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WOMEN'S WEEKEND PREVIEW

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WEEKEND PREVIEW #8

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NO. 3 UNH TAKES ON NO. 1 WISCONSIN IN FLORIDA

~UConn hosts No. 8 BC Thursday; Eagles host No. 6 Terriers on Saturday~

WAKEFIELD, Mass. – In a matchup of two Top-five teams, No. 3 New Hampshire and No. 1 Wisconsin will play a weekend two-game series in Fort Myers, Fla., while league action continues as No. 8 Boston College takes on Connecticut Friday, followed by sixth-ranked Boston University Saturday afternoon.

The Wildcats and Badgers will travel south to the Fort Myers Skatium for a two-game series this weekend. UNH has a 6-0-1 lifetime record against the Badgers, including two victories last season. Last season, the Wildcats won all three of their matchups against the top-ranked team in the nation. UNH is averaging a league-best 3.64 goals per game, while Wisconsin is second in the nation with 4.86. The Wildcats will look to forward Jenn Wakefield (Pickering, Ont.) for offense, as she is tied for third in the league with 16 points on the year.

In a rematch of last Thursday's meeting, Boston College will take on Connecticut, this time in Storrs. In last week's midweek game, the Eagles topped the Huskies 3-2, but then both teams went on to drop their next contests to Maine and Providence, respectively. BC's Kelli Stack (Brooklyn Heights, Ohio) is third in the nation in scoring, averaging 3.25 points per game, while UConn's Cristin Allen (Pickering, Ont.) is tied for first among defensemen in scoring, having tallied 11 points so far on the year.

In the only other league matchup on the weekend, BC will go on to host Comm. Ave. rival Boston University on Saturday at Conte Forum. The Terriers won three of the four meetings last year against the Eagles, but the Eagles will look to build momentum, having won six of their last eight games. BU will look for offense from junior forward Melissa Anderson (Langley, B.C.), who is averaging an assist per game. They will look for more strong play from Pure Hockey Defensive Player of the Week Allyse Wilcox (Grand Blanc, Mich.) in goal.

Providence will host two non-league schools this weekend at Schneider Arena, playing Mercyhurst on Friday and Niagara on Saturday. The Friars are riding a five-game unbeaten streak in which they have scored 17 goals and have also won their last three non-league games. Rookie forward Laura Veharanta (La Verne, Calif.) is tied for first in the league in freshman scoring and leads PC with 13 points.

WHEA WEEKLY NOTES: Northeastern's Julia Marty ranks first in the country among Div. I blueliners with 1.22 points per game...The Terriers currently own the second longest unbeaten streak in the nation at nine games (6-0-3)...BC freshman Danielle Welch leads all rookie WHEA scorers with eight points, she is tied with UNH's Sam Faber for third in scoring in conference play...Vermont will play Maine at Androscoggin Bank Colisee in Lewiston, Maine on Tuesday, Nov. 25, both teams are idle this weekend.

RECENT RESULTS

Thursday, November 13
 at No. 5 Boston College 3, Connecticut 2*

Friday, November 14
 No. 6 New Hampshire 7 at Maine 1*
 No. 7 Boston University 2 at Princeton 0
 Vermont 3 at Quinnipiac 1
 at Wayne State 4, No. 10 Northeastern 3

Saturday, November 15
 No. 7 Boston University 5 at Quinnipiac 1
 at Princeton 3, Vermont 1
 at Wayne State 3, No. 10 Northeastern 2

Sunday, November 16
 at Maine 5, No. 5 Boston College 3*
 at Providence 2, Connecticut 0*

UPCOMING GAMES

Thursday, November 20
 No. 8 Boston College at Connecticut * (7pm)

Friday, November 21
 Mercyhurst at Providence (7pm)
 No. 3 New Hampshire vs. No. 1 Wisconsin
 (at Fort Myers, Fla., 7pm)

Saturday, November 22
 No. 6 Boston University at Boston College * (3pm)
 Niagara at Providence (7pm)
 No. 3 New Hampshire vs. No. 1 Wisconsin
 (at Fort Myers, Fla., 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	Conf. Off.	Conf. Def.
1.	Boston College	6	4 (0)	1	1	9	7-2-2	3.33 (16)	1.83 (11)
2.	Boston University	4	4 (2)	0	0	8	7-2-3	4.00 (16)	2.00 (8)
	New Hampshire	6	3 (1)	1	2	8	7-1-3	3.33 (20)	2.00 (12)
4.	Providence	6	3 (0)	2	1	6	6-5-1	2.33 (14)	1.83 (11)
5.	Northeastern	4	3 (0)	1	0	6	6-3-2	2.00 (8)	1.50 (6)
	Connecticut	6	3 (1)	3	0	6	6-5-2	2.00 (12)	2.33 (14)
7.	Maine	6	1 (0)	5	0	0	3-9-0	2.00 (12)	5.17 (31)
8.	Vermont	4	0 (0)	4	0	0	3-9-0	1.25 (5)	3.50 (14)

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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