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70 Hockey East Alumni Named to NHL Rosters

League Boasts Most Skaters on Opening Night Rosters For Eighth Straight Year

WAKEFIELD, Mass. - A total of 70 alumni of the Hockey East Association will start the 2019-20 season on National Hockey League rosters, reestablishing the bar for the most alumni on NHL rosters on opening night for the eighth season in a row. The number is nearly one third of the 227 NCAA alumni on NHL rosters to begin the season. A full list of players can be found below.

Hockey East alumni on NHL rosters to start the season represent 10 different schools. Boston University sends 16 players for opening night, while Boston College boasts 14, and Massachusetts claims eight NHL players. Providence boasts seven alumni, Maine and Northeastern each send six, while UMass Lowell is represented by five alumni, New Hampshire claims four, and Vermont sends one. Additionally, three former Notre Dame skaters who spent time in Hockey East also appear on NHL rosters.

Only nine players who played college hockey in 2018-19 were named to NHL rosters and five of those players skated in Hockey East. They include Boston University's **Dante Fabbro** (Coquitlam, B.C./Nashville) and **Bobo Carpenter** (North Reading, Mass./NYI), Maine's **Chase Pearson** (Alpharetta, Ga./Detroit), Massachusetts' **Cale Makar** (Calgary, Alta./Colorado) and **Mario Ferraro** (King City, Ont./San Jose) who will all start 2019-20 at the game's highest level.

Hockey East alumni are featured on 28 of 31 NHL teams.

The 2018-19 season was a banner year for Hockey East, one that saw a total of 96 Hockey East alumni play in the NHL, more than any other college hockey conference. That number is 16 more than the second place league and nearly double the next-closest conference.

Hockey East also enters 2019-20 after a record showing at the 2019 NHL Entry Draft with 27 current players and recruits selected, representing seven of the 11 Hockey East member schools. Hockey East's 27 selections were the most of any college hockey conference in a draft that saw 71 NCAA players and recruits chosen, the most since 2007.

Boston University led all NCAA schools with eight selections in the 2019 draft, while Boston College boasted five, including a record three in the first round. Providence had four players taken, while UConn and Massachusetts each had three and UMass Lowell and Northeastern had two.

The 2018-19 college hockey season was also a success for Hockey East, one that saw the league capture the Spencer Penrose Coach of the Year Award (Greg Carvel, Massachusetts), the Hobey Baker Award (Cale Makar, Massachusetts), the Tim Taylor National Rookie of the Year Award (Joel Farabee, Boston University), and the Mike Richter National Goaltender of the Year Award (Cayden Primeau, Northeastern.)

ABOUT HOCKEY EAST: The Hockey East Association is an 11-team Division I college men's hockey conference founded in 1984 and a 10-team Division I women's league which began play in 2002-03. The men's league has won nine NCAA championships in the past 26 years including Providence College in 2015 at TD Garden in Boston. Since 1999, Hockey East has won seven NCAA Championships with 16 NCAA Championship Game appearances, while placing 27 teams in the Frozen Four and 71 teams in the NCAA Tournament during that time. Overall, Hockey East has sent 115 teams to the NCAA Tournament since its inaugural season, more than any other conference in that span.

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Hockey East Alumni on NHL Opening Night Rosters 2019-20

Name	Pos.	NCAA Team	NHL Team
Patrick Eaves *	F	Boston College	ANA
Devin Shore	F	Maine	ANA
Josh Manson	D	Northeastern	ANA
Clayton Keller	F	Boston University	ARI
Vinnie Hinostroza	F	Notre Dame	ARI
Charlie Coyle	F	Boston University	BOS
Matt Grzelcyk	D	Boston University	BOS
Charlie McAvoy	D	Boston University	BOS
Kevan Miller *	D	Vermont	BOS
Jack Eichel	F	Boston University	BUF
Evan Rodrigues	F	Boston University	BUF
Brandon Montour *	D	Massachusetts	BUF
Conor Sheary	F	Massachusetts	BUF
John Gilmour	D	Providence	BUF
Carter Hutton	G	UMass Lowell	BUF
Trevor van Riemsdyk *	D	New Hampshire	CAR
Warren Foegele	F	New Hampshire	CAR
Brett Pesce	D	New Hampshire	CAR
Cam Atkinson	F	Boston College	CBJ
Gustav Nyquist	F	Maine	CBJ
Johnny Gaudreau	F	Boston College	CGY
Noah Hanifin	D	Boston College	CGY
Mark Jankowski	F	Providence	CGY
Matt Nieto	F	Boston University	COL
Colin Wilson	F	Boston University	COL
Cale Makar ^	D	Massachusetts	COL
Ben Bishop	G	Maine	DAL
Jamie Oleksiak	D	Northeastern	DAL
Stephen Johns *	D	Notre Dame	DAL
Chase Pearson * ^	F	Maine	DET
Jimmy Howard	G	Maine	DET
Alex Chiasson	F	Boston University	EDM
Matt Benning	D	Northeastern	EDM
Mike Matheson	D	Boston College	FLA
Frank Vatrano	F	Massachusetts	FLA
Noel Acciari	F	Providence	FLA
Ben Hutton	D	Maine	LA
Jonathan Quick	G	Massachusetts	LA
Jordan Greenway	F	Boston University	MIN
Christian Folin	D	UMass Lowell	MTL
Cory Schneider	G	Boston College	NJ
Miles Wood	F	Boston College	NJ
Brian Strait *	D	Boston University	NJ
Kevin Rooney	F	Providence	NJ
Nick Bonino	F	Boston University	NSH
Dante Fabbro ^	D	Boston University	NSH
Matt Irwin	D	Massachusetts	NSH
Bobo Carpenter * ^	F	Boston University	NYI
Chris Kreider	F	Boston College	NYR
Colin White	F	Boston College	OTT
Brady Tkachuk	F	Boston University	OTT
Ron Hainsey	D	UMass Lowell	OTT
Kevin Hayes	F	Boston College	PHI
Justin Braun	D	Massachusetts	PHI
James van Riemsdyk	F	New Hampshire	PHI
Brian Dumoulin	D	Boston College	PIT
Zach Aston-Reese	F	Northeastern	PIT
Bryan Rust	F	Notre Dame	PIT
Brandon Tanev	F	Providence	PIT
Chad Ruhwedel	D	UMass Lowell	PIT
Mario Ferraro ^	D	Massachusetts	SJ
Zach Sanford	F	Boston College	STL
Erik Foley *	F	Providence	STL
Kevin Shattenkirk	D	Boston University	TB
Thatcher Demko	G	Boston College	VAN
Adam Gaudette	F	Northeastern	VAN
Tim Schaller	F	Providence	VAN
Alex Tuch *	F	Boston College	VGK
Anthony Bitteto	D	Northeastern	WPG
Connor Hellebuyck	G	UMass Lowell	WPG

* will start year on IR

^ played in Hockey East in 2018-19

