

Are you disappointed there will be no Colts rematch Sunday?

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PC hoops chat

Kevin McNamara takes your questions about Friars basketball today at noon. Send in your questions at projosports.com/chat

Brady's bunch

Tom Brady led the NFL in the following statistical categories in 2007:

Completion percentage	68.8
Yards	4,806
Touchdowns	50
QB rating	117.2

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He Stands Alone



Peyton Manning is just the best of the rest



Numbers and performances prove Brady is No. 1

Move over Peyton. Brady's the man now. The debate's over.

BILL REYNOLDS

Simplistic? No doubt. Also true. And it's more than the fact that Tom Brady broke Peyton Manning's record for the most touchdowns thrown in a regular season this year, or that he's been named the MVP. It's that he's become the better quarter-

back. In the high-rent district where NFL quarterbacks live, in a world where the national perception has been that Manning is No. 1 and Brady is 1A, Brady now lives in the penthouse all by himself. Last weekend was simply the exclamation point. Saturday night we had Brady going 26-for-28, one of those two misses being a Wes Welker drop. Can you play quarterback any better than Brady did Saturday

night? How can you? He is so good that we've come to expect it. Somehow, some way, he is going to find a way to win, right? Saturday night was just the latest in a long list.

Sunday afternoon we had Manning, his Colts trailing by four in the closing minutes. We had Manning and the Colts with two opportunities to save their season and

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Peyton vs. Tom in the playoffs

The postseason statistics of Peyton Manning and Tom Brady are very similar, with three exceptions — Manning has more passing yards and more interceptions, and Brady has (far) more wins.

	CMP.	ATT.	YDS.	TD	INT.	P.C.	RATE	W/L
Peyton Manning	323	523	3,897	21	17	61.8	84.4	7-7
Tom Brady	321	514	3,479	23	9	62.5	89.9	13-2

Your turn:

What makes Tom Brady great? To respond, go to projosports.com/patriots

THE PROVIDENCE JOURNAL / GRETCHEN ERTL (INSET) AP / JEFF ROBERSON

Friars will be trying to continue an unusual road 'tradition' against UConn

In what can be described as a fluke, PC and the Huskies have no trouble winning on each other's homecourt.

BY KEVIN McNAMARA
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PROVIDENCE — As a rule, it is painfully difficult to win road games in the Big East. Except when Providence College plays the University of Connecticut, that is.

Going on the road is the devilish part of college basketball, the test that sepa-

rates the average teams from the good ones. It's also the fork in the road that ultimately forces teams to follow a path toward disaster, the NIT or the Holy Land otherwise known as the NCAA Tournament.

This season, road teams are 7-22 in the Big East. A year ago, they won just 34 percent of the time. 5Whether it's a trip to Georgetown or Cincinnati, Notre Dame or DePaul, coming away with a win is difficult.

Yet, in what can only be described as a bizarre fluke, the Friars and Huskies don't seem to have a problem winning on

each other's homecourt. For the last six seasons, the road team has won when PC and UConn renew a rivalry that stretches from 1928. PC has won on UConn's campus in Storrs and at the Hartford Civic Center. The Friars beat UConn when it was ranked fourth in the country and headed to the 2004 national championship with Emeka Okafor, Ben Gordon and a bench full of future NBA draft picks. The upset sparked the infamous

Big East Road Woes

	W	L	P.C.
Teams in 07-08	7	22	.241
Teams in 06-07	44	84	.343
PC Under Tim Welsh	28	44	.388

Jim Calhoun outburst over why he hadn't recruited PC star Ryan Gomes. A year ago, both teams were conference champs — also-rans when PC's Herbert Hill and Sharaud Curry helped wiped out an 11-point half-time deficit and pull away for an 84-72 win in Hartford.

UConn has waltzed into the Dunkin' Donuts Center and beaten the Friars plenty of times, with droves of their fans in tow. But the games are always com-

pellent. The Huskies beat the Friars handily in 2006, but survived a double-overtime classic to get the job done in '05. The latest installment of the series tips off Thursday in Hartford. Is it PC's turn to keep the six-year pattern alive or is UConn ready to restore some normalcy and protect its home court? "It's UConn. We'll be ready," Friars forward Geoff McDermott said. "We've won two in a row and we want to keep it going."

The two Big East wins Providence

SEE FRIARS, C3