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THREE HOCKEY EAST ALUMS REPRESENT LEAGUE IN STANLEY CUP FINAL ~ Vermont's Viktor Stålberg and Patrick Sharp headline Stanley Cup Final participants ~

Wakefield, Mass. -- Hockey East will be represented by three former players in the 2013 Stanley Cup Final between the Chicago Blackhawks and the Boston Bruins, which begins Wednesday, June 12 with Game 1 at the United Center in Chicago (8pm EST).

Former Vermont forwards Patrick Sharp and Viktor Stålberg headline the Chicago Blackhawks roster, along with former Boston College Eagles forward Ben Smith. Former Terriers forward Jay Pandolfo is the only Hockey East alum on the Bruins' roster. BU's Adam Clendening (CHI), Chris Bourque (BOS) and BC's Jimmy Hayes (CHI) are Black Aces their teams respective roster.

Sharp ranks second among all skaters with eight playoff goals in 17 games and has amassed 14 total points for the Blackhawks, while Stålberg has three assists in 15 playoff games to date for Chicago.

Former Merrimack head coach and Boston University alum Ron Anderson is the Director of Player Recruitment for Chicago, while Paul Goodman, the former strength and conditioning coach at Vermont, also currently serves as the strength and conditioning coach for the Blackhawks. Former Merrimack goaltender Mike Doneghey serves the Blackhawks as an amateur scout, while former Maine blueliner Keith Carney is Chicago's Player Development Coach. Ryan Nadeau (UMass '99) serves the Bruins as Director of Hockey Administration.

32 Hockey East alumni have won the Stanley Cup, including three members from the 2012 Stanley Cup Champion Los Angeles King roster, including former UMass goaltender and Conn Smythe winner Jon Quick.

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 eight NCAA championships in the past 21 years. Since 1999, Hockey East has won six NCAA Championships and have placed 21 teams in the Frozen Four, along with 56 teams in the NCAA Tournament.

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