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## **Record 91 Hockey East Alumni to Begin 2025-26 Season on NHL Rosters**

*All 11 Members Send at Least One Alumni to NHL*

**AMESBURY, Mass.** – Hockey East will see a record 91 alumni begin the 2025-26 season on National Hockey League rosters it was announced this week by the NHL. All 11 member institutions are represented and all 32 member clubs carry at least one Hockey East alumnus on their roster. The 91 alumni represent over one-third of the record 248 college alumni on NHL rosters to open the season. A full list of players can be found below.

The 91 players represent every Hockey East member institution, led by Boston College (20), Boston University (18), Northeastern (11), Providence (11), and Massachusetts (9). Rounding out the schools are New Hampshire (6), Maine (5), UConn (3), UMass Lowell (1), Merrimack (1), and Vermont (1). Additionally, five Notre Dame skaters who competed in Hockey East earned NHL roster spots.

In total, 25 of the 32 NHL 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 20 current players and commitments selected in the 2025 National Hockey League Entry Draft, representing seven of the 11 Hockey East member schools and highlighted by three players who developed in Hockey East in 2024-25, including two first round selections.

The selections were underlined by nine picks in the first two rounds, including four first-round choices in **James Hagens** (Boston College/Boston), **Roger McQueen** (Providence/Anaheim), **Vaclav Nestrail** (Massachusetts/Chicago), and **Sascha Boumedienne** (Boston University/Winnipeg). The Hagens selection gives Boston College at least one player selected for the 30th consecutive draft, extending their all-time NCAA record set last year. Hagens and Boumedienne played in Hockey East during 2024-25.

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 78 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 2025 NHL Entry Draft concluded a record-breaking 2024-25 NHL season for Hockey East alumni. In total, a record 123 Hockey East alumni appeared in at least one NHL game, representing over one-third of the 341 NCAA alumni to play in the NHL last season. Hockey East boasted over 100 NHL players for the fourth year in a row.

Additionally, Hockey East produced each of the major award winners for the 2024-25 NHL season, including Hart Trophy and three-time Vezina winner **Connor Hellebuyck** (UMass Lowell/Winnipeg), two-time Norris Trophy winner **Cale Makar** (Massachusetts/Colorado) and Rookie of the Year **Lane Hutson** (Boston University/Montreal). Hutson's former Terrier teammate and 2024 number one overall pick **Macklin Celebrini** was also a finalist for the Calder Memorial Trophy as the NHL's top rookie.

The Hockey East Association saw nine alumni raise the 2025 Stanley Cup, as the Florida Panthers claimed the National Hockey League's top prize for the second straight year. The league products include three players and six members of the Panthers front office staff and it marks the 15th straight year that at least one Hockey East alumnus will have their name engraved on the Stanley Cup. The players included **Evan Rodrigues** (Boston University, 2011-15), **Brandon Montour** (Massachusetts, 2014-15), and **Ryan Lomberg** (Maine, 2012-14). 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), Amateur Scout **Josh Monk** (Providence, 2013-17) and Director of European Pro Scouting **Oleg Yevenko** (Massachusetts, 2011-15).

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## Hockey East Alumni on NHL Opening Night Rosters 2025-26

Player	Hockey East School	NHL Team	Pos.	Nationality	Draft Round
Matt Boldy	Boston College	MIN	F	US	1st
Thatcher Demko	Boston College	VAN	G	US	2nd
Brian Dumoulin	Boston College	LAK	D	US	2nd
Cutter Gauthier	Boston College	ANA	F	US	1st
Noah Hanifin	Boston College	VGK	D	US	1st
Kevin Hayes	Boston College	PIT	F	US	1st
Drew Helleson	Boston College	ANA	D	US	2nd
Spencer Knight	Boston College	CHI	G	US	1st
Chris Kreider	Boston College	ANA	F	US	1st
Ryan Leonard	Boston College	WSH	F	US	1st
Mike Matheson	Boston College	MTL	D	Canada	1st
Jack McBain	Boston College	UTA	F	Canada	3rd
Marc McLaughlin	Boston College	NJD	F	US	FA
Nikita Nesterenko	Boston College	ANA	F	US	6th
Alex Newhook	Boston College	MTL	F	Canada	1st
Will Smith	Boston College	SJS	F	US	1st
Jack St. Ivany	Boston College	PIT	D	US	4th
Alex Tuch	Boston College	BUF	F	US	1st
Joseph Woll	Boston College	TOR	G	US	3rd
Miles Wood	Boston College	CBJ	F	US	4th
Macklin Celebrini	Boston University	SJS	F	Canada	1st
Charlie Coyle	Boston University	CBJ	F	US	1st
Jack Eichel	Boston University	VGK	F	US	1st
Dante Fabbro	Boston University	CBJ	D	Canada	1st
Joel Farabee	Boston University	CGY	F	US	1st
Ryan Greene	Boston University	CHI	F	Canada	2nd
Jordan Greenway	Boston University	BUF	F	US	2nd
A.J. Greer	Boston University	FLA	F	Canada	2nd
Matt Grzelcyk	Boston University	CHI	D	US	3rd
Lane Hutson	Boston University	MTL	D	US	2nd
Clayton Keller	Boston University	UTA	F	US	1st
Shane Lachance	Boston University	NJD	F	US	6th
Charlie McAvoy	Boston University	BOS	D	US	1st
Jake Oettinger	Boston University	DAL	G	US	1st
Evan Rodrigues	Boston University	FLA	F	Canada	FA
Brady Tkachuk	Boston University	OTT	F	US	1st
Alex Vlasic	Boston University	CHI	D	US	2nd
Trevor Zegras	Boston University	PHI	F	US	1st
Marc Gatcomb	UConn	NYI	F	US	FA
Tage Thompson	UConn	BUF	F	US	1st
Matthew Wood	UConn	NSH	F	Canada	1st
Ben Hutton	Maine	VGK	D	Canada	5th
Ryan Lomberg	Maine	CGY	F	Canada	FA
Gustav Nyquist	Maine	WPG	F	Sweden	4th
Harrison Scott	Maine	DAL	F	US	FA
Jeremy Swayman	Maine	BOS	G	US	4th



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Mitchell Chaffee	Massachusetts	TBL	F	US	FA
Mario Ferraro	Massachusetts	SJS	D	Canada	2nd
Joel Hanley	Massachusetts	CGY	D	Canada	FA
Matthew Kessel	Massachusetts	STL	D	US	5th
Cale Makar	Massachusetts	COL	D	Canada	1st
Brandon Montour	Massachusetts	SEA	D	Canada	2nd
Jonathan Quick	Massachusetts	NYR	G	US	3rd
Conor Sheary	Massachusetts	NYR	F	US	FA
Frank Vatrano	Massachusetts	ANA	F	US	FA
Connor Hellebuyck	UMass Lowell	WPG	G	US	5th
Johnathan Kovacevic	Merrimack	NJD	D	Canada	3rd
Damien Carfagna	New Hampshire	EDM	D	US	FA
Casey DeSmith	New Hampshire	DAL	G	US	FA
Warren Foegele	New Hampshire	LAK	F	Canada	3rd
Brett Pesce	New Hampshire	NJD	D	US	3rd
James van Riemsdyk	New Hampshire	DET	F	US	1st
Trevor van Riemsdyk	New Hampshire	WSH	D	US	FA
Zach Aston-Reese	Northeastern	CBJ	F	US	FA
Sam Colangelo	Northeastern	ANA	F	US	2nd
Jeremy Davies	Northeastern	VGK	D	Canada	7th
Adam Gaudette	Northeastern	SJS	F	US	5th
Jordan Harris	Northeastern	BOS	D	US	3rd
Michael Kesselring	Northeastern	BUF	D	US	6th
Josh Manson	Northeastern	COL	D	Canada	6th
Jamie Oleksiak	Northeastern	SEA	D	Canada	1st
Cayden Primeau	Northeastern	TOR	G	US	7th
Ryan Shea	Northeastern	PIT	D	US	4th
Jayden Struble	Northeastern	MTL	D	US	2nd
Jake Evans	Notre Dame	MTL	F	Canada	7th
Dennis Gilbert	Notre Dame	PHI	D	US	3rd
Vinnie Hinostroza	Notre Dame	MIN	F	US	6th
Andrew Peeke	Notre Dame	BOS	D	US	2nd
Bryan Rust	Notre Dame	PIT	F	US	3rd
Noel Acciari	Providence	PIT	F	US	FA
Jacob Bryson	Providence	BUF	D	Canada	4th
Trevor Connelly	Providence	VGK	F	US	1st
Max Crozier	Providence	TBL	D	Canada	4th
Vincent Desharnais	Providence	SJS	D	Canada	7th
Brandon Duhaime	Providence	WSH	F	US	4th
Parker Ford	Providence	WPG	F	US	FA
Mark Jankowski	Providence	CAR	F	US	1st
Luke Krysl	Providence	DAL	D	USA	FA
Brandon Tanev	Providence	UTA	F	Canada	FA
Jake Walman	Providence	EDM	D	Canada	3rd
Ross Colton	Vermont	COL	F	US	4th

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