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## WOMEN'S LEAGUE

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## ALL-STARS TO HOST OLYMPIC TEAM AT UNH *Dec. 11 event will feature Hockey East's top talents*

The Women's Hockey East Association, in conjunction with USA Hockey and the University of New Hampshire, will host a unique All-Star game on Sunday, Dec. 11, at UNH's Whittemore Center, as part of Team USA's Hilton Family Skate to 2006 Tour. The tour is designed to pit Team USA against elite-level competition in preparation for the 2006 Winter Olympics.

The top players from each of the eight Hockey East teams will be selected to represent the league in an All-Star-style competition against the 2006 U.S. Olympic Team, which is loaded with America's best at every position. Included on Team USA's roster will be former Northeastern goaltender Chanda Gunn, a three-time Patty Kazmaier Award nominee, and former UNH sniper Tricia Dunn. Dunn won the gold medal as a member of Team USA at the 1998 Olympics and was also on the silver-winning squad in 2002. Katie King, an assistant coach at Boston College the last two seasons, will be Dunn's teammate once again. Former Friar Rush Zimmerman, the 2005 Hockey East tournament MVP, is a high alternate on the squad and helped Team USA win the silver medal at the Four Nations Cup in Finland last week.

Face-off is slated for 2:00 p.m. Further details, including Hockey East's coaching staff and roster, ticket information and television coverage, will be announced later this month.

The Women's Hockey East Association is an eight-team, Division-I college hockey conference, with offices based in Wakefield, Mass. Charter members UNH, Northeastern and Providence combined to win 15 ECAC conference championships prior to the new league's inaugural season of 2002-03.



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