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NHL DRAFT CLAIMS RECORD HOCKEY EAST CROP

Boston College goaltender Thatcher Demko was the only current Hockey East player drafted in this weekend's NHL Entry Draft (2nd round, 36th overall) in Philadelphia, Pa., but 12 incoming freshman and three 2015-16 freshmen were also selected, along with five other players who have made verbal commitments to Hockey East schools, lifting the total to an all-time league record 21.

From the Hockey East ranks in this year's draft, Demko's selection was preceded only by that of his incoming teammates Sonny Milano (16th overall) and Alex Tuch (18th overall), both forwards. Boston College and Boston University led the way with five picks each (three 2014-15 athletes plus two future commitments.) Notre Dame was next with three players total, while New Hampshire and Providence had two each.

This year's draft marks the seventh of the last eight that the league has had at least one first-round selection, and third of the last five in which the league has boasted two first rounders.

The Hockey East Association is a 12-team Division-I college men's hockey conference founded in 1984 and also sponsors an eight-team Division-I women's league which began play in 2002-03.

2014 HOCKEY EAST NHL DRAFT CLASS *

Name	NHL Team	Rd.	Overall
Sonny Milano (Boston College, F)	Columbus	1	16th
Alex Tuch (Boston College, F)	Minnesota	1	18th
Thatcher Demko (Boston College, G)	Vancouver	2	36th
Brandon Montour (Massachusetts, D)	Anaheim	2	55th
John MacLeod (Boston University, D)	Tampa Bay	2	57th
Brandon Hickey (Boston University, D)	Calgary	3	64th
Warren Foegele (New Hampshire, F)	Carolina	3	67th
Miles Gendron (Connecticut, D) ^	Ottawa	3	70th
Jake Walman (Providence, D)	St. Louis	3	82nd
Joe Wegwerth (Notre Dame, F) ^	Florida	4	92nd
Shane Eiserman (New Hampshire, F)	Ottawa	4	100th
John Piccinich (Boston University, F)	Toronto	4	103rd
Nolan Vesey (Maine, F)	Toronto	6	158th
Hayden Hawkey (Providence, G) ^	Montreal	6	177th
Dylan Sikura (Northeastern, F)	Chicago	6	178th
Jake Evans (Notre Dame, F)	Montreal	7	207th

* published list does not include verbal commitments

^ 2015-16 freshmen

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