

THREE AREA YOUTH TEAMS HEAD TO USA HOCKEY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS; TWO HAVE FLYER CONNECTIONS

West Chester, PA – March 14, 2009 – While Philadelphia Flyers Coach John Stevens was on the bench at the Wachovia Center leading the Flyers to a 4-2 victory over division rivals, the New York Rangers today (Saturday), two of his sons were also victorious this weekend in the Atlantic District Championships at the Ice Line Quad Rinks in West Chester, PA.

Nolan Stevens and his Team Comcast teammates (born in the year 1996) today won their second game in as many days to advance to the National Championships. Team Comcast (96) defeated the NJ Avalanche, 8-4 last night, and, 5-2 today.

Stevens' other son, John, and Flyers defenseman Derien Hatcher's son, Chase, compete for Team Comcast in the Bantam Major level (born in 1994). Their series also concluded today as they defeated the Philadelphia Junior Flyers in the first two games of the best-of-three playoffs, winning 7-1 and 8-0.

Team Comcast's "AAA" Youth Ice Hockey Club which play out of the Virtua Health Flyers Skate Zone in Pennsauken, NJ, will send three of their nine teams to Nationals. This is the first time in memory that one club has had three teams qualify for USA Hockey's National Championships in the same season.

"This is a very exciting opportunity for us to show the nation that the Greater Philadelphia Region is a hot bed for youth hockey," said Team Comcast President, and Comcast Spectacor Vice President of Rink Development Pat Ferrill. "We have terrific programs that are producing tremendous results. We congratulate all of the kids in our program and wish them luck at Nationals."

The Midget (16U) team defeated the Atlantic Youth Hockey League (AYHL) Champion Philadelphia Little Flyers last weekend to earn a berth in the USA Hockey National Championship Tournament. Team Comcast (16U) has a record of 45-6-1 and is ranked number 1 in the Country, according to myhockeyrankings.com.

USA Hockey's National Championships feature 12 teams, representing each of the twelve Districts of USA Hockey. All will compete for the very prestigious National Championship beginning on Wednesday, April 1. PeeWee (12U) Nationals will be held in Indian Trail, NC. Bantam (14U) Nationals will be played in Frisco, TX. Midget (16U) Nationals will be held in Chesterfield, MO.

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