



ECAC Women's West Weekly Release

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PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Amanda Klassen - Rochester Institute of Technology
Sophomore, Forward - Winnipeg, Manitoba/Warner Warriors
 Klassen had three goals and three assists over the weekend. She recorded her third collegiate hat-trick and added two assists and was plus-6 in Saturday's 11-3 win over Sacred Heart. She added an assist in Friday's 4-4 tie. Klassen now has seven goals and 10 assists for 17 points this season.



GOALIE OF THE WEEK

Jill Doherty - Utica College
Junior, Wellesley, Mass./Kents Hill School
 Doherty stopped 38 shots and allowed just one goal in two victories over Wesleyan University this weekend. She recorded 21 saves in the Pioneers' 5-1 win Saturday and added 17 stops in a 3-0 shutout victory on Sunday. The 5'10" junior has a career record of 18-7 with seven total shutouts in 25 games. She currently ranks second in the nation with a .66 GAA in 364:29 minutes of action this season and boasts a 5-1 overall record.



ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Ali Hills - Rochester Institute of Technology
Forward - Honeoye Falls, N.Y./Berkshire School
 Hills recorded three goals and added an assist in a 1-0-1 week for RIT. On Friday, Hills scored a goal and added an assist in a 4-4 tie against Sacred Heart. The following afternoon, Hills scored two more goals in an 11-3 win over Sacred Heart. Hills has eight goals and five assists for 13 points this season.



Honor Roll

Samantha Rowan - Utica College
Senior, Forward - Trenton, Mich./Belle Tire, Mich.
 Rowan netted four goals and added one assist in a 2-0 weekend for the Pioneers. She tallied three goals and chipped in one helper in the Pioneers' 5-1 victory over Wesleyan University Saturday night. The senior captain added one goal in the Pioneers 3-0 win over Wesleyan on Sunday. She leads the team with six goals this season. She ranks second on the squad with 12 total points

Kathryn Walker - Elmira College
Freshman, Defensemen - Edmonds, Wash./Colorado Selects
 Walked notched her second goal of the year to give Elmira the early lead in the first period of the Middlebury game.

Breanne Mercanti - Chatham University
Freshman, Forward - Hamilton, Ontario/Etobicoke Junior Dolphins
 Mercanti scored her first collegiate goal in a 2-1 loss to Saint Michael's College.



Buffalo State

Buffalo State returns to the ice on January 13 when they host Hamilton College at 7:00 p.m.



Chatham University

Chatham dropped two games, each by a single goal, in its first two games of 2009. The Cougars traveled to Saint Michael's College and fell to the home team by a score of 2-1. Chatham jumped out to a 1-0 lead on a goal by first-year Breanne Mercanti in the second period. Saint Michael's got a tying goal with less than four minutes remaining in the game and then completed the comeback by scoring the winning goal with 7.1 seconds remaining in the game. In the second game of the weekend, Chatham lost to Nichols 1-0 despite outshooting Nichols 32-20. Chatham travels to RIT for a two game set beginning Friday,



Cortland State

The Red Dragons concluded the first half of their season with a 5-3 win at Castleton on Saturday. Junior Erin Farmer collected two goals and an assist, junior Nicole Ruddy scored a pair of power-play goals and senior Maggie Welker added a career-best three assists. Senior goalie Melissa Stern made 18 saves to earn the win. Cortland returns to action with a pair of road games at Southern Maine on January 9 and New England College on January 10.



Elmira College

In their only game of the week the No. 3 Soaring Eagles faced off against No. 4 Middlebury College. In the 5-4 overtime loss the Soaring Eagles would be led by Captains Kayla Coady and Jenna McCall who both recorded one goal and one assist in the loss.



Neumann College

Neumann gets back to the ice since December 6, at the Codfish Bowl in Boston, Mass. January 5 and 6 hosted by UMass Boston. The Knights will face Trinity on the 5th.



Oswego State

Oswego returns to action Monday, January 5 and January 6 playing in the Codfish Bowl in Boston, Mass. On January 11, they host Robert Morris (IL) at 1:00 p.m.



Plattsburgh State

Idle since December 6, the Cardinals resume play this weekend at Elmira for a two-game ECAC West series. Plattsburgh owns a six-game unbeaten streak (5-0-1) since suffering its only loss of the season to Utica at home on November 8. Stephaine Moberg leads the team in scoring with eight goal and fourteen points. Reigning Division III Player of the Year Danielle Blanchard is the top play maker with seven assists. Goalie Danielle Beattie is 6-1-1 with a miniscule 0.91 GAA and .942 save percentage. The Cardinals have outscored opponents 40-8 in nine games this season. At 7-1-1 and ranked No. 2 in the country, Plattsburgh could return to the No. 1 spot in the USCHO.com poll after top-ranked Amherst lost back-to-back games last weekend. Plattsburgh leads the nation in penalty killin at 97.4 percent.



SUNY Potsdam

Potsdam is off until January 9 and 10 when they host Robert Morris for two games.



Rochester Institute of Tech.

RIT extended its unbeaten streak to nine games after a win and tie at Division I Sacred Heart to kick off 2009. RIT scored a season-high 11 goals in Saturday's 11-3 win. The 11 goals are the most scored in a game by the Tigers since tallying 13 at Saint Michael's on Jan. 27, 2007. The Tigers tallied two more shorthanded goals on Saturday, giving them eight in 2008-09, by far the most in Division III. Sophomore Amanda Klassen recorded her third career hat-tick on Saturday. Freshman Ali Hills scored three goals and added an assist over the weekend. Hills is third among all rookies nationally with 13 points. Sophomore defenseman Traci Galbraith recorded three points and was plus 6 on Saturday. Galbraith leads the nation in scoring by a defenseman with 13 points. Keltie Jones and Sarah Dagg are each tied for seonc nationally with 20 points. Jones leads the nation with 14 points. Kylie Mazzetta is second nationally with three game-winning goals. RIT is the second highest scoring team in all of Division III, averaging 5.38 goals per contest. The Tigers have nine players with at least 10 points.



Utica College

The Utica College women's hockey team has now won four consecutive games after defeating visiting Wesleyan College in a two game set this past weekend. The Pioneers outscored the Cardinals 8-1 over the two game span and they are now 6-1 all-time against Wesleyan. UC defeated the Cardinals 5-1 behind a hat-trick from senior Samantha Rowan, before knocking off Wesleyan 3-1 on Sunday. Sophomore forward Lynny Gonzales currently leads the team with 13 points on four goals and nine assists in eleven games. Utica returns to the ice on January 10 when they travel to Trinity College. The puck is scheduled to drop at 7:00 p.m.



ECAC Women's West League Standings

	ECAC West				Overall						
	Pts.	GP	Record	Win%	GF	GA	GP	Record	Win%	GF	GA
1. RIT	13	8	6-1-1	.812	42	15	13	10-1-2	.846	70	28
2. Plattsburgh	12	7	6-1-0	.857	34	4	9	7-1-1	.833	40	8
3. Elmira	11	6	5-0-1	.917	27	7	11	8-2-1	.773	56	16
4. Neumann	8	8	4-4-0	.500	15	25	10	5-5-0	.500	30	31
5. Utica	7	7	3-3-1	.500	15	10	11	7-3-1	.682	31	12
6. Buffalo State	6	8	1-3-4	.375	13	16	11	1-6-4	.273	15	28
7. Oswego	5	8	2-5-1	.312	10	26	10	4-5-1	.450	16	28
8. Cortland	4	6	1-3-2	.333	8	17	11	2-7-2	.273	16	33
Potsdam	4	8	1-5-2	.250	9	30	10	2-6-2	.300	14	34
10. Chatham	2	6	1-5-0	.167	6	29	12	1-10-1	.125	10	45

LAST WEEK

Friday, January 2:

Saint Michael's 2, Chatham 1*
 RIT 4, Sacred Heart 4 (OT)
 *Saint Michael's Holiday Tournament (Burlington, Vt.)

Saturday, January 3:

RIT 11, Sacred Heart 3
 Nichols 1, Chatham 0*
 Utica 5, Wesleyan 1
 Middlebury 5, Elmira 4 (OT)
 *Saint Michael's Holiday Tournament (Burlington, Vt.)

Sunday, January 4:

Utica 3, Wesleyan 0

THIS WEEK

Monday, January 5:

Neumann vs. Trinity, 2:00 p.m.*
 Oswego at UMass Boston, 5:00 p.m.*
 *Codfish Bowl (Boston, Mass.)

Tuesday, January 6:

Oswego/UMass Boston vs. Neumann, 2:00/5:00 p.m.
 Neumann/Trinity vs. Oswego, 2:00/5:00 p.m.
 *Codfish Bowl (Boston, Mass.)

Friday, January 10:

Sacred Heart at Neumann, 7:00 p.m.
 Cortland at Southern Maine, 7:00 p.m.
 Robert Morris (IL) at Potsdam, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 11:

Robert Morris (IL) at Oswego, 1:00 p.m.
 Chatham at RIT, 2:00 p.m.
 Plattsburgh at Elmira, 2:00 p.m.
 Utica at Trinity, 2:00 p.m.

USCHO'S WEEKLY POLL (First Place Votes)

Team	Record	Pts	Last Poll
Plattsburgh (12)	7-1-1	142	2
Gustavus Adolphus (3)	7-1-1	127	6
Middlebury	5-1-2	115	4
Amherst	6-2-0	93	1
Elmira	8-2-1	86	3
RIT	10-1-2	72	5
Wis.-River Falls	8-1-1	63	7
Wis.-Stevens Point	5-1-2	41	8
St. Thomas	9-2-0	39	NR
Wis.-Superior	7-3-1	36	9

Others Receiving Votes: Neumann 5, Trinity 2, Utica 2, Bethel 1, Manhattanville 1