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PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Danielle Blanchard - Plattsburgh State

Senior, Forward - Newmarket, Ontario/Aurora Panthers

Blanchard had five points on three goals and two assists to help the No. 2-ranked Cardinals go 2-0-1 this week – all on the road. Two of her goals, including one while on the power play, gave Plattsburgh the lead. She passed Lynn Taylor (81 from 2001-05) for second place on the all-time assists list at Plattsburgh with 82.



GOALIE OF THE WEEK

Sandra Grant - Rochester Institute of Technology

Senior - Abbotsford, British Columbia/Pacific Steelers

Grant stopped 60-of-63 shots (.952 save percentage) in leading RIT to back-to-back wins over No. 6 Amherst and No. 3 Middlebury on Saturday and Sunday. Grant made 30 saves in a 4-1 win over Amherst on Saturday. On Sunday, Grant stopped 30 shots, including a tremendous glove save on Middlebury's Grace Waters with 1:55 left in regulation to preserve a 3-2 lead. She was named the game's first star in both contests. Grant is 12-2-2 with a 1.96 goals against average and .922 save percentage this season.



ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Mackenzie Roy - Utica College

Defensemen - Concord, N.H./Cushing Academy

Roy, a freshman defender, netted three points in a 2-0 weekend for UC. She posted one assist in the Pioneers' 4-0 win Friday and added the game-winning goal, her third of the season, in the Pioneers' 3-1 win Saturday. She currently ranks third on the team with 12 points this year on three goals and nine assists.



Honor Roll

Katie Stack - Rochester Institute of Technology

Batavia, N.Y./Rochester Edge

Stack scored two goals and added an assist, as RIT defeated No. 6 Amherst and No. 3 Middlebury this weekend. On Saturday, Stack scored her fourth shorthanded goal of the season, tying her for the national lead. The goal came late in the second period and gave RIT a 3-1 lead. On Sunday, Stack assisted on Sarah Dagg's goal 1:01 in and then scored the empty-net goal on a great individual effort with 50 seconds left. Stack has 11 goals and 16 assists for 27 points this season.

Jodie Galluzzi - Utica College

Sophomore, Forward - Buffalo, N.Y./National Sports Academy

Galluzzi netted four points in a 2-0 week for the Pioneers. She scored one goal and one assist in each game as the Pioneers cruised to two conference victories over visiting Oswego State. Galluzzi has tallied seven points this season, all of them coming in conference play, on three goals and four assists.

Danielle Beattie - Plattsburgh State

Senior, Goalie - Brooklin, Ontario/Aurora Panthers

Beattie went 1-0-1 with a 1.41 goals-against average and made 21 saves. She made 17 saves in a 2-2 tie at Middlebury, which got the equalizer with only 11 seconds left in regulation.

Erica Owczarczak - Rochester Institute of Technology

Freshman, Defensemen - West Seneca, N.Y./Buffalo Jr. Bison

Owczarczak scored the game-opening goal in Saturday's 4-1 win over No. 6 Amherst and assisted on RIT's second goal in a 4-2 win over No. 3 Middlebury on Sunday. Owczarczak, a defenseman, has seven goals and seven assists for 14 points in 21 games.



Buffalo State

Buffalo State plays host to Neumann College on Friday, February 13 and Saturday, February 14.



Oswego State

Oswego plays host to Elmira College on Friday, February 13 and Saturday, February 14.



Chatham University

Chatham enjoyed a week off from competition as they prepare to host Utica for a two game set on February 14 and 15.



Plattsburgh State

The Cardinals had a 2-0-1 week on the road, tying No. 3 Middlebury, 2-2, in overtime and sweeping an ECAC West series in Cortland, 5-1 and 7-0. Stephanie Moberg leads the team in scoring with 15 goals and 26 points. Three-time All-American Danielle Blanchard is right on her heels with 24 points, including a team-best 15 assists. The Cardinals defense has not allowed more than two goals in a game since a 4-3 win at Elmira on February 17, 2008. Plattsburgh travels to Potsdam on Friday for its final road game, then finishes the regular season with a three-game homestand. Saturday's game against Manhattanville (3:30 p.m.) is the featured USCHO.com Division III Women's Game of the Week with Brian Shulz calling the play-by-play. Goaltender Danielle Beattie has a record of 12-3-2 with a 1.18 goals-against average and .937 save percentage. The penalty-kill unit leads the nation with a 93.8 success rate (91 of 97) and the power play is also tops at 27.8 percent (35 of 126).



Cortland State

The Red Dragons dropped a pair of ECAC West games versus nationally second-ranked Plattsburgh last weekend. On Friday, freshman Katie Double made a career-high 50 saves and freshman Ashley Meyer scored her first career goal with assists from sophomore Shannon Hakes and freshman Julia Fleming. On Saturday, senior goalie Melissa Stern made 26 saves before giving way to Double, who stopped 5-of-6 shots. Cortland wraps up the home portion of its schedule this weekend with a pair of games versus RIT. Cortland's four seniors – Heather Crowley, Stern, Kalee Stoever and Maggie Welker – will be honored prior to Saturday's contest.



SUNY Potsdam

Potsdam hosts Plattsburgh on Friday, February 13.



Rochester Institute of Tech.

RIT moved to 17-2-2 after defeating No. 6 Amherst 4-1 and No. 3 Middlebury 4-2 in back-to-back games on Saturday and Sunday at Ritter Arena. RIT is now 3-2-1 against nationally-ranked teams this season. The Tigers have the second most wins (17) and second best winning percentage (.857) behind #1 Gustavus Adolphus. Senior goaltender Sandra Grant moved into fourth place all-time at RIT with 27 wins. She is tied for third in the nation with 12 wins. RIT is the highest scoring team in the nation, averaging 4.71 goals per game. Sophomore Katie Stack (Batavia) has four shorthanded goals tying her for the national lead. RIT has 10 shorthanded goals, most in the nation and two shy of its team record of 12, set last season. Sophomore forward Kylie Mazzetta has four-game winning goals, tied for seventh nationally. Senior Keltie Jones is tied for second in the nation with 21 assists, while sophomore Sarah Dagg is fourth nationally with 33 points (15-18-33). RIT's power-play is sixth in the nation.



Elmira College

In their only game of the week, the Soaring Eagles had an impressive showing downing the ECAC East's top team Manhattanville by a score of 3-2. EC was led by their veteran leadership as two of their three goals were notched by seniors, Kayla Coady and Natasha Yeates. Scoring the game winner was junior forward Melanie Henshaw. Coady leads all scorers on the Elmira squad with 13 goals and 23 assists for 36 total points. Currently the Soaring Eagles sit at 4th in the Nation and at 1st in the ECAC West. Senior goalie Allison Cubberley had 21 saves in the win against Manhattanville. The Soaring Eagles will hit the road for three contests against ECAC West opponent SUNY Oswego and non-conference foe Amherst.



Neumann College

Neumann won two league games at Potsdam State over the weekend, 5-2 and 3-2 in overtime. The Knights return to action this weekend at Buffalo State.



Utica College

The Utica College women's hockey team swept Oswego this weekend and secured fifth place in the ECAC Women's West Conference. The Pioneers improved to 10-8-2 overall and will host local rival Hamilton College Tuesday night at 7 p.m. Live video and stats for the contest will be available at www.ucpioneers.com. Darcy Hier totaled three assists this past weekend, while team-leading scorer Lynny Gonzales added one goal and one assist. Senior assistant captain Samantha Rowan currently ranks second on the team in scoring with 16 points on nine goals and seven assists.



ECAC Women's West League Standings

	ECAC West					Overall					
	Pts.	GP	Record	Win%	GF	GA	GP	Record	Win%	GF	GA
1. Elmira	25	14	12- 1- 1	.893	62	16	20	16- 3- 1	.825	94	27
2. Plattsburgh	24	15	12- 3- 0	.800	70	13	21	16- 3- 2	.810	87	21
3. RIT	23	14	11- 2- 1	.821	63	24	21	17-2- 2	.857	99	40
4. Neumann	16	14	8- 6- 0	.571	34	37	21	11- 10- 0	.524	70	68
5. Utica	15	15	7- 7- 1	.500	34	31	21	11- 8- 2	.571	56	41
6. Oswego	11	14	5- 8- 1	.393	21	38	20	8 -11- 1	.425	36	52
7. Buffalo State	8	14	2- 8- 4	.286	24	45	20	2- 14- 4	.200	29	72
Chatham	8	14	4- 10- 0	.286	24	65	20	4- 15- 1	.225	28	81
Potsdam	8	16	3- 11- 2	.250	26	57	19	4- 13- 2	.263	31	65
10. Cortland	6	14	2- 10- 2	.214	12	44	21	3- 15- 3	.214	22	66

LAST WEEK

Wednesday, February 4:

Plattsburgh 2, Middlebury 2, (OT)

Friday, February 6:

Plattsburgh 5, Cortland 1

Utica 4, Oswego 0

Elmira 3, Manhattanville 2

Saturday, February 7:

RIT 4, Amherst 1

Neumann 5, Potsdam 2

Plattsburgh 7, Cortland 0

Middlebury 5, Buffalo State 1

Utica 3, Oswego 1

Sunday, February 8:

Amherst 6, Buffalo State 2

RIT 4, Middlebury 2

Neumann 3, Potsdam 2 (OT)

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, February 10:

Hamilton at Utica, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, February 13:

Elmira at Oswego, 7:00 p.m.

RIT at Cortland, 7:00 p.m.

Plattsburgh at Potsdam, 7:00 p.m.

Neumann at Buffalo State, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 14:

Elmira at Oswego, 3:00 p.m.

RIT at Cortland, 3:00 p.m.

Manhattanville at Plattsburgh, 3:30 p.m.

Neumann at Buffalo State, 4:00 p.m.

Utica at Chatham, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 15:

Utica at Chatham, 2:00 p.m.

USCHO'S WEEKLY POLL (First Place Votes)

Team	Record	Pts	Last Poll
1 Gustavus Adolphus(12)	16-1-3	144	1
2 Plattsburgh (1)	16-3-2	123	2
2 RIT (1)	17-2-2	123	5
4 Elmira (1)	16-3-1	108	4
5 Middlebury	12-2-4	94	3
6 St. Thomas	15-3-1	67	7
7 Amherst	14-4-0	63	6
8 Wis.-River Falls	13-5-2	46	8
9 Adrian	15-5-1	23	9
10 Wis.-Stevens Point	11-4-5	21	9

Others Receiving Votes: Wis.-Superior 10, Trinity 2, Neumann 1