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~ HOCKEY EAST ANNOUNCES 2009-2010 MEN'S COMPOSITE SCHEDULE ~

WAKEFIELD, Mass. - The Hockey East Association and Commissioner Joe Bertagna announced the 2009-2010 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 highlighted non-conference matchups during the season.

The 09-10 Hockey East season commences with four exhibition games on Saturday, October 3, highlighted by Northeastern's opening of newly renovated Matthews Arena vs. St. Thomas. The Huskies made several renovations in the offseason, including new seats, a center hung scoreboard, locker rooms and press box.

The conference officially kicks off regular-season play with several intriguing match ups in the opening weekend. Massachusetts will host Rensselaer at the Mullins Center in the first regular season game of the year on Thursday, Oct. 8. Vermont will travel cross country to WCHA foe Denver for a two-game set beginning on Friday, Oct. 9. Merrimack College will also head west for a pair of games with North Dakota, while Northeastern will travel for a two-game matchup with Colorado College. UMass-Lowell will also compete in the IceBreaker Tournament opening the season with St. Lawrence at Nebraska-Omaha and Maine plays a two-game set at Union College. UNH will also officially open its season on Oct. 10 at Rensselaer. The Providence College Friars open play on Saturday night, as they host Holy Cross at Schneider Arena. Boston College and BU will host the U.S. Under-18 Team on Friday and Saturday night, respectively, at Conte Forum and Agganis Arena.

Hockey East and the CCHA will clash in the first annual HEA/CCHA Challenge, playing 11 games between leagues from Oct. 15 to Oct. 24. Some of the highlighted games on the schedule include: Miami at UNH and Michigan State at Maine for a two-game set Oct. 16 and 17. Notre Dame at Boston University on Tuesday, Oct. 20 and Providence at Notre Dame for a series on Oct. 15 and 16. Boston College will also visit South Bend for a single game on Friday, Oct. 23.

Conference play in the 26th season on play will begin with Boston University at Massachusetts on Friday, Oct. 16 at the Mullins Center in Amherst. Vermont will host Boston College the next night in Burlington at Gutterson Field House.

Fenway Park will also host the first outdoor game in modern history in New England, as Boston College and Boston University square off in this once-in-a-lifetime event on Friday, Jan. 8, 2010.

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 12-14, 2010. The four quarterfinal winners will advance to the TD Garden in Boston for the semifinals and Championship Game on Friday, March 19 (5/8 p.m.) and Saturday, March 20 (7 p.m.). Tickets for the Hockey East Championship at the TD Garden will go on sale in early December and can be purchased by calling 617- 931-2000 or visiting www.ticketmaster.com

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2009-2010 HOCKEY EAST MEN'S COMPOSITE SCHEDULE
All games start at 7:00 p.m. EST unless otherwise indicated - All times Eastern (EST) Revised 8/24/09
*** Hockey East Game, # denotes CCHA/HEA Challenge Games**

OCTOBER

Saturday, October 3
 Acadia at UNH (Exh.)
 St. Thomas at Northeastern (Exh.)
 St. Francis Xavier at Boston University (Exh.)
 New Brunswick at Massachusetts (Exh., 6pm)

Sunday, October 4
 Acadia at UMass-Lowell (Exh., 4pm)
 New Brunswick at Vermont (Exh., 4pm)
 St. Francis Xavier at Boston College (Exh., 5pm)

Thursday, October 8
 Rensselaer at Massachusetts

Friday, October 9
 Maine at Union
 Vermont at Denver (9pm)
 Merrimack at North Dakota (8pm)
 Northeastern at Colorado College
 IceBreaker at Qwest Center (at Omaha, Neb.)
 UMass-Lowell vs. St. Lawrence (5pm)
 U.S. Under-18 Team at Boston College (Exh.)
 New Brunswick at Providence (Exh.)

Saturday, October 10
 IceBreaker at Qwest Center (at Omaha, Neb.)
 UMass-Lowell vs. Army/Nebraska-Omaha (5/8pm)
 Merrimack at North Dakota (8pm)
 UNH at Rensselaer
 Vermont at Denver (9pm)
 Maine at Union
 Northeastern at Colorado College
 Holy Cross at Providence
 U.S. Under-18 Team at Boston U. (Exh.)

Thursday, October 15
 Providence at Notre Dame #

Friday, October 16
 Boston University at Massachusetts *
 Miami at UNH #
 Providence at Notre Dame #
 Michigan State at Maine #
 Holy Cross at Merrimack
 Bentley at Northeastern

Saturday, October 17
 Boston College at Vermont *
 Miami at UNH #
 Michigan State at Maine #
 Army at Merrimack

Tuesday, October 20
 Notre Dame at Boston University #

Friday, October 23
 Northeastern at UNH *
 Maine at Massachusetts *
 Vermont at Merrimack *
 Colgate at UMass-Lowell
 Providence at Bowling Green #
 Boston College at Notre Dame # (7:30pm)

Saturday, October 24
 Northeastern at UMass-Lowell * (5pm)
 Maine at UNH *
 Michigan at Boston University #
 Providence at Bowling Green #
 Sunday, October 25
 UConn at Merrimack (4pm)

Friday, October 30
 Boston University at UMass-Lowell *
 Massachusetts at Providence *
 Merrimack at Boston College *
 Vermont at Maine *
 UNH at Wisconsin (8pm)

Saturday, October 31
 UMass-Lowell at Boston University *
 Providence at Massachusetts *
 UNH at Wisconsin (8pm)

NOVEMBER
 Sunday, November 1
 Boston College at Merrimack * (4pm)

Friday, November 6
 Boston College at UNH *
 Boston University at Northeastern *
 UMass-Lowell at Vermont *
 Niagara at Massachusetts

Saturday, November 7
 Northeastern at Boston College *

Sunday, November 8
 Providence at Vermont *
 UNH at UMass-Lowell * (4pm)
 Boston University at Maine *
 Massachusetts at Niagara (2pm)

Friday, November 13
 Boston University at Merrimack *
 UNH at Massachusetts *
 Maine at Northeastern *
 UMass-Lowell at Alabama-Huntsville (8pm)

Saturday, November 14
 Merrimack at Boston University *
 UNH at Massachusetts *
 Vermont at Boston College *
 Maine at Northeastern *
 UMass-Lowell at Alabama-Huntsville (8pm)

Sunday, November 15
 Vermont at Boston College * (4pm)

Tuesday, November 17
 Brown at Providence (Mayor's Cup)

Thursday, November 19
 Massachusetts at Yale

Friday, November 20
 Boston University at UNH *
 Boston College at Maine *
 Providence at Northeastern *

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

Tuesday, November 24
 Massachusetts at Vermont *
 UMass-Lowell at Providence *
 Boston University at Harvard (7:30pm)

Friday, November 27
 Vermont at Northeastern *
 Maine at UMass-Lowell *
 Providence at Dartmouth
 Clarkson at Boston College (5pm)

Saturday, November 28
 UNH at Merrimack * (4pm)
 Boston University vs. Cornell (at Madison Square Garden, 8pm)
 St. Lawrence vs. Maine (at Portland Civic Center)
 Massachusetts at Quinnipiac

Monday, November 30
 Yale at Vermont

DECEMBER
 Tuesday, December 1
 Merrimack at Boston College *

Friday, December 4
 Boston College at Massachusetts *
 Vermont at Boston University *
 Northeastern at Merrimack *
 Providence at Maine *
 UMass-Lowell at UNH *

Saturday, December 5
 Boston College at Boston University *
 Merrimack at Northeastern *
 Massachusetts at UMass-Lowell *
 Providence at Maine *

Sunday, December 6
 UNH at Vermont * (4pm)

Wednesday, December 9
 Boston College at Harvard

Friday, December 11
 UNH at Providence *
 Princeton at UMass-Lowell
 Rensselaer at Boston University

Saturday, December 12
 Northeastern at Maine *
 Merrimack at Massachusetts *
 Boston College at Providence *
 Princeton at UMass-Lowell (4pm)
 St. Lawrence at Vermont

Saturday, December 19
 Dartmouth at Vermont (4pm)

Tuesday, December 29
 Florida College Classic at Germain Arena (Estero, Fla.)
 Maine vs. Princeton (4pm)
 UConn Tournament (at Storrs, Conn.)
 Massachusetts vs. Union (4pm)

Wednesday, December 30
 Florida College Classic at Germain Arena (Estero, Fla.)
 Maine vs. CC/Cornell (4/7:30pm)
 UConn Tournament (at Storrs, Conn.)
 Massachusetts vs. Bentley/UConn(4/7pm)

JANUARY

Friday, January 1
Denver Cup at Magness Arena (Denver, Col.)
Boston College vs. St. Lawrence (6:30pm)

Saturday, January 2
Massachusetts at Boston University *
Denver Cup at Magness Arena (Denver, Col.)
Boston College vs. Denver (9pm)
Badger Classic at Kohl Center (Madison, Wis.)
Merrimack vs. Wisconsin (8pm)
Dartmouth Tournament
Northeastern vs. Dartmouth
UMass-Lowell vs. Holy Cross (4pm)
Catamount Cup (at Burlington, Vt.)
Alabama Huntsville at Vermont
New Brunswick at Maine (Exh.)

Sunday, January 3
Badger Classic at Kohl Center (Madison, Wis.)
Merrimack vs. Ferris State/Yale (5pm)
Dartmouth Tournament
Northeastern vs. Holy Cross/UML(4/7pm)
UMass-Lowell vs. Dartmouth/Northeastern (4/7pm)
Cornell at UNH (4pm)
Catamount Cup (at Burlington, Vt.)
Mercyhurst/Minn. Duluth at Vermont (4/7pm)

Friday, January 8
Boston University vs. Boston College *
(at Fenway Park, 7:30pm)
UMass-Lowell at UNH *

Saturday, January 9
Massachusetts at UNH *
UMass-Lowell at Northeastern *
Merrimack at Maine *

Sunday, January 10
Massachusetts at Northeastern * (TBA)
Providence at Boston College * (TBA)

Friday, January 15
Maine at Boston College *
Northeastern at Vermont *
Boston University at Providence *
UMass-Lowell at Massachusetts *

Saturday, January 16
Maine at Providence *
Northeastern at Vermont *
Merrimack at Boston University *
Massachusetts at UMass-Lowell *
UNH vs. Dartmouth (VWA, Manchester, N.H.)

Tuesday, January 19
Providence at Northeastern *

Friday, January 22
Boston University at Boston College *
Merrimack at UMass-Lowell *
UNH at Providence *

Saturday, January 23
Vermont at Massachusetts *
Boston College at UMass-Lowell *
UNH at Boston University *
Providence at Merrimack *
U.S. Under-18 Team at Maine (Exh.)

Sunday, January 24
Vermont at Massachusetts * (4pm)

Friday, January 29
Providence at Boston College *
Massachusetts at Boston University *
UNH at Merrimack *
Maine at Vermont *
UMass-Lowell at Northeastern *

Saturday, January 30
Merrimack at UNH *
Maine at Vermont *
Massachusetts at Providence *

FEBRUARY
Monday, February 1
Beanpot Tournament
(at TD Garden, Boston, Mass.)
Boston College vs. Harvard (5pm)
Boston University vs. Northeastern (8pm)

Friday, February 5
UNH at Maine *
Boston College at Massachusetts *
Boston University at UMass-Lowell *
Vermont at Providence *
Northeastern at Merrimack *

Saturday, February 6
UNH at Maine *
Vermont at Providence *
UMass-Lowell at Merrimack *

Monday, February 8
Beanpot Tournament
(at TD Garden, Boston, Mass.)
Consolation Game (5pm)
Championship Game (8pm)

Friday, February 12
Providence at UNH *
Boston College at UMass-Lowell *
Northeastern at Massachusetts *
Maine at Boston University * (7:30)
Merrimack at Vermont *

Saturday, February 13
UMass-Lowell at Boston College *
Massachusetts at Northeastern *
Maine at Boston University *
Merrimack at Vermont *
Friday, February 19
Vermont at UNH *
UMass-Lowell at Maine *
Boston College at Northeastern *
Massachusetts at Merrimack *
Boston University at Providence *

Saturday, February 20
Vermont at UNH *
UMass-Lowell at Maine *
Northeastern at Boston College *
Merrimack at Massachusetts *
Providence at Boston University *

Friday, February 26
Boston University at Vermont *
Maine at Merrimack *
Massachusetts at Boston College *
Providence at UMass-Lowell *
UNH at Northeastern *

Saturday, February 27
Maine at Merrimack *
UMass-Lowell at Providence *
Northeastern at UNH * (7:30pm)

Sunday, February 28
Boston University at Vermont * (4pm)

MARCH

Friday, March 5
Northeastern at Boston University *
Boston College at UNH *
Merrimack at Providence *
Vermont at UMass-Lowell *
Massachusetts at Maine *

Saturday, March 6
UNH at Boston College *
Boston University at Northeastern *
Providence at Merrimack *
Vermont at UMass-Lowell *
Massachusetts at Maine *

HOCKEY EAST TOURNAMENT
Friday, March 12 - Sunday, March 14
Quarterfinals at high seed campus sites

Friday, March 19
Semifinals at TD Garden
(5/8pm, NESN)

Saturday, March 20
Championship at TD Garden
(7pm, NESN)

NCAA TOURNAMENT (Times TBA)
Friday, March 26
East Regional at Pepsi Arena (Albany, N.Y.)
West Regional at Mariucci Arena
(Minneapolis, Minn.)

Saturday, March 27
Midwest Regional (Fort Wayne, Ind.)
Northeast Regional at DCU Center
(Worcester, Mass.)
West Regional at Mariucci Arena
(Minneapolis, Minn.)
East Regional at Pepsi Arena (Albany, N.Y.)

Sunday, March 28
Midwest Regional (Fort Wayne, Ind.)
Northeast Regional at DCU Center
(Worcester, Mass.)

FROZEN FOUR (Times TBA)
Thursday, April 8 at Ford Field
(Detroit, Mich.)
NCAA Semifinals

Saturday, April 10 at Ford Field
(Detroit, Mich.)
NCAA Championship Game