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## **FREDE CHOSEN FOR JOE CONCANNON AWARD** *Broad experience has included production and play-by-play work*

Eric Frede, a familiar face on Boston Red Sox broadcasts and a long-time member of the Hockey East media, has been named the 14th recipient of the Joe Concannon Hockey East Media Award.

Frede has been in and around the Hockey East market for the last 12 seasons. From 1993 to 1997, Frede did news and features on UNH and Maine hockey for ABC affiliates in Bangor and Manchester.

When Hockey East signed a television pact with Fox Sports Net at the start of the 1997-98 season, Frede was chosen as the sideline reporter for all broadcasts. In the second year, he filled in at play-by-play as needed. Over the final four seasons, he was the play-caller for all the Hockey East package games on Fox.

Frede is now working primarily for NESN, and is the studio host for the Hockey East championship. He was recently named the studio host for NESN's Boston Bruins' broadcasts. He is also the primary play-caller for the Eastern region college hockey broadcasts on College Sports Television and has done play-by-play for selected NCAA tournament game broadcasts in each of the past three seasons.

Last year, Frede upped his vested interest in Hockey East by partnering with fellow Concannon Award nominee Dan Hannigan to produce "Inside Hockey East", the first ever television show devoted to the league. It was met with strong reviews and ratings and will be produced again this season.

Frede is a standout in both personality and professionalism. He has represented the league and its teams very well with his commentaries and has repeatedly proven his willingness to work with the league and team staffs to improve the quality of the broadcasts.

The Hockey East Media Award was officially renamed in June of 2001 to honor Joe Concannon, a long-time Boston Globe staff writer and the recipient of the 1998 Media Award. Concannon passed away in the summer of 2000 after a lengthy career covering professional golf and a number of college beats, including Hockey East. Each season, a committee representing the league votes to choose the recipient of this award. Each recipient has demonstrated a superior body of work in covering and promoting Hockey East over an extended period.

The Hockey East Association is a 10-team, Division-I college hockey conference, with offices based in Wakefield, Mass. Founded in 1983, the league has won four NCAA championships in the past 13 years. The league also sponsors an eight-team women's league which began play in 2002-03.

### **JOE CONCANNON / HOCKEY EAST MEDIA AWARD WINNERS**

1992 Larry Mahoney, Bangor Daily News	1999 Dick Osborne, UNH Sports Network
1993 Bob Whitelaw, New England Sports Network	2000 Bill Doherty, Huskies Radio
1994 Bob Monahan, Boston Globe	2001 Dave Hendrickson, U.S. College Hockey Online
1995 John Connolly, Boston Herald	2002 Roger Brown, Portsmouth Herald
1996 Charles Scoggins, Lowell Sun	2003 Bernie Corbett, Giant Sports Associates
1997 Bob Norton, New England Sports Network	2004 Rob Rudnick, Huskies Radio
1998 Joe Concannon, Boston Globe	2005 Eric Frede, NESN / Cod Rock Media Productions

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