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2010 HOCKEY EAST TOURNAMENT FIELD SET FOR BOSTON'S TD GARDEN

WAKEFIELD, Mass. - The Hockey East Association has announced the pairings for the upcoming 26th annual Hockey East Championships at the TD Garden beginning on Friday, March 19 in Boston, Mass.

In the early game Friday, No. 2 Boston College (23-10-3, 16-8-3 HEA) matches up with No. 8 seed Vermont (17-13-7, 9-11-7 HEA) at 5pm. The Catamounts were victorious in the regular-season series with the Eagles, 2-1-0. Its marks the first meeting between the two schools in the semifinal round. BC owns a 3-0 all-time record against UVM in the Hockey East Tournament with the last meeting coming in the 2008 Championship Game. The Catamounts advanced with a pair of back-to-back shutouts of No. 1 seed New Hampshire in Durham, while BC earned a sweep of No. 7 UMass. The Eagles have won a league-record eight Hockey East Tournament titles. BC owns a 13-4 all-time record in the Hockey East semifinal round.

In the late game at 8 p.m. on Friday night, No. 3 seed Boston University (18-16-3, 13-12-2 HEA) will square off with No. 4 seed Maine (18-16-3, 13-12-2 HEA). The Terriers won the regular-season series with the Black Bears, 2-1-0. The game will mark the fifth all-time meeting between the two schools in the Hockey East semifinals with Maine owning a 4-0 record in the previous four meetings, which included the most recent meeting back in 2004 (1-0). The Terriers earned a 3-0 shutout of No. 6 seed Merrimack in the decisive third game, while Maine won the final two games of their series against UMass-Lowell, which included a 3-2 overtime win in the series finale. The teams have combined to win 12 of Hockey East's 25 Tournament Championships (BU- 7; Maine- 5).

The winners of each game will advance to the Hockey East Championship Game on Saturday, March 20th at 7 p.m. at the TD Garden. All three games will be televised live in HD by the New England Sports Network (NESN). 98.5 The Sports Hub will provide live radio and internet coverage of all three games over the weekend.

Tickets for the Hockey East Championship are still available at the TD Garden box office, by calling 1-800-745-3000 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 six NCAA championships in the past 17 years. The conference also sponsors an eight-team women's league which began play in 2002-03.

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