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Hofstra to host 2005 Algonquin Cup

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from press releases

HEMPSTEAD, NY - Hofstra University has been selected to host and participate in the third annual Algonquin Cup College Lacrosse Invitational on Sunday October 9, 2005. The nine-game tournament features six teams from five conferences who will compete at Hofstra's James M. Shuart Stadium and on two fields adjacent to the 15,000-seat facility. NCAA Championship finalist Duke University, Championship participant Cornell University, Top 20 Hofstra, as well as Hobart College, Stony Brook University and St. John's University will compete in this year's Algonquin Cup tournament.

Pantheon International, producer and organizer of the prestigious John R. Wooden Classic and John R. Wooden Tradition college basketball invitational events, created the Algonquin Cup in 2003 to showcase the country's elite teams and conclude the sport's fall season with great fanfare. Notre Dame captured the inaugural Algonquin Cup title in 2003 in the four-team tournament that was hosted by Harvard. Last year, the Black Knights of Army defeated Hofstra in the championship game of the six-team, second annual Algonquin Cup that was held at Stony Brook University.

"We are delighted to host as well as be participating in our third Algonquin Cup," Hofstra Men's Lacrosse Coach John Danowski said. "It is an exciting day of lacrosse, the student-athletes enjoy the competition and it gives the coaches the opportunity to see their teams in game-like conditions before the season begins."

The schedule of the day's events is as follows:

10 a.m.
Stadium
Duke vs. Hobart
Field 1
Hofstra vs. Cornell

11:30 a.m.
Stadium
Semifinal II-Stony Brook vs. Duke/Hobart winner
Field 1
Consolation I-Duke/Hobart loser vs. Hofstra/Cornell loser
Field 2
Semifinal I-St. John's vs. Hofstra/Cornell winner

1 p.m.
Stadium

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Consolation II-Semifinal I loser vs. Semifinal II loser

3 p.m.

Stadium

Championship Game-Semifinal I winner vs. Semifinal II winner

Field 1

Consolation Final-Consolation I winner vs. Consolation II winner

Field 2

Consolation III - Consolation I loser vs. Consolation II loser

"Hofstra's great lacrosse heritage and facility provide a wonderful venue for our fall showcase event," said Kent Atherton, President & CEO of CT-based Pantheon International. "Our goal remains to build upon the success of the Algonquin Cup each year and Hofstra's additional field capacity and our move to Sunday will help increase availability to players and fans of all ages."

In addition to a great day of college lacrosse, a youth/high school lacrosse jamboree will also be held on the Hofstra fields on the north side of campus. Currently, there are 550 men's and 250 women's college teams and close to 300,000 active lacrosse players in the country. The NCAA Lacrosse Championship is second only to the Men's Basketball Final Four in attendance each year.

Pantheon International is a privately held, Westport, CT-based sports marketing & event management firm that owns event properties in California, Indiana, New York and Florida. Pantheon specializes in providing unique corporate marketing platforms through its high profile sports events. The company is a niche leader at originating and producing marquee live sports entertainment that create powerful bonds between corporations and the passionate affinity groups that permeate sports. Tickets to The Algonquin Cup will be available in advance online at www.algonquincup.com. For more information call 203-571-1800.

