



## NEWS FROM THE NEW ENGLAND HOCKEY WRITERS ASSOCIATION

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### ***Maine's Gendron, Swayman Take New England Hockey Writers Men's D-1 Top Honors Annual Dinner Cancelled — Parker-York Award Will Not Be Awarded***

The University of Maine can claim the 2019-20 Clark Hodder New England Coach of the Year in **Dennis "Red" Gendron** and the Leonard Fowle New England MVP in goaltender **Jeremy Swayman** among the New England Hockey Writers Association honor announced today.

Gendron was the Hockey East Coach of the Year this past season and Swayman was one of the three Hobey Baker Award "Hat Trick" finalists, along with winning the Mike Richter Award as the top goaltender in the nation. In addition to these honorees, the NE-HWA announced five other individual awards and 14 Division I Men's All-Stars. The 14 All-Stars came from nine different schools, with BC, Harvard, Northeastern, Providence and Sacred Heart having two each.

In addition to the All-Stars, and the Coach of the Year and MVP, five other individual awards were announced. Providence sophomore **Jack Dugan** and UMass junior **John Leonard** shared the Herb Gallagher Top Forward award; Boston University junior **David Farrance** was named the Bob Monahan Best Defenseman; Boston College forward **Alex Newhook** won the George Carens Award as top rookie in N.E. Newhook was also chosen as winner of the Tim Taylor Award as the nation's top rookie; the Paul Hines Award Most Improved Player went to Sacred Heart senior forward **Jason Cotton**, a Second team All-American this season; and in the closest balloting, Boston College senior forward **Julius Mattila** received the Frank Jones Trophy as Best Defensive Forward, edging out BU's **Patrick Curry** and Harvard's **Jack Drury**.

Due to the Covid-19 virus, the annual dinner has been cancelled. (All honorees will be sent their awards.) In addition to these N.E. Hockey Writers awards, presented by gender and division, the annual N.E. Hockey Writers' Dinner has featured presentation of the Gridiron Club of Boston's Walter Brown and Joe Concannon awards, the J. Thom Lawler Award given by the Eastern Massachusetts Chapter of the National Ice Hockey Officials Association and a number of other individual awards. The prestigious Parker-York Award for Contribution to Amateur Hockey in New England will not be given out this year.

#### **2019-20 New England Hockey Writers Association Men's Division I All-Stars**

Spencer Knight, FR, Boston College (Darien, CT)	Goalie	Nick Abruzzese, FR, Harvard University (Slate Hill, NY)	Forward
Jeremy Swayman, JR, University of Maine (Anchorage, AK)	Goalie	Jason Cotton, SR, Sacred Heart University (Parker, TX)	Forward
Michael Callahan, SO, Providence College (Franklin, MA)	Defense	Jack Dugan, SO, Providence College (Rochester, NY)	Forward
David Farrance, JR, Boston University (Victor, NY)	Defense	John Leonard, JR, Massachusetts (Amherst, MA)	Forward
Mike Lee, SR, Sacred Heart (Hamden, CT)	Defense	Tyler Madden, SO, Northeastern (Deerfield Beach, FL)	Forward
Jack Rathbone, SO, Harvard University (West Roxbury, MA)	Defense	Alex Newhook, FR, Boston College (St. John's, NF)	Forward
Ryan Shea, SR, Northeastern (Milton, MA)	Defense	Drew O'Connor, SO, Dartmouth (Chatham, NJ)	Forward

#### **Individual N.E. Writers' Awards**

- Paul Hines Award (Most Improved): Jason Cotton, SR, F, Sacred Heart (*Runner-Up: Tyce Thompson, SO, F, Providence*)
- Frank Jones Award (Defensive Forward): Julius Mattila, SR, F, BC (*Runners-Up: Patrick Curry, SR, BU; Jack Drury, SO, Harvard*)
- George Carens Award (Best Rookie): Alex Newhook, FR, F, Boston College (*Runner-Up: Nick Abruzzese, F, Harvard*)
- Herb Gallagher Award (Best Forward): **TIE:** Jack Dugan, SO, Providence and John Leonard, JR, Massachusetts
- Bob Monahan Award (Best Defenseman): David Farrance, JR, D, Boston University (*Runner-Up: Jack Rathbone, SO, Harvard*)
- Leonard Fowle Award (MVP): Jeremy Swayman, JR, G, University of Maine (*Runner-Up: Jack Dugan, SO, F, Providence*)
- Clark Hodder Award (Coach of the Year): Dennis "Red" Gendron, Maine (*Runner-Up: Jerry York, BC*)
- Parker-York Award (Contribution to NE Hockey): Not Awarded

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