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TOP TEAMS DOMINATE ALL-STAR SQUADS *Trio of UNH sophomores highlight All-Star selections*

Three of the league's four semifinalists dominated the All-Star selections this season, as Boston College, UNH and Providence combined to garner 10 of the 12 spots on the two squads. Top-ranked UNH led the way with four selections, including three first-teamers, while BC and Providence had three each.

But of the five repeat honorees from last season, each represented a different Hockey East program. Both All-Star goaltenders, UNH's Melissa Bourdon and UConn's Kaitlyn Shain, were repeat selections, although Shain got the nod as the first-teamer this year. PC's Karen Thatcher and BC's Deb Spillane were not surprisingly selected as All-Stars again, and Maine blueliner Kelly Law graduated to the first team following a second-team selection last year. Law and UNH's Martine Garland narrowly edged Kristin Gigliotti of Providence for first-team status.

BC's Maggie Taverna was the only rookie among the All-Stars, and was one of two unanimous selections on the ITECH All-Rookie Team, alongside Rookie of the Year Samantha Faber. Although only in its first season as a varsity program, Boston University placed two players on the All-Rookie squad, goaltender Allyse Wilcox and defenseman Amanda Shaw.

2005-06 Hockey East All-Stars

<u>First Team</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Second Team</u>
Kaitlyn Shain, Connecticut ² (SR; Calgary, AB)	Goaltender	¹ Melissa Bourdon, New Hampshire (JR; Ile Bizard, QC)
Kelly Law, Maine ² (JR; Markham, ON)	Defense	Kristin Gigliotti, Providence (JR; Sauquoit, NY)
Martine Garland, New Hampshire (SO; Toronto, ON)	Defense	Maggie Taverna, Boston College (FR; Howell, NJ)
Jennifer Hitchcock, New Hampshire (SO; LaSalle, ON)	Forward	Sarah Feldman, Boston College (SO; Fall River, MA)
Karen Thatcher, Providence ¹ (SR; Douglas, MA)	Forward	² Deborah Spillane, Boston College (SO; Franklin, MA)
Sadie Wright-Ward, New Hampshire * (SO; Durham, NH)	Forward	Sonny Watrous, Providence (JR; Albuquerque, NM)

* – unanimous choice ¹ – First Team All-Star in 2004-05 ² – Second Team All-Star in 2004-05

Honorable Mention All-Stars –

Goaltender: Marisa Hourihan (NU)
Defensemen: Amy McLaughlin (UNH),
Julie Poulin (Maine) and Amanda Shaw (BU)
Forwards: Jaclyn Hawkins (UConn), Cara Hendry
(BU), Nikki Petrich (NU) and Becky Zavisza (BC)

2005-06 ITECH All-Rookie Team

Allyse Wilcox, BU, Goaltender (*Grand Blanc, MI*)
Erin Normore, PC, Defenseman (*Cambridge, ON*)
Amanda Shaw, BU, Defenseman (*St. Thomas, ON*)
Maggie Taverna, BC, Defenseman (*Howell, NJ*)
Samantha Faber, UNH, Forward (*Mt. Sinai, NY*) *
Patricia Gagnon, Maine, Forward (*Mont-Joli, QC*)
Becky Zavisza, BC, Forward (*Suffield, CT*) *

* unanimous selection

