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# WOMEN'S WEEKEND PREVIEW

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## THREE WHEA GAMES HIGHLIGHT WEEKEND SCHEDULE ~No. 7 BC travels to No. 5 St. Lawrence for two-game set~

**WAKEFIELD, Mass.** – Northeastern and No. 9 Boston University will kickoff the weekend schedule a day early, as they face off for a Thursday night game at Walter Brown Arena. On Friday, Maine begins a two-game series at Clarkson and No. 7 Boston College will commence a series at No. 5 St. Lawrence in Canton, N.Y. In WHEA play on Saturday, the Terriers travel to UConn and No. 6 New Hampshire squares off with Providence College at Schneider Arena.

The Terriers are coming off a three-point weekend at Ohio State, scoring seven goals in the two contests. BU and NU meet for the first time this year, after the Terriers swept the season series in 2007-08. NU's team defense ranks second in the conference, allowing 1.76 goals per game. BU will also travel to Connecticut on Saturday for an afternoon tilt. The UConn Huskies currently own the fifth longest unbeaten streak in college hockey with seven straight victories. UConn's Brittany Wilson (Nepean, Ont.) has the best winning percentage (79.2%) of any league goaltender.

The Eagles have won four of their last five games, as they head to the North Country, allowing only three goals during that time, which includes three shutouts. Junior goaltender Molly Schaus (Natick, Mass.) has been on fire as of late, with a 0.60 GAA, a .979 save percentage and total 128 saves in her last five starts for BC.

The Black Bears earned a win and a tie in their last games with Union College in mid-December. Senior forward Vanessa Vani (Mississauga, Ont.) leads the Maine roster in scoring with 15 points (4g,11a).

One of the longest rivalries in women's college hockey continues when the Friars and Wildcats meet. It mark's the 120th match up in the series, which UNH leads 69-38-12. UNH is unbeaten in the last 11 games (9-0-2) vs. Providence, and that matches the longest unbeaten streak in the series by either team. The game will be televised locally in Providence by Cox Sports.

Also on Saturday afternoon, Northeastern opens its two-game series with Niagara at Matthews Arena, while the Vermont Catamounts make the trek to Mercyhurst College for a pair of games.

Vermont will return to action after a pair of league losses last weekend at UConn. The Catamounts have allowed only five goals in the third period in league play all season. They currently have three non-conference victories on the season, as they head into the series with the Lakers.

**RECENT RESULTS**  
**Tuesday, December 30**  
 at Yale 2, Providence 1 OT  
 No. 3 Dartmouth 4 at Vermont 1

**Friday, January 2**  
 No. 9 Boston University 5 at Ohio State 3  
 No. 7 Boston College 3 at Colgate 1  
 Yale 2 at Northeastern 0

**Saturday, January 3**  
 at Connecticut 7, Vermont 0 \*  
 No. 7 Boston College 1 at Yale 0 OT  
 No. 9 Boston University 2 at Ohio State 2 OT  
 at Brown 2, Northeastern 1

**Sunday, January 4**  
 at Connecticut 3, Vermont 1 \*  
 Providence 4 at Cornell 3

**Monday, January 5**  
 at Cornell 4, Providence 1

**UPCOMING GAMES**  
**Thursday, January 8**  
 Northeastern at No. 9 Boston University \* (7pm)

**Friday, January 9**  
 Maine at Clarkson (7pm)  
 No. 7 Boston College at No. 5 St. Lawrence (7pm)

**Saturday, January 10**  
 No. 9 Boston University at Connecticut \* (1pm)  
 No. 6 UNH at Providence \* (1pm, COX Sports)  
 Niagara at Northeastern (8pm)  
 Vermont at Mercyhurst (2pm)  
 Maine at Clarkson (2pm)  
 No. 7 Boston College at No. 5 St. Lawrence (3pm)

**Sunday, January 11**  
 Niagara at Northeastern (3pm)  
 Vermont at Mercyhurst (1pm)

**All game times are EST**  
 \* denotes WHEA 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	11	7 (0)	3	1	15	12-4-3	3.00 (33)	1.55 (17)
2.	New Hampshire	9	5 (1)	1	3	13	9-4-5	3.11 (28)	1.67 (15)
3.	Boston University	8	6 (3)	2	0	12	9-5-5	3.12 (25)	2.50 (20)
	Connecticut	10	6 (1)	4	0	12	13-6-2	2.40 (24)	2.00 (20)
5.	Providence	8	5 (0)	2	1	11	10-8-2	2.75 (22)	1.62 (13)
6.	Northeastern	8	4 (0)	4	0	8	7-8-2	1.25 (10)	1.75 (14)
7.	Vermont	9	2 (1)	7	0	4	4-15-1	1.33 (12)	3.33 (30)
8.	Maine	9	1 (0)	7	1	3	4-13-2	1.78 (16)	4.56 (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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