

Boston Vying for Perfect Season in New Haven

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Boston continues its quest for an undefeated season Saturday in Connecticut at New Haven 7s. The Northeast leader hasn't lost a single game this summer.

"It's nice," said Boston 7s coach Kevin Immonje of the undefeated record, "but then you think about what happened to the (New England) Patriots after their undefeated season. Honestly, I wouldn't mind us taking a loss, to get that mentally out of our head."

Boston, no matter the finish in New Haven, can get no lower seed than second in the NRU Championship. That, nor the pressure of going undefeated this summer, will prevent Boston from trying to win in Connecticut.

"I think I take the tournament as a way to build the chemistry with the players, to fine tune those little things we need to get ready to take into next week, and if we're successful next week, to nationals, so I play my players as I would at any tournament. We work at all the little details important in sevens, we try to get those things sorted out," said the coach.

"There's no way I encourage any of my teams or any of the players to take any single game lightly. We're going to do what we do every single week, but it's sevens; any given game, any given day anything can happen."

Old Blue sits in second in the NRU, and as the only team who can overtake Boston, can finish no worse than third. Middlesex, currently in third, is the only team that can unseat Old Blue. Old Blue II, Boston II, Long Island, Morris and the Village Lions, the other teams competing in New Haven, can all finish as high as third.

The top eight teams in the NRU standings play in the NRU Championship tournament.