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2004-05 COMPOSITE SCHEDULE FINALIZED ***Defending champ Maine faces off the season at Vermont***

The Hockey East Association is pleased to unveil its 2004-05 composite schedule, featuring a 24-game slate of league contests for each team in addition to several marquee interconference games.

Maine will get the puck rolling early, opening at Vermont on Sunday, Oct. 3. The following weekend, UNH will host the annual Ice Breaker tournament, featuring teams from four different conferences, while Maine hosts WCHA powerhouse North Dakota in a two-game set.

Merrimack gets the Hockey East league schedule off to an early start when it visits Providence on Oct. 15. By the end of the month, Providence will have already played four league games, the most of any Hockey East team. By contrast, UNH will not play a league game until Nov. 5, when the Wildcats play Boston University at Manchester's Verizon Wireless Arena, always an electric environment for college hockey. On the same date, the first "circle-your-calendar" date of the season, Maine will host Boston College. The two don't meet again until the final weekend of the regular season.

Northeastern delays the start of its league schedule all the way until a Nov. 12 home date against Maine, opting instead to open with a grueling non-conference slate that includes Denver, Michigan and North Dakota.

From start to finish, it promises to be another thrilling season in Hockey East.

The Hockey East Association is a nine-team, Division-I men's college hockey conference, with offices based in Wakefield, Mass. Founded in 1983, the league recently celebrated its 20th anniversary season, and has won four NCAA championships in the past 12 years. The conference also sponsors a women's league, founded in 2001, which will feature eight Division-I programs in 2005-06.

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2004-05 HOCKEY EAST COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

* Hockey East game - All games start at 7:00 p.m. EST unless otherwise indicated - All times Eastern

OCTOBER

Saturday, October 2

St. Francis Xavier at UMass (5pm -exh.)
St. Thomas at Merrimack (exh.)

Sunday, October 3

Maine at Vermont (2pm)
St. Francis Xavier at Providence (exh.)

Friday, October 8

Clarkson at Providence
North Dakota at Maine (8pm)
Lefty McFadden Invitational at Dayton, OH
Northeastern vs. Michigan (5pm)
Boston University vs. Miami (8pm)

Saturday, October 9

UMass Lowell at Niagara
Clarkson at Massachusetts
North Dakota at Maine
Lefty McFadden Invitational
Boston University vs. Michigan (4:30pm)
Northeastern vs. Miami (7:30pm)
Ice Breaker Tournament at New Hampshire
St. Cloud vs. St. Lawrence (2pm)
Ohio State vs. New Hampshire (5pm)
Maverick Stampede at Nebraska-Omaha
Merrimack vs. Rensselaer (5:30pm)
Connecticut vs. Omaha-Nebraska (8:30pm)
New Brunswick at Boston College (exh.)

Sunday, October 10

Ice Breaker Tournament (2/5pm)
Maverick Stampede (4/7pm)

Friday, October 15

Merrimack at Providence *
Denver at Boston College
Niagara at Maine
New Hampshire at Michigan (7:30pm)
Nye Frontier Classic at Alaska-Anchorage
Massachusetts vs. Minnesota (9pm)
Canisius vs. Alaska-Anchorage (12midnight)

Saturday, October 16

Denver at Northeastern
Vermont at Boston University
Niagara at Maine
Nye Frontier Classic (8/11pm)

Sunday, October 17

New Hampshire at Michigan State (2pm)

Tuesday, October 19

Boston College at UMass Lowell *
Rensselaer at Northeastern

Friday, October 22

Providence at Boston University *
UMass Lowell at Massachusetts *
St. Lawrence at Maine
Wayne State at Merrimack
Boston College at Notre Dame (7:30pm)

Saturday, October 23

St. Lawrence at Maine
Wayne State at Merrimack
Mercyhurst at New Hampshire
Northeastern at Colgate

Sunday, October 24

Connecticut at Massachusetts (3pm)

Friday, October 29

Maine at Merrimack *
Massachusetts at Providence *
UMass Lowell at Rensselaer
North Dakota at Boston College (8pm)

Saturday, October 30

Providence at Massachusetts *
UMass Lowell at Union
North Dakota at Northeastern

Sunday, October 31

Maine at Boston University (1pm) *

NOVEMBER

Friday, November 5

Merrimack at Massachusetts *
Boston College at Maine *
BU vs. UNH (8pm – at Manchester, NH) *
Connecticut at Northeastern
Wayne State at Providence

Saturday, November 6

Massachusetts at Merrimack *
Wayne State at Providence

Sunday, November 7

New Hampshire at Maine *

Friday, November 12

Massachusetts at Boston College *
Merrimack at Boston University *
Maine at Northeastern *
Providence at New Hampshire *
Colgate at UMass Lowell

Saturday, November 13

Boston University at Merrimack *
Maine at UMass Lowell *

Sunday, November 14

Northeastern at Providence (2pm) *
Mercyhurst at Massachusetts (3pm)

Tuesday, November 16

New Hampshire at Merrimack *
Boston College at Harvard

Friday, November 19

Massachusetts at Maine *
Boston University at UMass Lowell *
Boston College at Providence *
Northeastern at New Hampshire *

Saturday, November 20

UMass Lowell at Boston University *
New Hampshire at Northeastern *

Sunday, November 21

Maine vs. Providence (2pm - at Portland, ME) *

Monday, November 22

Holy Cross at Boston College

Tuesday, November 23

New Hampshire at UMass Lowell *
Northeastern at Merrimack *
Harvard at Boston University
Massachusetts at Vermont

Friday, November 26

Boston University at Denver (9:30pm)
Massachusetts at Colorado College (9:30pm)

Saturday, November 27

Boston College at Northeastern *
Bentley at UMass Lowell (2pm)
New Hampshire at Vermont
Maine at Dartmouth
Massachusetts at Denver (9pm)
Boston University at Colorado College (9pm)
Dunkin' Donuts Coffee Pot at Providence, RI
Merrimack vs. Union (Time TBA)
Providence vs. Holy Cross (Time TBA)

Sunday, November 28

Dunkin' Donuts Coffee Pot (Times TBA)

DECEMBER

Friday, December 3

Boston College at Boston University (8pm) *
Merrimack at Maine *
Providence at Massachusetts *
St. Lawrence at UMass Lowell
Clarkson at New Hampshire

Saturday, December 4

Providence at Boston College *
Boston University at Massachusetts *
Merrimack at Maine *
Clarkson at UMass Lowell
St. Lawrence at New Hampshire
Northeastern at Vermont

Wednesday, December 8

Providence at Rensselaer

Thursday, December 9

Massachusetts at New Hampshire *

Friday, December 10

Northeastern at Boston College *
UMass Lowell at Dartmouth
Princeton at Merrimack

Saturday, December 11

UMass Lowell at Northeastern *
Boston University at Rensselaer
Maine at Harvard
Sacred Heart at Massachusetts
Princeton at Merrimack
U.S. U-18 Team at UNH (2pm - exh.)

Wednesday, December 22

Dodge Holiday Classic at Minnesota
Harvard vs. Northern Michigan (5pm)
Merrimack vs. Minnesota (8pm)

Thursday, December 23

Dodge Holiday Classic (5/8pm)

Tuesday, December 28

Florida College Classic at Estero, FL (Times TBA)
Boston College vs. Cornell
Maine vs. St. Cloud

Wednesday, December 29

Princeton at Massachusetts
Nebraska-Omaha at Boston University
Florida College Classic (Times TBA)
Great Lakes Invitational at Detroit, MI
Michigan vs. Michigan Tech (5pm)
New Hampshire vs. Michigan State (8pm)
Ledyard Classic at Dartmouth
Providence vs. Vermont (4pm)
Bowling Green vs. Dartmouth (7pm)

Thursday, December 30

Nebraska-Omaha at Massachusetts
Niagara at UMass Lowell
Great Lakes Invitational (4:30/8pm)
Ledyard Classic (4/7pm)
UConn Holiday Classic at Connecticut
Merrimack vs. Brown (1:30pm)
Holy Cross vs. Connecticut (4:30pm)

Friday, December 31

UConn Holiday Classic (1:30/4:30pm)

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JANUARY

Saturday, January 1

Denver Cup at Denver
Northeastern vs. Colgate (6pm)
Air Force vs. Denver (9pm)

Sunday, January 2

Minnesota at Boston University
Denver Cup (6/9pm)

Monday, January 3

Minnesota at Boston University

Tuesday, January 4

Boston College at Merrimack *

Friday, January 7

Boston University at Northeastern *
Massachusetts at UMass Lowell *
New Hampshire at Providence *
Maine vs. U.S. U-18 Team (exh. at Portland, ME)

Saturday, January 8

Northeastern at UMass Lowell *
Boston College at Merrimack *
Providence at New Hampshire *
U.S. U-18 Team at Boston University (exh.)

Sunday, January 9

Quinnipiac at Maine

Tuesday, January 11

Boston College at Yale

Wednesday, January 12

UNH vs. Dartmouth (at Manchester, NH)

Friday, January 14

Boston University at Boston College *
Maine at Massachusetts *
Merrimack at UMass Lowell *
Northeastern at Providence *

Saturday, January 15

Boston College at Boston University *
Maine at Massachusetts *
UMass Lowell at Merrimack *
Providence at Northeastern *
Yale at New Hampshire

Tuesday, January 18

UMass Lowell at Brown

Friday, January 21

Boston University at Maine *
Northeastern at Boston College *
Merrimack at New Hampshire *

Saturday, January 22

Boston University at Maine *
New Hampshire at Boston College *
UMass Lowell at Massachusetts *
Merrimack at Northeastern *
Providence at Brown (Mayor's Cup)

Tuesday, January 25

Connecticut at Providence

Thursday, January 27

Merrimack at Boston University *
Boston College at Massachusetts *

Friday, January 28

Massachusetts at Boston College *
Northeastern at Maine *
New Hampshire at UMass Lowell *

Saturday, January 29

Northeastern at Maine *
UMass Lowell at New Hampshire *
Providence at Boston University *

FEBRUARY

Thursday, February 3

Massachusetts at Northeastern *

Friday, February 4

Boston College at Providence *
UMass Lowell at Boston University *
Maine at New Hampshire (8pm) *

Saturday, February 5

Massachusetts at Merrimack *
Providence at UMass Lowell *
Maine at New Hampshire *

Monday, February 7

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

Thursday, February 10

Northeastern at UMass Lowell *

Friday, February 11

Massachusetts at New Hampshire *
Merrimack at Boston College *
Boston University at Providence *

Saturday, February 12

New Hampshire at Massachusetts *

Sunday, February 13

UMass Lowell at Providence (2pm) *

Monday, February 14

Beanpot Tournament (5/8pm)

Wednesday, February 16

New Hampshire at Merrimack *

Friday, February 18

Boston University at Massachusetts *
UMass Lowell at Boston College *
Maine at Providence *
Merrimack at Northeastern *

Saturday, February 19

Massachusetts at Boston University *
Boston College at UMass Lowell *
Maine at Providence *
New Hampshire at Northeastern *

Wednesday, February 23

Boston University at Northeastern *

Friday, February 25

New Hampshire at Boston College *
UMass Lowell at Maine *
Providence at Merrimack *

Saturday, February 26

Boston College at New Hampshire *
UMass Lowell at Maine *
Merrimack at Providence *
Northeastern at Boston University *
Massachusetts at Niagara (2pm)

MARCH

Thursday, March 3

New Hampshire at Boston University *
UMass Lowell at Merrimack *

Friday, March 4

Maine at Boston College *
Northeastern at Massachusetts *

Saturday, March 5

Maine at Boston College *
Massachusetts at Northeastern *
Providence at UMass Lowell *
Boston University at New Hampshire *

HOCKEY EAST TOURNAMENT

Thursday, March 10

Quarterfinals at campus sites

Friday, March 11

Quarterfinals at campus sites

Saturday, March 12

Quarterfinals at campus sites

Sunday, March 13

Quarterfinals at campus sites (if necessary)

Friday, March 18

Semifinals at FleetCenter (5/8pm)

Saturday, March 19

Hockey East Championship Game
at FleetCenter (7pm)

NCAA TOURNAMENT (Times TBA)

Friday, March 25

NCAA East Regional at Worcester, MA
NCAA Midwest Regional at Grand Rapids, MI

Saturday, March 26

NCAA East Regional at Worcester, MA
NCAA Midwest Regional at Grand Rapids, MI
NCAA Northeast Regional at Massachusetts
NCAA West Regional at Minnesota

Sunday, March 27

NCAA Northeast Regional at Massachusetts
NCAA West Regional at Minnesota

Thursday, April 7

NCAA Semifinals at Columbus, OH

Saturday, April 9

NCAA Championship Game at Columbus, OH