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WOMEN'S WEEKEND PREVIEW

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NO. 9 UCONN PLAYS HOME-AND-HOME SET WITH BOSTON UNIVERSITY ~No. 5 UNH heads north to Vermont; No. 7 BC hosts Maine; NU/PC play set~

WAKEFIELD, Mass. – With only three weeks remaining in the regular season, Hockey East teams are looking to gain ground in the gridlock atop league standings with only three points separating teams 1 through 5 in the standings. No. 9 Connecticut will play a home-and-home series with Boston University beginning Friday night, while Providence will do the same with Northeastern. No. 7 Boston College hosts Maine for a pair of games, as Vermont does the same with No. 5 New Hampshire.

UConn won its last meeting with the Terriers, in a 3-0 shutout in Storrs on Jan. 10. The Huskies have also won an impressive 12 of their last 14 games and are led by Dominique Thibault (L'Orignal, Ont.), who has amassed a league-best 24 goals this season. While the Terriers have seen some inconsistency lately, they still boast a 10-6 record in league play and swept Vermont last weekend at home. UConn netminder Brittany Wilson (Nepean, Ont.) was named ITECH Goaltender of the Month for her impressive .948 save percentage and 1.38 goals allowed average in January.

PC and NU will travel to Providence Friday and back to Boston Saturday for a home and home series. The Friars have won four of their last six and are tied for second in the league, averaging 2.00 goals allowed per game. Blue liner Erin Normore (Cambridge, Ont.) is second among league defenders, with 20 points on the year. Rookie Laura Veharanta (La Verne, Calif.) leads all Hockey East rookies with 29 points this season.

BC will host Maine for two games at Conte Forum this weekend. The Black Bears collected three points last weekend in their series with Northeastern, while the Eagles are coming off a 3-1 win over NU in the first round of the Beanpot. Defensively, BC is only allowing 1.78 goals per game, a league best. Offensively, the Eagles are led by junior Kelli Stack (Brooklyn Heights, Ohio), who sits atop the league with 44 points on the year. Junior forward Allie Thunstrom (Maplewood, Minn.) scored her 100th collegiate point for the Eagles with two assists on Tuesday night in the Beanpot win vs. Northeastern.

The Wildcats look to extend their six-game win-streak when they head to Burlington for a two-game set with Vermont. UNH is scoring a league-best 3.36 goals per game, led by Jenn Wakefield's (Pickering, Ont.) 23 goals on the year, ranking her second in Hockey East. Seven of her 23 have been game-winners, proving her to be clutch for the 'Cats.

RECENT RESULTS

Thursday, January 29

at No. 7 New Hampshire 4, No. 5 Boston College 2*

Friday, January 30

at Maine 4, Northeastern 2*
 at Boston University 3, Vermont 2*
 No. 7 New Hampshire 5 at No. 5 Boston College 2*

Saturday, January 31

at Boston University 4, Vermont 0*
 Northeastern 2 at Maine 2 OT*
 (Maine wins shootout, 1-0)
 at Providence 5, No. 8 Connecticut 1*

Sunday, February 1

at No. 8 Connecticut 2, Providence 1 OT*

Tuesday, February 3

Beanpot Semifinals (at Northeastern)
 Boston College 3 vs. Northeastern 1
 Harvard 8 vs. Boston University 0

UPCOMING GAMES

Friday, February 6

Boston University at No. 9 Connecticut* (7pm)
 Northeastern at Providence* (7pm)

Saturday, February 7

No. 9 Connecticut at Boston University* (3pm)
 Maine at No. 7 Boston College* (1pm)
 No. 5 New Hampshire at Vermont* (2pm)
 Providence at Northeastern* (7pm)

Sunday, February 8

Maine at No. 7 Boston College* (1pm)
 No. 5 New Hampshire at Vermont* (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.	New Hampshire	15	10 (1)	2	3	23	15-5-5	3.27 (49)	1.80 (27)
2.	Providence	15	10 (0)	4	1	21	15-11-2	2.80 (42)	1.47 (22)
	Boston College	16	10 (0)	5	1	21	17-7-3	3.19 (51)	1.75 (28)
4.	Connecticut	15	10 (1)	5	0	20	18-8-2	2.33 (35)	1.73 (26)
	Boston University	16	10 (3)	6	0	20	13-10-5	2.69 (43)	2.12 (34)
6.	Northeastern	15	5 (0)	9	1	11	10-14-3	1.33 (20)	2.20 (33)
7.	Maine	15	3 (1)	11	1	7	5-19-3	1.73 (26)	4.20 (63)
8.	Vermont	15	3 (1)	12	0	6	5-22-1	1.27 (19)	3.47 (52)

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
1/31	Melissa Haber	BU	vs. Vermont	23	W, 4-0

40+ SAVES

Date	Goalie	Team	Opp.	Svs	Result
10/3/08	Genevieve Turgeon	Maine	North Dakota	46	W, 3-2
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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
1/30	Sam Faber	UNH	at BC	W, 5-2

OVERTIME GOALS

Date	Player	Team	Opponent	Result
1/3	Danielle Welch !	BC	at Yale	W, 1-0
2/1	Nicole Tritter	UConn	vs. PC	W, 2-1

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, 1/16/09 to present, 6 games
In league play: New Hampshire, 1/20/09 to present, 5 games

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	136
12/14/08	Dominique Thibault, UConn	Harvard	110
2/3/09	Allie Thunstrom, BC	vs. Northeastern (BP)	100

ON THE ROAD TO 100 CAREER POINTS

Player	Points
Kacey Bellamy, UNH	98
Gina Kearns, BU	96
Kelly Paton, UNH	94
Vanessa Vani, Maine	93
Meghan Fardelmann, BC	93
Becky Zavisza, BC	91
Melissa Anderson, BU	86
Erin Normore, PC	85
Jenn Wakefield, UNH	81