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# Women's Hockey East Semifinal Pairings Set

#### 17th Annual Women's Hockey East Championship Weekend Begins Saturday

**WAKEFIELD, MASS.** - The Hockey East Association has announced the pairings for the semifinal round of the 2019 Women's Hockey East championship tournament. No. 1 Northeastern and No. 4 Providence and No. 2 Boston College and No. 3 Boston University will square off at Schneider Arena, Saturday, March 9, in the 17th annual Women's Hockey East championship weekend. A full schedule can be found below.

Hockey East regular-season champion and No. 1 Northeastern (25-5-5/21-3-3 WHEA) will take on the host school No. 4 Providence (24-10-2/16-9-2 WHEA) in the first semifinal on Saturday at 1:30 p.m. Northeastern looks to return to the WHEA championship game for the third time in as many years, after skating in the 2017 title game and winning the first-ever Bertagna Trophy in program history in 2018. The Huskies have been in four championship contests in program history (2011, 2013, 2017, 2018.) The Friars have advanced to the semifinals for the first time since 2013. Providence won the first three tournament titles in WHEA history, but has not risen the Bertagna Trophy since 2005.

This is the ninth straight season Boston College (25-10-1/19-7-1 WHEA) has moved onto the semifinals and the Eagles have advanced to the championship game in four of the last five years, including winning the 2016 and 2017 WHEA Tournament titles. Boston College and Boston University (21-7-8/15-6-6 WHEA) have clashed six times in the WHEA Tournament all-time, including meeting in the title game three years in a row from 2014-16. The Terriers hold a 4-2 record against the Eagles in the postseason, including a 1-1 mark in the semifinals.

The 17th annual Women's Hockey East Tournament championship will take place this weekend, Saturday, March 9, and Sunday, March 10, at Providence College's Schneider Arena. No. 1 Northeastern will square off with No. 4 Providence Saturday at 1:30 p.m., while No. 2 Boston College and No. 3 Boston University take the ice at 4:30 p.m. The winners advance to Sunday's championship tilt at 1:30 p.m. Fans can purchase adult tickets online at Friars.com/tickets or by calling 401-865-4672.

**ABOUT THE WOMEN'S HOCKEY EAST ASSOCIATION:** The Women's Hockey East Association is a 10-team, Division-I college hockey conference which began play in 2002-03, with offices based in Wakefield, Mass. Member schools include Boston College, Boston University, University of Connecticut, College of the Holy Cross, University of Maine, Merrimack College, University of New Hampshire, Northeastern University, Providence College and University of Vermont. The league also sponsors an 11-team men's league which began play in 1984.

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Date	Match Up	Location	Time	Watch
Sat., March 9	#1 Northeastern at #4 Providence	Schneider Arena	1:35pm	NESNplus/FloHockey
Sat., March 9	#2 Boston College vs. #3 Boston University	Schneider Arena	4:35pm	NESNplus/FloHockey
Sun., March 10	17th WHEA Championship	Schneider Arena	1:35pm	NESNplus/FloHockey

## 2019 Women's Hockey East Championship Schedule













