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HOCKEY EAST RETURNS TO FENWAY PARK FOR FROZEN FENWAY 2014 **~ Eight Hockey East schools to participate in two doubleheaders ~**

BOSTON - The City of Boston, Hockey East Association, and Fenway Sports Management (FSM), today announced Frozen Fenway 2014, a two-week series of hockey and ice skating events, including two Division I men's college hockey doubleheaders, and two free public skating days for City of Boston residents.

"We are excited about the return of hockey to Fenway Park," said Hockey East commissioner Joe Bertagna. "We are particularly pleased that with these two doubleheaders, all of our men's programs will have had the opportunity to experience Frozen Fenway, including the University of Notre Dame, our newest member."

On Saturday, January 4, 2014, the Hockey East league games will feature Merrimack College against Providence College, followed by Notre Dame against Boston College. The Eagles are the only Hockey East team to play in all three Frozen Fenway events since they began 2010. Boston College and Notre Dame have met 32 times in series history dating back to 1969. This will be Notre Dame and BC's first meeting as conference rivals. The Friars and Warriors have met 117 times with Providence leading the all-time series with a 78-30-9 record.

The following Saturday, January 11, UMass Lowell will face Northeastern University. The second game of the doubleheader will highlight the University of Maine against Boston University. This year, the River Hawks earned their first Hockey East regular-season and tournament championships in school history, and made their first appearance in the Frozen Four under Division I National Coach of the Year Norm Bazin. UMass Lowell leads the all-time series against Northeastern, 57-40-8, and are unbeaten in five straight meetings against Northeastern (4-0-1). The Black Bears and Terriers have played 119 times, with Boston University holding a 58-48-13 advantage in the all-time series. BU owns a 18-6-5 mark in the 29 meetings since the beginning of the 2005-06 season vs. the Black Bears.

"After the success of the Winter Classic in 2010 and the Frozen Fenway college games in 2012, hockey and skating are fast becoming winter traditions at Fenway Park," said FSM President and Red Sox EVP/COO Sam Kennedy. "We welcome back Hockey East and, along with the Mayor, look forward to once again having our beloved ballpark be host to college games, high school games, and to welcome various communities throughout New England to Fenway Park this winter."

Game times and ticket information for the two doubleheaders will be announced in the coming months.

"Last year, more than 90,000 people came to Fenway Park to watch college and high school hockey or to enjoy free public skating," said Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino. "This generated tens of millions of dollars for local business. I'm confident that top notch outdoor college hockey at Fenway Park will make for another unforgettable experience, drawing fans from across the region and serving as a major platform to showcase the people, culture, and local businesses that make our city special."

As the ice returns to Fenway Park, so does Mayor Menino's Community Skates, making the ice at Fenway Park available to residents of the City of Boston for two free days of skating. Boston residents will have an opportunity to skate on Sunday, December 29, and again on New Year's Day, Wednesday, January 1. Information about how to obtain tickets for the Mayor's Community Skates will be announced in the coming months. The Mayor's Community Skates and the Hockey East games are just the first in a series of events and experiences that will take place as part of the 17-day Frozen Fenway 2014 program. In 2012, over 90,000 hockey and skating fans come through the ballpark to enjoy a game or skate during the free skating days.

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