

2001-02 PROVIDENCE COLLEGE WOMEN'S HOCKEY

PROVIDENCE COLLEGE (18-13-4) Vs. NIAGARA (26-6-1)

UConn Ice Arena • ECAC Eastern League Semifinals

Friday, March 15, 2002 • 4:00 p.m.



PROVIDENCE COLLEGE 2001-02 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

OCTOBER

6	CONCORDIA UNIV. (ex.)	W, 5-4
12	at Minnesota-Duluth	L, 5-3
13	at Minnesota-Duluth	L, 1-0
26	FINDLAY	W, 4-2
27	FINDLAY	W, 8-3

NOVEMBER

3	MAINE *	W, 7-2
4	MAINE *	T, 2-2
9	at Niagara *	L, 3-0
10	at Niagara *	L, 5-0
16	PRINCETON	T, 1-1
18	OHIO STATE	L, 4-3
25	at Harvard	W, 6-0

DECEMBER

1	NORTHEASTERN *	L, 6-3
2	at Northeastern *	L, 3-2
8	NIAGARA *	W, 6-2
9	BROWN !	L, 4-0

JANUARY

4	at Maine *	W, 5-3
6	at New Hampshire *	T, 2-2
12	at Quinnipiac *	W, 7-1
16	BOSTON COLLEGE *	W, 5-1
19	ST. CLOUD STATE	W, 5-1
20	ST. CLOUD STATE	W, 7-1
26	CONNECTICUT *	W, 4-0
27	WISCONSIN	W, 2-1

FEBRUARY

1	NORTHEASTERN *	L, 5-1
3	at Dartmouth	L, 4-3
8	at Quinnipiac *	W, 3-1
9	QUINNIPIAC *	W, 7-0
13	at Brown	L, 7-3
16	at Connecticut *	W, 4-2
17	CONNECTICUT *	W, 3-1
22	NEW HAMPSHIRE *	T, 2-2
23	at New Hampshire *	L, 4-2

MARCH

2	at Boston College *	W, 4-1
3	BOSTON COLLEGE *	L, 1-0
9	MAINE (ECAC Quarterfinals)	W, 5-3
15	vs. Niagara (ECAC Semifinals) \$	4:00 p.m.
16	ECAC Finals \$	7:00 p.m.
22	Frozen Four Semifinals ^	TBA
24	Frozen Four Finals ^	TBA

All Times Eastern Standard Time

* ECAC Eastern League Game

! Mayor's Cup

\$Hosted by the University of Connecticut

^ Hosted by the University of New Hampshire

THIS WEEKEND'S GAME... Fourth-seeded Providence will play top-seeded Niagara in the ECAC Eastern League Semifinals on Friday, March 15 at 4:00 p.m. at the UConn Ice Arena in Storrs, Conn. Northeastern and New Hampshire will play in the other semifinal game at 7:00 p.m. The winner will advance to the finals on Saturday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m.

FRIARS IN THE ECAC TOURNAMENT... Providence has posted a 25-12 all-time record in the ECAC Tournament, including six tournament titles. PC captured its last ECAC Tournament title in 1995. The Friars also were ECAC Champions in 1984, 1985, 1992, 1993 and 1994. This season will mark the Friars' first appearance in the Semifinals of the ECAC Tournament since the 1996-97 season. Prior to this season, the Friars had lost in the quarterfinals in the last four years, including last season's 4-3 overtime loss at Harvard.

FRIARS VERSUS NIAGARA... On Friday, March 15, Providence will play Niagara in the ECAC Eastern League Tournament at the UConn Ice Arena. The Friars and the Purple Eagles have met nine times in all-time series with Providence holding a 5-3-1 advantage in the series. Niagara and Providence have never played each other in the ECAC Tournament. This season, Niagara posted a 2-1 regular season mark against Providence. On Friday, November 9, the Friars were defeated at Niagara, 3-0. The following day, the Friars suffered a 5-0 loss against the Purple Eagles. However, on Saturday, December 8, the Friars defeated the Purple Eagles, 6-2, at PC's Schneider Arena. The two teams first met on February 27, 1999 when the Friars defeated Niagara, 2-1, in Providence, R.I. The only tie (3-3) in the series occurred on February 28, 1999. PC is 5-0-1 at home against Niagara and 0-3-0 on the road against the Purple Eagles.

SCOUTING NIAGARA... The Purple Eagles enter the game with a 26-6-1 overall record. Niagara claimed the regular season ECAC Eastern League title after finishing with a 19-2-0 league record for 38 points. One of Niagara's two league losses came against the Friars on December 8. In their quarterfinal game on Friday, March 8, the Purple Eagles defeated Quinnipiac, 8-1, in Niagara University, N.Y. Eight different players recorded one goal for the Purple Eagles led by Teresa Del Monte who tallied the game winner and finished with three points. Niagara is led by junior Valerie Hall who is tops on the team in scoring with 23 goals and 20 assists. Senior Brooke Bardburn is second on the team with 13 goals and 25 assists.

Friars All-Time Versus Niagara

2/27/99 PC 2, Niagara 1
2/28/99 PC 3, Niagara 3 **ot**
 2/12/00 PC 4, Niagara 2
 2/13/00 Niagara 1, PC 0
11/18/00 PC 3, Niagara 1
11/19/00 PC 3, Niagara 1
 11/9/01 Niagara 3, PC 0
 11/10/01 Niagara 5, PC 0
12/8/01 PC 6, Niagara 2

Bold = Home games

Friars By the Numbers

Overall Record	18-13-4
Home	12-5-3
Road	6-8-1
Neutral	0-0-0
Overtime Games	0-0-4
ECAC East Record	11-7-3
ECAC East Home	6-3-2
ECAC East Away	5-4-1
Longest Win Streak	6
Longest Unbeaten Streak	8
Longest Losing Streak	2
Longest Winless Streak	5
Record By the Day	
Wednesday	1-1-0
Friday	3-3-2
Saturday	10-4-0
Sunday	4-5-2
Record By Month	
October	2-2-0
November	2-3-2
December	1-3-0
January	7-0-1
February	4-4-1
March	2-1-0
By Conference	
ECAC North	1-3-1
GLWHA	2-0-0
WCHA	3-3-0

Friars Vs. Ranked Teams in 2001-02

Date	Opponent	Rank	Score
10/12/01	Minnesota-Duluth	1/1	L, 5-3
10/13/01	Minnesota-Duluth	1/1	L, 1-0
11/9/01	Niagara	10	L, 3-0
11/10/01	Niagara	10	L, 5-0
11/25/01	Harvard	10	W, 6-0
12/1/01	Northeastern	5/5	L, 6-3
12/2/01	Northeastern	5/5	L, 3-2
12/8/01	Niagara	8/8	W, 6-2
12/9/01	Brown	7/7	L, 4-0
1/6/02	New Hampshire	7/8	T, 2-2
1/27/02	Wisconsin	10/9	W, 2-1
2/1/01	Northeastern	2/2	L, 5-1
2/3/01	Dartmouth	4/4	L, 4-3
2/13/02	Brown	7/7	L, 7-3

THIS SEASON VERSUS NIAGARA... The Friars played their first game against Niagara this season on Friday, November 9. PC was defeated 3-0 at Niagara University, N.Y. as junior Valerie Hall scored three power-play goals. The Friars outshot Niagara, 29-15, but Niagara's senior goaltender Tania Pinelli was impressive as she stopped all 29 shots. On November 10, the Purple Eagles blanked the Friars, 5-0. It marked the first time ever that the Friars had suffered back-to-back shut-out losses against the same team. Freshman Teresa Del Monte netted a hat trick to lead Niagara. In their third meeting this season, the Friars defeated Niagara, 6-2, on December 8 in Providence, R.I. The Friars jumped out to a 3-1 first period lead and never looked back. Junior Danielle Culgin scored two goals, while sophomore Kelli Halcisak posted three assists and freshman Hilary Greaves added one goal and two assists. Senior Beth Wolff paced the way for the Friars as she scored the first goal of the game and her first goal of the season. Freshman goaltender Amy Thomas made 19 saves in the win.

FRIARS AGAINST RANKED TEAMS....

The Friars have posted a 3-10-1 record against ranked teams this season. PC's three wins against ranked teams came against Harvard (6-0 on 11/26), Niagara (6-0 on 11/26) and Wisconsin (2-1 on 1/27). The three Friar losses against unranked teams were against Ohio State, New Hampshire and most recently against Boston College. The Friars began the 2001-02 season with a pair of losses at then No. 1 Minnesota-Duluth.

PC ON THE POWER PLAY... The Friars are 37-170 (.218) on the power play this season. Junior Danielle Culgin leads the Friars with seven power play goals, while junior assistant captain Jenn Butsch is second with six tallies in power-play situations. The Friars have scored three power play goals on three separate occasions this season, including a 3-8 effort against Niagara on December 8.

FRIARS AT SCHNEIDER...

The Friars have posted a 12-5-3 record at home this season, including a 7-3-2 mark against league foes this season. The Friars dropped a 1-0 home decision to Boston College on Sunday, March 3. The other two PC home league losses came against Northeastern. On the road, PC is 6-8-1 overall and 5-4-1 against league opponents. The Friars have

not played in any neutral site games this season.

FRIARS AT THE UCONN ICE ARENA...

Their Friars won the only game they played at the UConn Ice Arena this season on Saturday, February 16. PC defeated UConn, 4-2, in its first ever contest at the UConn Ice Arena. Niagara posted a 2-0 record at UConn, defeating the Huskies, 4-1, 3-0, on February 1-2.

COACH BOB DERANEY...

Head Coach Bob Deraney enters his third season at the helm of the Providence College women's hockey program. The 1987 Boston University graduate has guided the Friars to a 56-37-6 overall record, including a 20-10-3 mark in his first season at Providence. Deraney earned his first career win on October 24, 1999 as the Friars defeated eventual national champion Minnesota, 1-0. Deraney earned his first ECAC Tournament win when the Friars defeated Maine, 5-3, on Saturday, March 9, 2002. He is assisted by Marnie Hill, Bob Bellemore and Vicki Lamoriello.

SHATTUCK ST. MARY'S CONNECTION...

Five members of the 2001-02 Providence College women's hockey team played together at prep school hockey powerhouse, Shattuck-St. Mary's in Faribault, Minnesota. Kelli Halcisak (Grosse Ile, Mich.), Ashley Payton (Chesterfield, Mo.), Meredith Roth (Dubuque, Iowa), Amy Thomas (Austin, Texas) and Rush Zimmerman (Grosse Pointe, Mich.) all played for the Sabres. Halcisak, a defenseman, holds the school's record for career goals scored (164) and total points (288). Last season, Zimmerman led the Sabres in scoring with 39 goals and finished second with 71 points.

BUTSCH LEADING THE WAY...

Junior assistant captain Jenn Butsch leads the Friars in scoring through 35 games this season. She has scored career highs of 16 goals and 15 assists for 31 points this season. Butsch posted a season-high seven game scoring streak from February 3-17. Butsch has tallied a team best four game-winning goals. In addition, she is second on the squad with six power-play goals and is tied for the team lead with one short-handed tally. Last season, Butsch recorded 10 goals and nine assists and was the fourth leading scorer on the team.

OUTSHOOTING OPPONENTS...

The Friars have outshot their opponents in 26 of

the 35 games played this season. For the season, the Friars average more than 31 shots per game, while opponents are averaging just under 20 shots per game. The Friars have a 1-6-2 record when they are outshot. When PC holds a shot advantage over its opponents, it has a 17-8-2 mark.

BALANCED FRIAR ATTACK... The Friars have been led by a balanced offensive attack this season. PC has 13 players who have tallied 10 points or more, including seven players who have 20 or more points. Junior assistant captain Jenn Butsch leads the Friars with 31 points on 16 goals and 15 assists, while sophomore Darlene Stephenson has 28 points on 13 goals and 15 assists. Senior captain Kim Mathias, junior Danielle Culgin and sophomore Kelli Halcisak all have 27 points each, while freshman Rush Zimmerman and junior Melanie Ruzzi have posted 21 points each this season.

FRIAR FRESHMAN CLASS... The PC freshman class has been a key contributor to the Friars success this season. The eight freshmen skaters have combined to tally 37 goals and 44 assists, including six game-winning goals. In addition, freshman goaltender Amy Thomas has played in 17 games and has posted a 10-5-1 record. Rush Zimmerman leads all freshmen in scoring with nine goals and 12 assists for 21 points. Hilary Greaves is second with 10 goals and nine assists for 19 points. Ashley Payton has nine goals and eight assists, including three game-winning tallies. In the most recent game, Zimmerman led the Friars with a career-high three assists, while Greaves scored the game winner. Defenseman Danielle Bourgette recorded her first collegiate goal on Saturday, March 9 against Maine.

PC DEFEATS MAINE AND ADVANCES TO SEMIFINALS... The Providence College women's hockey team defeated Maine, 5-3, on Saturday, March 9 in the quarterfinals of the ECAC Eastern League Tournament at PC's Schneider Arena. Providence (18-13-4) advances to the league semifinals, where it will meet Niagara on Friday, March 15 at the University of Connecticut. Maine (16-15-4) took the early lead as sophomore Jamie Hill scored on the power play at the 4:35 mark of the first period. The Friars tied the game at 1-1 on the player advantage as junior Danielle Culgin recorded her 13th goal of the season. PC took its first lead when freshman Danielle Bourgette tallied her first collegiate goal with

47 seconds remaining in the opening period. After the Friars increased their lead to 3-1 on a goal by junior Melanie Ruzzi, the Black Bears quickly tied the game at 3-3 on goals from freshman Cheryl White and junior Cindy Biron in the third period, with both goals coming 2:06 apart. However, PC freshman Hilary Greaves scored the game winner at the 7:53 mark of the third period to lift PC into the semifinals. Ruzzi added an empty netter with 16 seconds remaining to cap off the scoring. PC outshot Maine, 34-15. Maine's sophomore goaltender Lara Smart made 29 saves in the loss, while Amy Quinlan stopped 12 shots.

ROTH RETURNS TO THE FRIAR LINEUP... Sophomore defenseman Meredith Roth returned to the Friar lineup on Saturday, March 9 against Maine after missing nine games because of an illness. In her return, Roth posted one assist in the Friars' 5-3 win over the Black Bears. Despite missing the nine games, Roth is still 10th on the squad in scoring with seven goals and 10 assists for 17 points. Roth is third on the team with five power-play goals.

MATHIAS JOINS THE CENTURY CLUB... Senior captain Kim Mathias became the 22nd Friar to record 100 or more career points. Mathias reached the century mark as she scored one goal and two assists in a 4-3 loss against Dartmouth on Sunday, February 3 in Hanover, N.H. Mathias has 42 goals and 63 assists for 105 career points. This season, she is fifth on the team with five goals and 22 assists for 27 points. Last season, she posted career highs of 17 goals and 17 assists to finish second on the team in scoring with 34 points.

HALCISAK LEADING FRIAR DEFENSEMEN... Sophomore defenseman Kelli Halcisak leads all Friar blueliners with nine goals and 18 assists. She is tied for third on the team in scoring with 27 points in 30 games. Last season at Ohio State, Halcisak led the Buckeyes with 13 goals and 27 assists. Most recently, Halcisak recorded two assists in PC's 5-3 quarterfinal game against Maine on Saturday, March 9. She also is tied for third on the team with a +15.

USA Today/American Hockey Magazine Women's College Hockey Poll

Rank	Team (Points)	Record
1	Minnesota (129)	28-3-5
2	Niagara (118)	26-6-1
3	Minnesota-Duluth (88)	22-6-4
4	Dartmouth (86)	23-5-2
4	Brown (82)	22-7-2
6	Northeastern (78)	26-6-1
7	St. Lawrence (47)	22-9-4
8	Wisconsin (45)	22-11-2
9	Harvard (27)	18-10-2
10	Mercyhurst (8)	24-8-1

Others receiving votes: New Hampshire (7).
-- As of March 12, 2002

US College Hockey Online (USCHO.com) Women's College Hockey Poll

Rank	Team (Points)	Record
1	Minnesota (120)	28-3-5
2	Niagara (105)	26-6-1
3	Minnesota-Duluth (89)	22-6-4
4	Dartmouth (85)	23-5-2
5	Northeastern (71)	26-6-1
6	Brown (64)	22-7-2
7	Wisconsin (41)	22-11-2
	St. Lawrence (41)	22-9-4
9	Harvard (26)	18-10-2
10	Mercyhurst (12)	24-8-1

Others receiving votes: New Hampshire (6).
-- As of March 11, 2002

ECAC Eastern League Final Standings

Pl.	Team	ECAC	Pts.	Overall
1.	*Niagara	19-2-0	38	25-6-1
2.	Northeastern	15-5-1	31	25-6-1
3.	New Hampshire	11-6-4	26	18-11-4
4.	PROVIDENCE	11-7-3	25	17-13-4
5.	Maine	8-10-3	19	16-14-4
6.	Connecticut	7-12-2	16	11-20-3
7.	Boston College	5-13-3	13	9-18-4
8.	Quinnipiac	0-21-0	0	3-26-2

* Regular Season Champion

FRIARS IN THE ECAC

ECAC Honor Roll

ECAC Division I All-Star Selections

2000-01 Jessica Tabb
 -Second Team
 1999-00 Sara DeCosta, Jr., G
 -Second Team
 1998-99 Sara DeCosta, So., G
 -First Team
 Jessica Tabb, So., F
 -Second Team
 1997-98 Catherine Hanson, Sr., D
 -Second Team
 1996-97 Laurie Baker, So., F
 -First Team
 1995-96 Alana Blahoski, Sr., D
 -First Team
 Laurie Baker, Fr., F
 -First Team
 Karen McCabe, Sr., D
 -Second Team
 1994-95 Stephanie O'Sullivan, Sr., F
 -First Team
 1993-94 Christina Bailey, Sr., D
 -First Team
 Stephanie O'Sullivan, Jr., F
 -First Team
 Vicki Movsessian, Sr., D
 -Second Team
 1992-93 Cammi Granato, Sr., F
 -First Team
 Stephanie O'Sullivan, So., F
 -First Team
 Vicki Movsessian, Jr., D
 -Second Team
 1991-92 Christina Bailey, So., D
 Vicki Movsessian, So., D
 Cammi Granato, Jr., F
 1990-91 Beth Beagan, Jr., F
 Cammi Granato, So., F
 Christina Bailey, Fr., D
 1989-90 Cammi Granato, Fr., F
 Kelly O'Leary, Sr., D
 1988-89 Heather Linstad, Sr., F
 Kelly O'Leary, Jr., D
 1987-88 Lisa Brown, Sr., F
 1985-86 Lisa Brown, So., F
 Sue Mussey, Jr., G
 1984-85 Cindy Curley, Sr., F
 Sheila Guinee, Sr., D

ECAC Division I Player of the Year

1995-96 - Alana Blahoski, Sr., D
 1994-95 - Stephanie O'Sullivan, Sr. F
 1992-93 - Cammi Granato, Sr., F
 1991-92 - Cammi Granato, Jr., F
 1990-91 - Cammi Granato, Fr., F
 1989-90 - Kelly O'Leary, Sr., D
 1988-89 - Heather Linstad, Sr., F
 1987-88 - Lisa Brown, Sr., F

ECAC Rookie of the Year

1997-98 - Jessica Tabb, F
 1995-96 - Laurie Baker, F
 1991-92 - Stephanie O'Sullivan, F
 1990-91 - Christina Bailey, D
 1989-90 - Cammi Granato, F

ECAC All-Rookie Team

2000-01 - Darlene Stephenson

Providence College in the ECAC Tournament

<p>1983-84 PC 4 Princeton 0 PC 1 New Hampshire 0 (ot) CHAMPIONS</p> <p>1984-85 PC 2 Northeastern 1 PC 4 New Hampshire 1 CHAMPIONS</p> <p>1985-86 PC 6 RIT 0 Northeastern 6 PC 2 LOST IN FINALS</p> <p>1986-87 PC 3 St. Lawrence 0 Northeastern 2 PC 1 LOST IN SEMIFINALS</p> <p>1987-88 PC 5 RIT 2 PC 3 New Hampshire 2 Northeastern 5 PC 2 LOST IN FINALS</p> <p>1988-89 PC 5 Dartmouth 2 Northeastern 4 PC 2 LOST IN FINALS</p> <p>1989-90 PC 8 Harvard 3 New Hampshire 5 PC 2 LOST IN FINAL</p> <p>1990-91 PC 4 Dartmouth 6 LOST IN SEMIFINALS</p> <p>1991-92 PC 5 Princeton 2 PC 2 New Hampshire 1 CHAMPIONS</p> <p>1992-93 PC 9 Harvard 1 PC 3 Dartmouth 2 PC 3 New Hampshire 0 CHAMPIONS</p>	<p>1993-94 PC 4 Dartmouth 1 PC 3 New Hampshire 2 PC 5 Northeastern 2 CHAMPIONS</p> <p>1994-95 PC 4 Northeastern 3 PC 3 Princeton 2 (ot) PC 2 New Hampshire 1 (ot) CHAMPIONS</p> <p>1995-96 PC 5 Cornell 2 PC 4 Brown 2 New Hampshire 3 PC 2 (5ot) LOST IN FINALS</p> <p>1996-97 PC 3 Cornell 1 PC 3 New Hampshire 4 (ot) LOST IN SEMIFINALS</p> <p>1997-98 PC 4 Dartmouth 6 LOST IN QUARTERFINALS</p> <p>1998-99 PC 0 Northeastern 3 LOST IN QUARTERFINALS</p> <p>1999-00 PC 0 Dartmouth 1 (2OT) LOST IN QUARTERFINALS</p> <p>2000-01 PC 3 Harvard 4 (OT) LOST IN QUARTERFINALS</p> <p>2001-02 PC 5 Maine 3 PC Niagara</p> <p><i>RECORD: 25-12 (19 Seasons)</i></p>
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LONGEST GAME IN THE HISTORY OF COLLEGE HOCKEY

Durham, N.H. -- On March 10, 1996 the Providence College Friars battled the University of New Hampshire Wildcats in the longest game in the history of men's or women's college hockey. UNH prevailed, 3-2, in a five overtime grudge match capturing the 1996 ECAC Championship. The two teams played a total 145 minutes and 35 seconds of hockey. The second longest game in college hockey history belongs to the Wisconsin and Colorado College men's squads who battled for 129 minutes and 30 seconds on March 8, 1997.