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Along with playing the nation's best collegiate hockey clubs, the Liberty Flames hockey team is adding a unique contest to its 2008-09 schedule. On Oct. 18, the Richmond Renegades of the Southern Professional Hockey League will pay a visit to LU's LaHaye Ice Center for an exhibition game against the Flames. The match-up will be the first time a professional hockey team has taken the ice in the Hill City.

Liberty Men's Head Hockey Coach Kirk Handy is entering his ninth season with the team and is looking forward to the Saturday night showcase.

"We decided that it would be a good opportunity not only for our team, but also for the Lynchburg community to come and watch a professional hockey game," he said.

LU is a member of the American College Hockey Association, a league consisting of skilled clubs such as the University of Oklahoma and Illinois. Last season, the Flames finished with a 25-9 record, reaching the semifinals of the ACHA Division I Championships for the first time in program history after defeating league powerhouse Penn State in the quarterfinals.

For more information on Flames hockey, visit <u>www.liberty.edu/hockey</u>.