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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-sixth 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. Rosters, itineraries and details are to come.**

“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.

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* Checkingsm, 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.

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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