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HOCKEY EAST ANNOUNCES WOMEN'S COMPOSITE SCHEDULE FOR 10TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON

Wakefield, Mass. -- Hockey East announced the league's composite women's schedule for its upcoming 10th anniversary season on Monday afternoon.

The Maine Black Bears will officially kick off the regular-season schedule for the third straight year as they host Sacred Heart for a two-game series beginning on Friday night, September 23rd. Six other league teams will play exhibition contests this coming weekend.

Boston University, the 2011 WHEA Regular-Season Champions, will open its season on Friday, September 30 in the first of a two-game series with WCHA foe North Dakota. Connecticut and Vermont will also open the season on Sept. 30th vs. ECAC opponents, Rensselaer and Clarkson, respectively.

New Hampshire opens on the road with a series at Niagara starting on Sept. 30, while Providence opens the same weekend with a series at Bemidji State. Northeastern will open its season at home on Friday, October 7 vs. Syracuse, while defending Hockey East Tournament Champion Boston College will be the last league team to officially start the season on Oct. 8th at Minnesota-Duluth.

The top six teams qualify for the WHEA Tournament with the top two seeds getting a bye to semifinal play. The No. 3 seed will host No. 6 and the No. 4 seed will host No. 5 in quarterfinal playoff games the weekend of February 25 and 26 in a one game playoff on the campus of the high seed. The winners of the quarterfinal matchups advance and then are reseeded to play the teams the top two teams in semifinal play.

Hockey East will host the 2012 Women's Hockey East Championship Tournament at the Hyannis Youth and Community Center (HYCC) on Saturday, March 3rd and Sunday, March 4th in the Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Memorial Skating Rink. The semifinals will be held on Saturday, March 3rd with games at 12pm and 3pm. The winners of each semifinal will advance to the 10th annual Women's Hockey East Championship Game on Sunday, March 4th, which is tentatively scheduled for 12:30 pm.

The Women's Hockey East Association is an eight-team, Division-I college hockey conference which began play in 2002-2003, with offices based in Wakefield, Mass. The league also sponsors a 10-team men's league which began play in 1984.

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2011-2012 HOCKEY EAST WOMEN'S COMPOSITE SCHEDULE
*** DENOTES HOCKEY EAST GAME - ALL TIMES EASTERN (EST) UPDATED 9/12/11**

SEPTEMBER

Friday, September 23
 Sacred Heart at Maine (7pm)
 McGill at Connecticut (Exh, 7pm)
 Ottawa at Northeastern (Exh, 7pm)

Saturday, September 24
 Sacred Heart at Maine (3pm)
 Ottawa at Boston University (Exh, 3pm)
 OHA at New Hampshire (Exh, 2pm)
 McGill at Providence (Exh, 7pm)

Sunday, September 25
 McGill vs. Boston College
 (Exh at Providence, 3pm)

Friday, September 30
 North Dakota at Boston University (7pm)
 Rensselaer at Connecticut (7pm)
 Clarkson at Vermont (3pm)
 New Hampshire at Niagara (7pm)
 Providence at Bemidji State (7pm)

OCTOBER

Saturday, October 1
 North Dakota at Boston University (3pm)
 Rensselaer at Connecticut (3pm)
 New Hampshire at Niagara (1pm)
 Providence at Bemidji State (4pm)
 McGill at Vermont (Exh, 4pm)

Friday, October 7
 Niagara at Boston University (7pm)
 Colgate at New Hampshire (7pm)
 Syracuse at Northeastern (3pm)
 Rensselaer at Vermont (7pm)
 Maine at Quinnipiac (7pm)

Saturday, October 8
 Niagara at Boston University (3pm)
 Syracuse at New Hampshire (5pm)
 Colgate at Northeastern (3pm)
 Rensselaer at Vermont (4pm)
 Boston College at Minnesota-Duluth (4pm)
 Connecticut at St. Lawrence (1pm)
 Maine at Quinnipiac (1pm)
 Providence at Clarkson (1pm)

Sunday, October 9
 Boston College at Minnesota-Duluth (4pm)
 Connecticut at Clarkson (1pm)
 Providence at St. Lawrence (1pm)

Friday, October 14
 Boston College at New Hampshire * (7pm)
 Minnesota-Duluth at Connecticut (7pm)
 Bemidji State at Maine (7pm)
 Union at Northeastern (3pm)

Saturday, October 15
 New Hampshire at Boston College * (2pm)
 Union at Boston University (4pm)
 Minnesota-Duluth at Connecticut (4pm)
 Bemidji State at Maine (5pm)
 Quinnipiac at Northeastern (2pm)
 Mercyhurst at Providence (1pm)
 Vermont at North Dakota

Sunday, October 16
 Mercyhurst at Providence (1pm)
 Vermont at North Dakota

Friday, October 21
 Maine at Connecticut * (7pm)
 Providence at Vermont * (7pm)
 Quinnipiac at Boston College (2pm)
 Boston University at Clarkson (3pm)
 New Hampshire at St. Lawrence (4pm)
 Northeastern at Princeton (7pm)

Saturday, October 22
 Maine at Connecticut * (2pm)
 Providence at Vermont * (4pm)
 Boston University at St. Lawrence (2pm)
 New Hampshire at Clarkson (2pm)
 Northeastern at Yale (3pm)

Sunday, October 23
 Dartmouth at Boston College (2pm)

Friday, October 28
 Northeastern at Maine * (2pm)
 Boston College at Providence * (7pm)
 Niagara at Vermont (2pm)
 Boston University at Wisconsin (3pm)
 Connecticut at Syracuse (7pm)

Saturday, October 29
 Niagara at Vermont (2pm)
 Boston University at Wisconsin (3pm)
 Connecticut at Syracuse (4pm)

Sunday, October 30
 Maine at Boston College * (2pm)

NOVEMBER

Tuesday, November 1
 Yale at Providence (7pm)

Wednesday, November 2
 Boston University at Boston College * (7pm)

Thursday, November 3
 Vermont at New Hampshire (7pm)

Friday, November 4
 Connecticut at Northeastern * (7pm)

Saturday, November 5
 Maine at Providence * (1pm)
 Boston College at Boston University * (3pm)
 Northeastern at Connecticut * (4pm)

Sunday, November 6
 Maine at Providence * (2pm)
 New Hampshire at Dartmouth (2pm)

Friday, November 11
 Northeastern at Vermont * (7pm)

Saturday, November 12
 New Hampshire at Boston University * (3pm)
 Providence at Connecticut * (1pm)
 Northeastern at Vermont * (2pm)
 Niagara at Maine (2pm)

Sunday, November 13
 Niagara at Maine (12pm)
 New Hampshire at Providence * (2pm)

Thursday, November 17
 Boston College at Northeastern * (7pm)

Friday, November 18
 Northeastern at Boston College * (7pm)
 Brown at Maine (7pm)
 New Hampshire at Minnesota (7pm)

Saturday, November 19
 Connecticut at Boston University * (3pm)
 Vermont at Providence * (2pm)
 Brown at Maine (TBA)
 New Hampshire at Minnesota (5pm)

Sunday, November 20
 Vermont at Connecticut * (2pm)
 Boston University at Providence * (2pm)

Tuesday, November 22
 Boston College at Quinnipiac (7pm)

Wednesday, November 23
 Maine at Vermont * (2pm)

Friday, November 25
 Maine at New Hampshire * (7pm)
 Princeton at Boston College (3pm)
 Brown at Providence (17th annual Mayor's Cup, 7pm)
 Boston University at Cornell (7pm)
 Nutmeg Classic (at UConn)
 Quinnipiac at Connecticut (4pm)
 Robert Morris vs. Yale (7pm)

Saturday, November 26
 Princeton at New Hampshire (2pm)
 Boston University at Cornell (4pm)
 Northeastern at Dartmouth (4pm)
 Vermont at Colgate (2pm)
 Nutmeg Classic (at UConn)
 Consolation (4pm)
 Championship (7pm)

Sunday, November 27
 Boston College at Brown
 Providence at Union (2pm)
 Vermont at Colgate (2pm)

Tuesday, November 29
 Union at New Hampshire (7pm)

Wednesday, November 30
 Boston University at Northeastern (7pm)

DECEMBER

Saturday, December 3
 Boston College at Maine * (7pm)
 Northeastern at New Hampshire * (2pm)
 Boston University at Providence * (7pm)
 Connecticut at Vermont * (2pm)

Sunday, December 4
 Providence at Boston University * (3pm)
 Boston College at Maine * (3pm)

New Hampshire at Northeastern * (2pm)
Connecticut at Vermont * (2pm)

Wednesday, December 7
Boston University at Northeastern * (7pm)

Friday, December 9
Mercyhurst at Boston College (7pm)
Maine at Union (TBA)
New Hampshire at Harvard (7pm)

Saturday, December 10
Mercyhurst at Boston College (2pm)
Dartmouth at New Hampshire (2pm)
Harvard at Providence (1pm)
Maine at Union (TBA)

Sunday, December 11
Dartmouth at New Hampshire (2pm)

Saturday, December 31
Dartmouth at Providence (2pm)

JANUARY

Tuesday, January 3
Harvard at Connecticut (7pm)
Vermont at Dartmouth (7pm)

Thursday, January 5
St. Lawrence at Boston College (7pm, at Northeastern)
Clarkson at Northeastern (3pm)

Friday, January 6
Clarkson at Boston College (3pm)
St. Lawrence at Northeastern (3pm)
Robert Morris at Providence (7pm)

Saturday, January 7
Brown at Connecticut (1pm)
Robert Morris at Providence (1pm)

Sunday, January 8
Boston University at Maine * (3pm)

Tuesday, January 10
New Hampshire at Boston College * (7pm)
Union at Connecticut (7pm)
Vermont at St. Lawrence

Friday, January 13
Connecticut at New Hampshire * (7pm)

Saturday, January 14
Maine at Boston University * (3pm)
Connecticut at New Hampshire * (4pm)
Boston College at Vermont * (7pm)

Sunday, January 15
Maine at Boston University * (3pm)
Northeastern vs. Providence * (4pm at the Bog, Kingston, Mass.)

Tuesday, January 17
Northeastern at Boston College * (7pm)

Thursday, January 19
Boston University at New Hampshire (SS, 7pm)

Friday, January 20
Providence at Boston College * (SS, 7pm)
Connecticut at Maine * (2pm)

Saturday, January 21
Vermont at Boston University * (3pm)
New Hampshire at Northeastern * (2pm, SS)

Sunday, January 22
Boston College at Connecticut (2pm)
Providence at Maine * (SS, 3pm)
Vermont at Northeastern * (2pm)

Wednesday, January 25
Boston College at Boston University * (7pm)

Saturday, January 28
Northeastern at Boston University *
(at Agganis Arena, 3pm, SS)
Vermont at New Hampshire * (2pm)
Connecticut at Providence * (2pm, SS)

Sunday, January 29
Providence at Connecticut * (2pm, SS)
New Hampshire at Vermont * (2pm, SS)

Tuesday, January 31
34th annual Beanpot Tournament (at Boston University)
Boston College vs. Northeastern (5pm)
Boston University vs. Harvard (8pm)

FEBRUARY

Saturday, February 4
Providence at Boston College * (2pm)
Vermont at Maine * (2pm)
Connecticut at Northeastern * (2pm)
Boston University at New Hampshire * (2pm)

Sunday, February 5
New Hampshire at Connecticut * (2pm)
Vermont at Maine * (3pm)

Tuesday, February 7
34th annual Beanpot Tournament
(at Boston University)
Consolation Game (5pm)
Championship Game (8pm)

Saturday, February 11
Boston College at Connecticut * (1pm)
Providence at New Hampshire * (2pm)
Maine at Northeastern * (2pm)
Boston University at Vermont * (2pm)

Sunday, February 12
Connecticut at Boston College * (2pm)
Maine at Northeastern * (2pm)
Providence at New Hampshire * (2pm)
Boston University at Vermont * (2pm)

Friday, February 17
Vermont at Boston College * (2pm)
Northeastern at Providence * (7pm)

Saturday, February 18
Vermont at Boston College * (2pm)
Boston University at Connecticut * (2pm)
New Hampshire at Maine * (TBA)

Sunday, February 19
Connecticut at Boston University * (3pm)
New Hampshire at Maine * (3pm)
Providence at Northeastern * (4pm)

Saturday, February 25
WHEA Quarterfinals (on campus of higher seed)

Sunday, February 26
WHEA Quarterfinals (on campus of higher seed)

MARCH

Saturday, March 3
WHEA Semifinals
(12/3pm, at HYCC, Hyannis, Mass.)

Sunday, March 4
WHEA Championship
(12:30pm, at HYCC, Hyannis, Mass., NESN)

Saturday, March 10
NCAA Tournament Quarterfinal Round
(on campus site of higher seed)

FROZEN FOUR

Friday, March 16
NCAA Semifinals
(at Amsoil Arena, Duluth, Minn.)

Sunday, March 18
NCAA Championship
(at Amsoil Arena, Duluth, Minn.)