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Friendship Four to Be Carried Live Across North America

NESN, TSN to Air Fifth Annual Tournament from Belfast, Northern Ireland

WAKEFIELD, Mass. – The Friendship Four Hockey Tournament will receive live coverage on a number of platforms across North America in the tournament's fifth annual return to the SSE Arena in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Fans across North America can watch Friday's games on a number of platforms, including NESN in New England and on TSN in Canada.

The semifinals will take place at 10am ET and 2pm ET on Friday, November 29. Northeastern and New Hampshire will play the early game, while Princeton and Colgate take the ice for the second contest of the day. Both competitions will be formal regular-season match ups in Hockey East and ECAC Hockey play.

The annual ice hockey tournament, which consists of a four-game competition, will see top student athletes from Northeastern University, The University of New Hampshire, Colgate University and Princeton University, all compete for the prestigious Belpot trophy. The tournament presents a unique opportunity for local ice hockey fans to watch the only National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) hockey tournament that takes place outside of the United States.

Over 20,000 spectators are expected to head to the SSE Arena to watch the action unfold during America's culturally significant Thanksgiving holiday on Friday, November 29 and Saturday, November 30.

"This event is second only to our conference championships on our annual calendar," **Joe Bertagna**, Commissioner of Hockey East said. "I know I speak for ECAC Hockey Commissioner **Steve Hagwell** as well when I say that nothing in our professional careers is as rewarding as our continued participation in the Friendship Four week."

The Friendship Four Tournament began in 2015 in support of the Boston/Belfast sister cities agreement which was designed to foster stronger economic development, trade and investment, tourism, cultural exchange and educational linkages between the two cities.

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