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DURHAM, N.H. - The Northeast Passage Wildcats, the University of New Hampshire's quad rugby team, will be hosting a tournament during the weekend of Nov. 7 - 9, 2008. Northeast Passage is a program of the University of New Hampshire and offers adaptive sports and recreation opportunities for people with disabilities.

- Quad rugby teams from New Hampshire, New York, Connecticut, Florida and Canada will be competing.
- Friday, Nov. 7: First game at 4:00 p.m., last game at 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 8: First game at 10:00 a.m., last game at 4:00 p.m.
- Sunday, Nov. 9: First game at 10:00 a.m., Championship game at 1:00 p.m.
- Location: University of New Hampshire, Hamel Recreation Center, Durham
- There will be two games going on simultaneously
- Free and open to the public

The sport of quad rugby was recently made more popular by the documentary film "Murderball." The film, about tough, highly competitive quadriplegic rugby players, showcased the sport and raised awareness about these elite-level athletes.

Quad rugby (or wheelchair rugby) is played much like "stand-up" rugby, but all players have a disability that affects both their upper and lower limbs. Men and women compete on the same team. Physical contact between wheelchairs is an integral part of the game.

The Northeast Passage Wildcats practice weekly at the University of New Hampshire and will be competing in several tournaments this season. The team has attracted many new and returning players from around New England, including two UNH student athletes.

For more information, contact Northeast Passage at 603-862-0070 or visit www.nepwildcatrugby.org.

