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america east COMMISSIONER

Chris Monasch is in his eighth year as Commissioner of America East. Monasch served as Commissioner-Elect from February 1 to June 26, 1997 before succeeding Stuart Haskell. Monasch has overseen the addition of Albany, Binghamton, Stony Brook and UMBC to the league's membership in recent years. The expansion has solidified and enhanced the conference's future.

Under Monasch the conference has expanded its staff and services, moved its headquarters to Boston and reorganized its governance structure.

The conference has created a Board of Presidents that will place the presidents of the member schools as the controlling governance body in the conference. The conference also created its first Student-Athlete Advisory Committee a number of years ago. America East has also developed its first in-house marketing, licensing and promotions program and has upgraded the quality of its women's basketball officiating through an agreement with the Big East Conference. The conference has added a post-season championship in men's lacrosse and women's golf; and numerous officiating bureaus during Monasch's tenure. America East has continually grown its men's and women's basketball television network.

Prior to joining America East Monasch served as commissioner of the Northeast Conference (NEC) for 10 years. During that period, the conference saw unprecedented growth, gaining autonomy from the ECAC and changing its name from ECAC Metro to Northeast Conference in 1988. Under Monasch's leadership, the NEC grew from a 12-sport league to one sponsoring 17 championships including football. The conference also gained its first national television exposure with the televising of the 1988 men's basketball championship game by ESPN. The conference inaugurated its own television network during the 1996-97 basketball season. Monasch helped the conference solidify itself by orchestrating the expansion of conference membership with the addition of Mount Saint Mary's (Md.) in 1989 and Rider College in 1993. During Monasch's last year with the NEC, the conference received commitments from four additional schools, which took the membership to 12.

Before his tenure with the NEC, Monasch served as associate athletics director at Seton Hall University from 1985 through 1987. At Seton Hall, he handled responsibilities in sport management, scheduling, travel and facility management. He also served as liaison with the Big East Conference for several league championships.

From 1981 until 1985, Monasch was an assistant athletics director at Fordham University. He also served as the school's interim athletics director for a period in 1985. At Fordham, Monasch administered a number of sports, guided NCAA compliance and academic support and was liaison with the department's athletics booster club. He was also the first coach of Fordham's varsity softball team. While at Fordham he first became involved with the administering of the National Invitation Tournament (NIT) at Madison Square Garden.

Monasch has extensive NCAA committee experience. He currently serves as Chair of the Division I Management Council. As a member of the Council he has served on the group's Administrative Committee, along with the Membership and Student-Athlete Issues Subcommittees. This past year Monasch was the Vice Chair of the Management Council. Monasch worked with a group of administrators within the NCAA membership to develop a strategic plan for the organization.

From 1992-96, Monasch served a term as a member of the NCAA Council, at the time the primary governing body of the association. He also served as the Northeast Conference's representative on the Transition Management Council. Monasch has had tenures on the Division I Baseball Committee, the Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee, the Recruiting Committee, the Nominating Committee, the Administrative



CHRIS MONASCH

Review Panel, the Eligibility Appeals Subcommittee, the Pro Sports Liaison Ad Hoc Committee on Baseball Issues, the Special Events Committee, and the Committee on Athletics Certification. He is now serving his second tenure as a consultant to the NCAA Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

Monasch is a 1993 graduate of Seton Hall University School of Law and is a member of the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Bars. He has served as adjunct professor on the faculties of both Seton Hall University Law School and St. John's University. Monasch holds a master's degree in Communications from Fordham University and is a 1981 graduate of St. John's University's athletic administration program. While at St. John's, he served as an intern in the public relations department of the New York Knicks. At that time, the department also handled all aspects of Madison Square Garden's college basketball program.

As a member of numerous professional organizations including the Collegiate Commissioner's Association (CCA), the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) and the Sports Lawyers' Association. He is a member of the advisory boards for St. John's University's College of Professional Studies (which he is chair) and its Sports Management program, along with the Seton Hall University School of Law Sports Symposium.

Monasch served as chair of the Division I-AAA commissioners group from 1999-2000. As a member of the CCA, Monasch serves on the Steering Committee of the National Letter of Intent Program and is chair of the CCA Play-in subcommittee. He has served as a mentor in the NCAA Fellows Program and was a member of the Host Committee for the now defunct Kickoff Classic at the Meadowlands. He serves as a member of the NIT Advisory Committee. In August 2002 he was honored by the All-American Football Foundation.

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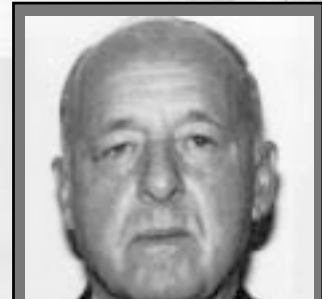
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conference OVERVIEW

A LEAGUE ON THE RISE

America East Conference enters its 17th year of all-sports championship competition with a reputation as one of the most comprehensive NCAA Division I conferences. With a geographic footprint extending from the Mid-Atlantic to the Northeast, America East remains committed to broad-based, competitive Division I athletics programs, complementing the academic integrity of the 10 member institutions.

University at Albany, Binghamton University, Boston University, University of Hartford, University of Maine, UMBC, University of New Hampshire, Northeastern University, Stony Brook University, and University of Vermont each offers a unique blend of academic and athletic tradition. America East also has an associate membership with Quinnipiac University in the sport of men's lacrosse.

America East's proven record of success in its sports will enable the conference to earn admission to 12 NCAA Championships in 2004-05. Student-athletes in the sports of baseball, men's basketball, women's basketball, field hockey, men's lacrosse, women's lacrosse, men's soccer, women's soccer, softball, men's tennis, women's tennis, and volleyball receive access to NCAA Championships via the conference's automatic qualifiers. Individual champions at the America East Outdoor Track and Field Championship will receive bids to that NCAA Championship. In addition, several America East athletes in sports such as men's and women's cross country, men's and women's indoor track and field, men's and women's golf, and men's and women's swimming and diving will compete in those NCAA Championships. Overall, America East sponsors championships in 22 sports.

ATHLETIC SUCCESS

America East's success in each of its championship sports has been a benchmark for the conference since its inception as a basketball conference in 1979.

Basketball continues to garner much of the conference's attention with America East sending multiple teams to postseason tournaments seven times in the last eight years. Vermont, the men's basketball champion, and Maine, the women's basketball champion, each appeared in the 2004 NCAA Championship. Boston University, the America East men's regular-season champion, was selected for the National Invitation Tournament for the second-straight year. This success comes on the heels of the 2002-03 season when America East sent four teams to postseason tournaments. Both the America East Men's and Women's Basketball Championships continue to be played before large crowds and national (men's championship on ESPN) or regional (women's championship) television audiences. Since 1999, each of the six charter members of America East has appeared in either the NCAA Men's Basketball or Women's Basketball Championship, the NIT or the WNIT.

Men's soccer champion Binghamton advanced in the NCAA Championships last fall. In the last four years, America East champions have won at least one game at the NCAA Championships in the sports of baseball, field hockey, men's lacrosse, men's soccer, women's soccer and softball.

Individual sports were also well represented as Boston University's Jochen Dieckfoss was one of two at-large selections to the NCAA Men's Cross Country Championship. He was also one of six America East student-athletes to compete at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships. Dieckfoss, who finished sixth in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, was joined by Derek Anderson, who earned All-America status in the shot put, Zara Northover and Laura Chmielewski of Northeastern, and Teresa Covert and Brandon Howlett of Albany. Adela Gavozdea of Northeastern, the Most Outstanding Diver at the America East Swimming and Diving Championship, competed in the platform, one-meter and three-meter events at the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships. In addition, Binghamton's men's golf team earned an at-large bid to the NCAA Golf Championship for a second-straight year.

ACADEMIC ACCOLADES

America East institutions saw nine of their student-athletes earn Academic All-America honors in 2003-04 alone. This total ranked fifth-highest among all Division I-AA and I-AAA conferences.

America East annually recognizes its student-athletes' success in the classroom. All varsity team members who compile a grade-point average between 3.0 and 3.49 during their playing season receive conference recognition by being named to the Academic Honor Roll. Those student-athletes who compile a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher are named to the Commissioner's Honor Roll. Nearly 1,700 student-athletes received honor roll recognition in 2003-04 with America East's 3,500 student-athletes averaging a 2.97 grade-point average.

Additionally, the conference annually determines the top scholar-athlete in each of its sports. The scholar-athlete must maintain a minimum 3.2 cumulative grade-point average and be a starter or prominent reserve on the team for the duration of the playing season. From the pool of 22 scholar-athletes, one male and one female America East student-athlete are further honored as the conference's Scholar-Athletes of the Year.

Lana Khvalina of UMBC and Jacob Jentzer of Maine were the 2003-04 Scholar-Athletes of the Year. Khvalina completed her bachelor's degree in political science in three years with a perfect 4.00 grade-point average. She received an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship and applied that scholarship toward her first year at the College of William and Mary Law School. On the tennis court, she finished her singles career with a record of 62-20.

A biochemistry and psychology major with a premedical studies minor, Jentzer graduated with a 3.99 grade-point average. He won the 100-freestyle at the 2002 America East Swimming and Diving Championships and also had three second-place finishes in his four-year career. He was a second-team Academic All-American in 2002-03. Jentzer is attending University of Rochester Medical School.

COMMISSIONER'S CUP

Boston University was awarded the 2003-04 Stuart P. Haskell, Jr. Commissioner's Cup for the third consecutive year. The Commissioner's Cup annually recognizes the strongest athletic program in America East as determined by a scoring system which rewards a school for success both during the regular season and at championships in the conference's 22 sports.

Boston University was bolstered by championships in women's soccer and women's tennis and runners-up finishes in women's basketball, women's golf, women's lacrosse and softball. The women's soccer and men's basketball teams were regular-season champions.

The Stuart P. Haskell, Jr. Commissioner's Cup is named in honor of the first commissioner of America East. Haskell served as commissioner of the conference from 1987 until his retirement in 1997.

2003-04 STANDINGS

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2. Maine 344
3. Northeastern 333
4. Binghamton 326
5. Albany 322
6. New Hampshire 314
7. Stony Brook 266
8. UMBC 265
9. Hartford 208
10. Vermont 203



league OFFICIATING

2004-05 NCAA RULES CHANGES

Rule 1-6.2/1-8.2 — Free-throw lane space marks and blocks and coaching box lines do not have to contrast with the lane boundary lines.

Rule 2-5.1— Officials permitted use of courtside television monitor when there is uncertainty as to who shall be awarded the free throw(s).

Rules 2-5.2.a, 2-5.2.b — The reading of 0.00 on the game clock shall be the final indicator as to whether or not a try for goal occurred before or after the expiration of time.

Rule 2-5.2.c, 2-5.2.d— The reading of 0.00 on the game clock shall be the indicator as to whether a shot clock violation occurred at or near the expiration of time.

Rule 2-12.12 - The red light or LED lights shall be used to indicate expiration of playing time. When a light is not present, the game clock horn shall terminate player activity.

Rule 2-13.7 — For all double personal fouls, return ball to the team that had control at time of foul at designated spot without reset of shot clock.

Rule 5-6.1 — For all Division I Men's Basketball Tournament games, halftime extended to 20 minutes.

Rule 5-10.6 — Specified electronic media time-outs shall be taken before administering merited free throws.

Rule 10-3.15 — Violation for player who steps out of bounds under his/her own volition and is the first to touch the ball after returning to court.

Experimental Rules

All "certified" games that occur before January 1, 2005, will be required to use an experimental free-throw lane that is 1.5 feet wider on each side, a three-point line that is extended to 20 feet, 6 inches; and an arc drawn 2 feet from the center of the basket to assist in block/charge calls. With the block/charge experimental arc, an offensive player should not be charged with an offensive foul when a defensive player has established position with one foot inside the restricted arc near the basket unless the defensive player is making a legitimate attempt to play defense and not attempting to draw a charge.



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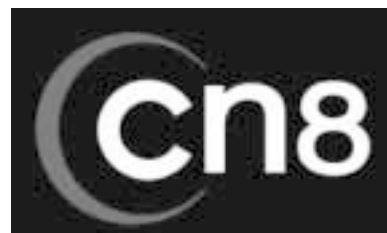
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AMERICA EAST TV PRODUCTION

America East and MBC Teleproductions of Allentown, Pa. will produce and distribute basketball games again this season. The games are available to local-market stations and cable outlets. America East and MBC team for no fewer than 19 games. In addition, ESPN will televise live the men's title game for the 17th-straight year.

2004-05 AMERICA EAST TV CARRIERS



For the most current listing of televised America East men's basketball action be sure to log on to <http://www.americaeast.com>. Once on the conference's official website, click the "On the air" button for a complete list of all league t.v. games, including satellite coordinates.



AMERICA EAST ON TELEVISION

Sun., Dec. 19	Binghamton at Vermont (m)	12 noon
Sat., Jan. 8	UMBC at Hartford (m)	5 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 15	Boston U. at Vermont (w)	TBA
Sun., Jan. 16	Boston U. at Vermont (m)	12 noon
Tue., Jan. 18	Binghamton at Stony Brook (w)	7:30 p.m.
Wed., Jan. 19	Stony Brook at Binghamton (m)	7 p.m.
Sat. Feb. 5	New Hampshire at Albany (w)	4 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 5	New Hampshire at Albany (m)	7 p.m.
Sun., Feb. 6	Binghamton at Maine (m)	12 noon
Sat., Feb. 12	Northeastern at UMBC (m)	1 p.m.
Tue., Feb. 15	Northeastern at Maine (w)	TBA
Sat., Feb. 19	Binghamton at Stony Brook (m)	4 p.m.
Sun., Feb. 20	Stony Brook at Binghamton (w)	12 noon
Sat., Feb. 26	Hartford at UMBC (w)	12 noon
Sun., March 6	Men's Semifinals	12/2:30 p.m.
Fri., March 11	Women's Semifinals	6/8:30 p.m.
Sat., March 12	Men's Championship (ESPN)	11:30 a.m.
Sat., March 12	Women's Championship	4 p.m.

preseason PREDICTIONS



2004-05 Preseason All-Conference Team

COPPENRATH, BAREA HIGHLIGHT PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

America East Player of the Year Taylor Coppentrath of Vermont and junior guard Jose Juan Barea of Northeastern were unanimous selections to the preseason all-conference team as voted by the coaches.

Coppentrath, Barea, Chaz Carr of Boston University and T.J. Sorrentine of Vermont, each of whom earned first-team all-conference honors a season ago, were joined on the preseason all-conference team by two-time second-team all-conference choice Nick Billings of Binghamton.

The teams were selected regardless of position. Coaches were not permitted to vote for their own players.

Coppentrath, the third back-to-back winner of the America East Player of the Year award, led the conference in scoring with 24.1 ppg in 2003-04, the highest season total in the America East since Eddie Benton averaged 24.5 ppg in 1995-96. The 6-9 forward scored a conference tournament record 43 points (14-of-19 shooting) in a 72-53 win over Maine in the championship game, his first game after missing seven-straight contests with a broken wrist.

Barea was second in America East in both scoring (20.7 ppg) and assists (5.8 apg) last year. The 6-0 guard eclipsed the 1,000-point plateau in his 53rd collegiate game and enters his junior season with 1,015 points.

Carr, a 6-0 guard, was a first-team all-conference choice last season after leading the balanced Terrier offense with 13.0 ppg.

The 5-11 Sorrentine, the 2002 America East Player of the Year, averaged 14.8 ppg with 142 assists (4.6 per game) last season after missing all of 2002-03 with broken bones in both wrists.

Billings averaged 12.5 ppg, 6.9 rpg and 3.5 bpg. The 7-0 center owns the Binghamton career record and is tied for second in America East history with 302 blocks. He needs 108 blocks to pass conference leader Kevin Roberson.

VERMONT PICKED FIRST

Vermont, which won its second-consecutive Choice Hotels International America East Championship last season, has been chosen by the conferences coaches to make it three in a row.

The Catamounts, 22-9 overall last season (15-3 America East), received eight first-place votes and 80 points to outdistance defending regular-season champion Boston University. The Terriers received the two remaining first-place votes and 69 points. Coaches were not permitted to rank their own teams in the preseason voting.

Maine was chosen third with 64 points, followed by Northeastern (59). Binghamton, which finished fifth a season ago, was chosen in that position with 50 points. Hartford, one of two teams to advance to the semifinals in each of the last three years (Vermont is the other), was chosen sixth with 34 points.

Stony Brook (30), which advanced to the semifinals for the first time in its three-year history in America East, was selected seventh.

Albany (28), New Hampshire (23) and UMBC (12) rounded out the poll.

Preseason Coaches' Poll

1. Vermont (8)	80
2. Boston U. (2)	69
3. Maine	64
4. Northeastern	59
5. Binghamton	50
6. Hartford	35
7. Stony Brook	30
8. Albany	28
9. New Hampshire	23
10. UMBC	12

composite SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER

Mon.	15	Binghamton at Michigan (1)	7 p.m.
Wed.	17	Binghamton vs. Colorado/Charleston (1)	TBA
Fri.	19	Northeastern vs. Birmingham Southern (2)	5 p.m.
		Binghamton vs. Kent State (3)	6:30 p.m.
		Albany at Sacred Heart	7 p.m.
		Navy at UMBC	7 p.m.
		New Hampshire at Liberty	7 p.m.
		Maine at Boston College	7:30 p.m.
		Stony Brook at Utah	8 p.m.
		Hartford at William and Mary (4)	8:30 p.m.
		Vermont at Kansas	8:30 p.m.
Sat.	20	Holy Cross at Boston University	1 p.m.
		Northeastern vs. Marist/Cornell (2)	5/7:30 p.m.
		Hartford vs. Radford/Yale (4)	6 p.m.
		Binghamton vs. Marquette/Sam Houston (3)	6:30/9 p.m.
Sun.	21	Suffolk at New Hampshire	3 p.m.
Mon.	22	Maine vs. Bethune-Cookman (5)	7 p.m.
Tue.	23	Albany at Siena	7 p.m.
		UMBC at Villanova	7 p.m.
		New Hampshire at Boston College	7:30 p.m.
Wed.	24	Fordham at Boston University	2 p.m.
		Army at Stony Brook	7 p.m.
		Binghamton at NIT Semifinals (6)	7/9 p.m.
Fri.	26	Binghamton at NIT Consolation/Championship (6)	4:30/7 p.m.
		Marist at Vermont	7 p.m.
		Maine at Rhode Island	7:30 p.m.
Sat.	27	Boston University at Youngstown State	1 p.m.
		Albany at Wagner	2 p.m.
		Northeastern at Harvard	2 p.m.
		Stony Brook at Columbia	2 p.m.
		Hofstra at Binghamton	7 p.m.
		UMBC at James Madison	7 p.m.
Sun.	28	Army at New Hampshire	1 p.m.
		Iona at Vermont	1 p.m.
Mon.	29	Maine at Dartmouth	7 p.m.
Tue.	30	Albany at Lehigh	7 p.m.
		St. Francis (N.Y.) at Binghamton	7 p.m.
		Stony Brook at St. John's	7 p.m.
		Boston University at Rhode Island	7:30 p.m.

DECEMBER

Wed.	1	Harvard at New Hampshire	7 p.m.
		Northeastern at Massachusetts	7 p.m.
		UMBC at UMES	7:05 p.m.
Thu.	2	Dartmouth at Hartford	7 p.m.
Fri.	3	Binghamton at Brown	7 p.m.
Sat.	4	Lehigh at Stony Brook	1 p.m.
		Vermont at American	1 p.m.
		*Boston University at New Hampshire	2 p.m.
		Harvard at Maine	2 p.m.
		Towson at UMBC	7 p.m.
		Wright State at Northeastern	7 p.m.
Mon.	6	Albany at Army	7 p.m.
		Hartford at Brown	7 p.m.
		Northeastern at Connecticut	7:30 p.m.
Tue.	7	Boston University at Harvard	7 p.m.
Wed.	8	Detroit at Northeastern	7 p.m.
		Long Island at Albany	7 p.m.
		New Hampshire at Brown	7 p.m.
		Stony Brook at Rhode Island	7:30 p.m.
Thu.	9	*Maine at UMBC	7 p.m.
Sat.	11	Long Island at Hartford	2 p.m.
		UMBC at Duquesne	3 p.m.
		Binghamton at Syracuse	7 p.m.
		Maine at Morgan State	7 p.m.
		New Hampshire at Dartmouth	7 p.m.
		Boston University at Boston College	7:30 p.m.
		Stony Brook at Navy	7:30 p.m.
Tue.	14	Boston University at Michigan	7 p.m.
Sat.	18	*Albany at Hartford	2 p.m.
		Villa Julie at UMBC	7 p.m.
Sun.	19	*Binghamton at Vermont (AE TV)	12 noon
Mon.	21	Loyola (Md.) at UMBC	7 p.m.
		New Hampshire at West Virginia	7 p.m.
		*Northeastern at Stony Brook	7 p.m.
		Vermont at North Carolina	7 p.m.
		Maine at Providence	7:30 p.m.
Wed.	22	Albany at Villanova	7:30 p.m.
Thu.	23	Canisius at Boston University	3 p.m.
		Maine at IPFW	7 p.m.
		Hartford at Arkansas	7:05 p.m.
Mon.	27	Binghamton vs. Ohio (7)	6 p.m.
		Hofstra at Stony Brook	7 p.m.
		Northeastern at Holy Cross	7 p.m.
Tue.	28	Binghamton vs. Florida International/Colgate (7)	6/8 p.m.
		Albany at Syracuse	7 p.m.
		Boston University at Massachusetts	7 p.m.
		Vermont at Siena	7 p.m.
		New Hampshire at Ohio State	8 p.m.
Wed.	29	Hartford vs. Rider (8)	5 p.m.
		UMBC at Delaware	7:30 p.m.
Thu.	30	Hartford vs. Wisconsin-GB/North Dakota St. (8)	5/7:30 p.m.
		Dartmouth at Albany	7 p.m.
		Vermont at Holy Cross	7 p.m.
		Wagner at Stony Brook	7 p.m.
		Iona at Northeastern	7:30 p.m.
		Maine-Farmington at Maine	7:30 p.m.



JANUARY

Sun.	2	*Binghamton at Northeastern *Hartford at Vermont *Stony Brook at Maine *Boston University at Albany *New Hampshire at UMBC	1 p.m. 1 p.m. 1 p.m. 2 p.m. 4 p.m.
Tue.	4	Longwood at Hartford	7 p.m.
Wed.	5	*Stony Brook at UMBC *Vermont at Northeastern	7 p.m. 7 p.m.
Thu.	6	*Albany at New Hampshire *Hartford at Boston University *Maine at Binghamton	7 p.m. 7 p.m. 7 p.m.
Sat.	8	*Maine at Vermont *UMBC at Hartford (AE TV)	1 p.m. 5 p.m.
Sun.	9	*Binghamton at Boston University *New Hampshire at Stony Brook *Northeastern at Albany	1 p.m. 1 p.m. 2 p.m.
Mon.	10	Dartmouth at Vermont	7 p.m.
Wed.	12	*Binghamton at Albany *Northeastern at Hartford *Vermont at Stony Brook	7 p.m. 7 p.m. 7 p.m.
Thu.	13	*Maine at New Hampshire *UMBC at Boston University	7 p.m. 7 p.m.
Sat.	15	*Hartford at Stony Brook *UMBC at Northeastern	1 p.m. 1 p.m.
Sun.	16	*Boston University at Vermont (AE TV) *Albany at Maine *New Hampshire at Binghamton	12 noon 1 p.m. 1 p.m.
Wed.	19	*Albany at UMBC *Maine at Hartford *Stony Brook at Binghamton *Vermont at New Hampshire *Boston University at Northeastern	7 p.m. 7 p.m. 7 p.m. 7 p.m. 8 p.m.
Sat.	22	*Albany at Vermont *Boston University at Stony Brook *Binghamton at UMBC	1 p.m. 1 p.m. 7 p.m.
Sun.	23	*Northeastern at Maine *New Hampshire at Hartford	1 p.m. 2 p.m.
Wed.	26	*New Hampshire at Boston University *Stony Brook at Northeastern	7 p.m. 7 p.m.
Thu.	27	*Hartford at Albany *Vermont at Binghamton *UMBC at Maine	7 p.m. 7 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Sat.	29	*UMBC at New Hampshire	1 p.m.
Sun.	30	*Albany at Boston University *Maine at Stony Brook *Northeastern at Binghamton *Vermont at Hartford	1 p.m. 1 p.m. 1 p.m. 2 p.m.

FEBRUARY

Wed.	2	*Hartford at Binghamton *Northeastern at New Hampshire *Stony Brook at Albany *Vermont at UMBC *Boston University at Maine	7 p.m. 7 p.m. 7 p.m. 7 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Sat.	5	*UMBC at Stony Brook *Northeastern at Vermont *Boston University at Hartford *New Hampshire at Albany (AE TV)	1 p.m. 1 p.m. 2 p.m. 7 p.m.
Sun.	6	*Binghamton at Maine (AE TV)	12 noon
Wed.	9	*Albany at Binghamton *Boston University at UMBC *Hartford at Northeastern *Stony Brook at Vermont *New Hampshire at Maine	7 p.m. 7 p.m. 7 p.m. 7 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Sat.	12	*Northeastern at UMBC (AE TV) *Stony Brook at Hartford *Vermont at Boston University (9) *Maine at Albany	1 p.m. 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 7 p.m.
Sun.	13	*Binghamton at New Hampshire	1 p.m.
Wed.	16	*Maine at Northeastern *UMBC at Binghamton *Stony Brook at Boston University *Vermont at Albany	7 p.m. 7 p.m. 7 p.m. 7 p.m.
Thu.	17	*Hartford at New Hampshire	7 p.m.
Sat.	19	*UMBC at Albany *Binghamton at Stony Brook (AE TV) *Hartford at Maine Vermont vs. TBA (10)	2 p.m. 4 p.m. 7:30 p.m. TBA
Sun.	20	*Northeastern at Boston University (9)	4 p.m.
Mon.	21	*New Hampshire at Vermont	7 p.m.
Thu.	24	*Albany at Stony Brook *Binghamton at Hartford *Maine at Boston University *UMBC at Vermont *New Hampshire at Northeastern	7 p.m. 7 p.m. 7 p.m. 7 p.m. 7 p.m.
Sun.	27	*Albany at Northeastern *Boston University at Binghamton *Vermont at Maine *Stony Brook at New Hampshire *Hartford at UMBC	1 p.m. 1 p.m. 1 p.m. 1 p.m. 4 p.m.

MARCH

Choice Hotels International AE Championship			
Fri.	4	First Round (11)	6 p.m.
Sat.	5	Quarterfinal Session I (11) Quarterfinal Session II (11)	12 noon 6 p.m.
Sun.	6	Semifinals (AE TV) (11)	12 noon
Sat.	12	Championship Game (ESPN) (12)	11:30 a.m.

LEGEND

*America East Conference game

- (1) Cisco Systems Preseason NIT
- (2) Pepsi Marist Classic, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
- (3) Marquette Pepsi Blue & Gold Classic, Milwaukee
- (4) William and Mary Classic, Williamsburg, Va.
- (5) Cumberland County Civic Center, Portland, Maine
- (6) Cisco Systems Preseason NIT, Madison Square Garden

(7) FIU Holiday Classic, Miami

- (8) Oneida Bingo and Casino Classic, Green Bay, Wisc.
- (9) Agganis Arena, Boston
- (10) ESPN Bracket Buster Saturday
- (11) Binghamton University Events Center, Vestal, N.Y.
- (12) higher remaining seed

preseason NOTEBOOK

'Choice' Event Travels to Binghamton: For the third-straight year Choice Hotels International will serve as the title sponsor for the America East Men's Basketball Championship. Choice Hotels International is the official hotel partner of America East Conference.

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Binghamton University will serve as host for the first three rounds of the Choice Hotels America East Men's Basketball Championship for the first time in school history. The Bearcats will host the first-round, quarterfinal and semifinal games of the 10-team tournament at the new 5,511-seat Events Center on campus in Vestal, while the championship game will be played at the home court of the higher remaining seed.

Binghamton will host the first round on Friday, March 4, with quarterfinals Saturday, March 5 and semifinals Sunday, March 6. Semifinal games will be produced as part of the America East TV package.

The championship game will be played Saturday, March 12, and will be televised by ESPN, beginning at 11:30 a.m.

The America East Championship has utilized the present format of a single site for the first rounds of the tournament with the championship game played at the higher remaining seed since 1996. The city of Boston has hosted the event the last three years. Northeastern University's Matthews Arena was the site of the 2002 championship while the 2003 and 2004 championships were played at Walter Brown Arena on the Boston University campus. Delaware hosted the initial rounds at the Bob Carpenter Center from 1996 to 2001.

A Perfect '10': The Choice Hotels America East Championship will feature 10 teams again this season. First-round games will feature the No. 7 vs. No. 10 seeds and the No. 8 vs. No. 9 seeds. The winners advance to the quarterfinal rounds.

Preseason NIT: Binghamton will represent America East in the 2004 Cisco Systems Preseason NIT when the Bearcats travel to Michigan for a game on November 15. The winner of the that game advances to the second round of the 16-team tournament where it meets the winner of the Colorado/College of Charleston first-round game on November 17. The semifinals and championship are November 24 and 26 at Madison Square Garden. It marks the sixth-straight year that America East has participated in the nation's premier preseason event.

Coppentrath, Nation's Senior Citizen: Vermont forward Taylor Coppentrath leads the nation's seniors in scoring with a 20.1 ppg average. Teammate T.J. Sorrentine is No. 8 on the list.

Name, School	GP	Points	Avg.
1. Taylor Coppentrath, Vermont	83	1,665	20.1
2. Jason Conley, Missouri	63	1,232	19.6
3. Chris Thomas, Notre Dame	99	1,783	18.0
4. Jerry Johnson, Rider	86	1,494	17.4
5. Ryan Gomes, Providence	85	1,468	17.3
6. Lawrence Roberts, Mississippi St.	86	1,400	16.3
7. Juan Mendez, Niagara	93	1,505	16.2
8. T.J. Sorrentine, Vermont	89	1,432	16.1

Barea, Junior Circuit: Northeastern guard Jose Juan Barea ranks fourth among the nation's juniors with an 18.8 ppg average.

Name, School	GP	Points	Avg.
1. Keydren Clark, St. Peter's	58	1,497	25.8
2. Ike Diogu, Arizona State	59	1,222	20.7
3. Darshan Luckey, St. Francis (Pa.)	56	1,097	19.6
4. Jose Juan Barea, Northeastern	54	1,015	18.8

Billings, National Block Party: Binghamton center Nick Billings is second among the nation's seniors in blocks per game. Only Deng Gai of Fairfield, who has 277 blocks in 70 career games (3.96 per game) leads Billings, who has swatted 302 shots in 78 games (3.87 per game).

Others Among the Nation's Best: Not only does Jose Juan Barea of Northeastern rank fourth among the nation's juniors in scoring, he is 10th among classmates with 4.80 assists per game. Raymond Felton of North Carolina (6.89 assists per game) leads the third-year juniors.

T.J. Sorrentine of Vermont ranks second among the nation's seniors in three-point field goals made per game. Sorrentine enters his senior year with 238 treys in 89 games (2.67 per game). Only John Reimold of Bowling Green (218 treys in 81 games, 2.69 per game) has more.

Sorrentine also ranks ninth among the seniors in free throw percentage at .814 (254-of-312). Chris Thomas of Notre Dame (369-of-428, .862) leads the nation's seniors.

Maine's Kevin Reed ranks seventh among juniors in three-pointers per game. Reed has 155 treys in 60 games (2.58 per game). Keydren Clark of St. Peter's has 221 three-pointers in 58 games (3.81 per game) to lead the nation's third-year players.

Moving Up the Charts: Taylor Coppentrath of Vermont enters the season with 1,665 career points, 17th in America East history. The 6-9 senior has averaged 20.1 ppg over his first three seasons. At that pace, Coppentrath would need 30 games to move into the conference's top five. The late Reggie Lewis of Northeastern owns the America East record with 2,709 points from 1983-87.

T.J. Sorrentine of Vermont is fifth on the conference's career list for both three-pointers made (238) and three-pointers attempted (670). The 5-11 guard has averaged 2.7 treys per game in his career and had a season-high of 90 in 2001-02. He is 75 shy of the conference record held by Mike DeRocckis of Drexel (313). Two of the top four on the list are former Catamounts Tony Orciari (305) and Eddie Benton (271).

Nick Billings of Binghamton is tied with former Boston University star Tunji Awojobi for second on the America East list with 302 career blocks. The 7-0 senior, who has averaged 3.87 blocks per game in his career trails only Vermont's Kevin Roberson (409).

New, Yet Familiar Faces: Ted Woodward takes over as head coach at Maine after serving eight seasons as the top assistant to John Giannini, who resigned to become head coach at La Salle. Giannini and Woodward led the Black Bears to a 125-111 mark and two appearances in the America East Championship game (2002 and 2004).

Randy Monroe begins his first full season as head coach at UMBC. Monroe was an assistant with the Retrievers since 1994 before taking over as the acting head coach for the final game of last season, a 65-59 loss to Stony Brook in the first round of the Choice Hotels International America East Championship.

Coppentrath's Impact: Vermont is 46-12 (.793) vs. conference opponents in Taylor Coppentrath's three seasons with the Catamounts, 116-219 (.346) in the 22 years before.

Select Company: Taylor Coppentrath is one of three players in conference history to have won Player of the Year honors more than once. The other three used the America East experience as a springboard to the NBA. Former Northeastern star Reggie Lewis, the only three-time winner of the award, was a first-round draft choice of the Boston Celtics and the captain of the storied franchise at the time of his death in 1993. Malik Rose, who won Player of the Year honors twice while at Drexel, will begin his ninth season in the NBA in 2004-05 and has won two world titles with the San Antonio Spurs. Speedy Claxton, a two-time Player of the Year while at Hofstra, was a first-round draft choice of the Philadelphia 76ers, won an NBA title with the San Antonio Spurs, and is set to begin his second season with the Golden State Warriors.

Three-Peat?: Vermont is looking to become the third school in the 26-year history of the conference to win three consecutive America East Championships. Northeastern won four-straight championships, including three under current Connecticut head coach Jim Calhoun, from 1984-87. Drexel won three-straight titles under current East Carolina head coach Bill Herrion from 1994-96.

Top Cats: Vermont's Catamounts are again the coaches' choice to win the America East Championship. Coach Tom Brennan's team includes two-time America East Player of the Year Taylor Coppentrath, who led the conference in scoring with 24.1 ppg, T.J. Sorrentine, the 2002 America East Player of the Year, who averaged 14.8 ppg with 142 assists (4.6 per game) last season after missing all of 2002-03 with broken bones in both wrists, David Hehn (5.3 ppg, 80 assists), who has started 62 of 64 games the past two seasons and Germain Mopa Njila, who was third on the team in both scoring and rebounding with 6.2 ppg and 6.2 rpg.

Terriers on Vermont's Heels: Boston University was enjoying arguably its best season in school history entering the 2004 Choice Hotels International America East Championship. The Terriers went 17-1 in America East play and had a 23-4 record including a win at Michigan. But the season was derailed by a 62-58 loss to Stony Brook in the quarterfinals. Although the Terriers lost five seniors, including two all-conference performers, the America East coaches expect Dennis Wolff's team to challenge for the title again this season. The Terriers are led by the trio of Chaz Carr, a first-team all-conference choice last season after leading the balanced Terrier offense with 13.0 ppg, Rashad Bell, a first-team all-conference choice in 2002-03, who averaged 11.5 ppg and 6.8 rpg last season, and Shaun Wynn, a third-team all-conference selection, who was the America East Defensive Player of the Year. The 6-2 guard contributed 8.2 ppg and 2.9 apg while leading the Terriers with 60 steals.

Maine Event: New head coach Ted Woodward is no stranger to the Black Bears' success, having served as John Giannini's assistant for eight seasons. Woodward, who helped guide Maine to two America East Championship appearances as an assistant, hopes to lead the Black Bears to the NCAA Tournament for the first time in school history.

Kevin Reed (14.5 ppg, 7.2 rpg), who led the conference in steals and was fifth in three-pointers, and Mark Flavin (11.6 ppg, 6.3 rpg), a second-team all-conference choice last season, are the top returnees. Joe Campbell (8.0 ppg, 6.1 rpg) and Freddy Petkus (4.9 ppg) have played more games (80 and 87, respectively) than any other Black Bears. Chris Markwood averaged 5.9 ppg and 2.5 apg in 24 games last season after his transfer from Notre Dame.

Northeastern Warms Up: Northeastern has seen a steady improvement under fourth-year coach Ron Everhart from seven wins in his initial season to 16 in his second year to 19 in 2003-04. If the Huskies are to continue their rise among the conference's elite, they will need contributions from three players who hail from warm climates.

Jose Juan Barea (Mayaguez, Puerto Rico) averaged 20.7 ppg and 5.8 apg last season as a unanimous first-team all-conference choice. Barea was second in America East in both scoring and assists. Marcus Barnes (Miami, Fla.) averaged 17.0 ppg in his first season with the Huskies after transferring from Miami (Fla.). The 6-2 guard had 81 three-pointers. Bennet Davis (Freeport, Bahamas) was an all-rookie choice after averaging 7.0 ppg and 4.8 rpg.

Big Things in Binghamton: Binghamton, chosen fifth in the preseason coaches' poll, will again lean on 7-0 center Nick Billings, one of four starters returning for coach Al Walker. Billings was a second-team all-conference choice for the second-straight year after averaging 12.5 ppg, 6.9 rpg and 3.5 bpg. The senior owns the Binghamton career record and is tied for second in America East history with 302 blocks. He needs 108 blocks to pass conference leader Kevin Roberson. Troy Hailey (9.7 ppg) was third among the conference rookies in scoring and led the Bearcats with 2.4 assists per game. Alex Adediran (8.0 ppg, 5.2 rpg) enjoyed a solid first season with the Bearcats after transferring from Seward County Community College. Sebastian Hermenier (6.0 ppg) and Billy Williams (4.9 ppg) are other starters returning.

Binghamton will also host the Choice Hotels International America East Men's Basketball Championship at the new 5,511-seat Events Center on campus in Vestal. The \$33.1 million facility opened before a capacity crowd on January 31, 2004 when the Bearcats played host to Hartford.

Hawks Take Flight: Hartford and Vermont are the only teams to have reached the America East semifinals in each of the last three years. Coach Larry Harrison's team is experienced, despite its youth, with juniors Aaron Cook, who ranked No. 5 in America East in scoring (15.0 ppg) and led the conference with 82 three-pointers, and Charles Ford (9.2 ppg) leading the way. Sophomores Bo Taylor (7.5 ppg, 5.9 rpg), Rich Baker (4.6 ppg) and Alex Zimmnickas (3.6 ppg) each saw significant playing time as rookies. Sean Regan, who led the Hawks in rebounding with 6.2 rpg, and Trevor Goode are the only seniors on the roster.

Carrying Momentum: Stony Brook hopes to ride the momentum of last season when the Seawolves won two games in the Choice Hotels International America East Championship, including an upset of top-seed Boston University. Cori Spencer, who was second on the team in both scoring (10.3 ppg) and rebounding (4.8 rpg), returns for his senior season. Mike Popoko (8.4 ppg, 5.2 rpg) and Mitchell Beauford (10.1 ppg) were among the conference's top rookies a season ago.

Making Great Strides: Albany coach Will Brown expects his Great Danes to make great strides this season. After having as few as six players on his roster at times last season, Brown should have depth this season thanks to a pair of transfers and the return from injury of 2002-03 America East Rookie of the Year Jamar Wilson.

Wilson, who finished second in the conference in scoring (18.9 ppg) in 2002-03, missed all but one game last year due to a broken knee cap. Levi Levine (14.3 ppg, 6.1 rpg) led the Great Danes in scoring and was second in rebounding. Jon Iati became the second-straight Great Dane named America East Rookie of the Year after leading all first-year players in scoring with 14.0 ppg. The 5-9 guard also led the nation in minutes played with 40.0 per game. Aquawasi St. Hillaire (9.8 ppg, 6.8 rpg) ranked No. 6 in America East in rebounding in his first season after transferring from SUNY-Delhi.

Brown also adds transfers Lucious Jordan (Loyola (Md.)) and Kirsten Zoellner (Boston College). Jordan, a 6-2 junior guard, led Loyola in scoring with 13.2 ppg in 2002-03. Zoellner is a 7-1 junior center who played 15 games in two seasons at Boston College.

Doubling Up: New Hampshire doubled its win total from five in 2002-03 to 10 a season ago. In addition, the Wildcats lost eight games by five points or less.

Coach Phil Rowe's team returns Ben Sturgill, who averaged 13.1 ppg and 5.4 rpg but did not qualify for the conference leaders after missing 14 games with foot injuries, and junior college transfer Craig Walls (9.2 ppg), who ranked No. 4 in America East with 7.1 rpg in his first season with the Wildcats. Junior Shejdie Childs (5.9 ppg, 2.8 apg) started 16 games last season.

The Wildcats also feature an international flavor as Australian recruit Phil Collins joins fellow countryman Blagoj Janev and Ioannis Karalis of Greece. Janev averaged 10.2 ppg with 35 three-pointers in 22 games last season after joining the Wildcats at the semester break.

Hoping Change is Good: A year ago, UMBC changed conferences, departing the Northeast Conference for America East. This season, the Retrievers change head coaches, although Randy Monroe is a familiar face to his UMBC squad. Monroe, an assistant coach at UMBC since 1994, was named acting coach for the Retrievers' first Choice Hotels International America East Championship appearance last season. Monroe welcomes the return of six players who played prominent roles a season ago.

Rob Gogerty led the Retrievers in assists (112) and minutes played (35.6) while averaging 10.5 ppg, second on the team. Cory McJimson averaged 9.6 ppg and 5.5 rpg in his first season with the Retrievers after transferring from Pierce College. John Zito (9.5 ppg, 3.8 rpg), Andrew Feeley (6.5 ppg, 5.0 rpg), Seth Davis (4.9 ppg, 3.5 rpg) and Chris Pugh (4.3 ppg, 63 assists) each started at least 16 games a season ago.

Head of the Class: Boston University's seniors are 43-7 (.860) in conference games since the start of the 2001-02 season, the best mark over the last three years. Vermont follows at 41-9 (.820). Maine (27-23, .540), Hartford (26-24, .520) and Binghamton (25-25, .500) are others at or above .500.

The Terriers' juniors are 30-4 (.882) in conference games over the last two years to lead that class in winning percentage. Vermont (28-6, .823), Northeastern (21-13, .618), Maine (20-14, .588) and Binghamton (19-15, .559) are others whose juniors have posted winning records.

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BINGHAMTON TO HOST 2005 TOURNEY

Binghamton University will play host to the 2005 Choice Hotels International America East Men's Basketball Championship at the 5,511-seat Events Center on campus in Vestal, N.Y.

The 10-team championship begins with first-round games on Friday, March 4. Quarterfinal and semifinal games follow on Saturday, March 5 and Sunday, March 6, respectively. The championship game will be played Saturday, March 12 at the home court of the higher remaining seed and will be televised by ESPN.

"We are excited that the 2005 Choice Hotels International America East Men's Basketball Championship will be hosted by Binghamton University," said Chris Monasch, Commissioner of America East. "The Events Center is one of the premier basketball facilities for its size in the country and will now host the conference's premier event. The Binghamton community has hosted some outstanding athletic events and we look forward to giving our fans a tremendous opportunity to enjoy three great days of college basketball."

The \$33.1 million Events Center opened on January 31, 2004 when Binghamton hosted Hartford in a men's basketball game played before a stranding-room-only crowd of 4,660. The facility will increase to a capacity of 5,511 for the 2004-05 season.

The Broome County area is home to the Binghamton Senators of the American Hockey League and the Binghamton Mets of the Double-A Eastern League, among others. It is also accustomed to playing host to a number of prominent sporting events including the annual B.C. Open (PGA Tour) in Endicott, N.Y.

Choice Hotels International will be the sole title sponsor for the America East Men's Basketball Championship for the third-straight year. Choice brands are promoted exclusively to America East directors of athletics and coaches, who generate approximately 14,000 room nights annually. In addition, Choice Hotels also receives television exposure, championship public address announcements, and championship event signage throughout the 2004-05 season as part of the America East Conference package, as well as radio exposure, signage, on-court corporate representation, and in-game promotions during the men's basketball championship. Game program and ticket advertising, the inclusion of Choice Hotels in the championship logo, and exposure via the conference's web site—americaeast.com— is also included.

The America East Championship has utilized the present format of a single site for the first rounds, with the championship game played at the higher remaining seed since 1996.



2005 CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

FIRST ROUND

Friday, March 4

Game 1 6 p.m.
Game 2 30 minutes following Game 1

QUARTERFINALS

Saturday, March 5

Game 3 12 noon
Game 4 30 minutes following Game 3

Game 5 6 p.m.
Game 6 30 minutes following Game 5

SEMIFINALS

Sunday, March 6

Game 7 12 noon
Game 8 30 minutes following Game 7

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Saturday, March 12

Game 9 11:30 a.m.
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Several America East athletes have extended their playing careers beyond the collegiate level. Former two-time America East Players of the Year Craig Claxton, of the Golden State Warriors, and Malik Rose, of the San Antonio Spurs, and former Hartford star Vin Baker, of the New York Knicks, continue the legacy of the late Reggie Lewis (Northeastern), a former NBA All-Star and captain of the Boston Celtics at the time of his death. In addition, America East has nearly 20 players on rosters in various international professional leagues.

America East has also been well-represented in the WNBA as current Hartford head coach Jennifer Rizzotti and former America East Players of the Year Cindy Blodgett (Maine), Jamie Cassidy (Maine) and Katasha Artis (Northeastern) have played in the top women's professional league.

Former Hartford star Jeff Bagwell of the Houston Astros became the 35th player in Major League history to hit 400 home runs when he homered in a game on July 20, 2003. Former Northeastern star Carlos Pena is now with the Detroit Tigers while former America East Players of the Year Mark Sweeney (Maine) of the Colorado Rockies and Kevin Mench of the Texas Rangers were also on 2004 Major League rosters. Joe Nathan, who played at Stony Brook, was an All-Star with the Minnesota Twins in 2004. Jay Witasick of the San Diego Padres, who played at UMBC, is in his ninth season in the majors. Several other former America East players, including seven draft choices from 2004 alone, are presently in the minor leagues.

Hartford's Jerry Kelly, who won two PGA Tour events in 2002, joined the tour in 1996 after turning professional in 1989. Kelly, who has earned more than \$2 million in each of the last three seasons, is joined by former Hawk golfers Tim Petrovic and Patrick Sheehan on the PGA Tour.

America East also has a number of former men's and women's soccer and men's lacrosse players in various professional leagues, including former Boston University standout Andrew Dorman, who recently completed his first season with the New England Revolution of the MLS.

CURRENT ATHLETES IN THE PROS

NBA

Vin Baker (Hartford), New York Knicks
Craig "Speedy" Claxton (Hofstra), Golden State Warriors
Malik Rose (Drexel), San Antonio Spurs

MLB

Jeff Bagwell (Hartford), Houston Astros
Kevin Mench (Delaware), Texas Rangers
Joe Nathan (Stony Brook), Minnesota Twins
Carlos Pena (Northeastern), Detroit Tigers
Mark Sweeney (Maine), Colorado Rockies
Jay Witasick (UMBC), San Diego Padres

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