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Hockey East Names 2024-25 Pro Ambitions All-Rookie Team

Tournament Opening Round Begins Tonight At Campus Sites

AMESBURY, Mass. - The Hockey East Association today announced the 2024-25 Pro Ambitions All-Rookie Team and six other season-long awards as voted by the men's league's 11 head coaches. The awards come as part of the celebration of the 40th annual Hockey East Tournament, which begins tonight.

The 2024-25 Pro Ambitions All-Rookie Team consists of seven players, including three unanimous selections in Boston College forwards **James Hagens** (Hauppauge, N.Y.) and **Teddy Stiga** (Sudbury, Mass.) and Boston University defenseman **Cole Hutson** (North Barrington, Ill.). The team is rounded out by UConn goaltender **Callum Tung** (Port Moody, B.C.), UMass defender **Francesco Dell'Elce** (King City, Ont.), Boston University forward **Cole Eiserman** (Newburyport, Mass.) and Vermont forward **Colin Kessler** (Anchorage, Alaska).

Also recognized were a pair of graduate students for their defensive abilities, as Boston College's **Eamon Powell** (Marcellus, N.Y.) has been named Hockey East's Best Defensive Defenseman while UConn's **Hudson Schandor** (North Vancouver, B.C.) was voted Gladiator Custom Mouthguards Best Defensive Forward.

Two statistical awards have been formally announced, both awarded to Boston College sophomore forward **Ryan Leonard** (Amherst, Mass.), who became just the second player to reach 25 goals in Hockey East play since 2000-01. He was also honored with the Hockey East Three Stars Award as he compiled the highest total number of points earned when named a first, second, or third star of the game in Hockey East contests.

Hockey East's two sportsmanship awards have been bestowed upon **Schandor**, who will be presented with the Len Ceglarski Sportsmanship Award, given by the league to one player who has consistently demonstrated superior conduct and sportsmanship on and off the ice. The Massachusetts Minutemen were acknowledged with the Charlie Holt Team Sportsmanship Award for accruing the fewest average penalty minutes per Hockey East game.

Hockey East will announce the 2024-25 All-Star Teams on Friday, March 14 at 10:00 a.m. The league will then announce finalists for the Player, Rookie, and Coach of the Year awards on Monday, March 17.

The 2025 Hockey East Men's Tournament begins tonight with three Opening Round games at 7:00 p.m. Vermont plays at Massachusetts on NESN and Northeastern visits Merrimack on NESN+, while UMass Lowell hosts New Hampshire on ESPN+. Winners will advance to the quarterfinals on March 15 to take on Boston University, Maine, and Boston College, while Providence at UConn is slated for a 7:00 p.m. start on NESN on Friday, March 14.

The Hockey East semifinals are set tentatively set for 4:00pm and 7:30pm on Thursday, March 20 at TD Garden in Boston, while the 40th championship game will be played Friday, March 21 at 7:30pm. All three games will air live on NESN+. Tickets are available via the host institution for each on-campus game while championship tickets can be purchased at TicketMaster.com.

Pro Ambitions All-Rookie Team

G: Callum Tung, UConn
D: Cole Hutson, Boston University *
D: Francesco Dell'Elce, Massachusetts
F: James Hagens, Boston College *
F: Teddy Stiga, Boston College *
F: Cole Eiserman, Boston University
F: Colin Kessler, Vermont

* unanimous selection

Best Defensive Defenseman

Eamon Powell, Boston College

Runner-up:

Brandon Holt, Maine

Hockey East Three Stars Award

Ryan Leonard, Boston College

Runner-up:

Cole O'Hara, Massachusetts

Gladiator Custom Mouthguards

Best Defensive Forward Award

Hudson Schandor, UConn

Runner-up:

Nolan Renwick, Maine

Len Ceglarski Sportsmanship Award

Hudson Schandor, UConn

Runner-up:

David Breazeale, Maine

Charlie Holt Team Sportsmanship Award

Massachusetts Minutemen

Runner-up:

Providence College Friars

Hockey East Scoring Champion

Ryan Leonard, Boston College
25g, 12a, 37p

Runner-up:

Hudson Schandor, UConn
8g, 25a, 33p

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