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WOMEN'S WEEKEND PREVIEW

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MAINE PLAYS TWO LEAGUE GAMES AT UCONN AND NORTHEASTERN ~Vermont hosts Wayne State for series; PC travels to Robert Morris for two~

WAKEFIELD, Mass. – League play kicks off Saturday when Maine travels to UConn for an afternoon matchup, followed by a trip to No. 10 Northeastern on Sunday. Vermont will host CHA opponent Wayne State for a two-game series while Providence travels to Robert Morris for a pair of games.

Maine will rely heavily on senior netminder Genevieve Turgeon (Lac Beauport, Que.) and the blueliners as the Black Bears attempt to quiet UConn's league-leading offense. Much of the Huskies' offense comes from junior classmates Dominique Thibault (L'Original, Que.), Amy Hollstein (Pembroke, Mass.) and Michelle Binning (Oshawa, Ont.). The trio has combined for 24 of UConn's 37 goals on the year. Maine senior forward Vanessa Vani (St. Catharines, Ont.) leads the team in offense with nine points through eight games.

On Sunday, Maine continues their roadtrip to Boston and visits Northeastern at Matthews Arena. For the second game, the Black Bears will face a different challenge, as Northeastern leads the league in defense, only allowing 1.25 goals per game. Freshman goaltender Florence Schelling (Oberengstringen, Switzerland) was named Mission Rookie of the Month for October after recording two shutouts on the month, including a 40-save performance at Bemidji State on Oct. 10. Schelling's .978 save percentage ranks second in the country among Division I goalies. Both teams will look to capitalize on special team chances, as they are tied with a league-best 23.9% on power play opportunities.

Wayne State travels to Gutterson Fieldhouse for the weekend, where Vermont hopes to snap a six-game skid before heading on the road for the rest of the month. Sophomore Peggy Wakeham (Bay Roberts, Nfld.) is sixth among league defenders with five points in eight games. The Catamounts hope to increase offensive production from 2.12 goals per game to defeat 2007-08 CHA regular season co-champions in the Warriors.

The Friars travel to Robert Morris for another two-game set outside of league play. Providence comes off a 3-3 tie at No. 7 Boston University last weekend and looks to build off a win against Colgate in its last non-conference game on Oct. 11. The Friars will look to freshman Laura Veharanta (La Verne, Calif.), who leads the league in power play points and is second among rookies with seven points in nine games. She also leads the nation with six points play goals.

RECENT RESULTS

Thursday, October 30

No. 8 Boston U. 2 at No. 6 New Hampshire 2 OT *
 (BU wins shootout, 2-0)

Friday, October 31

at No. 4 Boston College 4, Vermont 1 *

Saturday, November 1

at No. 6 New Hampshire 4, Vermont 1 *
 Providence 3 at No. 8 Boston University 3 OT *
 (BU wins shootout, 3-2)
 No. 4 Boston College 5 at Northeastern 0 *

Wednesday, November 5

at NO. 5 Dartmouth 4, No. 4 Boston College

UPCOMING GAMES

Friday, November 7

Wayne State at Vermont (7pm)
 Providence at Robert Morris (7:35pm)

Saturday, November 8

Maine at Connecticut * (1pm)
 Wayne State at Vermont (4pm)
 Providence at Robert Morris (7:35pm)

Sunday, November 9

Maine at Northeastern * (2pm)

All game times are EST
 * denotes league games

(Rankings in composite schedule are from USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine Poll)

2008-2009 WHEA STANDINGS

Rk	Team	GP	W	L	SOL	Pts	Overall	Offense	Defense
1.	Boston University	4	4 (2)	0	0	8	5-2-3	2.80 (28)	2.10 (21)
2.	Boston College	4	3 (0)	0	1	7	6-1-2	3.22 (29)	1.56 (14)
3.	New Hampshire	5	2 (1)	1	2	6	6-1-3	3.30 (33)	2.20 (22)
4.	Providence	5	2 (0)	2	1	5	3-5-1	2.44 (22)	2.33 (21)
5.	Connecticut	3	2 (1)	1	0	4	5-3-2	3.70 (37)	2.20 (22)
	Northeastern	3	2 (0)	1	0	4	5-1-2	2.25 (18)	1.25 (10)
7.	Maine	2	0 (0)	2	0	0	2-6-0	3.00 (24)	4.25 (34)
	Vermont	4	0 (0)	4	0	0	2-6-0	2.12 (17)	3.62 (29)

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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