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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 third year of support for the *Merchants Bank Rotary Twin State Classic* Basketball event. This is the 25<sup>th</sup> 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 16 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 over the years has been exciting. We look forward to another eventful day after last year’s split with the New Hampshire Women and Vermont Men taking the trophies,” 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, and we are gratified when we get to see our employees’ and customers’ kids doing something that builds a strong foundation for them. We really get 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 cheering them on,” added Leavitt.

**The girls’ team record for wins is: VT 10 and NH 14. Following is the roster and coaches information for the girls’ teams:**

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Kathleen Neyens (Conant)  
Ashley Cooper (Coe-Brown)  
Annie Alosa (Trinity)

**VERMONT**

Ashley Barron (St. Johnsbury Academy)  
Vicki Bruce (North Country)  
Rachel Chesbrough (Lamoille)

Bridgett Hooker (Belmont)  
Cally Cole (Merrimack)  
LeeAnne Ketchen (Hollis-Brookline)  
Maygan Cassarino (Milford)  
Amy Smith (Dover)  
Maria Noucas (Portsmouth)  
Mary Symonds (Fall Mountain)  
Emily Roy (Exeter)  
Marlena Fisher (Pinkerton)  
Kendra Decelle (Derryfield)  
Katie Tausanovitch (Hanover)

**Head Coach NH:**

Richard Pratt  
Assistants: Wayne Thompson and  
Keith Pratt

Meghan Farnsworth (Windsor)  
Laura Hassebroek (Rutland)  
Erin Magnus (Rice Memorial)  
Becca Martin (Mount Anthony)  
Mary Nienow (Middlebury)  
Corey Rusin (Twin Valley)  
Holly Scott (Blue Mountain)  
Kayleigh Shappy (Burlington)  
Jen White (Danville)

**Head Coach VT:**

Tammy Rainville (Danville)  
Assistants: Ron Sicard and Robin Wozny

**The boys' team record for wins is: VT 9 and NH 15. Following is the roster and coaches information for the boys' teams:**

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Derek Delay (Epping)  
Austin Denton (Merrimack)  
Matt Lemieux (Manchester Central)  
Corey Hassan (Merrimack)  
Nick Perras (Groveton)  
Wes Dauer (Plymouth)  
Adam Lirette (Dover)  
Duncan Szeliga (Newmarket)  
Troy Bowen (Nashua North)  
Zach Etten (Hollis-Brookline)  
Kevin Auguste (Dover)  
Chris White (Salem)  
Tim Talley (Calvary Christian)

**Head Coach NH:**

Bill Dutkowski (Portsmouth Christian)  
Assistants: Jamie Hayes, David Wheeler

**VERMONT**


Matt Hutchinson (St Johnsbury Academy)  
Ryan Thuma (Middlebury)  
George Worland (Vergennes)  
Louis Garcia (Bellows Falls)  
Ian Ackermann (Cabot)  
Mike Filipek (Mt Mansfield)  
Tyler Kathan (Springfield)  
Kali Stoddard-Imari (Lyndon Inst)  
David Ausmann (Spaulding)  
Kyle Fredette (Mill River)  
Nevin Fulcher (South Royalton)  
Matt Murphy (North Country)

**Head Coach VT:**

Billy Waller (Cabot)  
Assistant: Aaron Hill

Further information on the New Hampshire teams can be acquired by visiting the New Hampshire Coaches Association website at [www.eteamz.com/NHBCO](http://www.eteamz.com/NHBCO).

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