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WOMEN'S WEEKEND PREVIEW

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NO. 5 BC AND UCONN CLASH ON THURSDAY NIGHT AT CONTE ~No. 7 BU skates vs. two ECAC foes; No. 10 NU plays two at Wayne State~

WAKEFIELD, Mass. – Hockey East teams will see plenty of league action this weekend, starting with Connecticut at No. 5 Boston College Thursday night. No. 6 New Hampshire will return to play after an idle weekend visiting Maine on Friday night.

BC will host Connecticut for a Thursday evening matchup, when the Eagles will look to stay undefeated in league play. UConn junior blueliner Cristin Allen (Pickering, Ont.) earned Pure Hockey Defensive Player of the Week honors after netting two goals in the Huskies' victory over Maine last weekend. BC's Kelli Stack (Brooklyn Heights, Ohio) and UConn's Dominique Thibault (L'Original, Ont.) are tied for first in the league with 18 points. UConn will then travel to Providence on Sunday, hoping to capitalize on their league-best offense with 3.82 goals per game. PC's Laura Veharanta (La Verne, Calif.) was named Mission Rookie of the Week for her three goals during last weekend's series sweep of Robert Morris.

WHEA WEEKLY NOTES: BC junior forward Kelli Stack ranks fourth in the nation with 2.25 points per game...PC freshman Laura Veharanta ranks first in the country with seven power play goals on the season...The Terriers have the second longest unbeaten streak in the nation at seven games (4-0-3)... In league play, Florence Schelling owns a 0.50 GAA and .983 save percentage with a perfect 2-0-0 record for the Huskies.

Maine will host UNH on Friday after the Wildcats did not see action last weekend. UNH hopes to continue their three-game unbeaten streak, led by Sam Faber (Mt. Sinai, N.Y.) and her team-best seven goals this season. The Black Bears have struggled offensively their last four games, but are capable of big numbers, after a commanding 11-1 victory over Sacred Heart on Oct. 18. BC will hit the road Sunday, traveling to Orono for an afternoon game at Alford Arena. Maine's power play is ranked second in the league, while the Eagles penalty kill has a league-best 93.4 percent success rate.

Boston University travels to Princeton on Friday night and Terriers will then continue their weekend on the road, visiting Quinnipiac on Saturday. The Bobcats, who are hosting Vermont on Friday, as well, have yet to record a victory against Hockey East, as they fell to both BC and Northeastern earlier this season. Vermont will then continue its roadtrip, visiting Princeton on Saturday at the Hobey Baker Rink. The Catamounts will look to boost their offensive production, as their three goals against Wayne State last Friday was their highest goal output in six games.

Also outside of league action, No. 10 Northeastern will play a pair against Wayne State. The Huskies hope to put a stop to their offensive surge. The Huskies have only allowed 1.22 goals per game so far this season behind goaltenders Florence Schelling (Oberengstringen, Switzerland) and Leah Sulyma (Inuvik, N.W.T.). Their offense has also picked up, especially behind Pure Hockey Player of the Week Julia Marty's (Nussbaumen, Switzerland) first collegiate hat trick last weekend against Maine.

RECENT RESULTS

Wednesday, November 5
 at No. 5 Dartmouth 4, No. 4 Boston College 0

Friday, November 7
 Wayne State 5 at Vermont 3
 Providence 3 at Robert Morris 1

Saturday, November 8
 at Connecticut 5, Maine 2*
 Wayne State 7 at Vermont 0
 Providence 5 at Robert Morris 2

Sunday, November 9
 at Northeastern 4, Maine 1*

UPCOMING GAMES

Thursday, November 13
 Connecticut at No. 5 Boston College * (7pm)

Friday, November 14
 No. 6 New Hampshire at Maine * (7pm)
 No. 7 Boston University at Princeton (7pm)
 Vermont at Quinnipiac (7pm)
 No. 10 Northeastern at Wayne State (7pm)

Saturday, November 15
 No. 7 Boston University at Quinnipiac (4pm)
 Vermont at Princeton (4pm)
 No. 10 Northeastern at Wayne State (3pm)

Sunday, November 16
 No. 5 Boston College at Maine * (2pm)
 Connecticut at Providence * (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.	Connecticut	4	3 (1)	1	0	6	6-3-2	3.82 (42)	2.18 (24)
	Northeastern	4	3 (0)	1	0	6	6-1-2	2.44 (22)	1.22 (11)
	New Hampshire	5	2 (1)	1	2	6	6-1-3	3.30 (33)	2.20 (22)
6.	Providence	5	2 (0)	2	1	5	5-5-1	2.73 (30)	2.18 (24)
7.	Maine	2	0 (0)	2	0	0	2-8-0	2.70 (27)	4.30 (43)
	Vermont	4	0 (0)	4	0	0	2-8-0	2.00 (20)	4.10 (41)

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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