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Hockey East Boasts Most NCAA Selections in 2020 NHL Draft

25 Current or Future Hockey East Players Selected in Entry Draft

WAKEFIELD, Mass. - The Hockey East Association saw 25 current players and recruits selected in the 2020 National Hockey League Entry Draft, representing nine of the 11 Hockey East member schools. Hockey East's 25 selections were the most of any college hockey conference and represent nearly 40% of the 65 NCAA players and recruits chosen. A full list of Hockey East players taken can be found below.

Of the 25 players, four spent the 2019-20 season in Hockey East, including UConn defenseman **Yan Kuznetsov** (Murmansk, Russia/Calgary), Massachusetts defenseman **Matt Kessel** (Bloomfield Hills, Mich./St. Louis), Merrimack defenseman **Zach Uens** (Belleville, Ont./Florida), and New Hampshire forward **Filip Engaras** (Stockholm, Sweden/Edmonton.)

In total, Hockey East had 16 forwards, seven defensemen, and two goaltenders chosen. Massachusetts and Northeastern led all member schools with four players chosen each, while Boston College, Boston University, UConn, and Providence each boast three, Merrimack and New Hampshire claimed two, and one UMass Lowell player was picked.

In total, 20 of the current 31 NHL clubs chose at least one current or future Hockey East player. The selections were highlighted by four second round choices and seven of the 10 NCAA players picked in the sixth round.

The impressive showing at the 2020 NHL Entry Draft follows a record-breaking 2019 Draft that saw 27 Hockey East selections. The draft concludes a 2019-20 season for Hockey East that saw 94 alumni play in the NHL, once again more than any other college hockey conference.

Hockey East Selections in the 2020 NHL Entry Draft

Rd.	Pick	Player	School	Pos.	NHL Team	2019-20 Team
2	36	Sam Colangelo	Northeastern	F	Anaheim	Chicago (USHL)
2	46	Drew Comness	Boston University	G	Chicago	U.S. NTDP
2	47	Luch Tuch	Boston University	F	Montreal	U.S. NTDP
2	50	Yan Kuznetsov	UConn	D	Calgary	UConn
3	86	Dylan Peterson	Boston University	F	St. Louis	U.S. NTDP
3	89	Trevor Kuntar	Boston College	F	Boston	Youngstown (USHL)
4	105	Zach Uens	Merrimack	D	Florida	Merrimack
4	116	Eamon Powell	Boston College	D	Tampa Bay	U.S. NTDP
4	118	Colby Ambrosio	Boston College	F	Colorado	Tri-City (USHL)
4	121	Alex Jefferies	Merrimack	F	NYI	The Gunnery (US Prep)
5	130	Artem Shalaine	UConn	F	New Jersey	Shattuck-St. Mary's (US Prep)
5	134	Brett Berard	Providence	F	NYR	U.S. NTDP
5	140	Ben Meehan	UMass Lowell	D	Los Angeles	Cedar Rapids (USHL)
5	150	Matt Kessel	Massachusetts	D	St. Louis	Massachusetts
6	157	Nick Capone	UConn	F	Tampa Bay	Tri-City (USHL)
6	159	Lucas Mercuri	Massachusetts	F	Carolina	Salisbury (US Prep)
6	166	Luke Reid	New Hampshire	D	Nashville	Chicago (USHL)
6	169	Filip Engaras	New Hampshire	F	Edmonton	New Hampshire
6	170	Chase Yoder	Providence	F	Pittsburgh	U.S. NTDP
6	182	Riley Duran	Providence	F	Boston	Lawrence Academy (US Prep)
6	184	Noah Ellis	Massachusetts	D	Vegas	Des Moines (USHL)
7	202	Gunnarwolfe Fontaine	Northeastern	F	Nashville	Chicago (USHL)
7	203	Chase Bradley	Northeastern	F	Detroit	Omaha (USHL)
7	210	Timofey Spitsierov	Massachusetts	F	San Jose	Culver Academy (US Prep)
7	212	Devon Levi	Northeastern	G	Florida	Carleton Place (CAN Prep)

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