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WOMEN'S WEEKLY RELEASE

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WEEKEND PREVIEW #1

FIVE WHEA TEAMS OFFICIALLY OPEN UP THIS WEEKEND

~Maine hosts North Dakota; BC entertains Clarkson; PC plays OSU at home~

WAKEFIELD, Mass. – Five Hockey East teams open up play this weekend in the 13 non-conference games on the scheduled slate.

The Providence College Friars, picked third in the preseason coaches poll with two first-place tallies, will host Ohio State for a two-game set at Schneider Arena on Friday and Saturday night in Providence. The Friars return senior goalie Danielle Ciarletta (Blaine, Minn.), who started in 32 of 36 games last season for PC in goal. Maine will skate with WCHA foe North Dakota over the weekend at Alfond Arena in a two-game matchup. The Black Bears also have an outstanding netminder in senior goaltender Genevieve Turgeon (Lac Beauport, Que.). Turgeon was one of three Hockey East netminders to record 900+ saves last season. Senior Vanessa Vani (Mississauga, Ont.) will lead Maine's offense, posting 16 of her 21 points last season in conference play.

Northeastern will head west to New York for a Friday night battle at Rensselaer and a Saturday afternoon tilt at Union College. The Huntington Hounds will be led by first-year head coach Dave Flint, who will be making his official coaching debut with NU Friday. The Boston University Terriers play at Union Friday night and take on Rensselaer on Saturday. The Terriers welcome back First-Team WHEA All-Star Allyse Wilcox (Grand Blanc, Mich.) between the pipes for her senior campaign.

Connecticut will travel to Minnesota State for a pair of contests on Friday and Saturday. The Huskies are coming off a 13-0 win over Sacred Heart last Saturday at Freitas Ice Forum. 2008 WHEA Player of the Year Dominique Thibault (L'Orignal, Ont.) opened the season with a five-point effort (3g,2a) vs. the Pioneers.

On Saturday afternoon, Boston College will begin a two-game series with Clarkson at Conte Forum in Chestnut Hill, Mass. The Eagles were chosen second in the preseason WHEA coaches poll, which included two first-place votes. Junior forward Kelli Stack (Brooklyn Heights, Ohio) and senior forward Meghan Fardelmann (Lansing, Kansas) will lead the Eagles offensive attack. Stack and Fardelmann are the Eagles top two returning scorers with 38 and 22 points respectively from a season ago.

Vermont is the only team this weekend to take the ice in exhibition play on Sunday against McGill University at Gutterson Fieldhouse. Preseason favorite No. 5 ranked New Hampshire is the only WHEA team that is idle this weekend. The Wildcats will kickoff the league schedule in 08-09 with Boston College on Wednesday, Oct. 8 at the Whittemore Center in Durham.

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 No. 9 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 No. 9 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

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)

(The brackets in the conference wins column signify the number of wins that were shootout wins in conference play. Wins and Shootout Wins are valued at two points. Shootout Losses (SOL) are valued at one point. Games that are tied after 65 minutes will be considered a tie for NCAA purposes and will be noted as a tie in the Overall standings.)

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