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SEVENTH ANNUAL WHEA TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS SET

WAKEFIELD, Mass. - The Women's Hockey East Association announced on Sunday the pairings for the upcoming 2009 WHEA Tournament, which begins on Saturday, February 28 at campus sites for the one-game quarterfinal playoff.

No. 3 seed Boston University will host No. 6 Northeastern on Saturday at 3 p.m. at Walter Brown Arena in Boston in the opening round, while No. 4 seed Providence College will host No. 5 seed Connecticut on Saturday at 1 p.m. at Schneider Arena in Providence. The advancing teams will then be reseeded for the semifinal round.

No. 1 seed New Hampshire and No. 2 seed Boston College have earned first-round byes and will compete the following weekend on March 7 in the WHEA semifinals, hosted by the University of New Hampshire at the Whittemore Center. The Wildcats will play the lowest remaining seed and BC will play the highest remaining seed. UNH clinched the WHEA regular-season title outright with a win on Saturday vs. UConn. The games will be played at 12 p.m. and 3 p.m. in Durham and the advancing teams will play in the Hockey East Championship Game on Sunday at 12:30 p.m.

B2 Networks will stream four of the five tournament games live on the internet, excluding the title game. The New England Sports Network (NESN) will air the WHEA Championship Game on Sunday, March 8 on tape delay at 4 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 1984-1985.

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