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LEAGUE RECORD 49 HOCKEY EAST ALUMNI ON NHL OPENING NIGHT ROSTERS

WAKEFIELD, Mass. - A league record 49 Hockey East alumni open the season on 2013-2014 National Hockey League rosters, which were announced on Tuesday afternoon by the league office.

Boston College and Boston University led the way with representation on NHL rosters with 14 and 11, respectively, followed by Maine and Providence with five former players on NHL clubs. Boston University's Matt Nieto is the lone player from the 2012-13 Hockey East season to make a NHL opening roster out of training camp. Nine active Hockey East alums have hoisted the Stanley Cup, including Vermont's Viktor Stålberg and BC's Ben Smith most recently in 2013 with the Chicago Blackhawks.

Here is the full listing sorted by Hockey East team of the players that made NHL opening night rosters:

Boston College (14) – Andrew Alberts (VAN), Cam Atkinson (CBJ), Brian Boyle (NYR), Scott Clemmensen (FLA), Patrick Eaves (DET), Nathan Gerbe (CAR), Brian Gionta (MTL), Stephen Gionta (NJD), Peter Harrold (NJD), Jimmy Hayes (CHI), Brooks Orpik (PIT), Cory Schneider (NJD), Rob Scuderi (PIT), Ben Smith (CHI).

Boston University (11) – Nick Bonino (ANA), Alex Chiasson (DAL), Charlie Coyle (MIN), Matt Gilroy (FLA), Eric Gryba (OTT), Matt Nieto (SJS), Kevin Shattenkirk (STL), Brian Strait (NYI), David Van Der Gulik (COL), Ryan Whitney (FLA), Colin Wilson (NSH).

Maine (5) – Ben Bishop (TBL), Brian Flynn (BUF), Jimmy Howard (DET), Dustin Penner (ANA), Teddy Purcell (TBL).

UMass Lowell (3) – Ron Hainsey (CAR), Carter Hutton (NSH), Bobby Robbins (BOS).

Massachusetts (4) – Justin Braun (SJS), Matt Irwin (SJS), Mike Kostka (CHI), Jonathan Quick (LAK).

Merrimack (1) – Stephane Da Costa (OTT)

New Hampshire (2) – James van Riemsdyk (TOR), Daniel Winnik (ANA).

Northeastern (1) – Joe Vitale (PIT).

Notre Dame – Ian Cole (STL)*, Erik Condra (OTT)*, Kyle Palmieri (ANA)*

Providence (5) – Mark Fayne (NJD), Hal Gill (PHI), Colin McDonald (NYI), Tim Schaller (BUF), Matt Taormina (TBL).

Vermont (3) – Kevan Miller (BOS), Torrey Mitchell (MIN), Patrick Sharp (CHI)*, Viktor Stålberg (NSH), Martin St. Louis (TBL)*, Tim Thomas (FLA)*

* did not compete in Hockey East

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