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WOMEN'S LEAGUE

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2004-05 WOMEN'S SCHEDULE FINALIZED ***BU's Walter Brown Arena to host championship tournament***

The Hockey East Association is pleased to unveil its 2004-05 women's composite schedule, featuring a 20-game slate of league contests for each team in addition to several marquee interconference games.

Defending regular season champion New Hampshire will open the regular season at Vermont on Tuesday, Oct. 12, but does not officially begin its defense of the regular season title until the league opener, Oct. 22 vs. Connecticut. The only other league game in October also involves UNH, as the Wildcats visit Boston College on Sunday, Oct. 24.

Two-time defending Hockey East tournament champion Providence will face a key early season test on Wednesday, Nov. 10, when the Friars visit Harvard. The team does not see league action, however, until Nov. 21-22, a two-game weekend series at Maine.

Northeastern also faces a tough early season challenge at Harvard, but not against the Crimson. Thanksgiving weekend brings WCHA powers Wisconsin and Minnesota to Harvard's Bright Center to face-off against both Northeastern and Harvard on successive days, creating one of the most exciting regular season tournaments of the year.

Rivals Providence and UNH will not face-off their four-game regular season series until a home-and-home set in late January, followed by another home-and-home series at the end of February.

The Hockey East championship tournament will undergo some adjustments this year, moving across town to Boston University's Walter Brown Arena following two seasons at Northeastern's Matthews Arena, and moving one weekend earlier in the calendar (Mar. 13-14) to accommodate an expanded NCAA bracket. With the NCAA women's ice hockey championship bracket being expanded to eight teams, the winner of the Hockey East tournament will likely be granted an automatic bid into the tournament for the first time ever. That elevates the significance of the annual Hockey East championship tournament to a much higher level than in previous seasons. Following campus regionals, four teams will advance to the 2005 NCAA Women's Frozen Four, hosted for the second time in four years by the University of New Hampshire.

The Women's Hockey East Association is a six-team, Division-I college hockey conference based entirely in New England, with offices situated in Wakefield, Mass. Founded in 2001, the league will expand to eight teams at the start of the 2005-06 season, adding Boston University and the University of Vermont.

- Schedule Attached -

2004-05 WOMEN'S HOCKEY EAST COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

* Hockey East game - All times Eastern

OCTOBER

Saturday, October 9

Bluewater at Connecticut (exh. - 2pm)

Sunday, October 10

Bluewater at Providence (exh. - 2pm)

Tuesday, October 12

New Hampshire at Vermont (7pm)

Friday, October 15

St. Lawrence at Connecticut (7pm)

Maine at Vermont (7pm)

Niagara at New Hampshire (7pm)

Saturday, October 16

Wayne State at Boston College (2pm)

Providence at Colgate (2pm)

St. Lawrence at Connecticut (4pm)

Maine at Vermont (7pm)

Niagara at New Hampshire (7pm)

Sunday, October 17

Wayne State at Boston College (1pm)

Providence at Colgate (2pm)

Friday, October 22

Connecticut at New Hampshire (7pm) *

Northeastern at Niagara (7pm)

Saturday, October 23

Northeastern at Niagara (2pm)

Vermont at Providence (2pm)

Boston College at Quinnipiac (5pm)

Sunday, October 24

UNH at Boston College (3pm) *

Vermont at Providence (2pm)

Tuesday, October 26

Quinnipiac at Northeastern (7pm)

Friday, October 29

Boston College at Dartmouth (5pm)

Brown at Maine (7pm)

Connecticut at Quinnipiac (7pm)

Saturday, October 30

Princeton at Providence (2pm)

Boston College at Vermont (4pm)

St. Jerome at Maine (exh. - 7pm)

Sunday, October 31

Princeton at Providence (2pm)

Brown at New Hampshire (2pm)

Connecticut at Yale (2pm)

St. Jerome at Maine (exh. - 2pm)

NOVEMBER

Wednesday, November 3

Northeastern at New Hampshire (7pm) *

Friday, November 5

Connecticut at Boston College (7pm) *

Saturday, November 6

Wayne State at Maine (11am)

Clarkson at Providence (2pm)

St. Lawrence at Northeastern (7pm)

Sunday, November 7

Boston College at Connecticut (2pm) *

Wayne State at Maine (10am)

St. Lawrence at Providence (2pm)

Clarkson at Northeastern (2pm)

Wednesday, November 10

Providence at Harvard (7pm)

Friday, November 12

North Dakota at Connecticut (7pm)

Saturday, November 13

Boston College at Maine (1pm) *

New Hampshire at St. Lawrence (2pm)

Northeastern at Ohio State (2pm)

North Dakota at Connecticut (4pm)

Sunday, November 14

Boston College at Maine (1pm) *

New Hampshire at St. Lawrence (2pm)

Northeastern at Ohio State (2pm)

Friday, November 19

Boston College at Northeastern (7pm) *

Connecticut at Minnesota State (3:30pm)

Saturday, November 20

Providence at Maine (2pm) *

Northeastern at New Hampshire (7pm) *

Connecticut at Minnesota State (3:30pm)

Sunday, November 21

Providence at Maine (2pm) *

Quinnipiac at Boston College (2pm)

Tuesday, November 23

Northeastern at Brown (7pm)

Friday, November 26

NU vs. Minnesota (at Harvard - 1pm)

Saturday, November 27

NU vs. Wisconsin (at Harvard - 1pm)

Connecticut at Princeton (1pm)

Maine at Colgate (1pm)

Providence at Brown (Mayor's Cup - 7pm)

UNH Tournament

Dartmouth vs. Mercyhurst (1pm)

Minnesota State at UNH (4pm)

Sunday, November 28

Connecticut at Princeton (1pm)

Maine at Colgate (1pm)

UNH Tournament

Dartmouth vs. Minnesota State (1pm)

Mercyhurst at New Hampshire (4pm)

Monday, November 29

Providence at Yale (7:30pm)

DECEMBER

Wednesday, December 1

New Hampshire at Dartmouth (7pm)

Friday, December 3

Maine at Northeastern (7pm) *

Providence at Boston College (7pm) *

Saturday, December 4

Connecticut at New Hampshire (2pm) *

Maine at Northeastern (3pm) *

Boston College at Providence (7pm) *

Tuesday, December 7

Vermont at Boston College (7pm)

Wednesday, December 8

Harvard at Connecticut (7pm)

Thursday, December 9

New Hampshire at Northeastern (7pm) *

Saturday, December 11

Princeton at Northeastern (1pm)

Quinnipiac at Maine (1pm)

Harvard at New Hampshire (5pm)

Sunday, December 12

Princeton at Boston College (12noon)

Quinnipiac at Maine (1pm)

JANUARY

Saturday, January 1

Yale at Maine (1pm)

Princeton at New Hampshire (2pm)

BC vs. Clarkson (4pm - at Lake Placid, NY)

Sunday, January 2

Providence at Dartmouth (2pm)

Yale at New Hampshire (2pm)

BC vs. Clarkson (6pm - at Lake Placid, NY)

Tuesday, January 4

Connecticut at Brown (7pm)

Wednesday, January 5

Dartmouth at New Hampshire (7pm)

Friday, January 7

Sacred Heart at Maine (4pm)

Saturday, January 8

Boston College at UNH (2pm) *

Sacred Heart at Maine (1pm)

Providence at Mercyhurst (2pm)

Connecticut at Niagara (2pm)

Sunday, January 9

Providence at Niagara (1pm)

Connecticut at Mercyhurst (2pm)

Tuesday, January 11

Colgate at New Hampshire (7pm)

Friday, January 14

Maine at New Hampshire (7pm) *

Saturday, January 15

Maine at New Hampshire (2pm) *

Northeastern at Boston College (2pm) *

Providence at Connecticut (2pm) *

Sunday, January 16

Boston College at Northeastern (2pm) *

Connecticut at Providence (2pm) *

Friday, January 21

Maine at Connecticut (7pm) *

Saturday, January 22

Northeastern at Providence (2pm) *

Boston College at Mercyhurst (2pm)

Maine at Connecticut (4pm) *

Sunday, January 23

Providence at Northeastern (2pm) *

Boston College at Mercyhurst (1pm)

Friday, January 28

Connecticut at Northeastern (7pm) *

Saturday, January 29

New Hampshire at Providence (2pm) *

Northeastern at Connecticut (7pm) *

Sunday, January 30

Providence at New Hampshire (2pm) *

FEBRUARY

Friday, February 4

New Hampshire at Northeastern (7pm) *

Boston College at Connecticut (7pm) *

Saturday, February 5

Maine at Providence (2pm) *

Sunday, February 6

Maine at Providence (2pm) *

Connecticut at Boston College (2pm) *

Tuesday, February 8

Beanpot Tournament at Northeastern

Boston College vs. Boston Univ. (5pm)

Harvard at Northeastern (8pm)

Saturday, February 12

New Hampshire at Maine (1pm) *

Connecticut at Providence (2pm) *

Northeastern at Boston College (2pm) *

Sunday, February 13

New Hampshire at Maine (1pm) *

Providence at Connecticut (2pm) *

Tuesday, February 15

Beanpot Tournament (5/8pm)

Friday, February 18

Northeastern at Maine (4pm) *

Saturday, February 19

Northeastern at Maine (12noon) *

New Hampshire at Connecticut (2pm) *

Boston College at Providence (2pm) *

Sunday, February 20

New Hampshire at Connecticut (2pm) *

Providence at Boston College (2pm) *

Saturday, February 26

Providence at New Hampshire (2pm) *

Northeastern at Connecticut (2pm) *

Maine vs. Boston College (at NU - 4pm) *

Sunday, February 27

Maine at Boston College (1pm) *

New Hampshire at Providence (2pm) *

Connecticut at Northeastern (2pm) *

MARCH

Friday, March 4

Connecticut at Maine (4pm) *

Saturday, March 5

Connecticut at Maine (12noon) *

Providence at Northeastern (2pm) *

Boston College at New Hampshire (2pm) *

Sunday, March 6

Northeastern at Providence (2pm) *

New Hampshire at Boston College (2pm) *

HOCKEY EAST TOURNAMENT

Saturday, March 13

Semifinals at Boston University

Sunday, March 14

Championship game at Boston University

NCAA TOURNAMENT (Times TBA)

Friday, March 18-20

Quarterfinals at campus sites

Friday, March 25

Semifinals at New Hampshire

Sunday, March 27

Championship Game at New Hampshire