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Northeastern's Alina Mueller Named Hockey East Player of the Year

Vermont's Beecher, Huskies' Flint Named Top Rookie and Coach of 2022-23

AMESBURY, Mass. - The Hockey East Association announced today that Northeastern graduate forward **Alina Mueller** (Winterthur, Switzerland) has been awarded the 2023 Cammi Granato Award as Hockey East Player of the Year. It is the third time Mueller has been so honored, setting a new standard of excellence during a Hockey East career.

Alongside Mueller, Northeastern head coach **Dave Flint** was named Hockey East Coach of the Year by his peers for the fifth time in his career. Vermont forward **Lara Beecher** (Buffalo, N.Y.) was honored as Pro Ambitions Rookie of the Year.

Mueller rewrote the record books during 2022-23, leading the league with 40 points on 15 goals and 25 assists in 27 conference games to become Hockey East's all-time leading scorer at 176 points and all-time assists leader with 108. Her 25 helpers tied for eighth-most in a single season in Hockey East history. No player scored more game-winning goals in Hockey East play than Mueller's six, helping Northeastern to its fifth regular season crown. Overall, Mueller's 55 points and nine game-winning goals are the most of any league player. She finished with a plus-43 on-ice rating and won 55.7% of her faceoffs. Last week, Mueller was named as the lone unanimous selection to the All-Hockey East First Team and as the runner-up for the PNC Bank Three Stars Award. In the Hockey East quarterfinals, she became the all-time career tournament points leader (30) with a three-goal, two-assist performance. Mueller is tied with **Kendall Coyne** for Northeastern's career points record, sitting at 249 overall points. She was also named Hockey East Player of the Week four times in 2022-23 and Hockey East Player of the Month for February. It is Mueller's third Cammi Granato Award, tying **Kelli Stack's** record during her tenure with Boston College.

Beecher tied for the lead among all Hockey East rookies with 18 points in league play, leading the way with eight goals and 0.67 points per game. Three of her tallies came on the power-play while she posted a plus-18 on-ice rating. Her 44 shots were the eighth most by a first-year player. Overall, Beecher compiled 19 points (8g, 11a) in 34 outings. She earned Pro Ambitions Rookie of the Month status in January when she scored four goals and two assists solidify their top-15 ranking in the country and second place position in Hockey East. She also picked up Pro Ambitions Rookie of the Week accolades on Oct. 17 after a goal and two assists for her first career multi-point game in the Catamounts' 6-1 win over then-#14 UConn.

Flint, named Hockey East Coach of the Year by his peers for the fifth time in his career, has led the Northeastern Huskies to a 31-2-1 overall record and a 24-2-1 mark in Hockey East play to capture their fifth-straight regular season crown. Under Flint, the Huskies played staunch defense, allowing just 23 goals in 27 games (0.85 goals per game) while scoring 100 (3.70.) His team's power play converted at a league-best 22.3% success rate while stifling opponents' opportunities 91.5% of the time, second best in Hockey East.

The 2023 Hockey East Women's Tournament continues tonight with semifinal games beginning at 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Both games will be streamed live on ESPN+ and the title game will air nationally on ESPNU on Saturday at 12:00 p.m.

2023 Hockey East Women's Tournament Schedule

Date	Match Up	Time	Watch/Result
Wed., Feb. 22	#8 New Hampshire def. #9 Holy Cross		6-3
Wed., Feb. 22	#10 Merrimack def. #7 Boston University		5-4 (OT)
Sat., Feb. 25	#2 Vermont def. #8 New Hampshire		2-1 (OT)
Sat., Feb. 25	#1 Northeastern def. #10 Merrimack		5-1
Sat., Feb. 25	#4 Boston College def. #5s UConn		4-3 (OT)
Sat., Feb. 25	#3 Providence def. #6 Maine		5-2
Wed., March 1	#4 Boston College at #1 Northeastern	6:00pm	ESPN+
Wed., March 1	#3 Providence at #2 Vermont	7:30pm	ESPN+
Sat., March 4	21st Hockey East Championship	12:00pm	ESPNU

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