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USA HOCKEY ANNOUNCES ROSTER FOR U.S. WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM

25-PLAYER ROSTER INCLUDES 13 CURRENT/FORMER/FUTURE WCHA SKATERS

Special Thanks to USA Hockey, Inc.

LAKE PLACID, NY – USA Hockey announced today the 25-player roster for the U.S. Women's National Team that will train together and participate in various competitions in the build-up to the 2014 Olympic Winter Games here at a press conference this morning. The announcement is the culmination of a seven-day selection camp that began on June 17 in Lake Placid and included 41 players.

Among the 25 skaters there are 13 who are current, former or future members of Western Collegiate Hockey Association-member teams. They are goaltender **Jessie Vetter** (University of Wisconsin), defenseman **Megan Bozek** (University of Minnesota), **Lisa Chesson** (Ohio State University), **Gigi Marvin** (University of Minnesota), **Anne Schleper** (University of Minnesota) and **Lee Stecklein** (University of Minnesota), and forwards **Brianna Decker** (University of Wisconsin), **Meghan Duggan** (University of Wisconsin), **Amanda Kessel** (University of Minnesota), **Hilary Knight** (University of Wisconsin), **Jocelyne Lamoureux** (University of North Dakota), **Monique Lamoureux** (University of North Dakota), and **Anne Pankowski** (University of Wisconsin). Bozek, Kessel and Stecklein all starred for Minnesota's 2012-13 WCHA and NCAA championship team, with the Golden Gophers fashioning a record-setting and perfect 41-0-0 season. Kessel, Vetter, Decker and Duggan have all won the Patty Kazmaier Memorial Trophy, awarded annually to the top player in Division 1 women's ice hockey.

For a complete U.S. Women's National Team roster, which features 13 forwards, nine defensemen and three goaltenders, visit: <http://olympics.usahockey.com/page/show/862508-2013-14-u-s-women-s-national-team-roster>.

"We had a tremendous camp with our country's best players and faced some very difficult decisions," said Reagan Carey, director of women's hockey for USA Hockey. "We thank everyone for their dedication and congratulate those that made the team."

Of the 25 players, 12 have previously represented the U.S. in the Olympic Winter Games, including three-time Olympian Julie Chu (Fairfield, CT). Members of the team range in age from 16-31, with Jincy Dunne (O'Fallon, MO) the youngest player and Chu the oldest. In total, the rostered players have represented the U.S. in 1,384 games in international competitions between 1999 and 2013.

Ten members of Team USA played NCAA Division 1 women's ice hockey during the 2012-13 season, with eight participating in the 2013 NCAA tournament. Four of those eight players advanced to the Women's Frozen Four and three captured the national title as part of the University of Minnesota. Nine players competed in the Canadian Women's Hockey League with eight winning the Clarkson Cup with the Boston Blades.

Notes: Reagan Carey, USA Hockey's director of women's hockey, is serving as the general manager of the 2014 U.S. Olympic Women's Ice Hockey Team ... As previously announced, Katey Stone, head coach of the women's ice hockey team at Harvard University will be the head coach of the U.S. Women's National Team and will also serve as the head coach of the 2014 U.S. Olympic Women's Ice Hockey Team ... The U.S. Women's National Team will enter a residency program in early September and will primarily train at The Edge Sports Center in Bedford, MA ... The final 2014 U.S. Olympic Women's Ice Hockey Team, which will include 18 forwards/defensemen and three goaltenders, will be announced in late December.