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### *Southern New Hampshire and New Haven to Meet in NE-10 Women's Lacrosse Championship Final*

**South Easton, Mass.** – The University of New Haven Chargers and the Southern New Hampshire University Penmen will meet in the Northeast-10 Women's Lacrosse Championship Final after coming away with semifinal victories Saturday afternoon. The NE-10 Championship is set for 1 p.m. Sunday on the campus New Haven at DellaCamera Stadium.

Top-seed and Co-Northeast-10 regular season champion New Haven came from behind and defeated fourth-seeded Merrimack College 16-15, while third-seeded Southern New Hampshire was victorious against second-seeded Stonehill College 11-9, to advance to the finals.

New Haven, in its first season as a member of the Northeast-10, will be making its first-ever trip to the Northeast-10 Championship final, while Southern New Hampshire is making its second-straight finals appearance.

The first semifinal game of the afternoon featured a back-and-forth game between New Haven and Merrimack. The Warriors led 6-5 at the half, however New Haven regained the lead in the second half after going on a 7-1 run capped by *Ashley Ferrandiz's (West Sayville, N.Y.)* unassisted goal with under 20 minutes to play in regulation. Trailing 11-8, Merrimack's *Kelly Pasquantonio (Plainville, Mass.)* started a scoring spree for the Warriors as they rallied to score seven straight goals in a ten minute span to take a 15-11 lead with less than seven minutes remaining in the half. Pasquantonio finished with a team-high four goals.

Despite trailing by four goals, the Chargers began chipping away at the Warriors' lead as Ashley Ferrandiz started what would be a 5-0 run to close out the game and seal the victory for New Haven. With the game tied at 15-15 with :33 seconds remaining, Ashley Ferrandiz scored her game-high fifth goal to record the game-winning goal. The Chargers held on for the 16-15 victory to improve to 15-3.

*Mallory Ferrandiz (West Sayville, N.Y.)* scored four goals and dished out three assists for New Haven, while goalkeeper *Maureen Spellman (Trumbull, Conn.)* recorded nine saves between the pipes.

Merrimack's *Lauren Leddy (Sea Girt, N.J.)* and *Maddie Basile (Longmeadow, Mass.)* each scored three goals as the Warriors finished the year with an 8-8 record.

In the other semifinal, Southern New Hampshire jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead after receiving goals from *Jennifer Parro (Ipswich, Mass.)* and *Maura Murphy (Candia, N.H.)* in the game's first six minutes of

action. Trailing 3-1 midway through the first half, Stonehill bounced back scoring the final two goals of the half by *Jackie Ladino (North Dartmouth, Mass.)* and *Mary Maloney (Great River, N.Y.)*.

With the game tied entering the second half, Southern New Hampshire came out and scored two goals in the first two minutes of the half to take a 5-3 lead. Stonehill would eventually tie the game at 7-7 after *Michelle Salmon (East Islip, N.Y.)* scored a pair of goals for the Skyhawks. The Penmen responded and went on a 3-0 run led by two goals from *Libby Parent (Hinesburg, Vt.)* to take a 10-7 lead with less than nine minutes remaining in regulation. Stonehill would not go away quietly as the Skyhawks scored back-to-back goals in a matter of :26 seconds to cut the Penmen lead to 10-9 with just over six minutes to play in the half.

Southern New Hampshire's *Emily Mongeau (Westborough, Mass.)* gave her team an insurance goal to take an 11-9 advantage as the Penmen held on and sealed the victory over Stonehill. Mongeau finished with a team-high three goals.

The win marked the first time in program history that the Penmen defeated the Skyhawks as Stonehill's nine-year reign as conference champion came to an end. Southern New Hampshire improves to 13-4 overall, while Stonehill is now 10-6.

For Southern New Hampshire, *Laura Rotolo (Waltham, Mass.)*, Murphy and Parent each scored two goals. *Katie Clark (Norwich, Conn.)* recorded five saves in goal for the Penmen.

Ladino and Salmon each scored three goals for the Skyhawks, while goalkeeper *Justine Ferland (Portsmouth, N.H.)* recorded nine saves between the pipes.

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