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Six Hockey East Alumni Battle in Stanley Cup Final

Dallas Claims Five Hockey East Products, Tampa Rosters One

WAKEFIELD, Mass. - The Hockey East Association is guaranteed to claim at least one Stanley Cup champion for the ninth year in a row, as six alumni representing five universities will vie to win the National Hockey League's top prize beginning tomorrow. A full list of the players can be found below.

The Dallas Stars roster boasts five of the six Hockey East alumni in the Stanley Cup final, including a pair of goaltenders in **Ben Bishop** (Maine, 2005-08) and **Jake Oettinger** (Boston University, 2016-19) and defensemen **Joel Hanley** (Massachusetts, 2010-14), **Stephen Johns** (Notre Dame, 2010-14), and **Jamie Oleksiak** (Northeastern, 2010-11). Additionally, former Boston University forward **Buddy Powers** serves as an amateur scout for the Stars.

Tampa Bay carries one player, Boston University defenseman **Kevin Shattenkirk** (2007-10), in addition to employing Boston College's **Stephen Gionta** (2002-06) as a pro scout in its front office.

Last season, the champion St. Louis Blues' roster featured one former Hockey East player, Boston College's **Zach Sanford** (2014-16). Sanford scored the Blues' fourth and final goal in Game 7 of the Stanley Cup Finals en route to setting an NCAA record as the 20th Eagles player to have his name etched on the Cup.

In the NHL's Return to Play this summer, 23 of the 24 returning teams boasted a Hockey East alumnus on their Stanley Cup Playoff roster, totaling 71 former Hockey East players in the playoffs. Boston University led the way with 16 former players, good for second most of any NCAA program this year, followed by Boston College with 14, Northeastern with seven, Providence and UMass with six apiece, New Hampshire with five, Maine with four, UMass Lowell with three, and Merrimack with one. The 2017 Pittsburgh Penguins had a record seven Hockey East players on their Stanley Cup Championship team.

Hockey East Alumni in the 2020 Stanley Cup Final

Dallas (5) - Ben Bishop (Maine), Joel Hanley (Massachusetts), Stephen Johns (ND), Jake Oettinger (BU), Jamie Oleksiak (NU) and Amateur Scout Buddy Powers (BU)

Tampa (1) - Kevin Shattenkirk (BU) and Pro Scout Stephen Gionta (BC)

2020 Stanley Cup Final Schedule

Game 1 - Saturday, Sept. 19

7:30: Dallas vs. Tampa Bay, NBC Game 2 - Monday, Sept. 21

8:00: Dallas vs. Tampa Bay, NBCSN

Game 3 - Wednesday, Sept. 23

8:00: Tampa Bay vs. Dallas, NBCSN

Game 4 - Friday, Sept. 25

8:00: Tampa Bay vs. Dallas, NBC

Game 5 (if necessary) - Saturday, Sept. 26

8:00: Dallas vs. Tampa Bay, NBC

Game 6 (if necessary) - Monday, Sept. 28

8:00: Tampa Bay vs. Dallas, NBC

Game 7 (if necessary) - Wednesday, Sept. 30

8:00: Dallas vs. Tampa Bay, NBC

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