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LEAGUE ANNOUNCES 12-MEMBER 10TH ANNIVERSARY TEAM

~ Five WHEA Players of the Year represented on Anniversary squad ~

WAKEFIELD, Mass. - The Women's Hockey East Association announced on Wednesday its 12-member 10th anniversary team as selected by the league's eight head coaches. The 12-member team will be honored on Sunday, March 4th as part of the Championship Game festivities at the Hyannis Youth and Community Center at Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy Rink.

The 10th Anniversary team is headlined by three-time Hockey East Player of the Year Kelli Stack (Brooklyn Heights, Ohio) of Boston College, along with fellow Olympians Molly Schaus, former goaltender of the Eagles (Natick, Mass.), Providence forward Karen Thatcher (Franklin, Mass.), UNH defenseman Kacey Bellamy (Westfield, Mass.) and Northeastern goaltender Chanda Gunn (Huntington, Calif.).

New Hampshire placed a league-high four players on the roster, which included Martine Garland (Toronto, Ont.) on defense and Sam Faber (Mt. Sinai, N.Y.) and Kelly Paton (Woodstock, Ont.) at forward, in addition to Bellamy.

PC forward Rush Zimmerman (Gross Pointe, Mich.) and defenseman Kelli Halcisak (Grosse Isle, Mich.) were the Friars' other two selections on the team. UConn's Cristin Allen (Pickering, Ont.) was the final honoree on the blueline, along with Boston University forward Jenn Wakefield (Pickering, Ont.), who was the lone active player to make the squad, rounded out the anniversary team.

Allen (UConn '10) ranks seventh in UConn history with 73 points on 14 goals and 59 assists, second all-time. She was named the team's Rookie of the Year in 2007 and later earned All-Hockey East Second Team honors as a junior and All-Hockey East First Team honors as a senior. In 2010, she was named the league's Best Defenseman, while earning the team MVP award and making her way on to the Hockey East All-Tournament Team, while serving as a team captain.

Bellamy (UNH '09) is one of the top defenseman in UNH history. She compiled 27 goals and 80 assists for 107 points in 143 career games, and the point total is one less than the school record for defensemen. As a senior, Bellamy ranked third in the nation in defenseman scoring and her accolades included All-America First Team, New England All-Star Team, Hockey East All-Star First Team and Hockey East Tournament MVP. Bellamy was a two-time selection to the Hockey East All-Star Second Team ('07 and '08) and was named to the Hockey East All-Tournament Team three times ('09, '07 and '06). UNH swept the Hockey East regular-season and tournament titles all four years Bellamy skated as a Wildcat.

Faber (UNH '09) is one of the most prolific scorers in UNH's storied history as she ranks third in career assists (112), fifth in career points (189) and 13th in career goals (77). With those numbers, she averaged 1.32 points per game during her 143-game career. She led UNH in points in consecutive years (2007-08) and led the team in assists three consecutive years (2007-08-09). Faber was a Patty Kazmaier Memorial Award Top 10 Finalist as a junior in 2008, when she led the nation in game-winning goals and ranked No. 2 in shorthanded goals and 10th in goals per game. She was a three-time selection to both the New England All-Star Team and Hockey East All-Star First Team. Her other league honors included Tournament MVP (2007, 2008), All-Tournament Team (2006, 2007, 2008) and Three Star Award (2007). Faber became the first player in Hockey East history to win the Player of the Month award in consecutive months in November and December of 2007. UNH swept the Hockey East regular-season and tournament titles all four years Faber skated as a Wildcat.

Garland (UNH '08) was a three-year captain of the UNH Wildcats whose highly-decorated career included two-time All-America Team selection (2006, 2008) and two-time Patty Kazmaier Memorial Award Top 10 Finalist (2007, 2008). Garland was a three-time selection to both the Hockey East All-Star First Team and New England All-Star Team. As a sophomore in 2006, she led the nation in defenseman scoring and ranked third overall in assists. In 144 career games, she compiled 105 points on 19 goals and 86 assists to rank atop UNH's leaderboard in assists by a defenseman and tied for fourth in points (three less than the benchmark). Garland was a four-time selection to the Hockey East All-Academic Team to receive distinction as a Distinguished Scholar. UNH won at least a share of the Hockey East regular-season title all four years Garland was a letterwinner (2004, 2006-08) and won the league championship each of her last three years.

Gunn (NU '04) is an Olympic bronze medalist who starred in goal for Northeastern from 2001-2004. In 2003-04 Gunn won the Hockey Humanitarian Award for excellence on the ice and in community service. Gunn holds Northeastern's all-time record for single-season wins (23) and save percentage (.950), and was a finalist for the 2004 Patty Kazmaier Award, which honors the nation's top player. As a sophomore in 2001-02, Gunn conceded just 41 goals in 31 games, and collected 23 wins with a save percentage of .950, both Northeastern records that still stand today. She currently holds the all-time career save percentage record (.936) and, until this season, she was the program's all-time leader in saves (2,447). By 2006 Gunn was recognized as the nation's finest netminder, and started four of the United States' five games at the Winter Olympics in Turin, Italy. She registered two shutouts in her four games, including a 4-0 win over Finland to win the bronze medal.

Halcisak (PC '04) is one of the all-time greats to wear a PC jersey. She joined Sara DeCosta as the only Friars to earn All-American status twice in her career, recognized on the Second Team in 2003 and the First Team in 2004. A part of two Hockey East championship teams (and one ECAC title), the Michigan native was a two-time All Hockey East selection. She was twice honored as the Hockey East Tournament MVP. In 136 games, she accounted for 56 goals and 103 assists for 159 points. She is 12th on the Friars' all-time scoring list. Halcisak was recognized as a 2004 All-Academic honoree.

Paton (UNH '10) completed her career as one of the top point producers in UNH history. In 141 career games, the forward tallied 62 goals and 100 assists for 162 points to rank 18th in goals, fifth in assists and 11th in points. Paton was a Patty Kazmaier Memorial Award Top 3 Finalist and a AHCA All-America First Team selection in 2010, when she ranked No. 6 in the nation in points per game as well as fourth in assists/game and 20th in goals/game. She was also feted as the New England Player of the Year and Hockey East co-Player of the Year as a senior captain. Her other 2010 league honors included First Team All-Star, Three Stars Award and Player of the Month three times. Paton was voted to the Hockey East All-Rookie Team in '07. Paton was named to the Hockey East All-Academic Team in 2009 and 2010. Her other league honors included Second Team All-Star (2009) and All-Tournament Team (2007, 2009). UNH won the Hockey East regular-season and tournament titles each of Paton's first three years as a Wildcat.

Schaus (BC '11) during her time at Boston College, Molly Schaus broke every school goaltending record. In addition to program career marks in saves (3,428), save percentage (.934), goals against average (1.81), wins (80), shutouts (21) and minutes played (8,086), the 2011 Olympic Silver Medalist occupies the top three slots in every BC single-season category. A two-time Patty Kazmaier Top 10 Finalist, Schaus was also honored as a New England All-Star, four-time Hockey East Goaltender of the Month, 16-time WHEA Defensive Player of the Week after being named the 2006-07 Hockey East Rookie of the Year and to the USCHO All-Rookie Team. Schaus led the Eagles to three NCAA Tournaments, two Frozen Fours and its first league tournament title in 2011. The two-time All-American was also recognized on the Hockey East All-Academic Team four times and as the Boston College Scholar-Athlete of the Year on two occasions.

Stack (BC '11), Hockey East's first-and-only three-time Player of the Year, is the all-time leading scorer at BC and in Hockey East. The 2011 Patty Kazmaier Top Three Finalist amassed 209 points on 98 goals and 111 assists in 141 career games. Stack is the only student-athlete to be named the league's Rookie of the Year and Player of the Year at the same time, doing so in 2006-07. Stack's 133 points in four seasons of league play, which she set last season is a conference record. The three-time New England All-Star, and 2010-11 Player of the Year, led the Eagles to three NCAA Tournaments and two Frozen Fours. The 2011 Olympic Silver Medalist was a two-time league scoring champion and a 10-time Player of the Week, before being named WHEA Tournament MVP after BC captured its first tournament crown in 2011. The two-time All-American was also recognized on the Hockey East All-Academic Team three times.

Thatcher (PC '06) is one of the most decorated athletes to ever wear the Friar uniform. In 2005, the Massachusetts native was named Hockey East Co-Player of the Year and a Second-Team All-American. The forward was on the ice for two Hockey East Tournament victories. She was a two-time First-Team Hockey East All-Star, and was named to the All-Tournament Team in 2004. In 132 career games, she compiled 65 goals and 102 assists for 167 points, good for 10th on the Friars' all-time scoring list. She landed on the Hockey East All-Academic team every year. Thatcher went on to help Team USA claim silver at the 2010 Winter Olympics, and is now the Friars' assistant coach.

Wakefield (BU '12) became the first skater in Hockey East history to score 100 career goals on Nov. 2, 2011. She has scored 71 career goals in league play, which is a new conference record. Wakefield notched her 200th collegiate point (117g,83a) with a four-point effort last Sunday vs. UNH and has tallied 105 points as a Terrier (58g,47a). She has made the NCAA Tournament each of the first three seasons, including two trips to the Frozen Four. She has also been a top-10 Patty Kazmaier finalist once and has been nominated for the award in each of her two seasons as a Terrier.

Zimmerman (PC '05) was a key figure in all three Friar Hockey East Tournament championships (in addition to one ECAC title as a freshman.) She was a three-time Hockey East All-Star, a two-time Hockey East Tournament All-Star, and the 2005 Tournament MVP. In 135 games, the Michigan native totaled 73 goals and 88 assists for 161 points. She stands 11th on the Friars' all-time scoring list.

The Women's Hockey East Association is an eight-team, Division-I college hockey conference which began play in 2002-2003, with offices based in Wakefield, Mass. The league also sponsors a 10-team men's league which began play in 1984-1985.

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Goalie: Chanda Gunn, Northeastern '04 (Huntington, Calif.) Molly Schaus, Boston College '11 (Natick, Mass.)	Forward: Sam Faber, UNH '09 (Mt. Sinai, N.Y.) Kelly Paton, UNH '10 (Woodstock, Ont.) Kelli Stack, BC '11 (Brooklyn Heights, Ohio) Karen Thatcher, PC '06 (Franklin, Mass.) Jenn Wakefield, BU '12 (Pickering, Ont.) Rush Zimmerman, PC '05 (Grosse Pointe, Mich.)
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Goalie: Florence Schelling, NU '12 (Oberengstringen, Switz.)	Forward: Jaclyn Hawkins, Connecticut '08 (Manotick, Ont.)
Defense: Courtney Birchard, New Hampshire '11 (Mississauga, Ont.) Kristin Gigliotti, Providence College '07 (Sauquoit, N.Y.) Maggie Taverna, Boston College '09 (Howell, N.J.) Tara Watchorn, Boston University '12 (Newcastle, Ont.)	Jenn Hitchcock, UNH '08 (LaSalle, Ont.) Allie Thunstrom, BC '10 (Maplewood, Minn.)