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DURHAM -- New Hampshire Public Television will broadcast the University of New Hampshire men's ice hockey team's NCAA first-round game against Niagara University live at 6 p.m. Friday, March 24.

The NCAA accepted NHPTV's bid to broadcast the game Monday, making NHPTV the only station in the Boston and Portland markets that will be carrying the game. If UNH advances to Saturday's second round against North Dakota, the game will be broadcast on Fox Sports New England.

NCAA Productions will produce the game from Minneapolis, Minn., with play-by-play call by Sean Grande and color commentary by Tom Reed. "We're delighted to have an opportunity to broadcast this program live from Minneapolis, since a lot of Wildcat fans aren't able to make this trip on such short notice," said Linda Howe, an NHPTV producer and vice president of Friends of UNH Hockey. "This gives fans a chance to see the game and be with the team in spirit."

To broadcast this game, NHPTV will be preempting its regularly scheduled broadcast of "The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer," "The Nightly Business Report," "The McLaughlin Group," and "NH Roundtable."

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