Club Hockey NATIONAL champions of ACHA division II

With a 5-3 win over Florida Gulf Coast on Tuesday March 25, UNH captured its first Club Hockey national championship. The Wildcats went 2-1 in their pool play to advance to the semi-final against Maryland-Baltimore County, where they beat UMBC 6-2 to set the stage for showdown against FCGU. Local standout Sean Lahey continued his successful season with two goals in the championship game. Austin Sprague netted two himself, as Freshman goalie, Dylan Palmer, helped defend the pipes with 39 saves in the winning effort. UNH finished the season 28-7 in what has been their most successful season thus far.

Earlier in the month, UNH won their divisional tournament, the Super East College Hockey League Championship as the third ranked team in the Northeast Regional. This was the teams fourth consecutive trip to nationals, but their first game to play for the championship.

Leading the team behind the scenes is Head Coach Steve McIsaac. Coach McIsaac won the coveted Division II Coach of the Year award for his assistance of the teams strong season and bringing the team together after only winning 3 of their first 7 games of the year.

Congratulations to all the players, especially the seniors; Peter Bosseckert, Zach Bradanick, Blaine Cardali, Kevin Cunningham, Rich Flocco, Sean Leahy, Cody Nizolek, and Josh Polombo,

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Upcoming Events For UNH Sport Clubs:

**Baseball**
- April 4 home tournament @ Student Rec
- April 18 home game @ Student Rec - 7p
- April 26 home game @ Student Rec - 10a & 12p
- May 3-4 home tournament @ Student Rec - 9a-5p

**Climbing**
- April 5 @ Concord, NH
- April 25 @ Pawtuckaway, NH

**Cycling**
- April 12 @ Hanover, NH
- April 26-27 @ MA & RI

**Golf**
- Mar 29-30 @ Peabody, MA
- April 12-13 @ Stow, MA

**Rowing (M)**
- April 12 v Tufts

**Rugby (M)**
- April 5 home tournament @ Student Rec
- April 26 v Babson

**Rugby (W)**
- April 5 @ Student Rec
- April 12 @ Providence, RI
- April 26 @ Burlington, VT v UVM

**Sailing**
- April 5-6 @ MIT & Maine Maritime

**Shooting**
- April 5 @ North Leominster
- April 12 @ Billerica, MA
- April 27 @ Haverhill, RI

**Softball**
- April 4-5 v Sacred Heart & UCONN
- May 2 home tournament @ Student Rec

**Ultimate (M)**
- April 5-6 v UMass Dartmouth
- April 12-13 home tournament @ Student Rec

**Ultimate (W)**
- April 4-6 @ Warwick, RI
- April 19-20 @ Providence, RI & Portsmouth, RI
- May 3-4 @ Dartmouth

This year's harsh and long winter has postponed much of our practice schedule. Pictured above is the Student Recreation field where many of outdoor sports play and practice. As the weather warms up and the snow melts away, be sure to come cheer on your wildcats in all upcoming events!

Not Everyone Upset with Long Winter

Both Nordic Skiing and the Ski & Board clubs enjoyed this winter's long and brutal season.

The Ski & Board club were able to make a total of 8 successful trips to Loon and Sunday River this season!

Similarly, the Nordic team had a great winter to get out to the trails for some great fun! The team traveled to 6 different recreational and competitive events within the New Hampshire area. The team is looking to purchase land-skis to begin training outside of the winter season and build their efforts at participating in more competitive events in the future.

Volleyball to Nationals

Both the Men's and Women's clubs are competing in this year's national competition in Reno, NV April 3-5.

The Men's team is looking to build off of its recent success and get back into the national spotlight, similar to their 2011 campaign that ended with a national championship.

For the Women's team, this is their first trip to nationals. The season has had its highs and lows, but interim coach Christina Cannon is looking to help the Wildcats make a name for themselves on the national level.

Pool play will take place Thursday April 3, with brackets to follow Friday and Saturday.

What information do you want to see in the next issue of Catch The Spirit? Let us know!

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