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HOCKEY EAST ANNOUNCES TOP INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE IN 25TH YEAR

WAKEFIELD, Mass. - The Hockey East Association is pleased to announce the Top-Three Best Individual Performances in Hockey East history presented by SwingJuice, as the league continues its 25th Anniversary celebration. These moments were chosen in a vote comprised of Hockey East fans and members of the league's 25th Anniversary Committee.

Earning the most votes was the memorable 65 save performance by Providence College netminder Chris Terreri in Hockey East's first-ever championship game in 1985. The epic, double-overtime game was won by the Friars, 2-1, against regular-season champion Boston College with Terreri making numerous spectacular saves before PC's Steve Rooney won the game off a feed from current Friar coach Tim Army. Rightfully, Terreri claimed Hockey East Tournament MVP honors for his performance in the Friar net that weekend.

Coming in at second place on the list was the historic third-period performance from Maine captain Jim Montgomery during the 1993 NCAA championship game played at Milwaukee's Bradley Center in which the Black Bears became Hockey East's first-ever National Champion. With his team trailing 4-2 to Lake Superior State entering the third period, Montgomery netted a pure hat trick in a span of 4:35 during the game's final period to lift Maine to a 5-4 victory and the schools' first national crown. Montgomery was named the Most Outstanding Player honor for the 1993 Frozen Four.

Rounding out the Top-3 is the tremendous performance by Boston College's Nathan Gerbe throughout the 2008 postseason. Gerbe registered 20 post-season points (nine in Hockey East Tournament and 11 in NCAA Tournament) to lead the Eagles to the Hockey East and NCAA titles. His Frozen Four numbers were especially astounding, with five goals and three assists in helping the Eagles earn their third national title. Gerbe earned both Hockey East Tournament MVP honors and Frozen Four MOP honors for his prodigious post-season run.

"Given how many memorable individual performances we can all recall, these players should feel quite proud about being singled out by our fans," said Hockey East commissioner Joe Bertagna. "My hope is that this year's tournament will provide moments and performances to rival these."

Hockey East's Most Best Individual Performances were chosen by a fan vote through the league's official website – HockeyEastOnline.com - and votes from Hockey East's 25th Anniversary Committee, which includes representatives from each Hockey East school.

Throughout the season, fans can cast their ballots for Hockey East's All-Time Team, Top 25 Forwards, and Top 25 Defenders. In addition to these major categories, the conference will unfold a number of other ballot questions at regular intervals throughout the year. The final short-term ballot will begin on February 26 and run through March 8. At that time, fans will be able to cast their votes for "Hockey East's Best Coaching Performance."

The league has already announced the results of seven polls conducted during the 25th anniversary celebration, including: Top Goalie (Chris Terreri - PC), Best Goal Scorer (Brian Gionta - BC), Best Playmaker (Paul Kariya - Maine), Best Defensive Defenseman (Brian Leetch - BC), Best Defensive Forward (Chris Drury - BU), the Naukabout Unsung Player (Scott Clemmensen - BC) and Top 3 Most Memorable Moments.

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