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**Merchants Bank Rotary Twin State Classic
Bounces into Town!**

SOUTH BURLINGTON, VT –Thomas S. Leavitt, Senior Vice President of Retail Banking for Merchants Bank is pleased to announce the fourth year of support for the *Merchants Bank Rotary Twin State Classic* Basketball event. This is the 26th 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 15 at 1:00 (women) and 3:00 (men).

“This is a special group of student-athletes. We enjoy our participation in this event and support the achievements of these fine young people. Relationships are formed on both sides of the Connecticut River and the teams come well-prepared to represent their states, communities, and individual schools. The action throughout the years has been exciting. We look forward to another eventful 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 our employees’ and customers’ kids doing something that builds a strong foundation. We are truly inspired by the kind of commitment and dedication they demonstrate. We wish both the Green Mountain contingent and the Granite Staters all the best for a rewarding trip to Patrick Gym. We’ll be there to cheer them on,” added Leavitt.

Following are the 2006 rosters:

VERMONT WOMEN

# 2	Kari Averill	5’7”	Spaulding H.S.
# 3	Roz Vara	5’10”	Cabot H.S.
# 4	Rachel Salvatori	5’11”	Champlain Valley Union H.S.
# 10	Emma Carmichael	5’11”	Brattleboro Union H.S.
# 11	Brianne White	5’8”	Rutland H.S.
# 12	Alyssa Sapp	5’7”	Hartford H.S.

# 14	Leslie Mencia	5'7"	Montpelier H.S.
# 15	Jessica Jaggars	5'10"	Vergennes Union H.S.
# 21	Laurel McWilliams	5'8"	Missisquoi Valley Union H.S.
# 23	Alex Marcell	5'8"	Mount Saint Joseph Academy
# 30	Brooke Niquette	6'1"	Winooski H.S.
# 52	Alissa Sheftic	6'3"	Essex H.S.
Head Coach: Kim Levins		Asst Coach: Eric Ramey	

NEW HAMPSHIRE WOMEN

# 4	Sadie Nazer	5'3"	Hillsboro-Deering H.S.
# 5	Teal Carroll	5'9"	Hanover H.S.
# 10	Jenifer Gelinas	5'4"	John Stark Regional
# 11	Amy Hebert	5'7"	Keene H.S.
# 12	Rachel Titcomb	5'9"	John Stark Regional
# 13	Stephanie Pintal	5'8"	Nashua South H.S.
# 14	Katelyn Nerbonne	5'6"	Bow H.S.
# 21	Allyson Daniels	5'9"	Concord H.S.
# 22	Rachel Hewes	5'10"	Nashua South H.S.
# 23	Kellie Goodridge	5'10"	Merrimack H.S.
# 24	Amanda Swiezynski	6'1"	Exeter H.S.
# 32	Elizabeth Williams	6'0"	Hanover H.S.
# 33	Katie Diggins	5'10"	Merrimack H.S.
# 54	Ashley Clark	5'10"	Dover H.S.
Head Coach: Wayne Thomson		Asst Coaches: Larry Restuccia, Jeri Blair	

VERMONT MEN

# 5	John Righi	6'5"	Brattleboro Union H.S.
# 10	Ben Parker	6'3"	Harwood Union H.S.
# 11	Ben Sackett	5'11"	Lyndon Institute
# 12	Cote Bona	6'1"	Lyndon Institute
# 13	Matt Glass	6'7"	Mount Mansfield Union H.S.
# 14	Dylan Clark	6'4"	Spaulding H.S.
# 15	Jon Chaloux	6'6"	Spaulding H.S.
# 21	Garrett Calkins	5'11"	St. Johnsbury Academy
# 22	Chrispatrick Cox	6'5"	Spaulding H.S.
# 23	Brad Mader	6'7"	Hazen Union H.S.
# 24	David Rosso	6'1"	Twin Valley H.S.
# 32	Ian Turner	6'6"	Fair Haven Union H.S.
# 33	Andre Whyte	6'1"	Mount Anthony Union H.S.
Head Coach: Mark Smith		Asst Coaches: Chris Placy, Chris Cook	

NEW HAMPSHIRE MEN

# 3	Andrew Ferreira	5'11"	Kearsarge Regional H.S.
# 4	Justin Parker	6'2"	Nashua North H.S.
# 5	Eric Anderson	6'0"	Merrimack H.S.
# 11	Kyle Hebert	6'4"	Keene H.S.
# 12	Bryan Tracy	6'3"	Manchester Central H.S.
# 15	Sean Kryander	6'4"	Pittsfield Middle H.S.
# 21	Tyler Roche	6'7"	Manchester Central H.S.
# 23	Paul Chergey	6'5"	Bow H.S.
# 24	Jeremy Colon	6'5"	Manchester West H.S.
# 25	Michael Chergey	6'6"	Bow H.S.
# 33	Patrick West	6'1"	Hopkinton H.S.
# 34	James Roman	6'4"	Pelham H.S.
# 35	Joe Cheslock	6'2"	Dover H.S.
# 40	Joseph Fremeau	6'6"	Manchester Central H.S.
Head Coach: Dave "Doc" Wheeler			Asst Coaches: Mike Romps, Kieth Matte

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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