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82 Hockey East Alumni to Begin NHL Season in 2024-25

All 11 Members Send at Least One Alumni to NHL

AMESBURY, Mass. – There have been 82 Hockey East alumni named to National Hockey League rosters for opening night of the 2024-25 season, it was announced this week by the NHL. In total, 30 of the 32 member clubs carry at least one Hockey East alumnus on their roster. A full list of players can be found below.

The 82 players represent every Hockey East member institution, led by Boston University (17), Boston College (17), Northeastern (11), and Massachusetts (10). Rounding out the schools are Providence (8), New Hampshire (5), Maine (4), UMass Lowell (3), UConn (1), Merrimack (1), and Vermont (1). Additionally, four Notre Dame skaters who competed in Hockey East earned NHL roster spots.

The Pittsburgh Penguins boast seven Hockey East alumni, the most of any NHL club, while the Buffalo Sabres and Montreal Canadiens each carry six Hockey East players on their rosters. In total, 22 of the 32 clubs carry at least two league products.

The roster data includes players who are on injured reserve or long-term injured reserve to open the season, or who have been designated injured non-roster.

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. 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.

The selections were underlined by nine picks in the first two rounds, including four first-round choices in Celebrini, and 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.

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 Lomberg**, 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).

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Hockey East Alumni on NHL Opening Night Rosters 2024-25

<u>Player</u>	<u>NCAA Team</u>	<u>NHL Team</u>	<u>Pos.</u>
Cam Atkinson	Boston College	TBL	F
Matt Boldy	Boston College	MIN	F
Thatcher Demko	Boston College	VAN	G
Brian Dumoulin	Boston College	ANA	D
Cutter Gauthier	Boston College	ANA	F
Noah Hanifin	Boston College	VGK	D
Kevin Hayes	Boston College	PIT	F
Chris Kreider	Boston College	NYR	F
Mike Matheson	Boston College	MTL	D
Jack McBain	Boston College	UTA	F
Alex Newhook	Boston College	MTL	F
Will Smith	Boston College	SJS	F
Jack St. Ivany	Boston College	PIT	D
Alex Tuch	Boston College	BUF	F
Oliver Wahlstrom	Boston College	NYI	F
Joseph Woll	Boston College	TOR	G
Miles Wood	Boston College	COL	F
Macklin Celebrini	Boston University	SJS	F
Charlie Coyle	Boston University	BOS	F
Jack Eichel	Boston University	VGK	F
Dante Fabbro	Boston University	NSH	D
Joel Farabee	Boston University	PHI	F
Jorda Greenway	Boston University	BUF	F
A.J. Greer	Boston University	FLA	F
Matt Grzelcyk	Boston University	PIT	D
Lane Hutson	Boston University	MTL	D
Clayton Keller	Boston University	UTA	F
Charlie McAvoy	Boston University	BOS	D
Matt Nieto	Boston University	PIT	F
Jake Oettinger	Boston University	DAL	G
Evan Rodrigues	Boston University	FLA	F
Brady Tkachuk	Boston University	OTT	F
Alex Vlasic	Boston University	CHI	D
Trevor Zegras	Boston University	ANA	F
Tage Thompson	Connecticut	BUF	F
Ben Hutton	Maine	VGK	D
Ryan Lomberg	Maine	CGY	F
Gustav Nyquist	Maine	NSH	F
Jeremy Swayman	Maine	BOS	G



Player	NCAA Team	NHL Team	Pos.
Mitchell Chaffee	Massachusetts	TBL	F
Mario Ferraro	Massachusetts	SJS	D
Joel Hanley	Massachusetts	CGY	D
Zac Jones	Massachusetts	NYR	D
Matthew Kessel	Massachusetts	STL	D
Cale Makar	Massachusetts	COL	D
Brandon Montour	Massachusetts	SEA	D
Jonathan Quick	Massachusetts	NYR	G
Conor Sheary	Massachusetts	TBL	F
Frank Vatrano	Massachusetts	ANA	F
Johnathan Kovacevic	Merrimack	NJD	D
Casey DeSmith	New Hampshire	DAL	G
Warren Foegele	New Hampshire	LAK	F
Brett Pesce	New Hampshire	NJD	D
James van Riemsdyk	New Hampshire	CBJ	F
Trevor van Riemsdyk	New Hampshire	WSH	D
Zach Aston-Reese	Northeastern	CBJ	F
Matt Benning	Northeastern	SJS	D
Adam Gaudette	Northeastern	OTT	F
Jordan Harris	Northeastern	CBJ	D
Michael Kesselring	Northeastern	UTA	D
Devon Levi	Northeastern	BUF	G
Josh Manson	Northeastern	COL	D
Jamie Oleksiak	Northeastern	SEA	D
Cayden Primeau	Northeastern	MTL	G
Ryan Shea	Northeastern	PIT	D
Jayden Struble	Northeastern	MTL	D
Jake Evans	Notre Dame	MTL	F
Dennis Gilbert	Notre Dame	BUF	D
Andrew Peeke	Notre Dame	BOS	D
Bryan Rust	Notre Dame	PIT	F
Noel Acciari	Providence	PIT	F
Jacob Bryson	Providence	BUF	D
Vincent Desharnais	Providence	VAN	D
Brandon Duhaime	Providence	WSH	F
Mark Jankowski	Providence	NSH	F
Kevin Rooney	Providence	CGY	F
Brandon Tanev	Providence	SEA	F
Jake Walman	Providence	SJS	D
Carl Berglund	UMass Lowell	EDM	F
Connor Hellebuyck	UMass Lowell	WPG	G
Chad Ruhwedel	UMass Lowell	NYR	D
Ross Colton	Vermont	COL	F

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