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## ~ FENWAY PARK TO HOST HOCKEY EAST DOUBLEHEADER ON JANUARY 8, 2010 ~

**BOSTON -** The Boston Red Sox, Fenway Sports Group and the Hockey East Association announced Thursday that historic Fenway Park will host a Hockey East doubleheader on Friday, January 8, 2010.

Boston College and Boston University will face off in the men's game at 7:30 p.m., while Northeastern University and the University of New Hampshire will play in the women's game at 4 p.m.

"We are very excited to bring college hockey to Fenway Park in this once in a lifetime event. It's great for the growth of the sport, as we have seen what the Winter Classic has done for the NHL and its fans," said Hockey East Commissioner Joe Bertagna.

"We are really excited to host the very best of college hockey talent next January at Fenway Park as part of the Hockey East at Fenway doubleheader," said Fenway Sports Group President Sam Kennedy. "As a born and bred New Englander myself who grew up playing hockey, I am eager to watch the UNH and NU women's hockey teams face off against each other along with the last two NCAA men's ice hockey champions, BC and BU, renew their storied rivalry in the shadow of the Green Monster."

The men's game between the Eagles and Terriers features the last two NCAA National Champions. The game will mark the 248th meeting in the all-time series in one of the most intense rivalries in all of sports, which dates back to Feb. 6, 1918. BU leads the all-time series with the Eagles, 123-106-17. The Huskies and Wildcats rivalry dates back to 1975, one of the oldest in women's college history. The game at Fenway will mark the 110th all-time meeting between the two teams.

New England Sports Network (NESN) will broadcast the men's game live from Fenway Park across New England.

The game will mark the first ever women's college outdoor game and it marks the third men's outdoor game in the modern era. On October 6, 2001 Michigan and Michigan State played the first college outdoor game with 74,544 fans watching at MSU's Spartan Stadium. On February 11, 2006, Ohio State and Wisconsin attracted 40,890 fans to the Frozen Tundra Hockey Classic at Lambeau Field.

Tickets will go on sale to the general public on Thursday, September 17 beginning at 12 pm. Tickets for the double-header will start at just \$5. For more information on the event and details regarding ticket availability, please log on to www.tickets.com/fenwayhockey.