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HOCKEY EAST ANNOUNCES 09-10 WOMEN'S COMPOSITE SCHEDULE **~WHEA season officially opens Saturday, Sept. 25 at Maine~**

WAKEFIELD, Mass. -- The Hockey East Association and commissioner Joe Bertagna announced the 2009-2010 WHEA composite schedule on Tuesday afternoon, which features a 21-game league schedule for each of the eight member schools, in addition to several marquee non-league matchups during the season.

The conference officially kicks off the regular-season with Maine hosting Sacred Heart for a pair of games, beginning on Friday, September 25. In addition, five other WHEA teams will take the ice that weekend for seven exhibition games around New England.

Providence will host the first league contest of the season vs. Maine on Friday, Oct. 2 at Schneider Arena, while Boston University entertains Ohio State for the two-game series at Walter Brown Arena, which also starts on Friday. Boston College will head north for its season-opening two game matchup with Clarkson on Saturday and Sunday. Connecticut and four-time defending league champion New Hampshire will face off on Saturday in Durham to officially kickoff their respective seasons. The Northeastern Huskies open their season on Sunday against ECAC foe Union College. Vermont is the last team to officially begin its season, the Catamounts will host Union for a two-game set on Oct. 9 and 10 in Burlington, Vt.

Hockey East will host the 2010 U.S. Women's National Team for a game vs. the WHEA All-Stars at UNH's Whittemore Center on Sunday, Nov. 22 in Durham, N.H., as part of Team USA's Qwest Tour.

Fenway Park will also host the first women's outdoor game in NCAA history, as New Hampshire and Northeastern square off in this once-in-a-lifetime event on Friday, Jan. 8, 2010 at 4 p.m.

The regular season will determine the six teams that qualify for the Hockey East Championship Tournament. The third and fourth seeds in the tournament will host a quarterfinal round game on Saturday, Feb. 27 or Sunday, Feb. 28 on their respective campuses. The advancing teams will then be reseeded with the top two seeds to play on the site of the highest seed in the semifinal round on Saturday, March 6. The winners will qualify for the seventh annual Hockey East Championship Game on Sunday, March 7. The championship game will be televised by the New England Sports Network (NESN).

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.

~WHEA~

2009-2010 HOCKEY EAST WOMEN'S COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

* denotes Hockey East game - All times Eastern (EST) Revised 9/1/09

SEPTEMBER

Friday, September 25
Sacred Heart at Maine (7pm)
Dawson at Connecticut (Exh., 7pm)

Saturday, September 26
Sacred Heart at Maine (2pm)
McGill at Providence (Exh., 7pm)
Dawson at Northeastern (Exh., 3pm)
NAHA at New Hampshire (Exh., 5pm)

Sunday, September 27
Durham Jr. at Boston University (Exh., 12pm)
McGill at Northeastern (Exh., 2pm)

OCTOBER

Friday, October 2
Maine at Providence * (7pm)
Ohio State at Boston University (7pm)
Boston College at Clarkson (7pm)

Saturday, October 3
Maine at Providence * (4pm)
Connecticut at New Hampshire * (2pm)
Ohio State at Boston University (3pm)
Union at Northeastern (3pm)
Boston College at Clarkson (3pm)

Sunday, October 4
Connecticut at Northeastern * (2pm)
Quinnipiac at New Hampshire (2pm)
McGill at Vermont (Exh., 7pm)

Friday, October 9
Providence at Clarkson (7pm)
Connecticut at St. Lawrence (7pm)
Robert Morris at Boston University (7pm)
Minnesota State at Maine (7pm)
Union at Vermont (7pm)
Syracuse at Boston College (2pm)
Colgate at New Hampshire (7pm)

Saturday, October 10
Providence at St. Lawrence (3pm)
Colgate at Boston College (5pm)
Syracuse at New Hampshire (5pm)
Connecticut at Clarkson (3pm)
Robert Morris at Northeastern (2pm)
Minnesota State at Maine (2pm)
Union at Vermont (4pm)

Tuesday, October 13
Boston College at Northeastern * (7pm)

Friday, October 16
Colgate at Providence (7pm)
Syracuse at Connecticut (7pm)
Boston University at Wayne State (7pm)
Clarkson at Vermont (7pm)
Quinnipiac at Boston College (7pm)

Saturday, October 17
Syracuse at Providence (4pm)
Colgate at Connecticut (4pm)
Boston University at Wayne State (4pm)
Clarkson at Vermont (2pm)
Quinnipiac at Northeastern (3pm)
Niagara at New Hampshire (2pm)

Sunday, October 18
Maine at Boston College * (2pm)
Niagara at New Hampshire (2pm)

Friday, October 23
Yale at Providence (7pm)
Boston University at St. Lawrence (7pm)
New Hampshire at Clarkson (7pm)
Princeton at Vermont (7pm)
Robert Morris at Maine (7pm)
Bemidji at Northeastern (7pm)
Connecticut at Brown (7pm)

Saturday, October 24
Boston University at Clarkson (3pm)
New Hampshire at St. Lawrence (3pm)
Robert Morris at Maine (2pm)
Princeton at Vermont (4pm)
Bemidji at Northeastern (3pm)
Union at Connecticut (7pm)

Sunday, October 25
Brown at Providence (Mayor's Cup, 2pm)

Friday, October 30
Northeastern at Vermont * (7pm)

Saturday, October 31
Northeastern at Vermont * (4pm)
Boston University at Providence * (2pm)
Connecticut at New Hampshire * (5pm)

NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 1
Maine at New Hampshire * (3pm)
Providence at Connecticut * (4pm)

Monday, November 2
Boston College at Boston University * (7pm)

Friday, November 6
Providence at Maine * (7pm)
Vermont at Boston College * (7pm)
New Hampshire at Boston University * (7pm)

Saturday, November 7
Vermont at Boston College * (2pm)
Boston University at New Hampshire * (7pm)

Sunday, November 8
Connecticut at Maine * (12pm)
Northeastern at Providence * (2pm)

Wednesday, November 11
Vermont at Boston University * (7pm)

Saturday, November 14
New Hampshire at Vermont * (2pm)
Maine at Northeastern * (2pm)
Providence at Boston University * (2pm, Agganis Arena)
Boston College at Connecticut * (1pm)

Sunday, November 15
Maine at Northeastern * (2pm)
Boston University at Providence * (2pm)
Connecticut at Boston College * (12pm)

Wednesday, November 18
Boston University at Boston College * (7pm)
New Hampshire at Harvard (7pm)

Friday, November 20
Northeastern at Providence * (7pm)
Boston College at Vermont * (7pm)

Saturday, November 21
Rensselaer at New Hampshire (5pm)

Sunday, November 22
Team USA vs. Team Hockey East
(Exh. at New Hampshire, 1pm)

Tuesday, November 24
Boston University at Maine * 7pm
(at Lewiston, Maine)

Wednesday, November 25
Vermont at Northeastern * (3pm)

Friday, November 27
Wisconsin at Providence (7pm)
Boston University at Princeton (4pm)
Maine at North Dakota (3pm)
Minnesota-Duluth at Boston College (1pm)
Nutmeg Classic at Yale
(at New Haven, Conn.)
Connecticut vs. Quinnipiac (7pm)

Saturday, November 28
Wisconsin at Providence (7pm)
Boston University at Princeton (4pm)
Dartmouth at Vermont (7pm)
Maine at North Dakota (2pm)
Minnesota-Duluth at Boston College (2pm)
Nutmeg Tournament at Yale
(at New Haven, Conn.) (4/7pm)
Connecticut vs. Sacred Heart/Yale

Sunday, November 29
New Hampshire at Northeastern * (2pm)

DECEMBER

Friday, December 4
Vermont at Maine * (2pm)
Boston University at Connecticut * (7pm)
Northeastern at Boston College * (7pm)

Saturday, December 5
Vermont at Maine * (2pm)
Connecticut at Boston University * (3pm)
Providence at New Hampshire * (2pm)

Tuesday, December 8
New Hampshire at Boston College * (7pm)
Connecticut at Harvard (7pm)

Friday, December 11
Maine at Union (2pm)
Providence at Boston College * (7pm)

Saturday, December 12
Maine at Union (2pm)
New Hampshire at Dartmouth (7pm)

Wednesday, December 30
Vermont at Dartmouth (7pm)

JANUARY

Friday, January 1
Northeastern at Yale (3pm)

Saturday, January 2
Providence at St. Cloud State (3pm)
Dartmouth at Connecticut (1pm)
Vermont at Yale (3pm)
Moncton at Maine (Exh., TBA)

Sunday, January 3
Vermont at Brown (3pm)
Providence vs. Minnesota State
(at St. Cloud State, 12pm)
Dartmouth at Connecticut (1pm)
Moncton at Maine (Exh., 2pm)

Tuesday, January 5
Northeastern at Princeton (4pm)

Friday, January 8
New Hampshire at Northeastern *
(at Fenway Park, 4pm)
Connecticut at Robert Morris
(at Mellon Arena, 2pm)
Yale at Boston University (5pm)
Vermont at Wayne State (7pm)

Saturday, January 9
Yale at Boston College (2pm)
Cornell at Providence (2pm)
Connecticut at Robert Morris (4pm)
Vermont at Wayne State (2pm)

Sunday, January 10
Cornell at Providence (2pm)
Brown at Boston University (3pm)

Thursday, January 14
St. Lawrence at Boston College (7pm)

Friday, January 15
Northeastern at Maine * (7pm)
St. Lawrence at Boston College (2pm)

Saturday, January 16
Connecticut at Vermont * (2pm)
Providence at New Hampshire * (2pm)

Sunday, January 17
New Hampshire at Providence * (2pm)
Connecticut at Vermont * (2pm)

Tuesday, January 19
Boston College at Boston University * (7pm)

Wednesday, January 20
Northeastern at New Hampshire * (7pm)

Friday, January 22
Boston University at Vermont * (7pm)
Maine at Connecticut * (7pm)

Saturday, January 23
Boston University at Vermont * (4pm)
Maine at Connecticut * (4pm)
Boston College at Providence * (2pm)
Northeastern at Niagara (7pm)

Sunday, January 24
Providence at Boston College * (2pm)
Northeastern at Niagara (2pm)

Tuesday, January 26
Boston University at Northeastern * (7pm)

Wednesday, January 27
Boston College at Dartmouth (7pm)

Friday, January 29
Connecticut at Boston University * (7pm)
New Hampshire at Maine * (7pm)
Vermont at Providence * (7pm)

Saturday, January 30
New Hampshire at Maine * (2pm)
Vermont at Connecticut * (2pm)
Boston College at Northeastern * (2pm)
Providence at Harvard (4pm)

FEBRUARY
Tuesday, February 2
32nd annual Beanpot Tournament at Harvard
Boston University vs. Northeastern (5pm)
Boston College vs. Harvard (8pm)

Saturday, February 6
Maine at Vermont * (2pm)
Boston University at New Hampshire * (2pm)
Boston College at Connecticut * (1pm)
Providence at Northeastern * (2pm)

Sunday, February 7
New Hampshire at Connecticut * (1pm)

Tuesday, February 9
32nd annual Beanpot Tournament at Harvard
Consolation Game (5pm)
Championship Game (8pm)

Friday, February 12
Boston College at Maine * (7pm)
Connecticut at Providence * (7pm)

Saturday, February 13
Boston College at Maine * (2pm)
Vermont at New Hampshire * (2pm)
Northeastern at Boston University * (3pm)
Providence at Connecticut * (4pm)

Sunday, February 14
Vermont at New Hampshire * (2pm)
Boston University at Northeastern * (2pm)

Friday, February 19
Providence at Vermont * (7pm)

Saturday, February 20
Providence at Vermont * (4pm)
Maine at Boston University * (3pm)
Boston College at New Hampshire * (2pm)
Northeastern at Connecticut * (1pm)

Sunday, February 21
Maine at Boston University * (3pm)
New Hampshire at Boston College * (2pm)
Connecticut at Northeastern * (1pm)

Saturday, February 27 and Sunday, February 28
WHEA Quarterfinals (on campus of higher seed, TBA)

MARCH
Saturday, March 6
WHEA Semifinals (12pm/3pm) (on campus site of higher seed)

Sunday, March 7
WHEA Championship (on campus site of higher seed)

Saturday, March 13
NCAA Tournament Quarterfinal Round (on campus site of higher seed)

FROZEN FOUR
Friday, March 19
NCAA Semifinals at Ridder Arena
(Minneapolis, Minn.)

Sunday, March 21
NCAA Championship at Ridder Arena
(Minneapolis, Minn.)