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## **LEAGUE RELEASES 2013-14 MEN'S COMPOSITE SCHEDULE**

 $\sim$  Schedule highlighted by single-game opening round playoff  $\sim$ 

**BOSTON** - Hockey East Commissioner Joe Bertagna announced the 2013-2014 men's composite schedule for the league's upcoming 30th anniversary season on Tuesday afternoon at the conference annual media day at TD Garden. The schedule features a 20-game league slate for each of the 11 member schools in addition to several highlighted non-conference matchups during the season.

The Boston College Eagles will be the first Hockey East team to drop the puck in 2013-14, when they travel to Ann Arbor, Mich. to face the University of Michigan on Thursday, Oct. 10. The league's other ten institutions get underway the following night, on Friday, Oct. 11, including the first conference tilt of the year between Massachusetts and Boston University at Agganis Arena.

Also on the weekend of Oct. 11-12, Merrimack will open their season with a pair of games on the road at the University of Denver, while Maine will visit St. Lawrence for two contests. Northeastern hosts Alabama-Huntsville for two games to start their season that weekend, while Providence will face Minnesota State twice at the newly renovated Schneider Arena. New Hampshire will spend the opening weekend at the IceBreaker Tournament in Minnesota.

The defending Hockey East champion UMass Lowell River Hawks will play a home-and-home series with Quinnipiac on Oct. 18-19, in a matchup featuring two teams from last year's Frozen Four. Two weeks later, on Nov. 1-2, Notre Dame will make its Hockey East debut with a pair of games at Vermont.

For the first time ever all 11 teams will qualify for the Hockey East playoffs. The top 5 teams in the league standings will get a first round bye, while teams 6 through 11 will faceoff in a single-game playoff on March 7 and 8 at the sites of the higher seeds (No. 6 hosting No. 11, No. 7 hosting No. 10 and No. 8 hosting No. 9.) Advancing teams will then be reseeded and will play best-of-three quarterfinal series on the campuses of the four high seeds on the weekend of March 14-16, 2014. The four quarterfinal winners will be reseeded and advance to the TD Garden in Boston for the semifinals and Championship Game on Friday, March 21 (5/8 p.m.) and Saturday, March 22 (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.

## 2013-14 Hockey East Men's Composite Schedule (Updated 9/23/13) All Times EST and 7pm unless noted, \* denotes league games

Saturday, October 5

St. Francis Xavier at Boston University (Exh) McGill at UMass Lowell (Exh, 3pm) Acadia at New Hampshire (Exh) Dalhousie at Northeastern (Exh, 7:30pm) Ottawa at Vermont (Exh., 7:30pm)

Sunday, October 6

St. Francis Xavier at Boston College (Exh, 1pm) Dalhousie at Maine (Exh, 4pm) McGill at Merrimack (Exh, 5pm) Guelph at Notre Dame (Exh., 5pm) Acadia at Vermont (Exh., 3pm)

Thursday, October 10

Boston College at Michigan (7:30pm)

Friday, October 11

Massachusetts at Boston University \* (7:30pm) Sacred Heart at UMass Lowell (7:15pm) Maine at St. Lawrence Merrimack at Denver (9:30pm) IceBreaker Tournament (at Minnesota) Clarkson vs. New Hampshire (5pm) Alabama-Huntsville at Northeastern Western Michigan at Notre Dame (8pm) Minnesota State at Providence Vermont at North Dakota (8:30pm)

Saturday, October 12

Massachusetts at UMass Lowell (NL) Holy Cross at Boston University Maine at St. Lawrence Merrimack at Denver (9pm) IceBreaker Tournament (at Minnesota) Mercyhurst/Minnesota vs. New Hampshire Alabama-Huntstville at Northeastern Notre Dame at Western Michigan Minnesota State at Providence Vermont at North Dakota (8pm)

Sunday, October 13

Rensselaer at Boston College (3pm)

Friday, October 18

Wisconsin at Boston College Rensselaer at Boston University (7:30pm) Michigan State at Massachusetts Quinnipiac at UMass Lowell (7:15pm) Mercyhurst at Merrimack Michigan at New Hampshire (7:30pm) Northeastern at Holy Cross Michigan Tech at Notre Dame

Saturday, October 19

Wisconsin at Boston University Bentley at Maine (7:30pm) Michigan State at Massachusetts UMass Lowell at Quinnipiac Mercyhurst at Merrimack Michigan at New Hampshire Holy Cross at Northeastern American International at Providence

Sunday, October 20

Michigan Tech at Notre Dame (2pm)

Friday, October 25

Massachusetts at Maine (NL, 8pm) Boston College at Minnesota (8pm) Boston University at Michigan UMass Lowell at Michigan State Northeastern at St. Lawrence Notre Dame at Minnesota Duluth (8pm) Miami at Providence

Saturday, October 26

Massachusetts at Maine (NL) UMass Lowell at Michigan Boston University at Michigan State Army at Merrimack New Hampshire at Rensselaer Northeastern at St. Lawrence Notre Dame at Minnesota Duluth (8pm) Miami at Providence Penn State vs. Vermont (Wells Fargo Center, 5pm)

Sunday, October 27

Boston College at Minnesota (2pm)

Friday, November 1

Northeastern at Boston College \* (8pm) Providence at Boston University \* (7:30pm) Maine at Massachusetts \* New Hampshire at UMass Lowell \* (7:15pm) Notre Dame at Vermont Bentley at Merrimack

**Saturday, November 2** Maine at Massachusetts \* UMass Lowell at New Hampshire ' Boston College at Northeastern Boston University at Providence \* Notre Dame at Vermont \* (4:30pm)

Friday, November 8

Boston College at Boston University \* (7:30pm) Vermont at Maine Massachusetts at New Hampshire \* (7:30pm) Providence at Merrimack \* Minnesota at Notre Dame (8pm)

Saturday, November 9 Vermont at Maine \* New Hampshire at Massachusetts \* Northeastern at UMass Lowell Merrimack at Providence Minnesota at Notre Dame

Sunday, November 10

Army at Boston College (3pm)

Tuesday, November 12

Brown at New Hampshire UMass Lowell at Princeton

Thursday, November 14

Boston College at Massachusetts \* UMass Lowell at Penn State

Friday, November 15

Massachusetts at Boston College \* Boston University at Maine New Hampshire at Northeastern \* Merrimack at Notre Dame \* (7:30pm) Providence at Vermont \* UMass Lowell at Penn State

Saturday, November 16

Northeastern at New Hampshire \* Merrimack at Notre Dame Providence at Vermont

Sunday, November 17

Connecticut at Boston University (5pm)

Wednesday, November 20

Boston College at Harvard

Friday, November 22

Vermont at Massachusetts \* Notre Dame at UMass Lowell \* Northeastern at Merrimack New Hampshire at Providence \* North Dakota at Boston University (7:30pm)

Saturday, November 23 Boston College at Maine \* Notre Dame at UMass Lowell \* (4pm) Merrimack at Northeastern New Hampshire at Providence North Dakota at Boston University

Sunday, November 24

Massachusetts at Vermont \* (4pm)

Tuesday, November 26

Harvard at New Hampshire

Wednesday, November 27 Providence at Quinnipiac

Friday, November 29

Maine at Vermont (NL) Holy Cross at Boston College (4pm) New Hampshire at Colorado College (9:30pm) Shillelagh Tournament Northeastern vs. Western Michigan (4pm) Notre Dame vs. Alabama Hunstville (7:30pm)

Saturday, November 30 Maine at Vermont (NL)

Cornell vs. Boston University (MSG, 8pm) Massachusetts at Quinnipiac Merrimack at Yale New Hampshire at Colorado College (9pm) Shillelagh Tournament Northeastern vs. Notre Dame/UAH (4pm) Notre Dame vs. Northeastern/WMU (7:30pm) Brown at Providence (Mayor's Cup)

Tuesday, December 3

American International at UMass Lowell

Friday, December 6

New Hampshire at Boston College \* Boston University at Merrimack Massachusetts at Notre Dame \*(8pm) Providence at Northeastern \* (8pm)

Saturday, December 7

Merrimack at Boston University \* UMass Lowell at Maine Boston College at New Hampshire \* Massachusetts at Notre Dame \* (6:30pm)

Friday, December 13

American International at Maine

Saturday, December 14

Bentley at Boston University American International at Maine Massachusetts at Colgate (4pm) St. Lawrence at Vermont

Sunday, December 15

Massachusetts at Colgate (2pm)

Tuesday, December 17

Northeastern at Vermont Denver at Massachusetts

Friday, December 20

Providence at Army

Friday, December 27

Three Rivers Classic Bowling Green vs. Boston College (4:30pm)

Saturday, December 28

Three Rivers Classic Penn State/Robert Morris vs. Boston College (4:30/7:30pm) Florida College Classic Princeton vs. Maine (4pm) Cornell vs. New Hampshire (7:30pm) Catamount Cup Canisius vs. UMass Lowell (4pm) Clarkson vs. Vermont

**Sunday, December 29** Florida College Classic Cornell/New Hampshire vs. Maine Maine/Princeton vs. New Hampshire UConn Tournament Massachusetts vs. Quinnipiac (4pm) Dartmouth Tournament Northeastern vs. Air Force (4pm) Providence vs. Dartmouth Catamount Cup Clarkson vs. UMass Lowell (4pm) Canisius vs. Vermont

Monday, December 30 UConn Tournament Massachusetts vs. UConn/Sacred Heart **Dartmouth Tournament** Northeastern vs. Providence/Dartmouth Providence vs. Northeastern/Air Force

Thursday, January 2

Russian Red Stars at Merrimack (Exh)

Friday, January 3

Clarkson at UMass Lowell (7:15pm) Nebraska-Omaha at New Hampshire (7:30pm) Dartmouth at Vermont

Saturday, January 4

Notre Dame vs. Boston College \* (7:30pm) Merrimack vs. Providence (NL, 4pm) (Frozen Fenway, Fenway Park, Boston, Mass.) Massachusetts at Northeastern (NL) Clarkson at UMass Lowell (4pm) Boston University at Harvard Maine at Quinnipiac Nebraska-Omaha at New Hampshire Yale at Vermont

Tuesday, January 7

Northeastern at Providence \* Vermont at St. Lawrence

**Wednesday, January 8**Dartmouth at Boston University

Friday, January 10

Providence at Boston College \* Massachusetts at Cornell Merrimack at Clarkson Alabama-Huntsville at Notre Dame (8pm)

**Saturday, January 11**Maine vs. Boston University \* (6:30pm) UMass Lowell vs. Northeastern \* (3pm) (Frozen Fenway, Fenway Park, Boston, Mass.) Dartmouth vs. New Hampshire (VWA, TBA) Alabama-Huntsville at Notre Dame Boston College at Brown

Merrimack at Clarkson Vermont at Colgate

Sunday, January 12

U.S. Under-18 Team at Massachusetts (Exh)

Tuesday, January 14

American International at Massachusetts St. Francis Xavier at Maine (Exh)

Friday, January 17 Boston University at Boston College \* Maine at UMass Lowell \* (7:15pm) Vermont at Northeastern Union at New Hampshire (7:30pm) Merrimack at Quinnipiac Lake Superior State at Notre Dame (8pm) Providence at Colorado College (9:30pm)

Saturday, January 18 Maine at Boston College \* Boston University at UMass Lowell \* Quinnipiac at Merrimack Vermont at Northeastern (NL) Union at New Hampshire Lake Superior State at Notre Dame Providence at Colorado College (9pm)

Tuesday, January 21

Boston College at Merrimack \* New Brunswick at Maine (Exh)

Friday, January 24

Vermont at Boston University \* (7:30pm) Merrimack at Massachusetts \* Maine at New Hampshire ' Northeastern at Notre Dame \* (8pm) UMass Lowell at Providence

Saturday, January 25 Vermont at Boston University \* Providence at UMass Lowell Massachusetts at Merrimack \* Northeastern at Notre Dame Boston College at Penn State

Sunday, January 26

New Hampshire at Maine \* (2pm)

Friday, January 31
Boston University at Massachusetts \* (7:30pm)Merrimack at UMass Lowell \* (7:15pm) Notre Dame at New Hampshire Boston College at Providence \*

Saturday, February 1

UMass Lowell at Merrimack \* Notre Dame at New Hampshire \* (4pm)

Monday, February 3

Beanpot Tournament Northeastern vs. Harvard (5pm) Boston University vs. Boston College (8pm)

Friday, February 7

Merrimack at Boston College \* UMass Lowell at Boston University \* (7:30pm) Vermont at New Hampshire Massachusetts at Northeastern \* Maine at Notre Dame \* (8pm)

Saturday, February 8

UMass Lowell at Massachusetts \* (6pm) Vermont at New Hampshire Maine at Notre Dame \* (8pm)

Monday, February 10 Beanpot Tournament Consolation Game (4:30pm) Championship Game (7:30pm)

Tuesday, February 11

Connecticut at Providence

Friday, February 14

Merrimack at Maine Massachusetts at UMass Lowell \* (7:30pm) Boston University at New Hampshire \* (7pm) Notre Dame at Providence \* Boston College at Vermont \*

Saturday, February 15

New Hampshire at Boston University \* Merrimack at Maine Northeastern at Massachusetts \* Notre Dame at Providence Boston College at Vermont \*

Friday, February 21 UMass Lowell at Boston College \* Massachusetts at Providence \* Vermont at Merrimack \* Maine at Northeastern ' Boston University at Notre Dame \* (8pm)

Saturday, February 22 Boston College at UMass Lowell \* Vermont at Merrimack Maine at Northeastern \* Boston University at Notre Dame \* Providence at Massachusetts

Friday, February 28

Northeastern at Boston University \* (7:30pm) Providence at Maine New Hampshire at Merrimack \* UMass Lowell at Vermont '

Saturday, March 1

Notre Dame at Boston College \* (4pm) Boston University at Northeastern Providence at Maine ' New Hampshire at Merrimack \* UMass Lowell at Vermont

Friday, March 7 to Sunday, March 9 Hockey East First Round (at campus sites)

Friday, March 14 to Sunday, March 16 Hockey East Quarterfinals (at campus sites)

Friday, March 21

Hockey East Semifinals (at TD Garden, Boston, Mass.)

Saturday, March 22

Hockey East Championship Game (at TD Garden, Boston, Mass.)

Friday, March 28 to Sunday, March 30 NCAA Regionals (Northeast, DCU Center,

Worcester, Mass.; East, Webster Bank Arena, Bridgeport, Conn.; Midwest, U.S. Bank Arena, Cincinnati, Ohio; West, XCel Energy Center, St. Paul, Minn.)

Thursday, April 10

NCAA Frozen Four Semifinals (at the Wells Fargo Center, Philadelphia, Pa.)

Saturday, April 12

NCAA Championship Game (at the Wells Fargo Center, Philadelphia, Pa.)