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Hockey East Has Strong Showing at NHL Entry Draft

Over One-Third of NCAA Players Selected Have Ties to Hockey East Schools

WAKEFIELD, Mass. - In the 2017 NHL Entry Draft, 22 players representing all 11 Hockey East schools were selected to NHL clubs, the second-highest number of Hockey East players ever tapped in one draft. Overall, 60 NCAA players or recruits were chosen, representing 30 schools. A full list of Hockey East selections can be found below.

All 11 Hockey East member institutions were represented by at least one player in the draft, lead by seven from Boston University, three from Providence College, two from UConn, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire, and one each from Boston College, Maine, UMass Lowell, Merrimack, Northeastern, and Vermont. Boston University's seven selections were the most of any NCAA school, while Massachusetts had the highest NCAA player taken in incoming freshman **Cale Makar** (Calgary, Alta.), drafted by Colorado fourth overall.

In addition, three players who skated in Hockey East during the 2016-17 season heard their names called, including Terriers goaltender **Jake Oettinger** (Lakeville, Minn./Dallas), Merrimack defender **Johnathan Kovacevic** (Grimsby, Ont./Winnipeg), and Providence blueliner **Jacob Bryson** (London, Ont./Buffalo).

In total, 18 NHL teams selected at least one player with Hockey East ties while Arizona, Nashville, the New York Islanders, and Winnipeg each took two.

Hockey East Players or Recruits Selected in the 2017 NHL Entry Draft

Rd.	Overall	Team	Player	Pos.	School
1	4	Colorado	Cale Makar*	D	Massachusetts
1	26	Dallas	Jake Oettinger	G	Boston University
1	28	Ottawa	Shane Bowers*	F	Boston University
2	49	San Jose	Mario Ferraro*	D	Massachusetts
3	66	Florida	Max Gildon*	D	New Hampshire
3	71	Detroit	Kasper Kotsansalo*	D	Providence
3	74	Winnipeg	Johnathan Kovacevic	D	Merrimack
3	77	NYI	Ben Mirageas**	D	Providence
3	82	Arizona	Cameron Crotty*	D	Boston University
3	92	Nashville	David Farrance*	D	Boston University
4	99	Buffalo	Jacob Bryson	D	Providence
4	111	Boston	Jeremy Swayman**	G	Maine
4	116	Minnesota	Bryce Mисley**	F	Vermont
5	126	Arizona	Michael Karow*	D	Boston College
5	142	Vegas	Jack Dugan**	F	Providence
5	148	Columbus	Kale Howarth**	F	UConn
5	154	Nashville	Tomas Vomacka**	G	UConn
6	182	Washington	Benton Maass**	D	New Hampshire
7	199	Montreal	Cayden Primeau*	G	Northeastern
7	201	NYI	Logan Cockerill**	F	Boston University
7	203	Toronto	Ryan O'Connell**	D	Boston University
7	207	Winnipeg	Croix Evingson*	D	UMass Lowell

* expected 2017-18, ** expected 2018-19

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