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~ HOCKEY EAST ANNOUNCES "ROAD TO THE GARDEN" TOUR ON LEAGUE CAMPUSES~

WAKEFIELD, Mass. - Hockey East Commissioner Joe Bertagna announced on Friday that the league will begin a new initiative this weekend called "The Road the Garden." The promotion will tour the Lamoriello Trophy, awarded annually to the league's tournament champion, around New England at each of the 10 men's campuses in the weeks leading up to the tournament at the TD Garden on March 19-20, 2010.

Hockey East fans will be able to see the trophy at each of the 10 campuses and will have a chance to register to win a Hockey East weekend VIP package through an online raffle at www.hockeyeastonline.com. The grand prize includes two loge tickets to the semifinals on Friday and the finals on Saturday, two nights at the Liberty Hotel in Boston, as well as a player gift pack from the tournament weekend.

The "Road to the Garden" will begin on Saturday, Jan. 30 when Providence College hosts Massachusetts at Schneider Arena and will conclude on Sunday, Feb. 28 as Vermont hosts Boston University at Gutterson Fieldhouse. The remaining dates on the schedule include: Feb. 5 UNH at Maine, Feb. 12 Maine at Boston U., Feb. 13 UMass at Northeastern, Feb. 19 Vermont at New Hampshire; Feb. 20 Merrimack at Massachusetts, Feb. 21 Northeastern at Boston College, Feb. 26 Providence at UMass-Lowell and Feb. 27 Maine at Merrimack.

"This event will be a great way to showcase our league tournament around New England and 'The Road to the Garden' literally goes through each of our 10 campuses," said Commissioner Joe Bertagna.

The Hockey East Association is a 10-team Division I college men's hockey conference and an eight-team Division I women's league which began play in 2002-03. Founded in 1983, the men's league has won six NCAA championships in the past 17 years.

HOCKEY EAST "ROAD TO THE GARDEN" TOUR SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	Game	<u>Time</u>
Jan. 30	Massachusetts at Providence	7:00pm
Feb. 5	New Hampshire at Maine	7:00pm
Feb. 12	Maine at Boston University	7:30pm
Feb. 13	Massachusetts at Northeastern	7:00pm
Feb. 19	Vermont at New Hampshire	7:30pm
Feb. 20	Merrimack at Massachusetts	7:30pm
Feb. 21	Northeastern at Boston College	3:00pm
Feb. 26	Providence at UMass-Lowell	7:00pm
Feb. 27	Maine at Merrimack	7:00pm
Feb. 28	Boston University at Vermont	3:00pm