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Men's hockey to meet pro team on the ice Friday

October 16, 2008 ¦ By Eric Brown

Aside from playing the nation's top collegiate hockey clubs, Liberty men's hockey encounters a unique test this Friday at 8 p.m. as the team hosts the Richmond Renegades. A pro team from the Southern Professional Hockey League, the Renegades are visiting the Hill City for the first time in franchise history.

After eight contests this season, Liberty is ranked No. 5 in the American Collegiate Hockey Association with a 7-1 record. In their last outing on Oct. 5, the Flames skated to a solid performance, defeating the Stony Brook Seawolves, 6-3.

Friday's match-up marks Liberty's inaugural meeting with a professional hockey team. Coach Kirk Handy is pleased with his team's performance thus far and is looking forward to the unprecedented contest.

"I think our team has shown the ability to fight back in games," Handy said. "What we expect is a good solid effort from all the guys. We want to become a better team through this whole experience playing the Richmond Renegades."