



HOCKEY EAST PLAYER OF THE YEAR



This honor is awarded by the head coaches to one player who has demonstrated superior play and leadership for his team. Aston-Reese topped off a historic 2016-17 season by becoming just the second Northeastern player to be named the Hockey East Player of the Year and the first Husky skater to earn the honor. The Staten Island, New York native racked up 63 points (31 goals, 32 assists) in just 38 games across his senior campaign to lead the nation in points and registered 17 goals and 18 assists in 22 Hockey East games to finish second in the Hockey East scoring race. Aston-Reese led the NCAA in overall goals (31), goals per game (0.82), shorthanded goals (4), and hat tricks (3). The Pittsburgh Penguins-signee was twice named the Hockey East Player of the Month (November and February) and was also honored as the Hockey Commissioners' Association National Player of the Month, and Hockey East Player of the Week on three occasions. The 2017 Hockey East Player of the Year, Aston-Reese was named a Hobey Baker Top 10 Finalist on March 15 and is a semifinalist for the Walter Brown Award, given annual to the top American-born player in New England.



Northeastern's Zach-Aston Reese accepts the Player of the Year award from Commissioner Joe Bertagna

Zach Aston-Reese • Northeastern Senior Forward; Staten Island, N.Y.

2016-17	GP	G	A	P	+/-
Overall	31	31	32	63	+13
Hockey East	20	17	18	35	+6

PLAYER OF THE YEAR HISTORY

Season	Player	Cl.	Pos.	Team
1984-85	Chris Terreri	Jr.	G	Providence
1985-86	Scott Harlow	Sr.	F	Boston College
1986-87	Brian Leetch	Fr.	D	Boston College
1987-88	Mike McHugh	Sr.	F	Maine
1988-89	Greg Brown	So.	D	Boston College
1989-90	Greg Brown	Jr.	D	Boston College
1990-91	David Emma	Sr.	F	Boston College
1991-92	Scott Pellerin	Sr.	F	Maine
1992-93	Paul Kariya	Fr.	F	Maine
1993-94	Dwayne Roloson	Sr.	G	UMass Lowell
1994-95	Chris Imes	Sr.	D	Maine
1996-96	Jay Pandolfo	Sr.	F	Boston University
1996-97	Chris Drury	Jr.	F	Boston University
1997-98	Chris Drury	Sr.	F	Boston University
1998-99	Jason Krog	Sr.	F	New Hampshire
1999-00	Ty Conklin	So.	G	New Hampshire
	Mike Mottau	Sr.	D	Boston College
2000-01	Brian Gionta	Sr.	F	Boston College
2001-02	Darren Haydar	Sr.	F	New Hampshire
2002-03	Mike Ayers	Jr.	G	New Hampshire
	Ben Eaves	Jr.	F	Boston College
2003-04	Steve Saviano	Sr.	F	New Hampshire
2004-05	Patrick Eaves	Jr.	F	Boston College
2005-06	Chris Collins	Sr.	F	Boston College
2006-07	John Curry	Sr.	G	Boston University
2007-08	Kevin Regan	Sr.	G	New Hampshire
2008-09	Brad Thiessen	Jr.	G	Northeastern
2009-10	Bobby Butler	Sr.	F	New Hampshire
2010-11	Paul Thompson	Sr.	F	New Hampshire
2011-12	Spencer Abbott	Sr.	F	Maine
2012-13	Johnny Gaudreau	So.	F	Boston College
2013-14	Johnny Gaudreau	Jr.	F	Boston College
2014-15	Jack Eichel	Fr.	F	Boston University
2015-16	Kevin Boyle	Sr.	G	UMass Lowell
	Thatcher Demko	Jr.	G	Boston College
2016-17	Zach-Aston Reese	Sr.	F	Northeastern

WALTER BROWN AWARD

The GridIron Club of Greater Boston presents this award to the best American-born college hockey player in New England.

Walter Brown Award History

Year	Player, School	Year	Player, School
1985	Tim Army, PC	2000	Mike Mottau, BC
1986	Scott Harlow, BC	2001	Ty Conklin, UNH
1987	Brian Leetch, BC		Brian Gionta, BC
1988	Mike McHugh, ME	2002	Jim Fahey, NU
1990	Greg Brown, BC	2003	Mike Ayers, UNH
1991	Dave Emma, BC	2004	Steve Saviano, UNH
1992	Rob Gaudreau, PC	2006	Chris Collins, BC
1993	Dave Sacco, BU	2007	John Curry, BU
1994	Jacques Joubert, BU	2008	Kevin Regan, UNH
1995	Mike Grier, BU	2009	Matt Gilroy, BU
1996	Jay Pandolfo, BU	2010	Bobby Butler, UNH
1997	Chris Drury, BU	2011	John Muse, BC
1998	Chris Drury, BU	2013	Steven Whitney, BC
1999	Mike Mottau, BC	2014	Johnny Gaudreau, BC
	Mike Omicili, PC	2017	Joe Gambardella, UML

