

# 2001-02 PROVIDENCE COLLEGE WOMEN'S HOCKEY

PROVIDENCE COLLEGE (16-11-3, 10-5-2 ECAC E) Vs. UNIV. OF NEW HAMPSHIRE (16-11-3, 9-6-2 ECAC E)



Friday, February 22, 2002 • Schneider Arena • 7:00 p.m.  
 Saturday, February 23, 2002 • Whittemore Center • 7:00 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 *	7:00 p.m.
23	at New Hampshire *	7:00 p.m.

### MARCH

2	at Boston College *	2:00 p.m.
3	BOSTON COLLEGE *	2:00 p.m.
8-10	ECAC Quarterfinals	TBA
15	ECAC Semifinals	TBA
16	ECAC Finals	TBA
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 New Hampshire

**THIS WEEKEND'S GAMES:** PC will play New Hampshire in a home-and-home series beginning on Friday, February 22 at Schneider Arena. The Friars and the Wildcats complete the regular season series on Saturday, February 23 at the Whittemore Center in Durham, N.H.

**NEXT WEEK:** The Friars finish off the regular season with a pair of games against Boston College. PC will face BC at Kelley Rink on Saturday, March 2. The Friars host the Eagles on Sunday, March 3 on Senior Day. It will mark the final regular season home game for Angela Hill, Jennifer Kranz, Kim Mathias, Christa Talbot, Jackie Tamsin and Beth Wolff.

**AGAINST UNH:** Providence and UNH will meet for the 95th and 96th times in the all-time series. The Wildcats lead the Friars in the all-time series, 55-31-8, including a 2-2 tie on January 6. Last season, the Friars and the Wildcats split the season series, 1-1. In the game on January 6, the Friars led, 2-1, with 3:30 remaining in the third period, but Jaime VanMassenhove scored to send the game into overtime. Kim Mathias and Darlene Stephenson scored for the Friars.

**LAST GAME:** The Friars are coming off a 3-1 win against Connecticut on Sunday, February 17 at PC's Schneider Arena. Freshman Rush Zimmerman recorded one goal and one assist while senior Jackie Tamsin recorded the game winner to lift the Friars. The Friars were able to hold off late UConn pressure as junior Jenn Butsch scored an empty-net goal for her team-leading 15th goal of the season. Butsch leads the team in scoring with 28 points.

**SCOUTING UNH:** New Hampshire skated to a 3-3 tie against Boston College on Tuesday, February 19. Chandy Kaip scored two goals, while Janine Goulet added another to give the Wildcats a 3-0 lead after one period. However, Boston College battled back to tie the game and send it to overtime. UNH outshot BC, 43-20. Kira Misikowetz leads the Wildcats in scoring with 10 goals and 25 assists for 35 points, while Stephanie Jones has 16 goals and 11 assists for 27 points.

**CRUCIAL WEEKEND:** The Friars are in third place of the ECAC Eastern League with 22 points, two more points than fourth-place UNH. This weekend's home-and-home series is crucial as both teams battle for home ice advantage for the quarterfinals of the ECAC Eastern League Championship Tournament to be held from March 8-10. The semifinals and the finals will be hosted by the University of Connecticut from March 15-16 at the UConn Ice Arena.

### ECAC Eastern League Standings

Pl.	Team	ECAC	Pts.	Overall
1.	Niagara	16-2-0	32	22-6-1
2.	Northeastern	13-4-0	26	23-5-0
4.	<b>PROVIDENCE</b>	<b>10-5-2</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>16-11-3</b>
3.	<b>New Hampshire</b>	<b>9-6-2</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>16-11-2</b>
5.	Connecticut	7-10-1	15	11-17-2
6.	Maine	6-9-2	14	14-13-3
7.	Boston College	3-11-2	8	7-16-3
8.	Quinnipiac	0-17-0	0	3-22-2

## 2001-02 Providence College Women's Hockey Notes

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

Rank	Team (Points)	Record
1	Minnesota (129)	24-3-5
2	Minnesota-Duluth (113)	18-4-4
3	Niagara (103)	22-6-1
4	Northeastern (93)	23-5-0
5	Dartmouth (77)	18-4-2
6	Brown (66)	17-7-2
7	St. Lawrence (46)	17-8-4
8	Mercyhurst (38)	23-8-1
9	Harvard (31)	14-9-2
10	Ohio State (6)	15-11-4
	Princeton (6)	14-6-2

**Others receiving votes:** Wisconsin (5), PROVIDENCE (2).

-- As of February 19, 2002

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

Rank	Team (Points)	Record
1	Minnesota (120)	24-3-5
2	Minnesota-Duluth (106)	18-4-4
3	Niagara (92)	22-6-1
4	Northeastern (85)	23-5-0
5	Dartmouth (74)	18-4-2
6	Brown (58)	17-7-2
7	St. Lawrence (42)	17-8-4
8	Mercyhurst (31)	23-8-1
9	Harvard (28)	14-9-2
10	Princeton (10)	14-6-3

**Others receiving votes:** Wisconsin (8), Ohio State (7).

-- As of February 18, 2002

on the road, the Friars have a 3-3-1 record. Most recently, the Friars defeated UConn, 4-2 at the UConn Ice Arena. The Friars have an 11-4-2 overall record at home and a 6-2-1 conference home mark. Both of PC's home conference setbacks came against Northeastern on December 2 and February 1.

**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 54-35-5 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 beat eventual national champion Minnesota, 1-0. Deraney 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 Sabris. Halcisak, a defenseman, holds the school's record for career goals scored (164) and total points (288). Last season, Zimmerman led the Sabris in scoring with 39 goals and finished second with 71 points.

**WEEKLY HONORS:** Rush Zimmerman was named ECAC Eastern League Rookie of the Week on Monday, February 18. Zimmerman tallied three goals and two assists as the Friars went 2-1 last week. She scored two goals, including the game winner to lead the Friars to a 4-2 victory over the University of Connecticut on Saturday, February 16. On Sunday, February 17, Zimmerman registered one goal and one assist in the Friars' 3-1 win over UConn. Zimmerman, who has battled through several injuries this season, is the 10th leading PC scorer with seven goals and eight assists for 15 points.

**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). PC's only loss to an unranked team was a 4-3 decision against Ohio State on November 18. The Friars began the 2001-02 season with a pair of losses at then No. 1 Minnesota-Duluth. Most recently, the Friars dropped a 7-3 decision against No. 6/7 and cross town rival Brown on Wednesday, February 13.

**PC ON THE POWER PLAY:** The Friars are 32-154 (.208) on the power play this season. Junior Jenn Butsch leads the team with six power-play goals. Junior Danielle Culgin and sophomore Meredith Roth are second with five power-play goals each. The Friars have scored three power-play goals on three occasions this season. Most recently, PC tallied three goals on the player advantage in a 7-0 win against Quinnipiac on Saturday, February 9. Opponents are 23-128 (.180) on the power play against the Friars.

**FRIARS AWAY FROM SCHNEIDER:** The Friars have posted a 5-7-1 record away from home this season, including a 4-3-1 conference road record. In PC's last seven games

**BUTSCH ON A SCORING STREAK:** Junior assistant captain Jenn Butsch has registered at least one point in the last seven games. Butsch has tallied 12 points (five goals, seven assists) over the seven-game stretch. She leads the Friars in scoring this season with 15 goals and 13 assists, which are both career-highs. In addition, Butsch is tied for the team lead in points with a career-high 25. Butsch has played in three games this season in which she has scored two goals. Most recently, she posted two goals and two assists in a 7-0 victory over Quinnipiac on February 9.

**OUTSHOOTING OPPONENTS:** The Friars have outshot their opponents in 23 of the 30 games played so far this season. For the year, the Friars average just over 31 shots per game, while opponents are averaging 19 shots per game. The Friars have a 1-4-1 record when they are outshot. When PC holds a shot advantage over its opponents, it has an 15-7-2 mark.

**BALANCED FRIAR ATTACK:** The Friars have been led by a balanced offensive attack this season. PC has 11 players who have tallied 10 points or more, including five players who have twenty or more points. Junior assistant captain Jenn Butsch leads the Friars with 15 goals and 13 assists, while sophomore Darlene Stephenson has 13 goals and 14 assists for 27 points. Senior captain Kim Mathias is close behind with 26 points on five goals and 21 assists. Sophomore Kelli Halcisak has nine goals and 14 assists.

**FORMER FRIARS ON THE 2002 OLYMPIC TEAM:** Four former Friars are representing the U.S. in the XIX Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City, Utah. The four players are: Chris Bailey (1994, Marietta, N.Y.), Laurie Baker (1997, Concord, Mass.), Sara DeCosta (2000, Warwick, R.I.) and Cammi Granato (1993, Downers Grove, Ill.). Bailey, Baker, DeCosta and Granato were also members of the 1998 Olympic Team that captured the gold medal in Nagano, Japan. Granato, who is the team captain, holds the distinct honor of being the only woman in the country to have appeared on every U.S. National Team since its inception in 1990. The U.S. kicked off the Olympics with a 10-0 win over Germany on Tuesday, February 12. Baker, Bailey and Granato recorded one goal and one assist each, while DeCosta stopped eight shots to earn the shutout. On Thursday, February 14, the U.S. defeated China, 12-1. Granato led the way with a hat trick, while Baker recorded one goal and one assist. Bailey added one assist. On Feb. 16, the U.S. Team defeated Finland, 5-0. DeCosta made 21 saves to earn her second shutout of this year's Olympic Games. The U.S. advanced to the Gold Medal Game with a 4-0 win over Sweden on Feb. 19. Granato tallied two goals and one assist to lead the Americans.