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## **FIVE HOCKEY EAST STUDENT-ATHLETES NAMED TO U.S. WORLD JUNIOR TEAM ~Hayes, Kessel, Shattenkirk, van Riemsdyk and Wilson to compete in Ottawa~**

**COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.** – USA Hockey announced today that five Hockey East student-athletes were named to the 22-player roster for its 2009 U.S. National Junior Team. The squad will participate at the 2009 International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) World Under-20 Championship, commonly referred to as the World Junior Championship, in Ottawa, Ontario, Dec. 26, 2008-Jan. 5, 2009. Hockey East led the way among the six Division I NCAA conferences with five selections.

Boston College's Jimmy Hayes (Dorchester, Mass.), New Hampshire's James van Riemsdyk (Middletown, N.J.) Boston University's Colin Wilson (Greenwich, Conn.) were among the 13 forwards selected to Team USA.

On defense, UNH's Blake Kessel (Verona, Wis.) and BU's Kevin Shattenkirk (New Rochelle, N.Y.) were chosen as two of the seven defensemen on the U.S. squad.

Wilson, who was selected seventh overall in the 2008 National Hockey League Entry Draft by the Nashville Predators, currently ranks second in Division I hockey registering 1.54 points per game. He currently leads the Terriers with 20 points (7g,13a) in 13 contests. He was also named Hockey East Rookie of the Year in March of 2008, while van Riemsdyk finished runner-up in the conference's Rookie of the Year voting.

van Riemsdyk, who was chosen second overall in the 2007 NHL Entry Draft by the Philadelphia Flyers and was a member of the 2007 U.S. National Junior Team that won a bronze medal at the 2007 IIHF World Junior Championship in Leksand and Mora, Sweden. He is currently tied for 11th nationally in points per game at 1.36 and leads the Wildcats' roster in points with 19 points. His 14 points in league play this season ranks first among conference skaters.

Hayes, a 2008 Toronto Maple Leafs draft pick, has played in 13 of 14 games for the Eagles in his first season at the Heights notching eight points (6 goals). Kessel, a New York Islanders draft pick, has played in all 14 contests for the Wildcats this season with a team-best +7 plus/minus rating. Shattenkirk, whose NHL rights are held by the Colorado Avalanche, has played in all 13 games for the Terriers with a team best +10 rating and 10 points (3g,7a). His 10 points rank second among league blueliners this season.

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 five NCAA championships in the past 16 years. The conference also sponsors an eight-team women's league which began play in 2002-03.

### **Team USA 2009 IIHF World Junior Championship Schedule Dec. 26-Jan. 5 • Ottawa, Ontario**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Time (EST)</b>	<b>Television</b>
Sun., Dec. 21	Latvia*	K-Rock Centre	7:00 p.m.	None
Tue., Dec. 23	Russia*	K-Rock Centre	7:00 p.m.	None
Fri., Dec. 26	Germany	SBP Arena	3:30 p.m.	NHL Network
Sun., Dec. 28	Czech Republic	SBP Arena	7:30 p.m.	NHL Network
Tue., Dec. 30	Kazakhstan	SBP Arena	7:30 p.m.	NHL Network
Wed., Dec. 31	Canada	SBP Arena	7:30 p.m.	NHL Network
Fri., Jan. 2	Quarterfinals	SBP Arena	TBD	NHL Network
Sat., Jan. 3	Semifinals	SBP Arena	TBD	NHL Network
Mon., Jan. 5	Bronze/Gold Medal Games	SBP Arena	3:30/7:30 p.m.	NHL Network

\*exhibition

**Venue Locations:** K-Rock Centre (Kingston, Ontario), SBP (Scotia Bank Place) Arena (Ottawa, Ontario).

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