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WOMEN'S WEEKEND PREVIEW

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WHEA LEAGUE PLAY OPENS THIS WEEKEND WITH FOUR GAMES ~Providence hosts Maine for opening series; UConn travels to UNH and NU~

WAKEFIELD, Mass. – Providence College officially opens their season on Friday night, as they begin a two-game WHEA series with the University of Maine, while Connecticut will travel to No. 5 ranked New Hampshire on Saturday and then to Northeastern on Sunday.

The Friars swept the season series Maine last year by a combined score of 12-4, with PC scoring four goals in every game. The Black Bears are coming off a weekend sweep vs. Sacred Heart, as they scored 20 goals in the two-game series.

UNH has a 27-3-4 lifetime record against UConn, including 2-0-1 mark last season. The Huskies are fresh off of a 6-0 shutout of Dawson College in exhibition play. UConn won the season series with NU last year, 2-1, but NU won the first meeting series with a 3-0 shutout in Storrs.

Boston College will head to the North Country on the weekend for a two-game matchup with Clarkson, beginning on Friday night, while No. 10 cross-town rival Boston University entertains Ohio State for a series at Walter Brown Arena, which also begins on Friday night.

The Eagles went 1-0-1 with Clarkson last year in their series at Conte Forum, scoring six goals over two games with the Golden Knights. BC senior forward Allie Thunstrom (Maplewood, Minn.) notched three points (2g, 1a) in the 4-4 tie last Oct. 5th.

The Terriers also went 1-0-1 in their series at OSU last year by scores of 5-3 and 2-2 on Jan. 2 and 3, 2009. Senior goalie Melissa Haber (Toronto, Ont.) will take over as the full-time starter in net for Terriers. She tallied 27 saves in the 2-2 tie with the Buckeyes last season on Jan. 3.

Northeastern will faceoff against Union College on Saturday as its official start to the season in newly renovated Matthews Arena. The Huskies shutout Union last year, 6-0 in their only meeting on Oct. 4 in Schenectady. UNH will also host Quinnipiac on Sunday at the Whittemore Center in Durham, while Vermont will take the ice for the first time this season in an exhibition game vs. McGill University at Gutterson Fieldhouse on Sunday.

The Catamounts return 87 percent on their scoring from a season ago, which includes sophomore forward Erin Barley-Maloney (Raleigh, N.C.), a WHEA All-Rookie selection in 2009. She led all UVM forwards with 21 points in 2008-09. Vermont was edged by McGill last year, 1-0, on Oct. 5 in exhibition play.

RECENT RESULTS

Friday, September 25

at Maine 9, Sacred Heart 0
 at Connecticut 6, Dawson 0

Saturday, September 26

at Maine 11, Sacred Heart 4
 at Northeastern 2, Dawson 1
 at New Hampshire 13, Durham, Jr. 0
 McGill 7 at Providence 4

Sunday, September 27

at Boston University 7, Durham Jr. 1
 McGill 3 at Northeastern 1

UPCOMING GAMES

Friday, October 2

Maine at Providence * (7pm)
 Ohio State at No. 10 Boston University (7pm)
 No. 6 Boston College at Clarkson (7pm)

Saturday, October 3

Connecticut at No. 5 New Hampshire * (2pm)
 Maine at Providence * (4pm)
 Union at Northeastern (2pm)
 Ohio State at No. 10 Boston University (3pm)
 No. 6 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	2-0-0	10.00	(20)	2.00	(4)
	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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