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'COLLEGE HOCKEY ALL-ACCESS' LAUNCHES THIS SATURDAY ON NHL HOME ICE



Farmington Hills, Mich.—The Hockey Commissioners' Association (HCA) and NHL HOME ICE (XM 204, Sirius 208) today announced that College Hockey All-Access will debut this Saturday, October 24 at 11 a.m. (Eastern time) with a re-broadcast of the program on Sunday at noon.

"We are thrilled to be connecting our listeners to college hockey right across North America," said Joe Thistel, Director of Programming at NHL HOME ICE. "We are looking forward to providing a showcase to all the great schools, players, coaches and stories all across the U.S. college ranks."

The show, to air for 26 consecutive weeks through the 2010 Frozen Four in Detroit, will be co-hosted by Matt Shepard and Fred Pletsch with additional feature material provided each week by reporters covering college hockey's six Division I conferences. USA Hockey's National Team Development Program, based in Ann Arbor, Mich., will also receive regular attention on the show.

Shepard is a veteran Detroit-area broadcaster with extensive sports radio and play-by-play experience in hockey, football and basketball. Pletsch, the Associate Commissioner of the Central Collegiate Hockey Association, also serves as a hockey commentator for Fox Sports Detroit and Comcast Television. The in-studio hosts will be supplemented by rinkside reports from Brian Posick, the voice of Wisconsin hockey covering the WCHA, Bernie Corbett, long-time play-by-play announcer for Boston University focusing on Hockey East and Atlantic Hockey, and Jason Weinstein, Cornell University's radio voice, concentrating on the ECAC.

"We are very excited to be able to bring this one-of-a-kind show to college hockey fans on NHL HOME ICE," stated CCHA Commissioner Tom Anastos. "The show's format, features and reporting will give fans across North America the opportunity to get some all-access insight into some of the best stories in college hockey."

The guest list and topics for this Saturday's premiere show include:

- Matt Gilroy, the 2009 Hobey Baker Memorial Award winner who is in his rookie NHL season with the New York Rangers.
- Coaches Enrico Blasi of the No. 1-ranked Miami RedHawks, Keith Allain of the ECAC preseason favorite Yale Bulldogs and Scott Owens of the WCHA's Colorado College Tigers.
- An update on the 2010 Frozen Four at Detroit's Ford Field, home of the NFL's Detroit Lions.
- Colgate University senior forward David McIntyre, a 2009 Hobey Baker Top 10 finalist.
- Massachusetts Hockey Hall of Fame member and historian Jack Grinold discussing Northeastern University's Matthews Arena, the oldest operating ice rink in North America.
- The impact of the 50+ players leaving the WCHA early the past four years to head to the pros.

The puck drops every day on the world's fastest sport, with NHL HOME ICE, the world's first hockey channel on XM 204, Sirius 208. Delivering a high-energy mix of information and entertainment, NHL Home Ice is the on-ice leader for fans across North America with analysis, excitement, up to the second news and the very best in NHL play-by-play right through the Stanley Cup Playoffs. By hockey fans for hockey fans, HOME ICE is the greatest hockey invention since the rubber puck.



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