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10TH ANNUAL WHEA TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS SET FOR QUARTERFINALS **~ Providence entertains Maine on Saturday; Boston University hosts UNH Sunday ~**

WAKEFIELD, Mass. - The Women's Hockey East Association announced on Sunday the pairings for the upcoming 2012 WHEA Tournament on Saturday, February 25 and Sunday, February 26 at campus sites for the one-game quarterfinal playoff.

No. 4 seed Providence College will host No. 5 Maine on Saturday, Feb. 25 at Schneider Arena in Providence, R.I. for a 2pm puck drop, while No. 3 seed Boston University will entertain No. 6 New Hampshire on Sunday, Feb. 26 (3pm) at Walter Brown Arena in Boston, Mass. in the opening round of the WHEA Tournament. The advancing teams will then be reseeded for the semifinal round.

The No. 1 seed Northeastern University Huskies and No. 2 seed Boston College Eagles have earned first-round byes and will compete the following weekend on March 3rd in the WHEA semifinals at the Hyannis Youth and Community Center (HYCC). The Huskies will play the lowest remaining seed and Boston College will play the highest remaining seed. Northeastern clinched their first regular-season title in school history on Sunday afternoon with a 2-1 victory against Providence College at Matthews Arena. The Huskies finished the WHEA regular season with a 15-3-3 record and 33 points in the WHEA standings. The semifinal games will be played at 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. at Kennedy Rink and the advancing teams will play in the Hockey East Championship Game on Sunday, March 4th at 1 p.m.

Pack Network will stream four of the five tournament games live on the internet, excluding the Championship Game. Single-game subscriptions for the women's tournament will be available for \$8.95, while the women's All-Access pass is available for \$19.95 and the VIP pass is available for \$49.95, which includes all women's and men's tournament games. To purchase any of the live women's games visit www.hockeyeastonline.tv. The New England Sports Network (NESN) will air the WHEA Championship Game on Sunday, March 4th on tape delay at 4:30 p.m.

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 an 10 team men's league which began play in 1984-1984.

2012 WHEA PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

Quarterfinals

Saturday, February 25 (at Schneider Arena, Providence, R.I.)

No. 5 Maine at No. 4 Providence College (2pm)

Live on Pack Network at www.hockeyeastonline.tv

Sunday, February 26 (at Walter Brown Arena, Boston, Mass.)

No. 6 New Hampshire at No. 3 Boston University (3pm)

Live on Pack Network at www.hockeyeastonline.tv

Semifinals

Saturday, March 3 (at Kennedy Rink, Hyannis Youth and Community Center)

Lowest seed vs. No. 1 Northeastern (12:30pm)

Live on Pack Network at www.hockeyeastonline.tv

Highest seed vs. No. 2 Boston College (3:30pm)

Live on Pack Network at www.hockeyeastonline.tv

Championship Game

Sunday, March 4 (at Kennedy Rink, Hyannis Youth and Community Center, 1pm)

Tape Delay on New England Sports Network, NESN (4:30pm)