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Men's Quarterfinal Pairings Set for 2015 Tournament NESN To Broadcast Up to Three Quarterfinal Contests

WAKEFIELD, Mass. - The Hockey East Association announced the pairings for the best-of-three quarterfinal round of the 2015 Hockey East championship tournament Sunday night. All games begin Friday (March 13) and include a Saturday double-header on NESN, beginning with No. 11 at No. 1 Boston University at 4 p.m. followed by No. 7 Vermont at No. 3 Boston College at 7 p.m. NESN will also air a potential Game 3 from one of the series Sunday at 6 p.m. A full schedule can be found below.

Hockey East regular-season champion and No. 1 Boston University will play host to No. 11 Merrimack at Agganis Arena beginning Friday (March 13) at 7:30 p.m. The Terriers won the season series with the Warriors, 1-0-1, in a home-and-home series Dec. 5-6. In 30 previous playoff appearances, Boston University has skated against Merrimack 10 times, all of those games coming in the quarterfinal round, and boasts a 7-3 record. The two programs last met in the playoffs in 2013. Merrimack reached the quarterfinals with two overtimes wins at No. 6 Northeastern last weekend.

No. 2 Providence welcomes No. 8 New Hampshire to Schneider Arena Friday (March 13) at 7 p.m. The Friars split two games with the Wildcats during the regular season, taking a 1-0 victory at the Whittemore Center Nov. 22 before falling, 2-1, Jan. 13 at UNH. New Hampshire owns a 12-6-0 record over Providence in postseason history, last clashing in a semifinal game last year at TD Garden. New Hampshire advanced to the quarterfinals by sweeping No. 9 UConn in two games in the opening round.

No. 3 Boston College draws No. 7 Vermont to Conte Forum Friday (March 13) at 7 p.m. The Eagles and Catamounts clashed Feb. 13-14 at Conte Forum, splitting the games with one win apiece. In six previous postseason tilts, the Eagles have emerged victorious each time over Vermont, with the most recent series win coming in the 2013 quarterfinals. Vermont needed three games to dispatch rival No. 10 Maine in the opening round.

No. 4 UMass Lowell will entertain No. 5 Notre Dame at the Tsongas Center Friday (March 13) at 7:15 p.m. The River Hawks took three of four points in two games at Notre Dame Nov. 20-21, winning, 3-1, before skating to a 2-2 draw the next night. UMass Lowell handed Notre Dame its first loss in Hockey East postseason history, downing the Irish in the 2014 semifinals en route to winning their second consecutive tournament title. Notre Dame advanced through to the quarterfinals with two wins over Massachusetts after the two teams played in the longest college hockey game ever Friday night, a UMass win in five overtimes.

Date	Matchup	Location	Time
Fri., March 13	No. 1 Boston University vs. No. 11 Merrimack	Agganis Arena	7:30 p.m.
Fri., March 13	No. 2 Providence vs. No. 8 New Hampshire	Schneider Arena	7 p.m.
Fri., March 13	No. 3 Boston College vs. No. 7 Vermont	Conte Forum	7 p.m.
Fri., March 13	No. 4 UMass Lowell vs. No. 5 Notre Dame	Tsongas Center	7:15 p.m.
Sat., March 14	No. 1 Boston University vs. No. 11 Merrimack ^	Agganis Arena	4 p.m.
Sat., March 14	No. 2 Providence vs. No. 8 New Hampshire	Schneider Arena	7 p.m.
Sat., March 14	No. 3 Boston College vs. No. 7 Vermont ^	Conte Forum	7 p.m.
Sat., March 14	No. 4 UMass Lowell vs. No. 5 Notre Dame	Tsongas Center	7 p.m.
Sun., March 15	No. 1 Boston University vs. No. 11 Merrimack *	Agganis Arena	TBD
Sun., March 15	No. 4 UMass Lowell vs. Notre Dame *	Tsongas Center	TBD
Sun., March 15	No. 2 Providence vs. No. 8 New Hampshire *	Schneider Arena	TBD
Sun., March 15	No. 3 Boston College vs. No. 7 Vermont *	Conte Forum	TBD

^ Live on NESN
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