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HOCKEY EAST PLACES SIX STUDENT-ATHLETES ON ALL-AMERICA TEAMS **~UNH's Butler and Maine's Nyquist headline Hockey East honorees~**

DETROIT -- The Hockey East Association has placed six student-athletes on the 2010 Reebok All-America Teams, as announced by the American Hockey Coaches Association (AHCA) on Friday night on the off-day of the Frozen Four at Ford Field.

The league garnered three of the six spots on the First-Team and three entries on the Second Team. The First-Team is highlighted by two Hobey Baker Hat Trick finalists in UNH senior forward Bobby Butler (Marlboro, Mass.) and Maine sophomore forward Gustav Nyquist (Malmo, Sweden), along with junior blueliner Colby Cohen (Villanova, Pa.) from the Boston University Terriers. Senior goaltender Brian Foster (Pembroke, N.H.) and sophomore defenseman Blake Kessel (Verona, Wis.) from the University of New Hampshire represented Hockey East on the Second-Team, along with Massachusetts senior defenseman Justin Braun (Vadnais Heights, Minn.).

Butler has already been named the Walter Brown recipient as the best American-born college player in New England and was named Hockey East Player of the Year in March. He led the nation with 29 goals in 39 games this past season and he recorded 24 assists to total 53 points, tied for second best in the country. The Wildcat captain tied for the conference scoring lead in Hockey East tallying 41 total points and led the circuit in goals, helping UNH to the regular season title. His efforts earned him a spot as a First Team Hockey East All-Star. He recently signed a NHL free agent contract with the Ottawa Senators.

Nyquist finished his season with 61 points in 39 games on 19 goals and 42 assists as the national leader in points. He helped Maine end the season tied for third place while Nyquist tied fellow Hobey Hat Trick finalist Bobby Butler for first in Hockey East scoring and topped the circuit in assists in league play. Nyquist unanimous First Team Hockey East All-Star and was the Runner-Up for Hockey East Player of the Year honors.

Cohen was a First-Team Hockey East All-Star in his third season on Commonwealth Avenue with 30 points (14g,16a) in 36 games for the Terriers. His 14 goals were best second best on the Boston University roster.

Braun recorded 31 points in his senior season, playing in all 36 contests for the Minutemen, as he was named a Hockey East All-Star for the second consecutive season. Foster posted 17 wins for the Wildcats in his final season in Durham, as he led the team to the NCAA East Regional final in Albany, N.Y. His 2297 minutes played ranked third among Division I goaltenders this season. Kessel also enjoyed his finest season with UNH as a First-Team Hockey East All-Star, as he amassed 38 points (10g,28a) in his second season playing in 38 of 39 games.

With the addition of six All-Americans this year, the league has boasted 180 All-America selections in the 26-year history of the conference (an average of almost seven per season). All six honorees earned All-America status for the first time in their collegiate careers.

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