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DURHAM, N.H. - The Northeast Passage Wildcats, the University of New Hampshire's quad rugby team, will host a tournament February 2 and 3, 2008. 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, Pennsylvania, Connecticut and two teams from Quebec, Canada will be competing.
- Saturday, February 2: First game at 2:30 p.m., last game at 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, February 3: First game at 9:30 a.m., last game at 12:30 p.m.
- University of New Hampshire, Whittemore Center Arena, Durham
- There will be two games going on simultaneously
- 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.

The Northeast Passage Wildcats practice weekly at the University of New Hampshire and have competed in tournaments in Connecticut and Florida this season. The team has attracted many new and returning players from around New England, including two UNH student athletes.

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