



# WOMEN'S WEEKEND PREVIEW

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## WEEKEND PREVIEW #1

## MAINE OPENS SEASON SCHEDULE WITH SERIES VS. SACRED HEART ~Five WHEA teams open exhibition play this weekend~

**WAKEFIELD, Mass.** – The Maine Black Bears will officially open the WHEA regular-season beginning a two-game series on Friday night at Alford Arena in Orono vs. the Sacred Heart Pioneers. Five WHEA teams also commence the schedule with exhibition contests throughout the weekend.

The Black Bears split a series with Sacred Heart last year in mid-October with Maine winning the final game of the series by a score of 11-1. Sophomore Myriam Croussette (Baie-Comeau, Que.) and junior Jennie Gallo (Castlegar, B.C.) combined for nine points (4g, 5a) in the win vs. the Pioneers last Oct. 18. Maine returns a league-high 18 letterwinners from last season's team, which includes 11 forwards, six defensemen and one goalie. Maine returns six of its top seven scorers from a year ago, including Gallo who totaled 23 points last season in Orono. Head coach Dan Lichterman, now in his third season, has a decision to make in goal with the departure of the school's all-time save leader in Genevieve Turgeon. Sophomore Candance Currier (Goffstown, N.H.) and freshman Brittany Ott (St. Clair Shores, Mich.) will be expected to compete for the starting goaltending position in Orono.

Heather Linstad's Connecticut Huskies will open exhibition play on Friday vs. Dawson College at Freitas Ice Forum. The Huskies were picked fifth in the preseason poll, but UConn returns a strong group of 16 experienced letterwinners from 08-09, as they posted 19 wins as a group last year.

Northeastern is the only WHEA team to play two exhibitions over the weekend, as the Huskies face Dawson College on Saturday (2pm) at newly renovated Matthews Arena. Interim co-head coaches Linda Lundrigan and Lauren McAuliffe will make their head coaching debuts at NU on Saturday afternoon. The Huskies will also entertain McGill University on Sunday in Boston.

Four-time reigning Hockey East regular-season and tournament champion New Hampshire will also take the ice for the first time Saturday against Durham Jr. Lightning (AA) at the Whittemore Center (5pm) in exhibition play. The Wildcats were favored to win the league in the preseason coaches poll with 50 points and three first-place votes.

Providence College will also host McGill on Saturday at Schneider Arena, while Boston University will entertain Durham Jr. on Sunday at Walter Brown Arena. PC returns Hockey East Rookie of the Year Genevieve Lacasse (Scarborough, Ont.) in net, while the Terriers were selected third in the preseason poll with 46 points.

**UPCOMING GAMES**  
**Friday, September 25**  
 Sacred Heart at Maine (7pm)  
 Dawson at Connecticut (Exh., 7pm)

**Saturday, September 26**  
 Sacred Heart at Maine (2pm)  
 Dawson at Northeastern (Exh., 2pm)  
 Durham, Jr. at New Hampshire (Exh., 5pm)  
 McGill at Providence (Exh., 7pm)

**Sunday, September 27**  
 Durham Jr. at Boston University (Exh., 12pm)  
 McGill at Northeastern (Exh., 2pm)

**UPCOMING GAMES NEXT WEEK**  
**Friday, October 2**  
 Maine at Providence \* (7pm)  
 Ohio State at Boston University (7pm)  
 Boston College at Clarkson (7pm)

**Saturday, October 3**  
 Connecticut at New Hampshire \* (2pm)  
 Maine at Providence \* (4pm)  
 Union at Northeastern (2pm)  
 Ohio State at Boston University (3pm)  
 Boston College at Clarkson (3pm)

**Sunday, October 4**  
 Connecticut at Northeastern \* (2pm)  
 Quinnipiac at New Hampshire (2pm)  
 McGill at Vermont (Exh., 7pm)

**All game times are EST**  
 \* denotes league games

### 2009-2010 WHEA STANDINGS

Rk.	Team	GP	W	L	T	SOW	Pts	Overall	Conf.	Off.	Conf.	Def.
1.	Boston College	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	0.00	(0)	0.00	(0)
	Boston University	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	0.00	(0)	0.00	(0)
	Connecticut	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	0.00	(0)	0.00	(0)
	Maine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	0.00	(0)	0.00	(0)
	New Hampshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	0.00	(0)	0.00	(0)
	Northeastern	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	0.00	(0)	0.00	(0)
	Providence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	0.00	(0)	0.00	(0)
	Vermont	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	0.00	(0)	0.00	(0)

Conference games tied after 65 minutes advance to a three-player shootout with the winning team receiving an extra point in the standings (denoted in the SOW column).

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