THE HOBEY BAKER MEMORIAL AWARD

Initiated in 1981 the Hobey Baker Award is named in honor of Hobey Baker, a hockey and football superstar and above-average student at Princeton from 1910 to 1914, who died during service in World War I. It is presented annually to the most outstanding college hockey player in the United States.

David Emma of Boston College was Hockey East's first Hobey Baker recipient in 1991. An outstanding rookie named Paul Kariya captured the award while leading his Maine team to a NCAA title in 1993 after fellow Black Bear Scott Pellerin had collected the prestigious trophy in 1992, giving the eight-year-old league three consecutive winners.

After a four-year hiatus, Hockey East commenced its second string of winners when BU's Chris Drury was named college hockey's most dominant player in 1998. New Hampshire's Jason Krog added the trophy to his case in 1999 and BC's Mike Mottau completed Hockey East's second trifecta (and sixth winner in 10 years) when he stepped up to the medal stand in April of 2000. Three-time finalist Gionta fell just short of making it four winners in a row for Hockey East when he finished runner-up to Michigan State's Ryan Miller in 2001.

Each year since 2002, the top 10 finalists have been narrowed down to the final three, the “Hobey Hat Trick”. Hockey East has an active run of nine consecutive seasons with at least one Hobey Hat Trick representative, with 12 total in that span. In 2009, Hockey East swept the Hat Trick honor with BU blueliner Matt Gilroy besting two league mates to claim the award. In 2014, BC’s Johnny Gaudreau became the league’s first-ever two-time Hobey Hat Trick finalist and eighth-ever winner before Jack Eichel took home the award in 2015, marking the third time Hockey East boasted back-to-back winners. In 2019, Cale Makar followed Adam Gaudette’s 2018 victory to give Hockey East its fourth back-to-back winners and the fourth Hobey in the last six years.

HOCKEY EAST HOBEY BAKER AWARD FINALISTS

Winners in bold
# “Hobey Hat Trick” Finalist (Est. 2002)

1985 Tim Army, PC
1986 Scott Harlow, BC
Chris Terreni, PC
1987 John Cullen, BU
Craig Janney, BC
Brian Leetch, BC
1988 David Capuano, Maine
Mike Golden, Maine
1989 Greg Brown, BC
David Capuano, Maine
Tim Sweeney, BC
1990 Rick Bennett, PC
Greg Brown, BC
David Emma, BC
1991 David Emma, BC
Shawn McEachern, BU
Jean-Yves Roy, Maine
1992 Scott Pellerin, Maine
Rob Gaudreau, PC
Jean-Yves Roy, Maine
1993 Paul Kariya, Maine
Jim Montgomery, Maine
David Sacco, BU
1994 Dwayne Roloson, UML
Greg Bullock, UML
Chris Imes, Maine
1995 Mike Grier, BU
1996 Chris Drury, BU
1997 Chris Drury, BU
1998 Chris Drury, BU
1999 Jason Krog, UNH
Mark Mowers, UNH
2000 Mike Mottau, BC
Ty Conklin, UNH
Jeff Barkas, BC
2001 Ty Conklin, UNH
Brian Gionta, BC
Jim Fahey, NY
2002 Darren Haydar, UNH #
Ben Eaves, BC
2003 Steve Saviano, UNH
Tony Voce, BC
2004 Patrick Eaves, BC
Greg Moore, Maine
2005 Nathan Gerbe, BC #
Kevin Regan, UNH
2006 Chris Collins, BC #
Greg Moore, Maine
2007 John Curry, BU
2008 Viktor Stalberg, UVM
Brad Thiessen, NU #
Colin Wilson, BU #
2009 Matt Gilroy, BU #
2010 Bobby Butler, UNH #
Gustav Nyquist, Maine #

2011 Cam Atkinson, BC #
Gustav Nyquist, Maine
Paul Thompson, UNH
2012 Spencer Abbott, Maine #
Brian Dumoulin, BC
2013 Johnny Gaudreau, BC #
2014 Johnny Gaudreau, BC #
Kevin Hayes, BC
2015 Jack Eichel, BU #
2016 Thatcher Demko, BC #
Andrew Poturalski, UNH
2017 Zach Aston-Reese, NU #
Anders Bjork, ND
Tyler Kelleher, UNH
2018 Adam Gaudette, NU #
Dylan Sikura, NU
2019 Cale Makar, UMass #

Award Winners