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Hockey East Names 2016-17 Pro Ambitions All-Rookie Team

Nine Other Award Winners Announced for 2016-17 Season

WAKEFIELD, Mass. - The Hockey East Association today announced the 2016-17 Pro Ambitions All-Rookie Team and seven other season-long awards as voted by the league's 12 head coaches in advance of the 2017 Hockey East Championship, March 17 and 18, at TD Garden. The honorees will be recognized at Thursday night's annual awards banquet.

The 2016-17 Pro Ambitions All-Rookie Team consists of seven players and includes goaltenders **Joseph Woll** (St. Louis, Mo./Boston College) and **Jake Oettinger** (Lakeville, Minn./Boston University), defenseman **Andrew Peeke** (Parkland, Fla./Notre Dame), and forwards **Ross Colton** (Robbinsville, N.J./Vermont), **Patrick Grasso** (Ankeny, Iowa/New Hampshire), **Patrick Harper** (New Canaan, Conn./Boston University), and **Clayton Keller** (Swansea, Ill./Boston University).

Also set to be recognized at Thursday night's ceremonies will be a pair of defensive awards, as Notre Dame sophomore **Dennis Gilbert** (Buffalo, N.Y.) has been named the '47 Brand Best Defensive Defenseman and Boston College senior **Austin Cangelosi** (Estero, Fla.) was voted as the Gladiator Custom Mouthguards Best Defensive Forward. Three statistical award champions will also be acknowledged, including the league's top scorer, New Hampshire senior forward **Tyler Kelleher** (Longmeadow, Mass.), the Stop It Goaltending Hockey East Goaltending Champion, Merrimack junior **Collin Delia** (Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.) and the ARMY ROTC Three Stars Award winners, given to three champions this year as Notre Dame junior forward **Anders Bjork** (Mequon, Wis.), **Keller**, and **Kelleher** each earned the same amount of points from being named one of the ARMY ROTC Three Stars of the Game after each league contest. Hockey East's two sportsmanship awards will be bestowed upon UMass Lowell senior forward **Joe Gambardella** (Staten Island, N.Y.), just the second player to be honored with the Len Ceglarski Sportsmanship Award two years in a row, and Notre Dame Fighting Irish, who will be acknowledged with the Charlie Holt Team Sportsmanship Award for accruing the fewest penalty minutes in Hockey East games.

The 33rd Hockey East Tournament championship will take place this weekend, Friday, March 17, and Saturday, March 18, at the TD Garden in Boston. No. 1 UMass Lowell will square off with No. 4 Notre Dame Friday at 5 p.m., while No. 2 Boston University and No. 3 Boston College take the ice at 8 p.m. The winners advance to Saturday's championship tilt at 7 p.m. Fans can purchase tickets online at Ticketmaster.com or by calling 800-745-3000.

Pro Ambitions All-Rookie Team

G: Joseph Woll – Boston College
G: Jake Oettinger – Boston University
D: Andrew Peeke – Notre Dame
F: Ross Colton – Vermont
F: Patrick Grasso – New Hampshire
F: Patrick Harper – Boston University
F: Clayton Keller – Boston University *
* denotes unanimous selection

ARMY ROTC Three Stars Award

Anders Bjork, Notre Dame
(Jr., F; Mequon, Wis.)

Clayton Keller, Boston University
(Fr., F; Swansea, Ill.)

Tyler Kelleher, New Hampshire
(Sr., F; Longmeadow, Mass.)

Charlie Holt Team

Sportsmanship Award

Notre Dame Fighting Irish

Runner-up:

UConn Huskies

'47 Brand Best Defensive Defenseman Award

Dennis Gilbert, Notre Dame
(So., Buffalo, N.Y.)

Runners-up:

Charlie McAvooy, Boston University
(So., Long Beach, N.Y.)
Matias Cleland, New Hampshire
(Sr., Longmont, Colo.)

Stop It Goaltending

Hockey East Goaltending Champion

Collin Delia, Merrimack
(Jr., Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.)

Runner-up:

Jake Oettinger, Boston University
(Fr., Lakeville, Minn.)

Gladiator Custom Mouthguards Best Defensive Forward Award

Austin Cangelosi, Boston College
(Sr., Estero, Fla.)

Runner-up:

Brian Pinho, Providence
(Jr., F; North Andover, Mass.)

Hockey East Scoring Champion

Tyler Kelleher, New Hampshire
(Sr., F; Longmeadow, Mass.)
14g, 23a, 37p

Runner-up:

Zach Aston-Reese, Northeastern
(Sr., F; Staten Island, N.Y.)
17g, 18a, 35p

Len Ceglarski Individual Sportsmanship Award

Joe Gambardella, UMass Lowell
(Sr., F; Staten Island, N.Y.)

Runner-up:

Austin Cangelosi, Boston College
(Sr., Estero, Fla.)

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