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HOCKEY EAST, NESN ANNOUNCE POST-SEASON SLATE *Five-game schedule starts with Women's Championship this Sunday*

With playoff time upon us, Hockey East and the New England Sports Network (NESN) are ready to bring live action to college hockey fans. A total of five post-season games will be broadcast live over three weekends.

"Our partners at NESN did a great job all season long and we look forward to more of the same through the playoffs," said Hockey East Commissioner Joe Bertagna. "Fans were watching as our regular season ratings topped those of the 2005-2006 season."

"The Hockey East tournament promises to deliver some of the most exciting college hockey action of the season," said Joel Feld, NESN's vice president of programming and executive producer. "One of the cornerstones of NESN University, Hockey East has been a perfect fit for NESN, allowing us to regularly feature nationally ranked teams that are located right here in New England."

The post-season schedule kicks off on Sunday, March 4, at 12:30 p.m. with the 5th Annual Women's Hockey East Championship Final from the Whittemore Center on the campus of the University of New Hampshire. Tom Caron will handle play-by-play, assisted by former college and international standouts Tammy (Shewchuk) Dryden in the booth and A.J. (Mleczko) Griswold as roving reporter.

On Friday, March 9, NESN will select one of four Hockey East Men's Quarterfinal games scheduled for that night. The "Wild Card" game will be announced next Monday. NESN's coverage will begin at 7:00 p.m. with *Hockey East Friday Night Live*, NESN's half-hour pre-game show featuring Hockey East alums Bob Beers and Tom Fitzgerald. Game time is 7:30 p.m. with Tom Caron and Tim Sweeney in the NESN booth.

On the following Friday, the action shifts to the TD Banknorth Garden for the 23rd Annual Hockey East Men's Championship round. NESN's broadcast will once again begin with *Hockey East Friday Night Live* at 4:30 p.m. followed by both semifinals, Game #1 starting at 5:00 p.m. and Game #2 slated for an 8:00 p.m. start.

Saturday's championship game will face off at 7:00 p.m. Due to the Boston Bruins at New York Rangers game scheduled on NESN at the same time, the game will be seen live on alternate channels on most of NESN's affiliated cable and satellite partners. NESN will post a complete list of these alternate channel numbers on www.nesn.com next week. NESN will also provide same-day tape-delay coverage of the game immediately after NESN SportsDesk at 10:30 p.m.

For general questions regarding this release, please contact Brion O'Connor at Hockey East. For NESN-specific questions, contact Gary Roy, NESN's public relations manager, at 617.536.9233, or via email at groy@nesn.com.

All Hockey East quarterfinal games, with the exception of the one game carried live on NESN, can be viewed on-line via the B2 Network. Log on to www.hockeyeastonline.com to learn more about this new opportunity for fans.

ABOUT HOCKEY EAST

The Hockey East Association is a 10-team, Division I college hockey conference, with offices based in Wakefield, MA. Founded in 1983, the league has won four NCAA championships in the past 13 years. The league also sponsors an eight-team women's league which began play in 2002-03.



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