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WOMEN'S WEEKEND PREVIEW

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NO. 5 BOSTON COLLEGE AND NO. 7 UNH SQUARE OFF THIS WEEKEND ~No. 8 UConn and Providence also kickoff home-and-home set~

WAKEFIELD, Mass. – This weekend's league play is highlighted by a home and home series between No. 5 Boston College and No. 7 New Hampshire. No. 8 Connecticut will also play home and home with Providence. Vermont heads to BU for a two-game set, while Maine hosts Northeastern for a pair. Four games this weekend and three next weekend, beginning with Thursday's game at UNH, will celebrate this year's Skating Strides Against Breast Cancer initiative. Proceeds from gate admissions, merchandise sales, raffles and auctions will be donated to local breast cancer charities around New England. Each WHEA school will host one Skating Strides game over the course of the next two weekends of league play.

BC heads to the Whittemore Center Thursday night before hosting the Wildcats Friday evening. The teams last met on Oct. 8, opening WHEA regular season play. They battled to a 2-2 tie before UNH won the shootout 1-0. Kelli Stack (Brooklyn Heights, Ohio) scored both goals for the Eagles, while UNH's offense was split between Sam Faber (Mt. Sinai, N.Y.) and Micaela Long (South Boston, Mass.). The Eagles will look to netminder Molly Schaus (Natick, Mass.), who has posted a .960 save percentage and 1.15 goals allowed in January, while UNH hopes to keep its special teams strong. The Wildcats' penalty kill has been perfect 12-for-12 in its last three games.

No. 8 UConn and Providence will begin a home-and-home set beginning on Saturday afternoon at Schneider Arena in Providence. The Friars have won three of their last four games heading into the weekend, allowing one goal or less in all of those victories. Providence won the first meeting of the season series, 2-0, on November 16 at PC. The Huskies, who come into the game having won 11 of their last 12 contests, are currently one of the hottest teams in the country. Junior forward Dominique Thibault (L'Orignal, Ont.) has recorded seven points (5g,2a) in her last five games for the Huskies. PC's rookie goalie Genevieve Lacasse (Scarborough, Ont.) leads league play with an impressive GAA (1.10) and save percentage (.958) among conference netminders.

Northeastern will also head north for the weekend for a series with the Black Bears in Orono at Alford Arena. The Huskies are coming off a 1-0 loss to UConn and Maine was sept last weekend by UNH. In the first meeting of the season series at Northeastern, the Huskies came away with a 4-1 win on November 9. Northeastern's penalty kill ranks first in league play at 93.8%. Maine's Genevieve Turgeon (Lac Beauport, Que.) has amassed the most saves of any league goalie with 715 this season and she has logged the second most minutes (1,308).

Boston University and Vermont will play two games on the weekend at Walter Brown Arena, beginning on Friday night. The Catamounts won the first meeting of the season, 3-2, on December 5 in Burlington.

RECENT RESULTS

Tuesday, January 20

No. 7 New Hampshire 4 at Northeastern 2 *

Friday, January 23

at No. 9 Connecticut 4, Northeastern 0 *
 at No. 7 New Hampshire 3, Maine 0 *

Saturday, January 24

at No. 7 New Hampshire 5, Maine 1 *
 No. 5 Boston College 5 at Vermont 0 *
 No. 9 Connecticut 1 at Northeastern 0 *
 at Providence 2, Boston University 0 *

Sunday, January 25

No. 5 Boston College 5 at Vermont 0 *
 Providence 2 at Boston University 1 *

UPCOMING GAMES

Thursday, January 29

Boston College at New Hampshire * (7pm)

Friday, January 30

Northeastern at Maine * (2pm)
 Vermont at Boston University * (7pm)
 New Hampshire at Boston College * (7pm)

Saturday, January 31

Vermont at Boston University * (3pm)
 Northeastern at Maine * (7pm)
 Connecticut at Providence * (1pm)

Sunday, February 1

Providence at Connecticut * (1pm)

Tuesday, February 3

Beanpot Tournament (at Northeastern)
 Boston University vs. Harvard (5pm)
 Boston College vs. Northeastern (8pm)

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	14	10 (0)	3	1	21	16-5-3	3.36 (47)	1.36 (19)
2.	New Hampshire	13	8 (1)	2	3	19	13-5-5	3.08 (40)	1.77 (23)
	Providence	13	9 (0)	3	1	19	14-10-2	2.77 (36)	1.46 (19)
4.	Connecticut	13	9 (1)	4	0	18	17-7-2	2.46 (32)	1.54 (20)
5.	Boston University	14	8 (3)	6	0	16	11-9-5	2.57 (36)	2.29 (32)
6.	Northeastern	13	5 (0)	8	0	10	10-12-2	1.23 (16)	2.08 (27)
7.	Vermont	13	3 (1)	10	0	6	5-20-1	1.31 (17)	3.46 (45)
8.	Maine	13	1 (0)	11	1	3	4-19-2	1.54 (20)	4.54 (59)

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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2008-2009 HOCKEY EAST SEASON SUPERLATIVES

SHUTOUTS

Date	Goalie	Team	Opp.	Svs	Result
10/4	Molly Schaus	BC	Clarkson	26	W, 2-0
10/4	Leah Sulyma	NU	at Union	6	W, 6-0
10/10	Florence Schelling!	NU	at Bemidji State	40	T, 0-0
10/18	Florence Schelling!	NU	Providence	31	W, 1-0
10/19	Leah Sulyma	NU	at UConn	34	W, 3-0
10/24	Brittany Wilson	UConn	at Princeton	24	W, 3-0
11/1	Molly Schaus	BC	at Northeastern	16	W, 5-0
11/14	Allyse Wilcox	BU	at Princeton	30	W, 2-0
11/16	Genevieve Lacasse !	PC	vs. UConn	30	W, 2-0
11/20	Molly Schaus	BC	at UConn	33	W, 4-0
11/25	Jennie Bellonio	UConn	vs. Brown	17	W, 4-0
11/26	Kayley Herman	UNH	vs. Northeastern	12	W, 2-0
11/29	Genevieve Lacasse !	PC	at Brown	37	W, 1-0
11/30	Molly Schaus	BC	vs. Northeastern	27	W, 2-0
12/9	Lindsey Minton	UNH	vs. Northeastern	22	W, 3-0
12/10	Molly Schaus	BC	at BU	25	W, 5-0
12/12	Genevieve Turgeon	Maine	vs. Union	19	W, 2-0
1/3	Brittany Wilson	UConn	vs. Vermont	9	W, 7-0
1/3	Molly Schaus	BC	at Yale	32	W, 1-0
1/8	Leah Sulyma	NU	at BU	31	W, 2-0
1/10	Genevieve Lacasse !	PC	vs. UNH	43	W, 5-0
1/10	Brittany Wilson	UConn	vs. BU	31	W, 3-0
1/17	Genevieve Lacasse !	PC	vs. Vermont	16	W, 3-0
1/23	Brittany Wilson	UConn	vs. NU	20	W, 4-0
1/23	Kayley Herman	UNH	vs. Maine	15	W, 3-0
1/24	Molly Schaus	BC	at Vermont	19	W, 5-0
1/24	Genevieve Lacasse !	PC	vs. BU	34	W, 2-0
1/24	Brittany Wilson	UConn	at NU	22	W, 1-0
1/25	Molly Schaus	BC	at Vermont	16	W, 5-0

40+ SAVES

Date	Goalie	Team	Opp.	Svs	Result
10/3/08	Genevieve Turgeon	Maine	North Dakota	46	W, 3-2
10/4/08	Genevieve Turgeon	Maine	North Dakota	46	L, 7-3
10/10/08	Florence Schelling !	NU	at Bemidji State	40	T, 0-0
10/11/08	Leah Sulyma	NU	at Bemidji State	40	T, 2-2
10/11/08	Genevieve Lacasse !	PC	Colgate	42	W, 6-2
10/26/08	Genevieve Turgeon	Maine	at Providence	47	L, 4-2
11/21/08	Genevieve Lacasse !	PC	Mercyhurst	51	L, 3-0
1/10/09	Genevieve Lacasse !	PC	UNH	43	W, 5-0
1/24/09	Genevieve Turgeon	Maine	at UNH	47	L, 5-1

INDIVIDUAL HIGHS

Goals:	3	Dominique Thibault, UConn, 9/27/08 vs. Sacred Heart Nicole Tritter, UConn, 9/27/08 vs. Sacred Heart Kristi Kehoe, NU, 10/4/08 at Union Jennie Gallo, Maine, 10/18/08 vs. Sacred Heart Lauren Cherewyk, BU, 10/25/08 vs. Maine Julia Marty *, NU, 11/9/08 vs. Maine Kelli Stack, BC, 11/16/08 at Maine Allie Thunstrom, BC, 12/10/08 at BU
Assists:	4	Ashley Cottrell, PC, 11/8/08 vs. Robert Morris
Points:	5	Dominique Thibault, UConn, 9/27/08 vs. Sacred Heart (3g,2a) Jennie Gallo, Maine, 10/18/08 vs. Sacred Heart (3g,2a) Jenn Wakefield, UNH, 1/16/09 vs. Dartmouth (2g,3a)
Point Streak	11	Jenn Wakefield, UNH, 3/15/08 to 11/14/08, 18 points (12g,6a)
In league play:	12	Kelli Stack, BC, 2/17/08 to present, 25 points (16g,9a)
Saves	51	Genevieve Lacasse, PC, 11/21/08 vs. Mercyhurst

TEAM HIGHS

Goals:	13	UConn vs. Sacred Heart, 9/27/08
In league play:	8	BU vs. Maine, 10/25/08
Shots on Goal:	61	UConn vs. Sacred Heart, 9/27/08
Consecutive Wins:	9	Providence, 10/6/07 to 11/4/07
In league play:	10	UNH, 10/21/07 to 1/10/08
Unbeaten Streak:	11	Providence (7-0-4), 12/29/07 to 2/10/08
In league play:	19	UNH (18-0-3), 10/21/07 to 10/22/08

HAT TRICKS

Date	Player	Team	Opponent	Result
9/27	Dominique Thibault	UConn	Sacred Heart	W, 13-0
9/27	Nicole Tritter	UConn	Sacred Heart	W, 13-0
10/4	Kristi Kehoe	NU	at Union	W, 6-0
10/18	Jennie Gallo	Maine	Sacred Heart	W, 11-1
10/25	Lauren Cherewyk	BU	Maine	W, 8-1
11/9	Julia Marty *	NU	Maine	W, 4-1
11/16	Kelli Stack	BC	Maine	L, 5-3
12/10	Allie Thunstrom	BC	at BU	W, 5-0
1/23/09	Dominique Thibault	UConn	vs. NU	W, 4-0

OVERTIME GOALS

Date	Player	Team	Opponent	Result
1/3	Danielle Welch !	BC	at Yale	W, 1-0

THE LAST TIME

A player had four goals:
Leah Craig, UNH at Niagara, 10/22/05

A rookie had a hat trick:
Alyse Ruff, PC, 2/17/07 vs. Northeastern
In league play: Alyse Ruff, PC, 2/17/07 vs. Northeastern

A defenseman had a hat trick:
Julia Marty, NU, 11/9/08 vs. Maine

A goaltender recorded 50 saves:
Genevieve Lacasse !, PC, 11/21/08 vs. Mercyhurst (51)
In league play: Sarah Bishop, Maine, 2/3/08 vs. New Hampshire (51)

A team won five games in a row:
New Hampshire, 12/8/07 to 1/17/08
In league play: New Hampshire, 11/7/07 to 1/10/08

A team won 10 games in a row:
New Hampshire, 17 games, 1/14/06 to 3/17/06
In league play: New Hampshire 14 games, 1/14/06 to 2/26/06

A team was unbeaten in 10 straight games:
New Hampshire 12 games (11-0-1), 12/8/07 to 10/23/08
In league play: 38 games (35-0-3), 11/17/06 to 10/23/08

A team recorded 50 shots-on-goal:
New Hampshire, 1/24/09 vs. Maine (52)
In league play: New Hampshire, 1/24/09 vs. Maine (52)

* - defenseman ! - rookie* neutral site game

100+ POINTS

Date	Player	Opponent	Current Points
10/21/07	Sam Faber, UNH	at BU	172
10/11/08	Kelli Stack, BC	Rensselaer	133
12/14/08	Dominique Thibault, UConn	Harvard	108

ON THE ROAD TO 100 CAREER POINTS

Player	Points
Kacey Bellamy, UNH	97
Allie Thunstrom, BC	97
Gina Kearns, BU	94
Meghan Fardelmann, BC	92
Becky Zavisza, BC	89
Kelly Paton, UNH	89
Vanessa Vani, Maine	89
Melissa Anderson, BU	85
Erin Normore, PC	82
Arianna Rigano, PC	79
Jenn Wakefield, UNH	79