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HOCKEY EAST ANNOUNCES 2011-2012 ALL-STAR TEAMS **~ Nine of the 12 First and Second Team All-Stars in action this weekend at Garden ~**

Wakefield, Mass. - The Hockey East Association announced its 2011-2012 All-Star Teams on Thursday night at the Hockey East Championship banquet at the Royal Sonesta Hotel in Cambridge, Mass.

Hockey East semifinalists Boston College, Boston University and the University of Maine each had three players named among the league's 2011-12 All-Star teams, led by the league's top three scorers, all Black Bears.

Maine seniors Spencer Abbott (Hamilton, Ont.) and Brian Flynn (Lynnfield, Mass.) were two of the First Team's forwards, joined by BC's Barry Almeida (Springfield, Mass.). Abbott was the lone unanimous selection to the First-Team. Fellow Black Bear Joey Diamond (Long Beach, N.Y.) was named to the Second Team, alongside BU's Chris Connolly (Duluth, Minn.) and BC's Chris Kreider (Boxford, Mass.)

The Terriers had two defensemen chosen, First-Teamer Adam Clendening (Wheatfield, N.Y.), along with Second-Teamer Garrett Noonan (Norfolk, Mass.) and Second Team goaltender Doug Carr (Hanover, Mass.) of UMass Lowell were the only three underclassman among all the honorees.

BC blueliner Brian Dumoulin (Biddeford, Maine) was the only repeat selection, following up on his all-star sophomore season with another strong showing as a junior. Merrimack's Joe Cannata (Wakefield, Mass.) culminated a fine career as the First Team goaltender, while classmate Karl Stollery (Camrose, Alta.) rounded out the selections as a Second Team defenseman.

The Second Team demonstrated a great cross section of the talent across Hockey East, with five of the league's 10 teams represented. Interestingly, three selections from each team are natives of Massachusetts.

The Hockey East Association is a 10-team Division I college men's hockey conference founded in 1984 and an eight-team Division I women's league which began play in 2002-03. The men's league has won seven NCAA championships in the past 19 years. Since 1999, Hockey East has won five NCAA Championships and have placed 18 teams in the Frozen Four, along with 45 teams in the NCAA Tournament.

2012 HOCKEY EAST FIRST-TEAM ALL-STARS

G: Joe Cannata, Merrimack (Sr., Wakefield, Mass.)
D: Adam Clendening, Boston University (So., Wheatfield, N.Y.)
D: Brian Dumoulin, Boston College (Jr., Biddeford, Maine)
F: Spencer Abbott, Maine (Sr., Hamilton, Ont.) *
F: Barry Almeida, Boston College (Sr., Springfield, Mass.)
F: Brian Flynn, Maine (Sr., Lynnfield, Mass.)

* denotes unanimous selection

2012 HONORABLE MENTION ALL-STARS

G: Kieran Millan, BU (Sr., Edmonton, Alta.)
D: Tommy Cross, BC (Sr., Simsbury, Conn.)
D: Chad Ruhwedel, UML (So., San Diego, Calif.)
F: Alex Chiasson, BU (Jr., St. Augustin, Que.)
F: Matt Nieto, BU (So., Long Beach, Calif.)
F: T.J. Syner, UMass (Sr., Springfield, Mass.)
F: Scott Wilson, UML (Fr., Oakville, Ont.)

HOCKEY EAST SECOND TEAM ALL-STARS

G: Doug Carr, UMass-Lowell (So., Hanover, Mass.)
D: Garrett Noonan, Boston University (So., Norfolk, Mass.)
D: Karl Stollery, Merrimack (Sr., Camrose, Alta.)
F: Chris Connolly, Boston University (Sr., Duluth, Minn.)
F: Joey Diamond, Maine (Jr., Long Beach, N.Y.)
F: Chris Kreider, Boston College (Jr., Boxford, Mass.)