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Merchants Bank Rotary Twin State Classic Bounces into Town!

SOUTH BURLINGTON, VT –Thomas S. Leavitt, Executive Vice President for Merchants Bank is pleased to announce its fifth year of support for the *Merchants Bank Rotary Twin State Classic* Basketball event. This is the 27th anniversary year for the annual tilt between New Hampshire and Vermont high school basketball standouts. The games will be held at Patrick Gym at the University of Vermont on Saturday, July 14 at 1:00 (women) and 3:00 (men).

“These student-athletes are among the finest young people in the Twin-State region. They have excelled on the courts and playing fields of their high schools, and they have done impressive things in other facets of their scholastic careers. The relationships that they form with one another during this event forge lasting ties. The teams come well prepared to give fans a great showcase and we have had some outstanding contests over the years. We look forward to another exciting day of basketball,” commented Leavitt.

Merchants Bank supports scholastic sports throughout the year with various sponsorships and programs, including bringing high school basketball and hockey to cable television.

“We are a statewide organization so we are gratified when we have the chance to see kids from our communities around Vermont doing something that builds a strong foundation. They inspire us with the commitment and dedication they demonstrate. We wish both the Granite Staters and the Green Mountain contingent all the best for a memorable trip to Patrick Gym. This is a very talented class on both sides of the Connecticut River. We’ll be there cheering them on,” added Leavitt.

Following are the 2007 rosters:

VERMONT WOMEN

Head Coach:

Carl Serrani (West Rutland)

Asst. Coach:

Billy Waller (Cabot)

Full Name	School
Kelli Hier	Rice
Chelsea Shea	South Burlington
Mandy Scott	Vergennes
Stephanie Johnston	Rice
Karissa Doyon	Canaan
Kayla Leonard	Rutland
Jill McDonald	Middlebury
Evan Librizzi	Essex
Kristie Dunchus	West Rutland
Megan Johnson	Rutland
Katie Spydell	Hartford
Allison Wells	Lamoille
Annie Holiday	Brattleboro Union

NEW HAMPSHIRE WOMEN

Head Coach:

Jeri Blair (Belmont)

Asst. Coaches:

Dick Pratt (Concord)

Roland Young (Portsmouth Christian)

Full Name	School
Libby Cullerot	John Stark
Christine Daniels	Concord
Lindsey Demeter	Nashua South
Marilyn Ferreira	Kearsarge
Whitney Fremeau	Manchester Central
Jillian Hurd	Sunapee
Amanda Kania	Manchester West
Abigail LaRosa	Winnacunnet
Kristine Little	Concord
Heidi Miller	Winnisquam
Stefanie Murphy	Londonderry
Kristi Parent	Belmont
Amanda Smith	Merrimack Valley
Amanda Bacher	Concord

VERMONT MEN

Head Coach: Paul Pecor (Rice)

Asst. Coaches:

Derek Trono (Rice)

Mike Kennedy (South Burlington)

Full Name	School
Doug Anton	Burr & Burton

Patrick Bergmann	Rice
Sebastian Brandstetter	North Country
Tyrone Conley	Burlington
Josh Danis	Rice
Jason Foster	Mount St. Joseph's
Marcuss Hass	U-32
Casey Harmon	South Burlington
Sam King	Stowe
Shayne Morrissey	Montpelier
Ryan Patterson	Brattleboro
Andrew Plumley	Burlington
Gael Shungu	Rice
Jason Weischedel	Essex

NEW HAMPSHIRE MEN

Head Coach: Kieth Matte (Lebanon)

Asst. Coaches:

Paul Karp (Lebanon)

Dave Chase (Hopkinton)

Full Name	School
Kyle Bailey	White Mountain
Will Brooks	Manchester Central
Mike Brion	Bishop Guertin
Ben Etten	Hollis-Brookline
David Harrison	Hopkinton
Pat Luptowski	Keene
Nick Metcalf	Hanover
Matt Pollard	Mascoma Valley
Eian Prohl	Kearsarge
Steve Savage	Salem
Matt Thompson	Plymouth
Chris Voukides	Salem
Mike White	Lisbon
Ryan Wholey	Bishop Guertin

Further information on the New Hampshire teams can be acquired by visiting the New Hampshire Coaches Association website at www.eteamz.com/NHBCO.

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