



# **PRESS RELEASE**

PETER SOURIS  
Assistant Commissioner  
for Public Relations  
Hockey East Association  
591 North Ave – #2  
Wakefield, MA 01880  
Office: (781) 245-2122  
Cell: (603) 512-1166  
psouris@HockeyEastOnline.com

**For Immediate Release: Sunday, March 24, 2013**

## **THREE LEAGUE TEAMS PUNCH TICKET TO NCAA TOURNAMENT ~ League Champion UMass-Lowell, Boston College and UNH all in action this weekend ~**

**Indianapolis, Ind.** - The NCAA Div. I Men's Ice Hockey Committee announced on Sunday night the 16-team field for this weekend's upcoming 2013 NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship, which included three Hockey East schools, including the regular-season and tournament champion UMass-Lowell River Hawks in addition to Boston College and the University of New Hampshire.

The River Hawks (26-10-2), who won their first Hockey East tournament title in school history and earned the league's automatic qualifier defeated Boston University in a 1-0 shutout on Saturday night at TD Garden in Boston. UMass-Lowell earned a No. 1 overall seed in the Northeast Regional hosted by UNH at the Verizon Wireless Arena in Manchester, N.H. UMass-Lowell will face WCHA tournament champion Wisconsin (22-12-7) on Friday, March 29 at 4:30pm on ESPN3, while the host and No. 2 seed Wildcats (19-11-7) will play No. 3 seed Denver (20-13-5) on Friday at 8pm on ESPNU. The winners of each game will advance to the Northeast Regional Final on Saturday, March 30 at 6:30pm live in HD on ESPNU.

The NCAA Tournament appearance is the second straight and fifth bid in the program's Div. I history for UMass Lowell. Last year, the River Hawks, seeded No. 3, edged No. 2 Miami, 4-3, in overtime before falling to top-seeded Union, 4-2 in the quarterfinal. The River Hawks enter the NCAA's winner of five straight games, 11 of their last 12 and 22-3-1 since Dec. 1. Previously, the River Hawks last NCAA Tournament appearance was in 1996. UMass Lowell and Wisconsin have met nine times and the Badgers have amassed a 7-1-1 record. However, all nine meetings took place between 1984 and 1988.

UNH, which returns to the NCAA's after a one-year hiatus, has been to the tournament in 11 of the last 12 years. The 'Cats are 19-11-7 overall and earn the seven seed in the 16-team tournament. New Hampshire has a 14-24 record in 21 previous NCAA appearances with seven Frozen Four appearances. This is the team's 18th appearance under the guidance of head coach Dick Umile. UNH has advanced to the regional finals in each of the past three trips to the NCAA's. Overall, the Wildcats are 4-9 lifetime against Denver including a 0-2-0 mark in the NCAA's. The Wildcats lost 9-2 in 1995 and 4-2 in 2005 in the only two postseason meetings between the squads. Denver is making its sixth-straight trip to the NCAA's.

The defending National Champion Boston College Eagles (22-11-4) begin their title defense on Saturday, March 30 vs. Union College (21-12-5) at 9pm live on ESPNU in the NCAA East Regional at the Dunkin Donuts Center in Providence, R.I. No. 1 overall seed Quinnipiac will take on Canisius in the other opening round game in the bracket on Saturday (5:30pm). The winners of each game advance to the East Regional Final on Sunday, March 31 at 6:30pm on ESPNU. The Eagles are making their 32nd NCAA Tournament appearance overall, including their 14th (in the last 16 seasons) under head coach Jerry York. Boston College is 45-38 in the national tournament, including a 32-9 mark under the direction of York, who has led his teams to 20 NCAA Tournament berths - six at Bowling Green and 14 at Boston College - and is 37-19-1 all-time. His 37 wins are the highest total in NCAA Division 1 history. BC returns to the Dunkin Donuts Center for the first time since the 2003 national tournament. The Eagles have a 5-5-0 record in the Dunkin' Donuts Center (formerly the Providence Civic Center), including a 3-3 record in NCAA Tournament play.

The University of New Hampshire athletic department and Verizon Wireless Arena announced that tickets for the 2013 NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Northeast Regional are now on sale for \$77 for adults, \$57 for children ages 2-12/Senior Citizen 65+. Tickets for the Northeast Regional at the Verizon Wireless Arena in Manchester, N.H. can be purchased at the Whittemore Center Box Office, the Verizon Wireless Arena by logging on to [www.NCAA.com/frozenfour](http://www.NCAA.com/frozenfour) or by calling 800/745-3000. Tickets are available for the East Regional at the Dunkin Donuts Center and can be purchased at the Dunkin Donuts Center box office or by logging on to [www.NCAA.com/frozenfour](http://www.NCAA.com/frozenfour) or by calling 800/745-3000. Ticket prices for all session are \$75 for adults and \$55 for seniors/children.

The 2013 Frozen Four will be held at the CONSOL Energy Center in Pittsburgh, Pa., beginning on April 11 with semifinal games at 4:30 and 8pm on ESPN2. The National Championship Game will be played on April 13 at 7pm on ESPN.

For more information about the 2013 NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship visit [www.ncaasports.com](http://www.ncaasports.com).

With the three entries into the tournament, Hockey East has now placed 91 teams into the NCAA Tournament in the 29-year history of the league. 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 56 teams in the NCAA Tournament.

- HEA -



## **News Release**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
Sunday, March 24, 2013

CONTACT:  
Mark Bedics  
Associate Director of Championships and  
Alliances  
317/917-6541

### 2013 NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S ICE HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP SELECTIONS

INDIANAPOLIS---The NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Committee has selected the 16 teams that will be participating in the 2013 NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship.

The championship playoff format involves four predetermined regional sites with four teams assigned to each site. The four regional winners advance to the Men's Frozen Four. The entire championship uses a single-elimination format.

Automatic qualification privileges are granted to the postseason champions of the five conferences. The remainder of the field is selected at large.

Quinnipiac University was the No. 1 overall seed. The other No. 1 seeds, in order, included the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, the University of Massachusetts, Lowell and the University of Notre Dame.

The dates, sites, times and pairings of this year's championship are as follows:

**Northeast Regional, March 29-30**  
**Verizon Wireless Arena, Manchester, New Hampshire**

Friday, March 29, 4:30 p.m. Eastern time, ESPN Syndication/ESPN3 (ESPNU same-day delay –  
Friday, March 29, 10:30 p.m. Eastern time)  
No. 1 Massachusetts-Lowell (26-10-2) vs. No. 4 Wisconsin (22-12-7)

Friday, March 29, 8 p.m. Eastern time, ESPNU/WatchESPN

No. 2 New Hampshire (19-11-7) vs. No. 3 Denver (20-13-5)

Saturday, March 30, 6:30 p.m. Eastern time, ESPNU/WatchESPN  
Northeast Regional Championship

**West Regional, March 29-30**  
**Van Andel Arena, Grand Rapids, Mich.**

Friday, March 29, 2 p.m. Eastern time, ESPNU/WatchESPN  
No. 1 Minnesota (26-8-5) vs. No. 4 Yale (18-12-3)

Friday, March 29, 5:30 p.m. Eastern time, ESPNU/WatchESPN  
No. 2 North Dakota (21-12-7) vs. No. 3 Niagara (23-9-5)

Saturday, March 30, 4 p.m. Eastern time, ESPNU/WatchESPN  
West Regional Championship

**East Regional, March 30-31**  
**Dunkin' Donuts Center, Providence, Rhode Island**

Saturday, March 30, 5:30 p.m. Eastern time, ESPN Syndication/ESPN3 (ESPNU same-day delay  
– Saturday, March 30, 11:30 p.m. Eastern time)  
No. 1 Quinnipiac (27-7-5) vs. No. 4 Canisius (19-18-5)

Saturday, March 30, 9 p.m. Eastern time, ESPNU/WatchESPN  
No. 2 Boston College (22-11-4) vs. No. 3 Union (New York) (21-12-5)

Sunday, March 31, 6:30 p.m. Eastern time, ESPNU/WatchESPN  
East Regional Championship

**Midwest Regional, March 30-31**  
**Huntington Center, Toledo, Ohio**

Saturday, March 30, 1:30 p.m. Eastern time, ESPN Syndication/ESPN3 (ESPNU tape delay –  
Sunday, March 31, 12 p.m. Eastern time)  
No. 1 Notre Dame (25-12-3) vs. No. 4 St. Cloud State (23-15-1)

Saturday, March 30, 5 p.m. Eastern time, ESPN Syndication/ESPN3 (ESPNU tape delay –  
Sunday, March 31, 2 p.m. Eastern time)  
No. 2 Miami (Ohio) (24-11-5) vs. No. 3 Minnesota State Mankato (24-13-3)

Sunday, March 31, 4 p.m. Eastern time, ESPNU/WatchESPN

Midwest Regional Championship

**Men's Frozen Four, April 11 and 13**  
**CONSOL Energy Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**

Thursday, April 11, 4:30 and 8 p.m. Eastern time, ESPN2/WatchESPN (order of games TBD)

East Regional Champion vs. Midwest Regional Champion

Northeast Regional Champion vs. West Regional Champion

Saturday, April 13, 7 p.m. Eastern time, ESPN/WatchESPN

National Championship

The following conferences and teams received automatic qualification:

Atlantic Hockey Association – Canisius

Central Collegiate Hockey Association – Notre Dame

ECAC Hockey – Union (New York)

Hockey East Association – Massachusetts-Lowell

Western Collegiate Hockey Association – Wisconsin

For more information about the championship, log on to [www.NCAA.com](http://www.NCAA.com).



# 2013 Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship

www.NCAA.com

## First Round

## Second Round

## Semifinals

## Championship

All Times Eastern



Quinnipiac (27-7-5) 1

Sat. March 30 - 5:30 p.m.  
ESPN Syndication/ESPN3  
\*ESPNU

Canisius (19-18-5)

Union (NY) (21-12-5)

Sat. March 30 - 9 p.m.  
ESPNU/WatchESPN

Boston College (22-11-4)

Miami (OH) (24-11-5)

Sat. March 30 - 5 p.m.  
ESPN Syndication/ESPN3  
\*ESPNU

Minn. St. Mankato (24-13-3)

St. Cloud St. (23-15-1)

Sat. March 30 - 1:30 p.m.  
ESPN Syndication/ESPN3  
\*ESPNU

Notre Dame (25-12-3) 4

Mass.-Lowell (26-10-2) 3

Fri. March 29 - 4:30 p.m.  
ESPN Syndication/ESPN3  
\*ESPNU

Wisconsin (22-12-7)

Denver (20-13-5)

Fri. March 29 - 8 p.m.  
ESPNU/WatchESPN

New Hampshire (19-11-7)

North Dakota (21-12-7)

Fri. March 29 - 5:30 p.m.  
ESPNU/WatchESPN

Niagara (23-9-5)

Yale (18-12-3)

Fri. March 29 - 2 p.m.  
ESPNU/WatchESPN

Minnesota (26-8-5) 2

Providence, RI  
Sun. March 31 - 6:30 p.m.  
ESPNU/WatchESPN

CONSOL Energy Center  
Pittsburgh, PA  
Thurs. April 11 - Time TBD

Toledo, OH  
Sun. March 31 - 4 p.m.  
ESPNU/WatchESPN

CONSOL Energy Center  
Pittsburgh, PA  
Sat. April 13 - Time TBD

Manchester, NH  
Sat. March 30 - 6:30 p.m.  
ESPNU/WatchESPN

CONSOL Energy Center  
Pittsburgh, PA  
Thurs. April 11 - Time TBD

Grand Rapids, MI  
Sat. March 30 - 4 p.m.  
ESPNU/WatchESPN

National  
Champions

### Regional Sites

Northeast: Verizon Wireless Arena  
Manchester, New Hampshire  
March 29-30

West: Van Andel Arena  
Grand Rapids, Michigan  
March 29-30

East: Dunkin Donuts Center  
Providence, Rhode Island  
March 30-31

Midwest: Huntington Center  
Toledo, Ohio  
March 30-31

### East Seeds

1. Quinnipiac
2. Boston College
3. Union (NY)
4. Canisius

### Northeast Seeds

1. Mass.-Lowell
2. New Hampshire
3. Denver
4. Wisconsin

### West Seeds

1. Minnesota
2. North Dakota
3. Niagara
4. Yale

### Midwest Seeds

1. Notre Dame
2. Miami (OH)
3. Minn. St. Mankato
4. St. Cloud St.

Overall seeds in parentheses.

Note: All games broadcast on the ESPN family of networks. For more information, visit www.NCAA.com.

\*Denotes tape delayed on ESPNU.