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***SAINT ANSELM AND STONEHILL FAVORED TO WIN 2007-08
ICE HOCKEY REGULAR SEASON TITLE***

South Easton, Mass. – The Hawks of Saint Anselm College and the Skyhawks of Stonehill College are the preseason favorites to win a share of the Northeast-10 Ice Hockey Regular Season Title, as voted by the conference's head coaches. Both teams received 33 votes and split the first-place votes three a piece.

Coming in third are the Penmen of Southern New Hampshire University who received 20 points, just ahead of Saint Michael's College. The Purple Knights are predicted to finished fourth with 19 points received.

Team	Points	Overall 06-07 Record	Conference
t-1. Saint Anselm (3)	33	13-12-3	4-1-0
t-1. Stonehill (3)	33	14-12-1	3-1-1
3. Southern N.H.	20	12-14-1	3-2-0
4. Saint Michael's	19	6-20-0	3-2-0
5. Assumption	13	7-18-2	0-4-1
6. Franklin Pierce	8	5-17-2	1-4-0

(First place votes in parentheses.)

Assumption College (13) and Franklin Pierce College (8) round out the poll respectively.

Last year, Saint Anselm won its fourth straight Regular Season Title and met up with Stonehill in the Northeast-10 Championship game. The teams squared off in a memorable three-game series. The Hawks took game one easily with a 9-3 victory, however the Skyhawks responded with a 5-3 victory in game two, setting up a tie-break mini game. The mini game lasted over 100 minutes as both teams were deadlocked at 1-1, but Stonehill prevailed scoring the game-winning goal in the second overtime to claim the team's first ever Northeast-10 championship.

The 2007-08 season gets underway on Friday with Assumption taking on Becker in the Becker tournament. The first conference contest of the season is on Nov. 20 with Saint Michael's traveling to Assumption College. The 2007-08 NE-10 Championship is slated for March 1 and will conclude with the championship game on March 8.

Sponsoring 23 championship sports and 15 full-time members, the Northeast-10 is the second largest NCAA Division II athletic conference in the nation and sponsors the most championships of any Division II conference.

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