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## Women's Hockey East Names 2015-16 Pro Ambitions All-Rookie Team Six Other Award Winners Announced For 2015-16 Season

**NORTH ANDOVER, Mass.** - The Women's Hockey East Association announced the 2015-16 Pro Ambitions All-Rookie Team and six other season-long awards as voted by the league's nine head coaches Wednesday afternoon ahead of the 2016 Women's Hockey East Championship, March 5 and 6 on the campus of Merrimack College.

The 2015-16 Pro Ambitions All-Rookie Team consists of eight players and includes: goaltenders **Brittany Bugalski** (Boynton Beach, Fla.) from Northeastern and **Samantha Ridgewell** (Outlook, Sask.) from Merrimack, Northeastern defenseman **Maddie Hartman** (Deer Park, Ill.), Maine defenseman **Alyson Matteau** (Mirabel, Qué.), Boston University forward **Sammy Davis** (Pembroke, Mass.), Boston College forward **Makenna Newkirk** (Scottsdale, Ariz.), Providence forward **Christina Putigna** (Grimsby, Ont.), and Merrimack forward **Paige Voight** (St. Micheal, Minn.).

Also set to be recognized at Friday night's awards banquet will be Boston College sophomore **Megan Keller** (Farmington Hills, Mich.) as the Hockey East's best defenseman and UConn's **Leah Bures** (Windsor, Ont) as the league's best defensive forward. Additionally, Northeastern senior forward **Kendall Coyne** (Palos Heights, Ill.) will be awarded the Army ROTC Three Stars Award and recognized as the Women's Hockey East scoring champion, while New Hampshire senior forward **Sara Carlson** (Hutchinson, Minn.) will be honored with the conference's sportsmanship award. Further, Boston College sophomore netminder **Katie Burt** (Lynn, Mass.) will take home the title of Women's Hockey East Goaltending Champion for the second consecutive year, as the statistical leader among netminders in league play.

Several award winners can be seen in action this weekend at the 2016 Women's Hockey East semifinals and championship at Lawler Rink on the campus of Merrimack College. Semifinal games are set for Saturday (March 5) at 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. and can be streamed live on HockeyEastOnline.TV. The championship game will be aired live on American Sports Network Sunday (March 6) at 1:30 p.m. and can be seen locally on NESN on tape delay at 5 p.m.

### Pro Ambitions All-Rookie Team

G: Brittany Bugalski, NU  
G: Samantha Ridgewell, MC  
D: Maddie Hartman, NU  
D: Alyson Matteau, ME  
F: Sammy Davis, BU\*  
F: Makenna Newkirk, BC\*  
F: Christina Putigna, PC  
F: Paige Voight, MC

\* denotes unanimous selection

### Best Defenseman Award

Megan Keller, Boston College  
(So., D; Farmington Hills, Mich.)

Runners-up:

Jordan Krause, Northeastern  
(Sr., D; Kelowna, B.C.)  
Alexis Crossley, Boston University  
(Jr., D; Cole Harbour, N.S.)

### Best Defensive Forward

Leah Bures, UConn  
(Sr., F; Windsor, Ont.)

Runner-up:

Hayley Scamurra, Northeastern  
(Jr., F; Williamsville, N.Y.)

### Sportsmanship Award:

Sara Carlson, New Hampshire  
(Sr., Hutchinson, Minn.)

Runner-up:

Dakota Woodworth, Boston University  
(Sr., F; Carlisle, Mass.)

### Army ROTC Three Stars Award

Kendall Coyne, Northeastern  
(Sr., F; Palos Heights, Ill.)

Runners-up:

Alex Carpenter, Boston College  
(Sr., F; North Reading, Mass.)  
Haley Skarupa, Boston College  
(Sr., F; Rockville, Md.)

### WHEA Scoring Champion

Kendall Coyne, Northeastern  
30g, 25a, 55p  
(Sr., F; Palos Heights, Ill.)

Runner-up:

Alex Carpenter, Boston College  
19g, 32a, 51p  
(Sr., F; North Reading, Mass.)

### WHEA Goaltending Champion

Katie Burt, Boston College  
(So., G; Lynn, Mass.)

Runner-up:

Elaine Chuli, UConn  
(Sr., G; Waterford, Ont.)

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