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## *Hockey East Enjoys Historic NHL Entry Draft*

*14 Current and Future Players Selected in Annual NHL Draft*

**AMESBURY, Mass.** - The Hockey East Association saw 14 current players and recruits selected in the 2024 National Hockey League Entry Draft, representing five of the 11 Hockey East member schools, and highlighted by reigning Hockey East Player of the Year **Macklin Celebrini**, who became the second-ever Hockey East product to be picked first overall. A full list of players can be found below.

The selections were underlined by nine picks in the first two rounds, including four first-round choices in Celebrini, and incoming freshmen **Trevor Connelly** (Providence/Vegas), **Cole Eiserman** (Boston University/NYI), and **Dean Letourneau** (Boston College/Boston). The Letourneau pick gives Boston College at least one player selected for the 29th consecutive draft, setting a new all-time NCAA record.

Boston University is the first NCAA school to have two players go first overall in the NHL Draft, following goaltender **Rick DiPietro** (NYI) in 2000.

Twenty-six of the NHL's 32 franchises drafted at least one current or committed NCAA player. Colorado had the most with five, followed by Buffalo, Chicago and Detroit with four each. There have now been 77 first-round picks from the NCAA over the last 10 NHL Drafts (2015-24) compared to 54 first-rounders over the previous 10 drafts (2005-14).

The impressive showing at the 2024 NHL Entry Draft concludes a record-breaking 2023-24 NHL season for Hockey East alumni. In total, 107 Hockey East alumni appeared in at least one NHL game, representing nearly one-third of the 325 NCAA alumni to play in the NHL last season. All 11 current men's member institutions had at least one former player represented. In addition, all 32 NHL teams had at least one Hockey East product in the lineup at some point during the regular season. Hockey East claimed eight 2024 NHL All-Stars, and boasts over 100 NHL players for the third year in a row.

Hockey East Association saw 10 alumni raise the 2024 Stanley Cup, as the Florida Panthers claimed the National Hockey League's top prize. The league products include five players and five members of the Panthers front office staff and it marks the 14th straight year that at least one Hockey East product will have their name engraved on the Stanley Cup.

The players included **Evan Rodrigues** (Boston University, 2011-15), **Brandon Montour** (Massachusetts, 2014-15), **Ryan Lomborg**, (Maine, 2012-14), **Spencer Knight**, (Boston College, 2019-21), and **Patrick Giles** (Boston College, 2018-22). Leading Florida in the front office was Assistant GM **Brett Peterson** (Boston College, 2000-04), Senior Advisor to the GM **Paul Fenton**, (Boston University, 1979-82), Manager, Player Development **Mike Ryan**, (Northeastern, 1999-03), Amateur Scout **P.J. Fenton**, (Massachusetts, 2004-08), and Amateur Scout **Josh Monk**, (Providence, 2013-17).

Rd.	No.	Player	Pos.	NHL Team	NCAA Team	2023-24 Team
1	1	Macklin Celebrini	F	SJS	Boston University	
1	19	Trevor Connelly	F	VGK	Providence	Tri-City (USHL)
1	20	Cole Eiserman	F	NYI	Boston University	U.S. NTDP
1	25	Dean Letourneau	F	BOS	Boston College	St. Andrew's College
2	43	Cole Hutson	D	WSH	Boston University	U.S. NTDP
2	49	Mikhail Yegorov	G	NJD	Boston University	Omaha (USHL)
2	55	Teddy Stiga	F	NSH	Boston College	U.S. NTDP
2	61	Kamil Bednarik	F	NYI	Boston University	U.S. NTDP
2	65	Will Skahan	D	UTA	Boston College	U.S. NTDP
3	67	John Mustard	F	CHI	Providence	Waterloo (USHL)
3	78	Logan Sawyer	F	MTL	Providence	Brooks (BCHL)
3	92	Jack Pridham	F	CHI	Boston University	West Kelowna (BCHL)
4	116	Christian Kirsch	G	SJS	Massachusetts	Zug U20
7	195	Joe Connor	F	TBL	Northeastern	Muskegon (USHL)

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