

## MEN'S HOCKEY

## Red Will Face State Rivals on National Television

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The Red is preparing for a big weekend on the road, starting Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Troy, N.Y. and continuing on

Saturday at 7 p.m. in Schenectady, N.Y. First, Cornell takes on Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, in a game that will be televised by NBC sports network. This is the fourth time this season that Cornell hockey will be on national television.



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"Every two points are valuable," said head coach Mike Schafer '86. "People just look at the Union game but RPI could be huge for us. They've won three of their last four [games], they've beaten some good teams, they're playing well. We need to go in and really focus on the things we've talked about all year long and getting as many points as we can each game — and that starts with RPI and then carries over into Union."

The Red is anxious to get back on the ice to try to overcome its trouble this past weekend, when it lost two games to Colgate and fell in the standings, according to senior defenseman Sean Whitney. For the first time since Nov. 11,

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Cornell is not first place in the ECAC league. The team also fell to 14 in both of the major national polls.

"We were unbeaten, but we weren't playing exceptional hockey or the hockey we wanted to be playing, so it didn't really carry into the weekend the way we wanted to play, and we suffered for it," Whitney said. "But like always, we've been watching the videos, we've talked as a team ... we are hoping to improve coming into this huge road weekend."

Adding fuel to the fire is the fact that Union is the team that captured the Red's previous spot at number one in ECAC hockey. The Dutchmen boast an impressive 6-1-1 record in their past eight games — all of which have been in-conference matches. Currently Union stands tied at 11th

**Ready to regroup** | The Red looks to shake off last week's losses as they go on the road to play Union and RPI.

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

Red Set to Play No. 23  
Harvard, DartmouthBy SCOTT CHIUSSANO  
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The Harvard Crimson made national news earlier this season when it beat then-ranked Florida State to push itself into the Top-25 teams in the country for the first

time in school history. The Red, coming off a big home win against Columbia on Saturday, has a tough weekend ahead, traveling into Crimson territory on Friday, and then to Dartmouth, where it

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**No gray areas** | After a 14-point performance on Saturday, junior guard Johnathan Gray will lead the Red into Harvard Crimson territory tonight.

## WOMEN'S HOCKEY

## C.U. Welcomes RPI, Union to Lynah

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Following a split road weekend last weekend, the Cornell women's hockey team returns to Lynah to face ECAC foes Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Union. These two games end the Red's five game road trip, where the team earned four straight wins before falling to Clarkson last weekend. The action starts tonight at 7 p.m., when the Red will hit the ice to take on the Engineers, and continues tomorrow at 4 p.m., when the Dutchwomen come to the Hill.

The No. 3 Red (19-3, 14-2 ECAC Hockey) was on the nation's longest winning streak after defeating St. Lawrence on the road last weekend (claiming the title from St. Lawrence). However, that honor was quickly stripped from the team when Clarkson scored four second-period goals en route to a 5-3 victory over the Red, ultimately handing Cornell its first loss since it played then-No. 6 Mercyhurst.

While the Red enters the game coming off of a rough loss, both RPI and Union come to Lynah in the middle of difficult seasons. The Engineers (8-16-1, 5-9-2 ECAC Hockey) currently sit in ninth place in the ECAC, although they are coming off of a sweep of the Dutchwomen last weekend. Union (4-20-4, 2-12-2) comes into tomorrow night's game holding onto eleventh

place in the ECAC, just above Yale, which was the last team the Dutchwomen beat almost two weeks ago on January 21st.

Even with two of its weaker ECAC opponents coming into town this weekend, the Red

knows that it will need to be determined and focused to get the most out of the series. The team plans to use the homestand to get back into top form after

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**Zoning back in** | According to senior Catherine White, the Red will make important adjustments to its defensive zone this weekend.