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HOCKEY EAST ANNOUNCES 2007-2008 WOMEN'S COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

WAKEFIELD, Mass. – The Hockey East Association and commissioner Joe Bertagna announced the 2007-2008 league women's composite schedule on Tuesday afternoon, which highlights a 21-game schedule for each of the eight member schools and some great key matchups in inter-league battles at the beginning of the season.

The 2007-2008 college hockey season in Hockey East begins in September for the second straight season with Maine hosting Sacred Heart for a single game on Saturday, September 29 (2 p.m.) at Alford Arena, while the rest of the league teams start play the following weekend. 2007 Frozen Four participant Boston College led by first-year head coach Katie King will open the year with a one-game battle with Rensselaer at Conte Forum on Friday, October 5 at Chestnut Hill, while the New Hampshire Wildcats will look to repeat as conference champions for the third straight season as the 'Cats head to the North Country for a two game battle with St. Lawrence on Oct. 5 and 6 in Canton, N.Y. The Huskies of UConn will host Ohio State for a two-game series beginning on Friday, October 5 in Storrs, while Northeastern and Boston University start the year playing WCHA foes Minnesota and North Dakota in the opening weekend of play in Minneapolis on October 5 and 6 in the Nike Bauer Women's Classic at Ridder Arena. The Vermont Catamounts will start the season with a two-game meeting with Sacred Heart on Saturday, October and Sunday, October 7 at Gutterson Fieldhouse in Burlington, Vt.

The league will host the second annual "Skating Strides against Breast Cancer" event the third weekend of February with a six-game schedule that will feature pink jerseys, skates and laces on Saturday, February 16 and Sunday, February 17. The gate receipts from the six games will be donated to local area breast cancer charities. The games that weekend include, on Saturday, Boston College at Maine (7 p.m.), Vermont at New Hampshire (2 p.m.), Boston University at Connecticut (1 p.m.) and Providence at Northeastern (2 p.m.) and on Sunday; Northeastern at Providence (2 p.m.) and Connecticut at Boston University (3 p.m.).

Other games throughout the season that stand out in this year's schedule are Boston University at Mercyhurst for a two-game meeting on October 12 and 13, while Providence will face the Maine Black Bears in the conference opener on Sunday, October 14 (2 p.m.) in Orono. UNH and Boston College will take the ice on Thursday, October 25 after a three-game series last year that was only decided by two goals. Tournament runner-up Providence will meet the Eagles at Conte Forum on Tuesday, October 30 for the first time since the Hockey East semifinals. New Hampshire will host the repeat national champions Wisconsin Badgers for a two-game series at the Whittemore Center in Durham on November 17 and 18, which will be some memorable college hockey among two of the top five teams from last season.

UNH will play at Mercyhurst on December 7 and 8, while the 'Cats will host Harvard on Friday, December 14 closing out a very tough first half schedule in which the Wildcats face eight ranked teams in 20 games before Christmas break. Providence will also host Harvard on Saturday, December 8 in its final game of the first half. Boston College will start a challenging stretch of its schedule in the early part January with five non-conference games including, a two-game set vs. St. Lawrence at Conte Forum on January 4 and 5, a meeting with Harvard at the Bright Center on Tuesday, January 8 and then the Eagles will head to Minnesota for two games with the Golden Gophers on January 12 and 13.

The regular season will determine the four teams that qualify for the Hockey East Championship Tournament, which begins on Saturday, March 8 with two semifinal games at 12 and 3 :30 p.m. at Freitas Ice Forum on the campus of the University of Connecticut. On Sunday, March 9 the two advancing teams will play for the sixth annual WHEA Championship.

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2007-08 WOMEN'S HOCKEY EAST COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

(Updated 9/18/07, subject to change)

* Hockey East game - All games start at 7:00 p.m. EST unless otherwise indicated - All times Eastern

SEPTEMBER

Saturday, September 29

Sacred Heart at Maine (2 pm)

Bluewater at Connecticut (exh) (1pm)

Mississauga at Northeastern (exh) (2pm)

Sunday, September 30

Mississauga at Boston University (exh) (12pm)

Bluewater at Providence (exh) (1pm)

OCTOBER

Friday, October 5

Maine at Mercyhurst

Ohio State at Connecticut

New Hampshire at St. Lawrence

Rensselaer at Boston College

Nike Bauer Women's Classic

Northeastern at Minnesota

Boston U. vs. N. Dakota at Minnesota (4pm)

Saturday, October 6

Maine at Mercyhurst (2pm)

Ohio State at Connecticut (4pm)

New Hampshire at St. Lawrence (4pm)

Sacred Heart at Vermont (2pm)

Nike Bauer Women's Classic

Northeastern vs. N. Dakota at Minnesota (4pm)

Boston U. at Minnesota

Sunday, October 7

Sacred Heart at Vermont (6:45pm)

Friday, October 12

Colgate at Boston College

Northeastern at Quinnipiac (6pm)

Minnesota State at Connecticut

Union at Vermont

Boston University at Mercyhurst

Saturday, October 13

Boston College at Quinnipiac (3pm)

Minnesota State at Connecticut (4pm)

Union at Vermont (4pm)

Boston University at Mercyhurst (2pm)

Sunday, October 14

Providence at Maine (2pm)

Colgate at New Hampshire (1pm)

Friday, October 19

Maine at Rensselaer

Connecticut at St. Lawrence (3:30pm)

Providence at Colgate

Boston College at Princeton

Saturday, October 20

Maine at Rensselaer (2pm)

Connecticut at Colgate (4pm)

Providence at St. Lawrence

Vermont at Cornell (2pm)

Niagara at Northeastern (2pm)

Sunday, October 21

Boston University at New Hampshire * (2pm)

Vermont at Cornell (1pm)

Niagara at Northeastern (2pm)

Thursday, October 25

Providence at Connecticut *

New Hampshire at Boston College *

Friday, October 26

Vermont at Dartmouth

Saturday, October 27

Connecticut at Northeastern * (2pm)

Maine at Boston College *

Sunday, October 28

Maine at New Hampshire * (4pm)

Dartmouth at Boston University (3pm)

Tuesday, October 30

Providence at Boston College *

Wednesday, October 31

Connecticut at Rensselaer

NOVEMBER

Thursday, November 1

New Hampshire at Boston University *

Friday, November 2

Boston College at Vermont (4pm) *

Clarkson at Maine

Saturday, November 3

Clarkson at Maine * (2pm)

New Hampshire at Vermont *

Northeastern at Rensselaer

Union at Boston University (3pm)

Sunday, November 4

Brown at Connecticut * (1pm)

Tuesday, November 6

Northeastern at Providence *

Wednesday, November 7
Boston College at New Hampshire *
Quinnipiac at Boston University

Friday, November 9
Robert Morris at Maine (2pm)

Saturday, November 10
Vermont at Providence * (2pm)
Connecticut at New Hampshire * (2pm)
Princeton at Boston University (3pm)
Robert Morris at Maine (1pm)
Wayne State at Northeastern (2pm)

Sunday, November 11
Vermont at Connecticut * (2pm)
Dartmouth at Providence * (2pm)
Princeton at New Hampshire (2pm)
Wayne State at Northeastern (1pm)

Friday, November 16
Connecticut at Maine * (4pm)
Northeastern at Boston College *
Providence at Ohio State
St. Cloud State at Boston University

Saturday, November 17
Wisconsin at New Hampshire (5pm)
Providence at Ohio State (4pm)
St. Cloud State at Boston University (1pm)

Sunday, November 18
Wisconsin at New Hampshire (3pm)

Tuesday, November 20
Boston University at Maine *
Quinnipiac at Northeastern

Saturday, November 24
Maine at Vermont (2pm) *
Boston College at Yale (2pm)
Brown at Providence (2pm)
Niagara at New Hampshire (1pm)

Sunday, November 25
Niagara at New Hampshire (1pm)
Robert Morris at Providence (2pm)

Thursday, November 29
Boston College at Connecticut *

DECEMBER

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

Sunday, December 2
Vermont at Boston University * (3pm)
New Hampshire at Northeastern * (4pm)
Maine at Providence * (2pm)

Thursday, December 6
Boston College at Boston University *
Yale at Providence

Friday, December 7
Connecticut at Harvard
Maine at St. Lawrence
New Hampshire at Mercyhurst

Saturday, December 8
Boston College at Northeastern * (2pm)
New Hampshire at Mercyhurst (3pm)
Maine at St. Lawrence (2pm)
Harvard at Providence
Sacred Heart at Boston University (3pm)

Friday, December 14
Harvard at New Hampshire

Friday, December 29
Vermont at Bemidji State (3pm)
Nutmeg Classic at Quinnipiac
Yale vs. Niagara
Connecticut vs. Quinnipiac

Saturday, December 30
Vermont at Bemidji State (3pm)
Nutmeg Classic at Quinnipiac (3/7pm)

JANUARY

Thursday, January 3
St. Lawrence at Boston College (4pm)

Friday, January 4
Princeton at Connecticut
Providence at Niagara
St. Lawrence at Boston College (4pm)

Saturday, January 5
New Hampshire at Brown (2pm)
Northeastern at Yale (2pm)
Princeton at Connecticut (4pm)
Providence at Niagara (2pm)
Clarkson at Vermont (2pm)

Sunday, January 6
Brown at Northeastern (2pm)
Clarkson at Vermont (2pm)

Tuesday, January 8
Boston College at Harvard

Thursday, January 10
New Hampshire at Northeastern * (2pm)

Friday, January 11
Connecticut at Vermont *
Maine at Wayne State

Saturday, January 12
Connecticut at Vermont * (4pm)
Maine at Wayne State (2pm)
Boston College at Minnesota (2pm)
Mercyhurst at Providence (2pm)

Sunday, January 13
Boston University at Northeastern (2pm)
Mercyhurst at Providence (1pm)
Boston College at Minnesota (2pm)

Thursday, January 17
Northeastern at Boston College *
New Hampshire at Dartmouth

Friday, January 18
Vermont at St. Cloud State (8pm)

Saturday, January 19
Connecticut at Boston University (3pm)
Providence at New Hampshire (2pm)
Vermont at St. Cloud State (8pm)

Sunday, January 20
Boston University at Providence * (2pm)
Northeastern at Maine * (3pm)
Dartmouth at Boston College (8 pm)

Friday, January 25
Providence at Vermont *

Saturday, January 26
Providence at Vermont *
Maine at Boston University * (2pm)
Northeastern at New Hampshire * (2pm)
Boston College at Connecticut * (1pm)

Sunday, January 27
Maine at Boston University * (3pm)

Thursday, January 31
Boston University at Providence *

FEBRUARY

Friday, February 1
Northeastern at Connecticut *
Vermont at Boston College * (2pm)

Saturday, February 2
Vermont at Boston College * (2pm)
New Hampshire at Maine *
Providence at Boston University * (3pm)
Connecticut at Northeastern * (4pm)

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

Tuesday, February 5
Beanpot Tournament at Boston U. (5/8pm)
Harvard vs. Northeastern
Boston College at Boston University

Friday, February 8
Boston University at Vermont *
Maine at Northeastern *

Saturday, February 9
Boston University at Vermont * (4pm)
Providence at Connecticut * (1pm)
New Hampshire at Boston College *
Maine at Northeastern *

Sunday, February 10
Connecticut at Providence * (2pm)

Tuesday, February 12
Beanpot Tournament at Boston U. (5/8pm)

Friday, February 15
Vermont at New Hampshire * (2pm)

Saturday, February 16 (Skating Strides)
Boston College at Maine * (7pm)
Vermont at New Hampshire * (2pm)
Boston University at Connecticut * (1pm)
Providence at Northeastern * (2pm)

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

Friday, February 22
Boston College at Boston University *
Northeastern at Vermont *

Saturday, February 23
Northeastern at Vermont * (4pm)
Maine at Connecticut * (1pm)
Boston University at Boston College * (7pm)
New Hampshire at Providence * (1pm)

Sunday, February 24
Maine at Connecticut * (1pm)
Providence at New Hampshire * (2pm)

MARCH

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

Sunday, March 2

New Hampshire at Connecticut * (2pm)

Vermont at Maine * (2pm)

Boston University at Northeastern * (2pm)

Providence at Boston College * (1pm)

HOCKEY EAST TOURNAMENT

Saturday, March 8

WHEA tournament semifinals, at UConn (12/3:30pm)

Sunday, March 9

WHEA tournament Final, at UConn (TBA)

NCAA TOURNAMENT (Times TBA)

Friday, March 14 - Sunday, March 16

Quarterfinals at campus sites

Friday, March 21

Semifinals at Minnesota Duluth

Sunday, March 22

Championship at Minnesota Duluth