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HOCKEY EAST ANNOUNCES 2012-2013 MEN'S COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

BOSTON - Hockey East Commissioner Joe Bertagna announced the 2012-2013 men's composite schedule for the league's upcoming 29th season of play on Tuesday afternoon at the conference annual media day at TD Garden. The schedule features a 27-game league slate for each of the 10 member schools in addition to several highlighted nonconference matchups during the season.

The 2012-13 Hockey East season officially opens on Saturday, October 6th as Maine hosts Quinnipiac at Alfond Arena and Merrimack College travels to ECAC foe Union that same night, to go along with seven exhibition games spread over the two-day weekend.

Northeastern will entertain Merrimack in the league opener on Wednesday, October 10 at Matthews Arena, while UMass-Lowell opens with Vermont on Friday, October 12 at the Tsongas Center. Massachusetts will host Connecticut at the Mullins Center, while New Hampshire will skate with WCHA opponent St. Cloud State at the Whittemore Center and Providence faces off with Sacred Heart at Schneider Arena on Friday night as well. Maine will square off with CCHA foe Notre Dame in the opening round of the IceBreaker Tournament at the Sprint Center in Kansas City, Mo. on Friday. Boston University and Boston College are the last league teams to open the season officially, with league games on Saturday, October 13 with the Eagles traveling to Northeastern and the Terriers hosting Providence College at Agganis Arena.

The regular-season schedule will determine the eight teams that qualify for the Hockey East Championship Tournament, which begins with the best-of-three quarterfinal round on the campuses of the four high seeds on the weekend of March 15-17, 2013. The four quarterfinal winners will be reseeded and advance to the TD Garden in Boston for the semifinals and Championship Game on Friday, March 22 (5/8 p.m.) and Saturday, March 23 (7 p.m.). Tickets for the Hockey East Championship at the TD Garden will go on sale in early December and can be purchased by calling 800-745-3000 or visiting their website at www.ticketmaster.com.

The Hockey East Association is a 10-team Division I college men's hockey conference founded in 1984 and an eight-team Division I women's league which began play in 2002-03. The men's league has won eight NCAA championships in the past 20 years. Since 1999, Hockey East has won six NCAA Championships and have placed 20 teams in the Frozen Four, along with 53 teams in the NCAA Tournament.

2012-2013 Hockey East Men's Composite Schedule * denotes Hockey East game - All times Eastern (EST) and 7pm unless noted – Updated 9/24/12

OCTOBER

Saturday, October 6 Quinnipiac at Maine Merrimack at Union New Brunswick at Boston College (Exh) Toronto at UMass-Lowell (Exh, 4pm) St. Francis Xavier at New Hampshire (Exh) Concordia at Vermont (Exh)

Sunday, October 7 University of Toronto at Boston U. (Exh, 1pm) New Brunswick at Maine (Exh, 4pm) St. Francis Xavier at Northeastern (Exh, 2pm)

Wednesday, October 10 Merrimack at Northeastern *

Friday, October 12 Vermont at UMass-Lowell * Connecticut at Massachusetts (CBS3) St. Cloud State at New Hampshire (7:30) Sacred Heart at Providence Ice Breaker Tournament (at the Sprint Center) Maine vs. Notre Dame

Saturday, October 13 Providence at Boston University * Boston College at Northeastern * St. Cloud State at New Hampshire Ice Breaker Tournament (at the Sprint Center, Kansas City, Mo.) Maine vs. Army/Nebraska-Omaha

Friday, October 19
Boston College at Massachusetts *
St. Lawrence at Maine
UMass-Lowell at Denver (9:30pm)
Providence at Miami (7:35)
Merrimack at Alaska
(12am, Alaska Tournament , Fairbanks, Alaska)

Saturday, October 20 Northeastern at Boston College * Boston University at New Hampshire * St. Lawrence at Maine UMass-Lowell at Colorado College (9pm) Providence at Miami Merrimack vs. Alaska-Anchorage (8pm, Alaska Tournament, Fairbanks, Alaska)

Friday, October 26
Massachusetts at Boston University * (7:30pm)
Boston College at UMass-Lowell *
Vermont at Merrimack * (7:30pm)
Northeastern at New Hampshire * (7:30)
Maine at Providence * (COX)

Saturday, October 27 Boston University at Massachusetts * (CBS3) Vermont at Merrimack * New Hampshire at Northeastern * (WBIN-TV) Maine at Providence * (COX)

Sunday, October 28 UMass-Lowell at Boston College * (4pm)

NOVEMBER

Friday, November 2
Boston College at Maine *
New Hampshire at Massachusetts *
Merrimack at Northeastern *
Providence at Vermont *
Boston University at North Dakota (8:30pm)

Saturday, November 3 Northeastern at Merrimack * Providence at Vermont * Boston University at North Dakota (8pm)

Sunday, November 4 Massachusetts at Boston College * (4pm) New Hampshire at Maine * (4pm)

Friday, November 9
Providence at Massachusetts *
Maine at UMass-Lowell *
Boston University at Merrimack * (7:30pm, (WBIN-TV)
Notre Dame at Boston College

Saturday, November 10 Maine at UMass-Lowell * Vermont at New Hampshire * Connecticut at Merrimack Alabama-Huntsville at Northeastern

Sunday, November 11 Boston College at Boston University * (5pm) Alabama-Huntsville at Northeastern

Friday, November 16
Merrimack at Boston College *
Massachusetts at Maine *
New Hampshire at UMass-Lowell *
Northeastern at Providence * (COX)
Boston University at Vermont *

Sunday, November 18 New Hampshire at Boston University * (5pm) UMass-Lowell at Massachusetts * (CBS3) Northeastern at Vermont *

Tuesday, November 20 Vermont at Massachusetts * (CBS3) Quinnipiac at Providence

Friday, November 23 Colgate at Merrimack (4pm, WBIN-TV) St. Lawrence at Northeastern Minnesota at Vermont New Hampshire at Colorado College (9:30pm)

Saturday, November 24
Dartmouth at Boston College (4pm)
St. Lawrence at Boston University
Quinnipiac at Massachusetts
Princeton at UMass-Lowell (4pm)
Providence at Brown (4pm, Mayor's Cup)
Minnesota at Vermont
New Hampshire at Denver (9pm)

Friday, November 30 Boston College at Boston University * (7:30pm, NBCSN) Vermont at Maine * (8pm, CBSSN) Northeastern at Massachusetts * (CBS3) Providence at Merrimack * (7:30pm) UMass-Lowell at New Hampshire * (7:30)

DECEMBER

Saturday, December 1
Boston University at Boston College *
(7:30pm, NBCSN)
Vermont at Maine *
New Hampshire at UMass-Lowell *
Massachusetts at Northeastern * (WBIN-TV)
Merrimack at Providence *

Wednesday, December 5 Vermont at Dartmouth

Thursday, December 6 Boston University at New Hampshire *

Friday, December 7 Boston College at Providence * (COX) Colgate at Massachusetts (CBS3) Harvard at Merrimack (7:30pm, WBIN-TV)

Saturday, December 8 Maine at Boston University * (CBSSN) Northeastern at UMass-Lowell * Colgate at Massachusetts (CBS3) U.S. Under-18 Team at Merrimack (Exh, 4pm)

Sunday, December 9 U.S. Under-18 Team at New Hampshire (Exh, 4pm)

Monday, December 10 UMass-Lowell at Harvard

Tuesday, December 11 Army at Merrimack Massachusetts at Yale (TBA)

Saturday, December 15 Vermont at St. Lawrence

Thursday, December 20 Vermont at Providence * (COX)

Friday, December 28 Florida College Classic (at Germain Arena, Estero, Fla.) Maine vs. Minnesota-Duluth (TBA)

Saturday, December 29
Boston College vs. Alabama-Huntsville, TBA, at Mariucci Classic, Minneapolis, Minn.)
Northeastern at Harvard
Boston University at Denver
(9pm, Hall of Fame Game)
Florida College Classic (at Germain Arena, Estero, Fla.)
Maine vs. Cornell/Ferris State (TBA)
Merrimack vs. Princeton (4pm, Catamount Cup, Burlington, Vt.)
Vermont vs. Union (7pm, Catamount Cup, Burlington, Vt.)

Sunday, December 30
Boston College at Minnesota, TBA, at Mariucci Classic, Minneapolis, Minn.)
Massachusetts vs. Bemidji State (3pmat Dartmouth Tournament, Hanover, N.H.)
New Hampshire at Dartmouth (7pm at Dartmouth Tournament, Hanover, N.H.)
Merrimack vs. Union (4pm, Catamount Cup, Burlington, Vt.)
Vermont vs. Princeton (7pm, Catamount Cup, Burlington, Vt.)
Bentley at UMass-Lowell (4pm)

Monday, December 31 New Hampshire vs. Bemidji State/Massachusetts (4/7pm, at Dartmouth Tournament, Hanover, N.H.) Massachusetts vs. Dartmouth/UNH (4/7pm at Dartmouth Tournament, Hanover, N.H.) **JANUARY**

Friday, January 4
Yale at Boston College
Rensselaer at Boston University (7:30pm)
Mercyhurst at Maine (at Cumberland County
Civic Center, Portland, Maine)
UMass-Lowell at Clarkson
Providence at Minnesota State (8:30pm)

Saturday, January 5
Merrimack at Vermont * (7:30pm, CBSSN)
Mercyhurst at Maine
Rensselaer at New Hampshire
Bentley at Northeastern
UMass-Lowell at Clarkson
Providence at Minnesota State (8pm)

Wednesday, January 9 Harvard at Boston University

Friday, January 11 New Hampshire at Boston College * (NESN) Boston University at Merrimack * (7:30pm) Maine at Northeastern * Massachusetts at Providence * UMass-Lowell at Vermont *

Saturday, January 12 Providence at Massachusetts * (CBS3) Maine at Merrimack * Boston College at New Hampshire * UMass-Lowell at Vermont *

Thursday, January 17 Providence at UMass-Lowell *

Friday, January 18
Massachusetts at Boston College *
Northeastern at Boston University * (NESN)
Merrimack at Maine *

Saturday, January 19 UMass-Lowell at Boston University * Merrimack at Maine * Boston College at Northeastern * (WBIN-TV) Providence at New Hampshire * Vermont vs. Penn State (TBA, at the Wells Fargo Center, Philadelphia, Pa.)

Friday, January 25
Maine at Boston College * (NESN)
New Hampshire at Merrimack * (7:30pm)
UMass-Lowell at Northeastern *
Boston University at Providence *
Massachusetts at Vermont *

Saturday, January 26
Maine at Boston College *
Providence at Boston University * (NESN)
Northeastern at UMass-Lowell *
Merrimack at New Hampshire * (5pm, at
Verizon Wireless Arena, Manchester, N.H.)
Massachusetts at Vermont *

FEBRUARY

Friday, February 1 Vermont at Boston College * Providence at Maine * Boston University at Massachusetts * UMass-Lowell at Merrimack * (NESN) New Hampshire at Northeastern *

Saturday, February 2 Merrimack at New Hampshire * Sunday, February 3 UMass-Lowell at Maine * (2pm)

Monday, February 4 61st annual Beanpot Tournament (at TD Garden, Boston, Mass.) Boston University vs. Northeastern (5pm) Boston College vs. Harvard (8pm)

Friday, February 8 UMass-Lowell at Boston College * Merrimack at Boston University * (7:30pm) Northeastern at Massachusetts * New Hampshire at Providence * (COX)

Saturday, February 9 Massachusetts at Merrimack * (NESN) Maine at Vermont *

Sunday, February 10 Providence at New Hampshire * (4pm, CBSSN)

Monday, February 11 61st annual Beanpot Tournament (at TD Garden, Boston, Mass.) Consolation Game (4:30pm) Championship Game (7:30pm)

Friday, February 15 Boston University at Maine * (7:30pm, NBCSN) UMass-Lowell at Massachusetts * Boston College at Merrimack * (7:30pm) Vermont at Northeastern *

Saturday, February 16 Boston University at Maine * (NESN) Massachusetts at UMass-Lowell * Vermont at Northeastern *

Sunday, February 17 New Hampshire at Boston College * (4pm) Merrimack at Providence * (4pm, COX)

Friday, February 22 UMass-Lowell at Boston University * (7:30pm) Maine at Massachusetts * Northeastern at Providence * New Hampshire at Vermont * (NESN)

Saturday, February 23 Boston University at UMass-Lowell * Maine at Massachusetts * (CBS3) Providence at Northeastern * New Hampshire at Vermont * (4pm, CBSSN)

Sunday, February 24 Boston College at Merrimack * (4pm, CBSSN)

MARCH

Friday, March 1 Vermont at Boston University * (7:30pm) Northeastern at Maine * Merrimack at UMass-Lowell * Massachusetts at New Hampshire * (7:30) Boston College at Providence * (COX)

Saturday, March 2 Providence at Boston College * Vermont at Boston University * Northeastern at Maine * Massachusetts at New Hampshire * Sunday, March 3 UMass-Lowell at Merrimack * (4pm, CBSSN)

Friday, March 8
Providence at UMass-Lowell *
Massachusetts at Merrimack * (7:30pm, WBIN-TV)
Maine at New Hampshire * (7:30pm, NBCSN)
Boston University at Northeastern * (7:30pm, CBSSN)
Boston College at Vermont *

Saturday, March 9 Northeastern at Boston University * Merrimack at Massachusetts * (CBS3) Maine at New Hampshire * UMass-Lowell at Providence * Boston College at Vermont *

HOCKEY EAST TOURNAMENT

Friday, March 15 Hockey East Quarterfinals Game #1 (campus site of higher seed, NBCSN)

Saturday, March 16 Hockey East Quarterfinals Game #2 (campus site of higher seed, NESN)

Sunday, March 17 Hockey East Quarterfinals Game #3 (campus site of higher seed, NESN)

Friday, March 22 Hockey East Semifinals (5/8pm, at TD Garden, Boston, Mass., NESN, NBCSN)

Saturday, March 23 Hockey East Championship Game (7pm, at TD Garden, Boston, Mass., NESN, NBCSN)

NCAA TOURNAMENT

Friday, March 29 Northeast Regional Semifinals (at Verizon Wireless Arena, Manchester, N.H.) West Regional Semifinals (at Van Andel Arena, Grand Rapids, Mich.)

Saturday, March 30 Northeast Regional Final (at Verizon Wireless Arena, Manchester, N.H.) West Regional Final (at Van Andel Arena, Grand Rapids, Mich.) East Regional Semifinals (at Dunkin Donuts Center, Providence, R.I.) Midwest Regional Semifinals (at the Huntington Center, Toledo, Ohio)

Sunday, March 31 East Regional Final (at Dunkin Donuts Center, Providence, R.I.) Midwest Regional Final (at the Huntington Center, Toledo, Ohio)

FROZEN FOUR

Thursday, April 11 NCAA Semifinals (at Consol Energy Center, Pittsburgh, Pa., 4:30/8pm, ESPN2)

Saturday, April 13 NCAA Championship Game (at Consol Energy Center, Pittsburgh, Pa., 7pm, ESPN)