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NESN ANNOUNCES UMASS-LOWELL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY AS FLEX GAME FOR SATURDAY, FEB. 18TH

WAKEFIELD, Mass. - The Hockey East Association and the New England Sports Network (NESN) announced on Saturday afternoon that the matchup between No. 9 ranked UMass-Lowell at No. 3 Boston University will be broadcast live from Agganis Arena on Saturday, February 18th at 7:30pm. NESN's coverage will begin at 7:00 pm with Hockey East Face-Off LIVE.

This is the debut of NESN's new flex scheduling option, allowing the network, for the first time ever, to choose the best match-up for the final three weeks of the Hockey East regular-season schedule. Picks for the remaining flex games on NESN's broadcast schedule will be announced 2 weeks before each game.

"This is a great way for NESN to showcase the best games as the league's regular-season schedule comes to a conclusion," said Hockey East Commissioner Joe Bertagna.

Boston University leads all-time series, 67-19-8 in 94 all-time meetings. The Terriers are 10-2-0 in the last 12 meetings and they own a 8-3-2 record in 13 all-time meetings at Agganis Arena. The River Hawks won the first meeting of the season series back on November 5th by a 7-1 score at the Tsongas Center.

"By switching to flex scheduling during last few weeks of the regular season, NESN is able to deliver high definition coverage of the possible best match-ups as teams battle for playoff position," said Sean McGrail, NESN's President and CEO.

Tom Caron (play-by-play) and Craig Janney (color analyst) will have the call of the game from the campus of Boston University. Hockey East Face-Off LIVE will feature studio host Jamison Coyle and analyst Josh Ciocco.

The Hockey East Association is a 10-team Division I college men's hockey conference founded in 1984 and an eight-team Division I women's league which began play in 2002-03. The men's league has won seven NCAA championships in the past 19 years. Since 1999, Hockey East has won five NCAA Championships and has placed 18 teams in the Frozen Four, along with 45 teams in the NCAA Tournament.

NESN has consistently been one of the top rated regional sports networks in the country with award-winning Red Sox and Bruins coverage. The network is delivered to over 4 million homes throughout the six-state New England region and an additional 3.7 million homes nationally as NESN National. NESN.com, the network's online sports news service, is one of the most visited regional sports network websites in the country. NESN also produces a number of distinctive programs under its umbrella Original NESN Entertainment (ONE). NESN is owned by Fenway Sports Group (owners of the Boston Red Sox) and the Boston Bruins.

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