Noah Smith Director of Media Relations Hockey East Association

Phone: (781) 245-2122 Fax: (781) 245-2492 Cell: (617) 335-3709

nsmith@HockeyEastOnline.com

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

PRESS RELEASE



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: MARCH 14, 2003

INAUGURAL ALL-STARS NAMED Five different programs represented on diverse Second Team

It's no surprise that the first-ever Women's Hockey East All-Star teams have a heavy flavor of Providence and UNH. The top two seeds barreled through league play and stand as the top two seeds entering this weekend's tournament. Each squad named three of its own to the First Team All-Stars, led by unanimous selections Jen Huggon (UNH), Jenn Butsch (PC) and Kelli Halcisak (PC).

The Second Team was much more balanced, however, as only top seed Providence named more than one player. Northeastern's Chanda Gunn is a well-known name as the Second Team goaltender, while Gen Richardson and Karen Droog got BC and Maine into the picture, respectively.

The University of Connecticut got its share as well, with rookie goaltender Kaitlyn Shain getting a spot on the All-Rookie Team thanks to an incredibly strong finish. Northeastern and UNH each named two All-Rookie teamers.

2002-03 Hockey East All-Stars

<u>First Team</u>	<u>Position</u>	Second Team
Jen Huggon, Sr., New Hampshire *	Goaltender	Chanda Gunn, Jr., Northeastern
(Plymouth, MA)		(Huntington Beach, CA)
Kelli Halcisak, Jr., Providence *	Defense	Allison Edgar, Jr., New Hampshire
(Grosse Ile, MI)		(Brigden, ON)
Kristen Thomas, Jr., New Hampshire	Defense	Gen Richardson, Sr., Boston College
(Wilmington, MA)		(Monroe, CT)
	Defense	Meredith Roth, Jr., Providence
		(Dubuque, IA)
Jenn Butsch, Sr., Providence *	Forward	Karen Droog, Jr., Maine
(Berlin, VT)		(Listowel, ON)
Stephanie Jones, So., New Hampshire	Forward	Darlene Stephenson, Jr., Providence
(Kimberley, BC)		(Virden, MB)
Ashley Payton, So., Providence	Forward	Rush Zimmerman, So., Providence
(Chesterfield, MO)		(Grosse Pointe, MI)

^{*} unanimous selection

Honorable Mention -

Goaltenders: Jana Bugden (Providence)

Defense: Melanie Ruzzi (Providence), Raffi Wolf (Maine) Forwards: Meagan Aarts (Maine), Kim Greene (Northeastern)

Chandy Kaip (New Hampshire), Brooke White (Northeastern)

2002-03 ITECH All-Rookie Team

Jana Bugden, Providence, Goaltender (Cornerbrook, NF) *
Kaitlyn Shain, Connecticut, Goaltender (Calgary, AB)
Theresa Ella, Northeastern, Defenseman (Schomberg, ON)
Jill McInnis, Boston College, Defenseman (Quincy, MA)
Vicki Davis, New Hampshire, Forward (Edmonton, AB) *
Lindsay Hansen, New Hampshire, Forward (Northport, NY) *
Rebecca Paul, Northeastern, Forward (Sudbury, ON)

* unanimous selection

