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SOPHIA LEVERING '28 WOMEN'S HOCKEY

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

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The team will travel to both Dartmouth and Harvard this weekend hoping to reclaim the top seed in the conference.

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Bulldogs to take on rivals at The Whale in weekend clashes

MEN'S HOCKEY

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The Yale men's hockey team (7–17–0, 6–10–0 ECAC) will return to Ingalls Rink this weekend for a two-game homestand, including a Valentine's Day rivalry clash with Harvard.

The Bulldogs will take on the Dartmouth Big Green (17–6–1, 11–4–1 ECAC) Friday night, before facing the Crimson (13–10–1, 10–6–0 ECAC) on Saturday night.

"As a team we're really excited to be back on home ice this weekend. Nothing better than playing at the Whale in front of our fans!" Hudson Miller '29 wrote to the News. "It's a really important stretch for us leading up to playoffs, that we're really excited about."

The squad will look to reset on home ice against two top Ivy and ECAC rivals after a challenging stretch on the road. No. 12 nationally-ranked Dartmouth currently sits second in the ECAC, while Harvard trails behind in fifth place.

Week after week, Dartmouth has dominated the conference. The Big Green have gone 13–1–1 at home, with their only home loss to Arizona State (13–16–1, 6–11–1 NCHC) in December. While Dartmouth has had success at Thompson Arena, it has struggled to find consistency on the road. Given Dartmouth's 4–5 away record, the Bulldogs will look to capitalize on their home ice advantage this weekend.

The Big Green will arrive in New Haven with a three-game win streak, following a home weekend sweep of Union (16–10–2, 6–9–1 ECAC) and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (7–21–0, 4–12–0 ECAC) to round out January and a recent 3-1 victory over Harvard. Those successes followed a rough road trip to New York, where Dartmouth fell to No. 9 Cornell (17–6–0, 12–4–0 ECAC) 1-2 in an overtime nail-biter before getting crushed the following night 2-5 at Colgate (11–14–3, 8–6–2 ECAC).

While the Harvard Crimson had a strong start to the season, picking up early conference victories against Colgate, Clarkson (12–15–3, 6–9–3 ECAC) and St. Lawrence (5–22–3, 4–13–1 ECAC) in November, the team started 2026 with four straight losses. Harvard fell 1-9 to No. 5 Quinnipiac (22–5–3, 13–2–1 ECAC), 2-3 to Princeton (14–9–1, 10–6–0 ECAC), 4-5 to Dartmouth and 1-4 to Boston University (13–14–2, 9–10–0 HEA). The Crimson then rebounded in the second half of January, adding four ECAC wins to its record over St. Lawrence, Clarkson, Union and Colgate.

The Crimson will arrive in New Haven fresh off a third-place finish in the 73rd Beanpot. The tournament brings together Boston's four Division I hockey programs: Harvard, Boston College (16–9–1, 10–6–0 HEA), Boston University and Northeastern (12–14–1, 7–10–0 HEA). In the opening round, the Crimson fell 1-5 to the Boston College Eagles, who then went on to win the Beanpot. They then lost to Dartmouth 1-3 in a regular season game in between tournament rounds. On Monday, the Crimson defeated the Huskies 4-1 in the Beanpot consolation game to take third place in the historic tournament.

With the home-ice advantage, Yale will look to capitalize on the energy of the crowd at The Whale this weekend.

Puck drop is at 7 p.m. both nights at Ingalls Rink.



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The Elis will host Dartmouth on Friday night before a Valentine's Day rivalry matchup with Harvard on Saturday.

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Bulldogs to vie for top conference seed in weekend rivalry matchup

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