



Northeast Passage's New Quad Rugby Team Hosts Regional Tournament March 18

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DURHAM, N.H. -- The Northeast Passage Wildcats, the University of New Hampshire's new quadriplegic rugby team, will host its first tournament Sunday, March 18, 2007. Northeast Passage is a program of the University of New Hampshire and offers adaptive sports and recreation opportunities for people with disabilities.

- Quad rugby teams from New Hampshire, New York and Connecticut will be competing
- Sunday, March 18, 2007 (games start at 10:00 am)
- University of New Hampshire, Field House, Lundholm Gymnasium
- Free and open to the public

The sport of quad rugby was recently made more popular by the documentary film "Murderball". The film, about tough, highly competitive quadriplegic rugby players, showcased the sport and raised awareness about these elite-level athletes.

Quad rugby (or wheelchair rugby) is played much like "stand up" rugby, but all players have a disability that affects both their upper and lower limbs. Men and women compete on the same team. Physical contact between wheelchairs is an integral part of the game.

Northeast Passage recently joined forces with the Maine competitive quad rugby team to create the Northeast Passage Wildcats. The team will be practicing at the University of New Hampshire and will be competing throughout New England. The team draws players from New Hampshire, Maine and Massachusetts.

For more information, contact Northeast Passage at 603-862-0070.

A photo is available to download here: <http://unh.edu/news/img/rugby.jpg>