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LEAGUE ANNOUNCES WOMEN'S COMPOSITE SCHEDULE FOR 2012-13 SEASON **~ WHEA Playoffs expand to eight teams beginning this season ~**

Wakefield, Mass. - Hockey East announced the league's 2012-13 women's composite schedule for its 11th season of play on Wednesday afternoon.

The Connecticut Huskies will officially kick off the regular-season schedule, as they travel to Union College on Saturday, September 29th. Six other league teams will play exhibition contests on the weekend of Sept. 29 and 30. Boston University, the 2012 WHEA Tournament Champions, will open its season on Friday, October 5th on the road in the league opener against Boston College at Conte Forum. Northeastern University, the 2012 WHEA Regular-Season Champions, will open the year at Colgate on Oct. 5th, while New Hampshire also opens that same day at Syracuse.

Providence College opens with a series against Bemidji State on Friday, October 5 at Schneider Arena and Vermont begins the year on Saturday, October 6th under first-year head coach Jim Plumer against first-year program Penn State University at Gutterson Fieldhouse. The Maine Black Bears are the last team to officially open the year on Friday, October 12th at Quinnipiac.

All eight teams will qualify for the WHEA Tournament for the first time in league history, after the athletic directors voted back in June to expand the tournament format. The top four seeds will host a one-game quarterfinal playoff game the weekend of March 1-3. The winners of the quarterfinal matchups advance and then are reseeded in semifinal play.

Hockey East will host the 2013 Women's Hockey East Championship Tournament at the Hyannis Youth and Community Center (HYCC) on Saturday, March 9th and Sunday, March 10th in the Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Memorial Skating Rink. The semifinals will be held on Saturday, March 9th with games at 12:30pm and 3:30pm. The winners of each semifinal will advance to the 11th annual Women's Hockey East Championship Game on Sunday, March 10th, which is tentatively scheduled for 1pm.

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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2012-2013 Hockey East Women's Composite Schedule
*** denotes Hockey East game - All times Eastern (EST) Updated 9/19/2012**

SEPTEMBER

Saturday, September 29
 Connecticut at Union (4pm)
 Dalhousie at New Hampshire (Exh, 3pm)
 McGill at Providence (Exh, 7pm)

Sunday, September 30
 McGill at Boston University (Exh, 3pm)
 Dalhousie at Maine (Exh, 3pm)
 Boston Blades at Northeastern (Exh, 2pm)
 University of Montreal at Vermont (Exh, 2pm)

OCTOBER

Friday, October 5
 Boston University at Boston College * (7pm)
 Bemidji State at Providence (7pm)
 Connecticut at Rensselaer (7pm)
 New Hampshire at Syracuse (4pm)
 Northeastern at Colgate (7pm)

Saturday, October 6
 Bemidji State at Providence (4pm)
 Penn State at Vermont (2pm)
 Connecticut at Rensselaer (3pm)
 New Hampshire at Colgate (4pm)
 Northeastern at Syracuse (4pm)
 Boston Blades at Boston University (Exh, 3pm)

Sunday, October 7
 Penn State at Vermont (2pm)

Friday, October 12
 Maine at Quinnipiac (5pm)
 Union at Northeastern (7pm)
 Vermont at Clarkson (7pm)
 Connecticut at Colgate (7pm)
 Providence at Mercyhurst (7pm)
 Rensselaer at Boston University (7pm)

Saturday, October 13
 Union at Boston University (3pm)
 Rensselaer at Northeastern (3pm)
 Connecticut at Colgate (4pm)
 Maine at Quinnipiac (1pm)
 Providence at Mercyhurst (2pm)
 Vermont at Clarkson (4pm)
 Boston Blades at Boston College (Exh, 2pm)

Tuesday, October 16
 Northeastern at Boston University * (7pm)
 Vermont at New Hampshire * (7pm)

Saturday, October 20
 Vermont at Providence * (2pm)
 Connecticut at Maine * (2pm)
 Boston College at New Hampshire * (2pm)
 Cornell at Boston University
 (7pm, at Agganis Arena)

Sunday, October 21
 Connecticut at Maine * (2pm)
 New Hampshire at Boston College * (2pm)
 Cornell at Boston University (2pm)
 Vermont at Providence * (2pm)

Wednesday, October 24
 McGill at Vermont (Exh, 7pm)

Thursday, October 25
 Minnesota-Duluth at Boston College (7pm)

Friday, October 26
 Maine at Boston University * (7pm)
 Robert Morris at Northeastern (7pm)
 Syracuse at Connecticut (7pm)
 Minnesota-Duluth at Boston College (7pm)
 New Hampshire at Wisconsin (7pm)

Saturday, October 27
 Maine at Northeastern * (3pm)
 Syracuse at Connecticut (3pm)
 Robert Morris at Boston University (2pm)
 St. Cloud State at Providence (1pm)

Sunday, October 28
 St. Cloud State at Providence (1pm)
 New Hampshire at Wisconsin (12pm)

Wednesday, October 31
 Boston College at Boston University * (7pm)
 Rensselaer at Vermont (7pm)

NOVEMBER

Friday, November 2
 Northeastern at Connecticut * (7pm)
 Providence at Maine * (2pm)
 St. Lawrence at New Hampshire (7pm)

Saturday, November 3
 Providence at Maine * (1pm)
 Boston University at Boston College * (2pm)
 Connecticut at Northeastern * (3pm)
 Robert Morris at Vermont (2pm)
 St. Lawrence at New Hampshire (2pm)

Sunday, November 4
 Robert Morris at Vermont (2pm)

Tuesday, November 6
 New Hampshire at Dartmouth (7pm)

Wednesday, November 7
 Providence at Boston College * (7pm)

Friday, November 9
 Boston University at New Hampshire * (7pm)
 Maine at Bemidji State (8pm)

Saturday, November 10
 Vermont at Northeastern * (2pm)
 Connecticut at Providence * (2pm)
 Maine at Bemidji State * (8pm)

Sunday, November 11
 Vermont at Northeastern * (2pm)
 New Hampshire at Providence * (2pm)

Monday, November 12
 Boston College at Dartmouth (7pm)

Friday, November 16
 Providence at Boston University * (5pm)
 Boston College at Northeastern * (7pm)
 Connecticut at Vermont * (2pm)

Saturday, November 17
 New Hampshire at Maine * (12pm)

Sunday, November 18
 Northeastern at Boston College * (2pm)
 Providence at Vermont * (2pm)
 Harvard at Boston University (3pm)
 St. Lawrence at Connecticut (2pm)

Tuesday, November 20
 Quinnipiac at New Hampshire (7pm)

Thursday, November 22
 Team Russia at Maine (Exh, 7pm at Lewiston, Maine)

Friday, November 23
 Boston College vs. Quinnipiac (Nutmeg Classic at Ingalls Rink, New Haven, Conn., 4pm)
 Connecticut at Yale (Nutmeg Classic at Ingalls Rink, New Haven, Conn., 7pm)
 Providence at Brown (18th annual Mayor's Cup, 7pm)

Saturday, November 24
 Minnesota at New Hampshire (2pm)
 Boston College vs. UConn/Yale (Nutmeg Classic at Ingalls Rink, New Haven, Conn., 4/8pm)
 Connecticut vs. Boston College/Quinnipiac (Nutmeg Classic at Ingalls Rink, New Haven, Conn., 4/7pm)
 Team Russia at Northeastern (Exh, 7pm)

Sunday, November 25
 Union at Providence (2pm)
 Minnesota at New Hampshire (2pm)

Monday, November 26
 Team Russia at Boston University (Exh, 7pm)

Tuesday, November 27
 Harvard at Northeastern (7pm)

Friday, November 30
 Maine at Boston College * (7pm)
 Boston University at Providence * (7pm)

DECEMBER

Saturday, December 1
 Maine at Boston College * (2pm)
 Vermont at Connecticut * (1pm)
 Providence at Boston University * (3pm)
 Northeastern at New Hampshire * (2pm)

Sunday, December 2
 Vermont at Connecticut * (1pm)
 New Hampshire at Northeastern * (2pm)

Wednesday, December 5
 Boston College at New Hampshire * (7pm)
 Dartmouth at Northeastern (7pm)

Friday, December 7
 Providence at Harvard (7pm)

Saturday, December 8
 Boston University at Minnesota-Duluth (4pm)
 Harvard at New Hampshire (2pm)
 Dartmouth at Maine (3pm)

Sunday, December 9
 Boston University at Minnesota-Duluth (4pm)
 Dartmouth at Maine (3pm)

Friday, December 14
 Union at Maine (7pm)

Saturday, December 15
 Union at Maine (2pm)

Monday, December 31
Dartmouth at Providence (2pm)

JANUARY

Wednesday, January 2
Princeton at Connecticut (7pm)

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

Friday, January 4
Northeastern at Clarkson (3pm)
Boston College at St. Lawrence (3pm)

Saturday, January 5
Colgate at Vermont (2pm)
Providence at Yale (4pm)
Maine at Brown (2pm)

Sunday, January 6
Colgate at Vermont (2pm)
Maine at Brown (2pm)

Tuesday, January 8
Boston University at Connecticut * (7pm)

Wednesday, January 9
Boston College at Northeastern * (7pm)
Dartmouth at Vermont (7pm)

Friday, January 11
Providence at Rensselaer (7pm)

Saturday, January 12
Boston University at Maine * (3pm)
Vermont at Boston College * (2pm)
Cornell at Northeastern (2pm)
Providence at Rensselaer (4pm)
Connecticut at McGill (Exh, 3pm)

Sunday, January 13
Boston University at Maine * (3pm)
Cornell at Boston College (2pm)

Tuesday, January 15
Connecticut at Harvard (7pm)
New Hampshire at Union (7pm)

Wednesday, January 16
Northeastern at Boston University * (7pm)

Friday, January 18
Vermont at Maine (2pm)
Boston College at Mercyhurst (7pm)

Saturday, January 19
New Hampshire at Connecticut * (1pm)
Vermont at Maine * (1pm)
Boston College at Mercyhurst (2pm)

Sunday, January 20
New Hampshire at Connecticut * (1pm)
Providence at Northeastern * (2pm)

Thursday, January 24
Northeastern at New Hampshire * (7pm)

Friday, January 25
Boston University at Vermont * (2pm)

Saturday, January 26
Maine at Connecticut * (1pm)
Boston College at Providence * (2pm)

Sunday, January 27
Maine at Providence * (2pm)
Northeastern at Vermont * (2pm)
New Hampshire at Boston University * (3pm)
Connecticut at Boston College * (3pm)

FEBRUARY

Friday, February 1
Providence at Connecticut * (7pm)
New Hampshire at Vermont * (7pm)

Saturday, February 2
Boston College at Maine * (7pm)
Boston University at Northeastern * (12pm)
Connecticut at Providence * (7pm)
New Hampshire at Vermont * (3pm)

Tuesday, February 5
Harvard vs. Boston College (5pm, 35th annual Beanpot Tournament at Northeastern)
Boston University at Northeastern (8pm, 35th annual Beanpot Tournament)

Saturday, February 9
Maine at Vermont * (2pm)
Northeastern at Connecticut * (1pm)
New Hampshire at Boston University * (3pm)
Boston College at Providence * (7pm)

Sunday, February 10
Maine at Vermont * (2pm)
Connecticut at New Hampshire * (12pm)

Tuesday, February 12
Consolation Game (5pm, 35th annual Beanpot Tournament)
Championship Game (8pm, 35th annual Beanpot Tournament)

Friday, February 15
New Hampshire at Providence * (7pm)

Saturday, February 16
Northeastern at Maine * (2pm)
Vermont at Boston University * (3pm)
Connecticut at Boston College * (2pm)

Sunday, February 17
Northeastern at Maine * (2pm)
Vermont at Boston University * (3pm)
Boston College at Connecticut * (2pm)
Providence at New Hampshire * (2pm)

Friday, February 22
Providence at Northeastern * (7pm)

Saturday, February 23
Maine at New Hampshire * (2pm)
Boston College at Vermont * (12pm)
Northeastern at Providence * (7pm)
Connecticut at Boston University * (3pm)

Sunday, February 24
Maine at New Hampshire * (2pm)
Boston College at Vermont * (2pm)
Boston University at Connecticut * (2pm)

MARCH

Friday, March 1
WHEA Quarterfinals
(on campus of higher seed)

Saturday, March 2
WHEA Quarterfinals
(on campus of higher seed)

Sunday, March 3
WHEA Quarterfinals
(on campus of higher seed)

Saturday, March 9
WHEA Semifinals
(12:30/3:30pm, at HYCC, Kennedy Rink, Hyannis, Mass.)

Sunday, March 10
WHEA Championship
(1pm, at HYCC, Kennedy Rink, Hyannis, Mass.)

Saturday, March 16
NCAA Tournament Quarterfinal Round
(on campus site of higher seed)

FROZEN FOUR

Friday, March 21
NCAA Semifinals
(Ridder Arena, Minneapolis, Minn.)

Sunday, March 23
NCAA Championship
(Ridder Arena, Minneapolis, Minn.)