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## **78 PLAYERS NAMED TO ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM** **MC's Ryan Sullivan, Andrew Braithwaite share Top Scholar honors**

Celebrating another strong season for its student-athletes, Hockey East is proud to identify 78 individuals who have qualified for the league's All-Academic Team. Each player achieved a grade point average of 3.0 or better in each of the two academic periods during which he was actively competing.

UMass Lowell led the way for the third straight season, but shared the top spot with intrastate rival Massachusetts, as both programs placed 13 student-athletes on the all-academic squad. UML's Jason Tejchma (Muskegon, MI) and Jeremy Hall (Mays Landing, NJ) were two of seven additions to the league's list of Distinguished Scholars. Three more came from Maine, as senior captain Michel Léveillé (Levis, QC), Mike Lundin (Apple Valley, MN) and Brent Shephard (Shawnigan Lake, BC) also made the grade, as did Aaron Moore (Medfield, MA) of Northeastern and Ryan Sullivan (Toronto, ON) of Merrimack. Those earning Distinguished Scholar status achieved a 3.0 or better in each semester over four varsity seasons. Sullivan, the Warriors' senior captain, was also named Hockey East's Top Scholar-Athlete for the third straight year, sharing the honor this season with a teammate, freshman Andrew Braithwaite (Kingston, ON). Both earned a sparkling 4.0 GPA and anchor the league's Academic All-Star Team, identifying the top GPAs by position. Braithwaite becomes the fifth Warrior in the six years to be named the league's Top Scholar-Athlete.

**Boston College (5):** Joe Adams \*\*; Mike Brennan \*\*; Pat Gannon; Cory Schneider \*\*\*; and Ben Smith

**Boston University (4):** John Curry; John McCarthy; Craig Sanders; and Ryan Weston

**University of Maine (7):** Ben Bishop; Chris Hahn \*; Michel Léveillé +; Mike Lundin +; Travis Ramsey \*\*\*; Billy Ryan; and Brent Shephard +

**University of Massachusetts (13):** Matt Anderson \*\*; Scott Crowder \*\*; Patrick Dineen \*\*; Jamie Gilbert \*\*; Martin Hayes-Nolet; Kevin Kessler; Zech Klann; Mike Kostka \*\*\*; David Leaderer \*\*; Mark Matheson \*\*\*; Will Ortiz; Brett Watson; John Wessbecker \*\*

**UMass Lowell (13):** Steve Capraro; Jon Dryjowicz-Burek; Todd Fletcher; Barry Goers; Jeremy Hall +; Nick Monroe; Jake Pence \*\*; Tom Powers; Mark Roebathan \*\*; Ian Schaser; Frank Stegnar; Jason Tejchma +; and Paul Worthington

**Merrimack College (8):** Mike Alexiou; **Andrew Braithwaite (4.00 GPA – Top Scholar-Athlete);** Matt Jones; Chris Kane; Justin Mills; Carmen Posteraro; JC Robitaille; and **Ryan Sullivan + (4.00 GPA – Top Scholar-Athlete)**

**University of New Hampshire (6):** Thomas Fortney; Kirk Manke \*\*; Kevin Regan \*\*\*; Alan Thompson \*\*; Craig Switzer; and Brad Flaishans \*\*\*

**Northeastern University (7):** Denis Chisholm; Greg Costa; Adam Geragosian \*\*\*; Aaron Moore +; Rob Rassey \*\*; Jake Thaler \*\*; and Joe Vitale

**Providence College (7):** Bryan Horan \*\*; Kyle Laughlin \*\*; Trevor Ludwig; Colin McDonald; Jon Rheault; Tyler Sims \*\*, and Chase Watson

**University of Vermont (8):** Brayden Irwin; Kyle Kuk; Kenny Macaulay; Chris Myers; Viktor Stalberg; Dean Strong; Slavomir Tomko; and Colin Vock

### **Academic All-Star Team**

(Top GPAs by position)

Goaltender: Andrew Braithwaite, MC

Defense: Brad Flaishans, UNH

Defense: Ryan Sullivan, MC

Forward: Kyle Laughlin, PC

Forward: JC Robitaille, MC

Forward: Brett Watson, UMass

Forward: Matt Anderson, UMass

\*\* – two-time honoree

\*\*\* – three-time honoree

+ – "Distinguished Scholar"

(has posted a 3.0 or better in each semester over four varsity seasons.)

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