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Pairings For Hockey East Semifinal Matchups Set No. 1 BU Will Face No. 8 New Hampshire; No. 4 UML Draws No. 7 Vermont

WAKEFIELD, Mass. - The Hockey East Association announced today the pairings for the 2015 Men's Hockey East semifinals to be played Friday (March 20) at the TD Garden. No. 1 Boston University will square off with No. 8 New Hampshire at 8 p.m. while No. 4 UMass Lowell and No. 7 Vermont play at 5 p.m. The winners will then battle for the Lamoriello Trophy and the 2015 Hockey East championship title Saturday (March 21) at 7 p.m. at TD Garden.

The top-seeded Terriers advanced to the 21st semifinal in program history by defeating No. 11 Merrimack in a best-of-three quarterfinal series at Agganis Arena. Freshman forward **Jack Eichel** recorded two goals and four assists in the two-game sweep of the Warriors. After claiming the Hockey East regular season title, Boston University returns to the TD Garden seeking its first Hockey East tournament title since 2009. No. 8 New Hampshire skates into the semifinals after downing No. 2 Providence in a three-game series in which each contest was decided by one goal including two overtime contests. UNH senior forward, and active Hockey East tournament leading scorer, **Grayson Downing** found the back of the net in each tilt, bringing his career postseason point total to 15 on 10 goals and five assists. The Terriers own a 6-3-1 all-time postseason record over the Wildcats, including a 2-1 mark in the semifinals. In the 2014-15 season series, each team took a victory in its home rink Feb. 13-14.

No. 4 UMass Lowell bested No. 5 Notre Dame in three games to advance to the semifinals for the third consecutive season. The River Hawks look to claim their third straight Hockey East tournament title after winning the Lamoriello Trophy in 2013 and 2014 under head coach **Norm Bazin**. No. 7 Vermont enters the Hockey East semifinals for the first time since 2010 after clipping No. 3 Boston College in a three-game series. Junior goaltender **Brody Hoffman** made 87 saves in three appearances, including a 36-save outing in a, 1-0, Game 3 shutout, to backstop the Catamounts. The River Hawks boast a 4-1-0 record against Vermont in the postseason, with all five meetings coming in the quarterfinals. Earlier in the year, UMass Lowell took three out of four points from Vermont Feb. 27-28 at the Tsongas Center.

Tickets to the 2015 Hockey East Championship can be purchased by calling 1-800-653-8000, online at www.TicketMaster.com or at the TD Garden Box Office.

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