 6, Prince Edward Island 3

Sunday, September 28
 at Boston University 5, Dawson 4 OT
 at Providence 4, Brampton 1

UPCOMING GAMES

Friday, October 3
 Connecticut at Minnesota State (7pm)
 Ohio State at Providence (7pm)
 North Dakota at Maine (7pm)
 Northeastern at Rensselaer (7pm)
 Boston University at Union (7pm)

Saturday, October 4
 Connecticut at Minnesota State (3pm)
 Ohio State at Providence (4pm)
 North Dakota at Maine (2pm)
 Northeastern at Union (4pm)
 Boston University at Rensselaer (2pm)
 Clarkson at Boston College (2pm)

Sunday, October 5
 Clarkson at Boston College (2pm)
 McGill at Vermont (exh., 7pm)

All game times are EST

HOCKEY EAST PLAYER OF THE WEEK

DOMINIQUE THIBAUT - UCONN
 Junior Forward; L'Original, Quebec

Led the team with five points against Sacred Heart. She recorded a hat trick in the second period, including two short handed goals and she also added two assists in the 13-0 victory.

MISSION ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

MONQUE WEBER - UCONN
 Freshman Forward; Rogers, Minn.

Scored her first collegiate goal in her first game with the Huskies and also recorded two assists against Sacred Heart to finish the night with three points.

PURE HOCKEY DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

CRISTIN ALLEN - UCONN
 Junior Defenseman; Pickering, Ontario

Finished the first game of the season with an impressive +8 plus/minus rating and also registered two assists against Sacred Heart on Saturday.