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UNH Men's Hockey Program Suspends Eight Student-Athletes for Two Games

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DURHAM, N.H. – University of New Hampshire head men’s hockey coach Dick Umile has announced that eight student-athletes have been suspended for two games.

Seniors Nathan Martz and Tyler Scott, juniors Matt Hoppe, Tyson Teplitsky, and Robbie Barker, sophomores Andrew Leach and Mark Kolanos and first-year student Brett Hemingway will sit out two games October 24 and 25 and will not travel with the team to the Punch Imlach College Hockey Showcase Tournament in Buffalo, N.Y. at HSBC Arena.

While not directly involved in the disturbance on the UNH campus that took place Thursday, October 16, after Game 7 of the American League Championship Series, the student-athletes were asked by Coach Umile to stay away from the downtown area. However, the players were present as bystanders during the incident on Main Street.

“This program has a history of service to the campus and the broader community,” Umile said. “We would rather continue in that role, than be the audience to those who choose to be disruptive and disrespectful to the community.”

“Our student-athletes are role models and are held to a higher standard and their actions are a reflection of UNH athletics, their teams and the University,” said UNH athletic director Marty Scarano. “On this particular night some of our student-athletes made poor choices.”