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HOCKEY EAST ANNOUNCES 25TH ANNIVERSARY COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

WAKEFIELD, Mass. - The Hockey East Association and commissioner Joe Bertagna announced the 2008-2009 league men's composite schedule on Thursday afternoon, which features a 27-game league schedule for each of the 10 member schools in addition to several marquee out of conference matchups throughout the season.

The 08-09 Hockey East season opens with three exhibition games on Saturday, October 4. St. Francis Xavier will visit New Hampshire at the Whittemore Center, while Massachusetts will host New Brunswick and Merrimack will entertain McGill University at Lawler Arena.

The conference officially kicks off regular-season play with several intriguing match ups the following weekend, including the 12th annual Ice Breaker Tournament hosted by Boston University and Agganis Arena on Friday, October 10 and Saturday, October 11. On Friday, UMass will play Michigan State at 4:30 p.m., while the Terriers and North Dakota will take the ice at 7:30 p.m. The 2008 National Champion Boston College Eagles will also begin defense of their title on Friday with a home game against Wisconsin at Conte Forum (7 p.m.). Northeastern will travel cross country to participate in the Kendall Hockey Classic at Anchorage, Alaska on Friday and Saturday night. On Saturday night, the Wildcats will host Wisconsin in Durham, while UMass-Lowell will kick off its season at Colgate. Vermont will play ECAC foe Rensselaer in a Saturday afternoon matinee in Quebec City. Merrimack will also play host to Robert Morris on Saturday in North Andover. Maine will officially open its season a week later with a trip to the Alaskan Goal Rush Tournament in Fairbanks, Alaska on October 17 and 18.

Conference play in the 25th anniversary season will begin with Merrimack at Boston University and Northeastern at Providence on Friday, October 17, which marks the Friars season opener at Schneider Arena. Other games on the schedule of note include: Vermont at Boston College on Friday, October 24, a rematch of the 2008 Hockey East Championship Game and Notre Dame at Boston College on Friday, November 7, a rematch of the 2008 NCAA National Championship Game.

The regular season schedule will determine the eight teams that qualify for the Hockey East Championship Tournament, which begins with the quarterfinal round on campus sites of the highest four seeds from on the weekend of March 13-15. The four quarterfinal winners will advance to the TD Banknorth Garden in Boston for the semifinals and Championship Game on Friday, March 20 (5/8 p.m.) and Saturday, March 21 (7 p.m.). Tickets for the Hockey East Championship at the TD Banknorth Garden will go on sale in early December and can be purchased by calling 617- 931-2000 or visiting www.ticketmaster.com

The Hockey East Association is a 10-team, Division-I college hockey conference, with offices based in Wakefield, Mass. Founded in 1983, the league has won five NCAA championships in the past 16 years. The conference also sponsors an eight-team women's league which began play in 2002-03.

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2008-2009 HOCKEY EAST MEN'S COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

* Hockey East game - All games start at 7:00 p.m. EST unless otherwise indicated - All times Eastern (EST) Revised 9/11/08

OCTOBER

Saturday, October 4

St. Francis Xavier at UNH (exh)
New Brunswick at UMass (exh, 6pm)
McGill at Merrimack (exh)

Sunday, October 5

McGill at Vermont (exh, 4pm)
St. Francis Xavier at UMass-Lowell (exh, 3pm)
New Brunswick at Boston University (exh)

Friday, October 10

Wisconsin at Boston College
Kendall Hockey Classic (at Anchorage, Alaska)
Northeastern vs. Alaska (9pm)
Ice Breaker Tournament at Agganis Arena
Michigan State vs. UMass (4:30 pm)
North Dakota vs. Boston University (7:30 pm)
Maine at New Brunswick (exh, 6pm)

Saturday, October 11

Ice Breaker Tournament at Agganis Arena
North Dakota vs. UMass (4:30)
Michigan State vs. Boston University (7:30 pm)
Wisconsin at UNH
UMass-Lowell at Colgate
Kendall Hockey Classic (at Anchorage, Alaska)
Northeastern at Alaska-Anchorage (11pm)
Rensselaer vs. Vermont (at Quebec City, 4pm)
Robert Morris at Merrimack
Maine at New Brunswick (exh, 6pm)

Thursday, October 16

UMass-Lowell at Michigan State

Friday, October 17

Merrimack at Boston University *
Northeastern at Providence *
Rensselaer at UNH
Bowling Green at Boston College
Miami at Vermont
UMass-Lowell at Michigan State
Alaskan Goal Rush Tournament (at Fairbanks, Alaska)
Maine vs. Alaska Anchorage (8pm)

Saturday, October 18

Boston College at Northeastern *
Bowling Green at Providence
Miami at Vermont
Alaskan Goal Rush Tournament (at Fairbanks, Alaska)
Maine at Alaska-Fairbanks (11:30pm)
Merrimack at Army

Sunday, October 19

Boston University at UNH * (5pm)

Tuesday, October 21

UMass at Rensselaer

Friday, October 24

Northeastern at Maine *
Vermont at Boston College * (7:30pm)
UMass at UNH *
Providence at UMass-Lowell * (7:30)

Saturday, October 25

Northeastern at Maine * (7:30)
Michigan at Boston University *
Merrimack at Niagara (4pm)
Providence at Holy Cross

Sunday, October 26

UNH at St. Lawrence (3pm)
Merrimack at Canisius (5pm)

Thursday, October 30

Merrimack at Boston College *
Quinnipiac at UMass-Lowell

Friday, October 31

Northeastern at UNH *
Boston College at Merrimack *
Providence at UMass *
Niagara at Maine

NOVEMBER

Saturday, November 1

UNH at Northeastern *
UMass at Providence *
Boston University at Vermont *
Niagara at Maine (7:30)

Sunday, November 2

Vermont at Dartmouth

Friday, November 7

Vermont at Providence *
Boston University at UMass-Lowell *
Notre Dame at Boston College
UNH at Minnesota (8pm)

Saturday, November 8

UMass at Merrimack *
Vermont at UMass-Lowell *
UNH at Minnesota (7pm)
Notre Dame at Providence
Bentley at Northeastern

Sunday, November 9

Boston College at Maine * (4pm)

Friday, November 14

Maine at Providence *
Boston University at UMass *
Northeastern at Vermont * (7:30pm)
UNH at UMass-Lowell *
Boston College at Merrimack *

Saturday, November 15

Maine at Providence *
UNH at Boston College *
UMass-Lowell at UMass *

Sunday, November 16

Merrimack at Vermont * (4pm)
Northeastern at Boston University *

Friday, November 21

Vermont at Boston University *
UMass at Boston College *
UNH at Northeastern *
Providence at UMass-Lowell *
Merrimack at Maine *

Saturday, November 22

Vermont at Boston University *
Boston College at UMass *
Providence at UNH *
Northeastern at UMass-Lowell *
Merrimack at Maine *

Tuesday, November 25
Vermont at UMass *
UMass-Lowell at Merrimack *
Holy Cross at Boston University

Friday, November 28
Dartmouth at Providence
St. Lawrence at UMass
Harvard at Boston College (4pm)
RPI Tournament (Troy, N.Y.)
Northeastern vs. Princeton (4pm)

Saturday, November 29
Maine at Vermont *
Merrimack at UNH *
St. Lawrence at Boston University
RIT at UMass-Lowell (4pm)
Providence at Union
RPI Tournament (Troy, N.Y.)
Northeastern vs. Mercyhurst/Rensselaer (4/7pm)

Sunday, November 30
Boston College at Dartmouth (4pm)

DECEMBER

Friday, December 5
Boston College at Boston University * (7:30pm)
UNH at UMass-Lowell *
Maine at Northeastern *
Providence at Quinnipiac
UConn at UMass
U.S. Under-18 Team at Vermont (exh, 8pm)

Saturday, December 6
Boston University at Boston College *
UMass-Lowell at UNH *

Sunday, December 7
Maine at Merrimack * (2pm)

Tuesday, December 9
Providence at Brown (Mayor's Cup)

Thursday, December 11
Holy Cross at UNH

Friday, December 12
UMass-Lowell at Boston University *
Union at Maine
American International at UMass

Saturday, December 13
Union at Maine
Vermont at St. Lawrence

Saturday, December 27
Florida College Classic (Estero, Fla.)
Maine vs. Colgate (4pm)

Sunday, December 28
Florida College Classic (Estero, Fla.)
Maine vs. Cornell/St. Cloud State (4/7:30pm)
Ledyard National Bank Classic (Hanover, N.H.)
UMass vs. Bemidji State (4pm)

Monday, December 29
UConn Tournament (Storrs, Conn.)
Merrimack vs. Quinnipiac (4 pm)
Ledyard National Bank Classic (Hanover, N.H.)
UMass vs. Army/Dartmouth (4/7pm)

Tuesday, December 30
UConn Tournament (Storrs, Conn.)
Merrimack vs. Air Force/UConn (4/7:15pm)

JANUARY

Friday, January 2
Denver Cup (Denver, Colo.)
Boston University vs. Rensselaer (6:30 pm)
Catamount Cup (Burlington, Vt.)
Vermont vs. Colgate (7 pm)
Shillelagh Tournament (Hoffman Estates, Ill.)
UMass-Lowell vs. Minnesota-Duluth
Dodge Holiday Classic (Minneapolis, Minn.)
Northeastern vs. Western Michigan (5pm)
Boston College at New Brunswick (exh, 6pm)
U.S. Under-18 Team at Maine (exh, at Portland)

Saturday, January 3
Denver Cup (Denver, Colo.)
Boston University vs. Denver/Holy Cross (6/9 pm)
Catamount Cup (Burlington, Vt.)
Vermont vs. Ferris State/St. Lawrence (4/7 pm)
Shillelagh Tournament (Hoffman Estates, Ill.)
UMass-Lowell vs. Notre Dame/Union
Dodge Holiday Classic (Minneapolis, Minn.)
Northeastern vs. Brown/Minnesota (5/8pm)
Boston College at New Brunswick (exh, 6pm)
U.S. Under-18 Team at Merrimack (exh)

Sunday, January 4
UNH at Maine * (4pm)
Cornell at UMass (TBA)

Friday, January 9
Boston College at Vermont * (7:30pm)
UNH at UMass *
Merrimack at Northeastern *

Saturday, January 10
Maine at Boston University *
Boston College at Vermont *
UMass-Lowell at Providence *
UMass at UNH *
Northeastern at Merrimack *

Tuesday, January 13
Providence at Boston University *

Friday, January 16
Vermont at Northeastern *
Boston University at Merrimack *
Providence at UMass *
UMass-Lowell at Boston College * (7:30pm)
Bentley at Maine

Saturday, January 17
Boston College at Boston University *
Vermont at Northeastern *
UMass at UMass-Lowell *
Dartmouth at UNH
(at Verizon Wireless Arena)

Sunday, January 18
Providence at Maine * (2pm)

Thursday, January 22
Merrimack at UMass-Lowell *

Friday, January 23
UNH at Boston University * (7:30pm)
UMass at Vermont *
Northeastern at Providence *

Saturday, January 24
Boston University at UNH *
Maine at Boston College * (8pm)
UMass at Vermont *

Providence at Northeastern *
UMass-Lowell at Merrimack *

Sunday, January 25
Maine at Boston College * (4pm)

Friday, January 30
Boston College at Providence * (7:30pm)
Boston University at Merrimack *
Northeastern at UMass *
UMass-Lowell at Maine *
Vermont at UNH *

Saturday, January 31
Merrimack at Providence *

FEBRUARY

Sunday, February 1
UMass at Maine * (4pm)

Monday, February 2
Beanpot Tournament (at TD Banknorth Garden)
Boston University vs. Harvard (5pm)
Northeastern vs. Boston College (8pm)

Friday, February 6
Maine at UNH * (7:30)
Providence at Vermont *
UMass at Boston College *
UMass-Lowell at Boston University *
Merrimack at Northeastern *

Saturday, February 7
Maine at UNH * (at Verizon Wireless Arena)
Providence at Vermont *
UMass-Lowell at UMass *
Brown at Merrimack

Monday, February 9
Beanpot Consolation (5pm)
Beanpot Championship (8pm)

Friday, February 13
UMass-Lowell at Boston College *
Vermont at Merrimack *
Boston University at Maine *
Northeastern at UMass *
Providence at UNH *

Saturday, February 14
Vermont at Merrimack *
Boston University at Maine *
UMass at Northeastern *
UNH at Providence *
Boston College at UMass-Lowell *

Friday, February 20
UMass-Lowell at Vermont *
Maine at UMass *
Northeastern at Boston University *
Boston College at UNH * (7:30pm)

Saturday, February 21
UMass-Lowell at Vermont *
Maine at UMass *
Boston University at Northeastern *
UNH at Boston College *
Providence at Merrimack *

Sunday, February 22
Merrimack at Providence * (4pm)

Friday, February 27
Boston University at UMass * (7:30pm)
UNH at Merrimack *
Vermont at Maine *
UMass-Lowell at Northeastern *
Providence at Boston College *

Saturday, February 28
UMass at Boston University *
Merrimack at UNH * (7:30pm)
Vermont at Maine *
Northeastern at UMass-Lowell *
Boston College at Providence *

MARCH

Friday, March 6
UNH at Vermont *
Maine at UMass-Lowell *
Boston College at Northeastern * (7:30pm)
UMass at Merrimack *
Boston University at Providence *

Saturday, March 7
UNH at Vermont *
Maine at UMass-Lowell *
Northeastern at Boston College *
Merrimack at UMass *

Sunday, March 8
Providence at Boston University * (2pm)

HOCKEY EAST TOURNAMENT

Friday, March 13 - Sunday, March 15
Quarterfinals at campus sites

Friday, March 20
Semifinals at TD Banknorth Garden (5/8pm)

Saturday, March 21
Championship at TD Banknorth Garden (7pm)

NCAA TOURNAMENT (Times TBA)

Friday, March 27
East Regional at Bridgeport Arena at Harbor Yard (Bridgeport, Conn.)
Midwest Regional at Van Andel Arena (Grand Rapids, Mich.)

Saturday, March 28
East Regional at Bridgeport Arena at Harbor Yard (Bridgeport, Conn.)
Midwest Regional at Van Andel Arena (Grand Rapids, Mich.)
Northeast Regional at the Verizon Wireless Arena (Manchester, N.H.)
West Regional at Mariucci Arena (Minneapolis, Minn.)

Sunday, March 29
Northeast Regional at the Verizon Wireless Arena (Manchester, N.H.)
West Regional at Mariucci Arena (Minneapolis, Minn.)

FROZEN FOUR

Thursday, April 9
NCAA Semifinals at the MCI Center (5/8:30 pm, Washington, D.C.)

Saturday, April 11
NCAA Championship at the MCI Center (Washington, D.C.)