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## 2018 Women's Hockey East Semifinal Pairs Set

*16th Annual WHEA Tournament To Take Place At Matthews Arena, March 3-4*

**WAKEFIELD, MASS.** - The Hockey East Association has announced the pairings for the semifinal round of the 2018 Women's Hockey East championship tournament. No. 1 Boston College and No. 7 UConn and No. 3 Maine and No. 4 Northeastern will square off at Matthews Arena, Saturday, March 3, in the 16th annual Women's Hockey East championship weekend. A full schedule can be found below.

Hockey East regular-season champion and No. 1 Boston College (30-3-3/19-2-3 HEA) will take on No. 7 UConn (15-13-9, 7-11-6 HEA) on Saturday at 1:30 p.m. This is the eighth straight season Boston College has moved onto the semifinals and the Eagles have advanced to the championship game each of the last four years, including winning the 2016 and 2017 WHEA Tournament titles. UConn moves onto the semifinal for the eighth time in program history and is the first seven-seed to advance to the semifinals in tournament history. The Huskies have never appeared in the championship contest. During the regular season, Boston College took a 1-0-2 record against UConn.

No. 3 Maine (19-13-5, 11-9-4 HEA) draws No. 4 Northeastern (17-16-3, 11-11-2 HEA) on March 3 at 4:30 p.m. The Black Bears skated to a 2-1-0 mark over Huskies in the season series. Maine earned its first two Women's Hockey East Tournament wins in program history to advance out of the quarterfinals and last appeared in the semifinals in 2006 when the tournament consisted of just four teams. Northeastern looks to return to the WHEA championship game for the second time in as many years, after skating in the 2017 title game. The Huskies have been in three championship contests in program history (2011, 2013, 2017) but has yet to lay claim to the Bertagna Trophy.

Fans can watch the second semifinal live on NESNplus on Saturday, March 3 beginning at 4:30 p.m. while the first semifinal game, taking place the same day at 1:30 p.m., will air on NESNplus on a tape delay at 10 p.m. The following day, Sunday, March 4, NESNplus will feature both semifinal games in two-hour reairs beginning at 9:30 a.m. The 2018 Women's Hockey East Championship will then air on NESNplus live at 1:30 p.m. and be shown twice on NESN as two-hour reairs.

Adult tickets to the Women's Hockey East championship are \$10 and can be purchased online at Tickets.GoNU.com or by calling 617-373-4700. Tickets for groups of 10 or more for a single day will be \$5 per person per day and group orders can be placed over the phone at 617-373-4700.

Tickets for seniors (over 60), children (under 12) will be available only at Matthews Arena on the day of the games for \$5 per day. Students from any of the nine institutions in the women's league will receive free admission with a valid student ID. One ticket for Saturday is good for both semifinal contests.

**ABOUT THE WOMEN'S HOCKEY EAST ASSOCIATION:** The Women's Hockey East Association is a nine-team, Division-I college hockey conference which began play in 2002-2003, with offices based in Wakefield, Mass. Member schools include Boston College, Boston University, University of Connecticut, 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.

### 2018 Women's Hockey East Championship Schedule

Date	Time	Game	TV	Live/Replay
March 3	1:30 p.m.	No. 1 Boston College vs. No. 7 UConn	NESNplus	Tape delayed at 10pm
March 3	4:30 p.m.	No. 3 Maine vs. No. 4 Northeastern	NESNplus	Live
March 4	1:30 p.m.	Championship Game	NESNplus	Live

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