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WHEA ALL-STARS HOST 2010 WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM AT UNH'S WHITTEMORE CENTER **~Sunday, Nov. 22 event will feature WHEA's top talents~**

WAKEFIELD, Mass. - The Women's Hockey East Association, in conjunction with USA Hockey and the University of New Hampshire, will host an All-Star game on Sunday, November 22, at UNH's Whittemore Center, as part of Team USA's Qwest Tour. The tour is designed to pit the U.S. Women's National Team against elite-level competition in preparation for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver, B.C.

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 2010 U.S. National Team, which is loaded with America's best at every position. Among the hopefuls for Team USA's roster will be Northeastern University alum Chanda Gunn, UNH alum Kacey Bellamy, Boston College's Kelli Stack and Providence College alum Karen Thatcher.

Boston College head coach Katie King will serve as the WHEA All-Stars head coach. She will be assisted by Linda Lundrigan from Northeastern, Meredith Roth of Providence College and Jaime Totten from the University of Connecticut. King was a standing member of the U.S. Women's National Team from 1997 to 2006, during which time she competed in Three/Four Nations Cups, World Championships and the first three Olympic Winter Games when women's ice hockey was an official event. King won the gold medal in the 1998 Olympics, the silver medal in the 2002 Games and the bronze in 2006. She took home five consecutive silver medals in the World Championships (1997-2004) and a gold medal in 2005 with Team USA. After the 2006 Olympics, King retired from playing hockey with 265 points in 210 international games. She is the all-time leading scorer for Team USA in Olympic contests, and second-highest scorer for the U.S. in international play.

Faceoff is slated for 1:00 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$9 dollars for adults and \$5 dollars for children and senior citizens. Further details, including Hockey East's roster and ticket on-sale date will be announced at a later time.

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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