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**2008 Merchants Bank Rotary Twin State Classic
Bouncing into Burlington Saturday, July 12!**

SOUTH BURLINGTON, VT –Thomas S. Leavitt, Executive Vice President for Merchants Bank is pleased to announce its sixth year of support for the *Merchants Bank Rotary Twin State Classic* Basketball event. This is the twenty-eighth 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 12. The women’s game is scheduled for 1pm; men’s game for 3pm.**

In addition, attendees will have the chance to win in the Mills n’ Greer “T’s for Threes” contest (each time a three-point basket is shot, a Merchants Bank representative will toss special T-shirts into the crowd).

Fifty tickets will be donated to the Boys and Girls Club, and 50 tickets will also be donated to the King Street Youth Center, a \$600 value, compliments of Merchants Bank.

“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 accomplished impressive feats in other facets of their scholastic careers. The relationships that they form with one another during this event forge lasting ties. The teams prepare to give fans a great showcase and we have had some outstanding contests throughout 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 and we are gratified when we have the opportunity to support kids from our Vermont communities who are participating in activities that build 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 will be there to cheer them,” added Leavitt.

Following are the 2008 rosters:

VERMONT WOMEN

Head Coach:

Doug Cheeseman (Burlington High School)

Asst. Coach:

Leo Reynolds (Mount Anthony)

Pete Carrol (Burlington High School)

Sharmion Selman (Burlington High School)

Megan Cheeseman (Burlington High School)

Student All-stars:

Mikaela Berthiaume (BFA St Albans)

Alyssa Herrington (Mt Anthony)

Joanna Bishop (So Burlington)

Katie Dorey (Rice)

Camille duPont (Twinfield)

Katie Edgerton (CVU)

Meghan Farrell (Green Mountain)

Ashley Hoyt (Arlington)

Christine Jaques (Burlington)

Alexa Johnson (Enosburg)

Kate Cioffi (Essex)

Jasmine Miller (Burlington)

Kayla Whitman (Mt Anthony)

Alison Wettstein (CVU)

NEW HAMPSHIRE WOMEN

Head Coach:

Roland Young (Portsmouth Christian)

Asst. Coaches:

Pat Smith (Trinity)

Student All-stars:

Kristen MacNeil (Plymouth)

Amy Barry (Manchester Memorial)

Katelyn Cloutier (Groveton)

Alicia Doucet (Manchester Central)

Rachel Figaro (Bishop Guertin)

Mary Garon (Trinity)

Marie Girard (St Thomas)

Shannon Hassan (Merrimack)

Kelsey Hogan (Nashua North)

Shannon Kean (St Thomas)

Caitlin O'Connor (Newfound)

Catherine O'Neil (Manchester Central)

Kelly Schwarz (Derryfield)

Leah Shadeen (Manchester Central)

VERMONT MEN

Head Coach:

Matt Johnson (Burlington High School)

Asst. Coaches:

Tom Barron (Burlington High School)

Student All-stars:

Kyle McQuarrie (Proctor)

Matt Joslin (North Country)

Gabe Nicasio (Essex)

Logan Macomber (Lyndon Inst)

Tyler Barron (Burlington)

Greg Gause (CVU)

Greg Hughes (West Rutland)

Logan Calkins (Danville)

Ryan Boyle (Brattleboro)

Jeff Danyew (Windsor)

Kevin Labas (Mt Abraham)

Dan Bisaccio (Mt Anthony)

Keith Schneider (FairHaven)

Greg Mehuron (Harwood)

NEW HAMPSHIRE MEN

Head Coach:

Dave Chase (Hopkinton)

Asst. Coaches:

Sean Young (Wilton-Lyndeborough)

Student All-stars:

Ryan Bourgeois (Trinity)

David Brandt (Hopkinton)

Ryan Call (Colebrook)

Brian Chervey (Bow)

Joe Downing (Newmarket)

Scott Faucher (Lebanon)

Brian Lawrence (Exeter)

Trevor Maynard (Oyster River)

Matt McLaughlin (St. Thomas)

Chris Petzy (Exeter)

Seth Rowan (Portsmouth Christian)

Shawn Stoodley (Salem)

Ben Titcomb (John Stark)

Bobby Wunsch (Londonderry)

Vermont Matters! The continuing mission of Merchants Bank is to provide Vermonters with a state-wide community bank that blends a strong technology platform with a genuine appreciation for local markets. Merchants Bank fulfills this commitment through a branch-based system that includes 36 community bank offices and 44 ATMs throughout Vermont, Personal Bankers dedicated to top-quality customer service and streamlined solutions, including: Personal Banking with *CashRewards Checking*sm, Free Checking for Life[®], a low-cost Money Market Account, Free Online Banking and Bill Pay, Overdraft Coverage, Direct Deposit, Free Debit Card, and Free Automated Phone Banking; Business Banking with Business Online Banking and Bill Pay, Business Lines of Credit and Merchant Card Processing; Small Business Loans; Health Savings Accounts; Credit Cards; Flexible Certificates of Deposit; Vehicle Loans; Home Equity Credit; and Home Mortgages. Visit mbvt.com for more information. Merchants' stock is traded on the NASDAQ National Market system under the symbol MBVT. Member FDIC. Equal Housing Lender.

For more info on Boys and Girls Club, visit: www.bandgclub.org

For more info on the King Street Youth Center, visit: www.kingstreetyouth.org

For more info on the New Hampshire teams, visit the New Hampshire Coaches Association website at www.eteamz.com/NHBCO.

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