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American Sports Network to Air All Games of Friendship Four

Annual Tournament From Belfast, Northern Ireland To Air on NESN in New England

WAKEFIELD, Mass. - For the second consecutive year, the American Sports Network will produce each of Friendship Four games, to be played in Belfast, Northern Ireland on November 25-26. The games will air across the country and be carried on NESN throughout New England. Full details of the tournament can be found at FriendshipFour.com.

The men's ice hockey programs from ECAC Hockey's St. Lawrence University and Quinnipiac University and Hockey East's University of Massachusetts and University of Vermont are slated to compete in the second annual Friendship Four Tournament. The teams will first compete against their conference rival in a league contest Friday, November 25 before a cross over round Saturday, November 26. The winning programs will compete for the Belpot Trophy, while the two other teams will vie for third place.

The squads will square off at The SSE Arena, home of the Belfast Giants, a professional team that competes within the Elite Ice Hockey League. The arena also hosted the inaugural Friendship Four Tournament in 2015, a four-game set that featured the ECAC's Brown University and Colgate University and Hockey East's UMass Lowell River Hawks and Northeastern Huskies.

Additionally, the four teams will take part in cultural experiences, including visiting with youth groups and exploring the deep history of Northern Ireland.

Last year's iteration of the tournament was an international success, seen on television in North America and Europe, and attended by over 20,000 spectators. The event, part of Boston and Belfast's sister cities project, marked the first time that NCAA college hockey was played outside of North America

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