

WOMEN'S Director of Public Relations **WEEKEND PREVIEW**

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NO. 5 WILDCATS FACE OFF WITH NO. 6 ST. LAWRENCE SATURDAY ~Three WHEA contests on tap in 10-game weekend~

WAKEFIELD. Mass. - WHEA play continues Saturday afternoon, as Providence College travels to Northeastern and No. 10 ranked Connecticut will take on an undefeated Vermont squad in Burlington. Interconference play will be highlighted by a matchup between No. 6 St. Lawrence at No. 5 New Hampshire on Saturday at the Whittemore Center.

In a rematch of last year's NCAA Quarterfinal, St. Lawrence travels to New Hampshire on Saturday. In their last meeting, the Wildcats defeated the Saints 3-2 in overtime, while four of the last ten meetings between the foes have gone to extra frames. Both teams look to continue their undefeated seasons, UNH will look for offense from senior forward Sam Faber (Mt. Sinai, N.Y.), who has tallied multiple points in three straight games, notching seven points during that span. UNH will continue play against ECAC opponents with an afternoon contest against Clarkson on Sunday.

Providence is coming off a 6-2 victory over Colgate, but will be matched against a strong defensive team in Northeastern, as the Huskies rank first in the league in team defense, only allowing four goals in as many games. The Huskies are one of only four teams in the league that remain undefeated going into this weekend. The Friars are led offensively by senior forward Mari Pehkonen (Tampere, Finland) and freshman Laura Veharanta (La Verne, Calif.), who have recorded a team-leading four points apiece.

Vermont comes off a weekend sweep at Union, as freshman forward Erin Barley-Maloney (Raleigh, N.C.) notched two goals and assists, earning her Mission Rookie of the Week Honors. UConn enjoyed a 3-3 shootout win at home in a midweek match up against UNH on Wednesday. Three Connecticut players lead the league in scoring, as junior classmates Dominique Thibault (L'Orignal, Ont.), Amy Hollstein (Pembroke, Mass.) and Michelle Binning (Oshawa, Ont.) combine for 32 points in six games, averaging 5.33 points per game.

Beginning Friday night, Maine will host a two-game series against Sacred Heart in Orono. The Black Bears have won their last seven contests against the Pioneers. Maine will rely heavily on senior goaltender Genevieve Turgeon (Lac Beauport, Que.), who stopped 46 of 50 shots in a shutout loss against Minnesota State last weekend and leads the league with 169 saves in four games this season.

Boston University will also compete against St. Lawrence and Clarkson over the weekend, looking to freshman forward Jenelle Kohanchuk (Winnipeg, Man.) to continue her consistent offensive contributions, as she has tallied five points in the last four games. BU senior goaltender Allyse Wilcox (Grand Blanc, Mich.) is fifth among league netminders in save percentage (.922) and GAA (2.01). The Terriers have scored four of their eight goals this season in the final stanza of play.

2008-2009 WHEA STANDINGS

<u>Rk</u>	Team	GP	W	L	SOL	Pts	Overall	Offense	<u>Defense</u>
1.	New Hampshire	2	1 (1)	0	1	3	2-0-2	3.75 (15)	2.50 (10)
2.	Connecticut	1	1 (1)	0	0	2	3-1-2	5.17 (31)	2.33 (14)
3.	Boston College	1	0 (0)	0	1	1	1-0-1	3.25 (13)	2.20 (8)
4.	Boston University	0	0 (0)	0	0	0	2-2-0	2.00 (8)	2.50 (10)
	Maine	0	0 (0)	0	0	0	1-3-0	2.00 (8)	4.50 (18)
	Northeastern	0	0 (0)	0	0	0	2-0-2	2.75 (11)	1.00 (4)
	Providence	0	0 (0)	0	0	0	1-3-0	2.50 (10)	2.50 (10)
	Vermont	0	0 (0)	0	0	0	2-0-0	5.00 (10)	1.50 (3)

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.

RECENT RESULTS Wednesday, October 8 at New Hampshire 2, Boston College 2 * OT

(UNH wins shootout 1-0)

Friday, October 10 at Connecticut 4, Colgate 1 Vermont 7 at Union 2 No. 6 St. Lawrence 3 at Providence 1 Northeastern 0 at Bemidji State 0 OT at Minnesota State 5, Maine 2 No. 5 Mercyhurst 4 at Boston University 2

Saturday, October 11
No. 4 New Hampshire 5 at Niagara 3
at Boston University 3, No. 5 Mercyhurst 2
Vermont 3 at Union 1
at Providence 6, Colgate 2
at No. 10 Boston College 5, Rensselaer 2
Northeastern 2 at Bemidji State 2 OT
No. 6 St. Lawrence 4 at Connecticut 4 OT
at Minnesota State 4, Maine 0

Sunday, October 12 No. 4 New Hampshire 5 at Niagara 2

Wednesday, October 15
No. 5 New Hampshire 3 at No. 10 Connecticut 3* OT (UConn wins shootout, 1-0)

> **UPCOMING GAMES** Friday, October 17 Sacred Heart at Maine (7pm)

Saturday, October 18
Providence at Northeastern * (1pm)
No. 10 Connecticut at Vermont * (2pm) Sacred Heart at Maine (2pm) Clarkson at Boston University (3pm) No. 6 St. Lawrence at No. 5 New Hampshire (2pm)

Sunday, October 19
Providence at Vermont * (3pm)
Northeastern at No. 10 Connecticut * (3pm)
Clarkson at No. 5 New Hampshire (12pm) No. 6 St. Lawrence at Boston University (3pm)

> All game times are EST denotes league games

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