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NEW YORK STATE PIPELINES TALENT TO HOCKEY EAST ~24 total HEA players hail from the Empire State~

WAKEFIELD, MASS. – Senior forward Pete MacArthur (Clifton Park, N.Y.) and junior defenseman Matt Gilroy (North Bellmore, N.Y.) of the Boston University Terriers headline the list of 24 current players who are currently competing in the Hockey East Association this season.

MacArthur, who was recently named captain of the Terriers' squad, ranks second on the team in scoring with 16 points (8g,8a). He was named Hockey East Player of the Month in November with 15 points in nine games. MacArthur scored the game-winning goal as the Terriers defeated Cornell at Madison Square Garden on Saturday, November 24 in front of a sold out crowd of 18,200 fans. Gilroy, a Hockey East First-Team All-Star and Second-Team All-American in 06-07, is one of the league's top defensemen in both zones. His nine points ranks him tied for third among league blueliners in scoring.

Boston College leads all league schools with six native New Yorker's on its 2007-2008 roster. Eagles' captain Mike Brennan (Smithtown, N.Y.) has led BC to a 5-4-5 record this season, including a 4-3-4 record in conference play for 12 points. The Eagles currently occupy second place in the league standings. BC has advanced the Frozen Four in three of the last four seasons and have played in the national championship game in each of the last two seasons.

The No. 10 ranked Massachusetts Minutemen, have earned their highest ranking in school history, with the help of freshmen forward James Marcou (King Park, N.Y.), who leads the team in scoring with 11 points (3g,8a). Freshman forward Brian Keane (Shortsville, N.Y.) and senior assistant captain David Leaderer (Rochester, N.Y.) have also contributed to the early success of the Minutemen in 2007-2008. UMass has posted a 6-3-4 overall mark and a 3-2-4 record in conference play. The Minutemen are coming off their best season in the program's history, advancing to the NCAA Regional Finals in Rochester, N.Y., while posting a 21-13-5 overall record (15-9-3 HEA, fourth place).

No. 7 ranked New Hampshire (8-3-1 overall, 5-3-1 HEA), Hockey East's highest nationally ranked team, has three native New Yorker's on its roster, including freshman forward Phil DeSimone (East Amherst, N.Y.). DeSimone has played in all 12 games this season for the Wildcats, recording seven assists. DeSimone was a third-round pick by the Washington Capitals in the 2007 NHL Entry Draft selected with the 84th overall pick.

Junior blueliner Louis Liotti (Westbury, N.Y.) has played in all 12 games for first-place Northeastern University. The Huskies have posted a 7-4-1 overall record and a 6-3-1 mark in league play this season. Northeastern owns the longest current unbeaten streak in the country at seven-games (6-0-1).

Freshman forward Jason DeLuca (East Moriches, N.Y.) has played in all 13 games for UMass-Lowell, posting three goals to date. DeLuca scored his first collegiate goal on October 26 vs. Alabama-Huntsville, in only his second career game for the River Hawks. He has helped the team to 5-4-4 overall record, along with sophomore blueliner Nick Schaus (Orchard Park, N.Y.). Schaus has also played in every game for UMass-Lowell and has tallied four points with a +5 plus/minus rating.

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.

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