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## **Stryker Zablocki Named Hockey East Player, Co-Rookie of the Year** *BC's Thomas Shares Top Rookie Honors, Lachapelle is Coach of the Year*

**AMESBURY, Mass.** - The Hockey East Association announced today that Northeastern freshman forward **Stryker Zablocki** (Prince Albert, Sask.) has been awarded the 2026 Cammi Granato Award as Hockey East Player of the Year. Zablocki was also named Pro Ambitions Co-Rookie of the Year.

Alongside Zablocki, Boston College first-year **Ava Thomas** (Downingtown, Pa.) was named Pro Ambitions Co-Rookie of the Year. Holy Cross head coach **Katie Lachapelle** was tabbed as Hockey East Coach of the Year by her peers, the first time she has been so honored and the first time a Holy Cross bench boss earned the accolade.

**Zablocki** is the sixth Husky to win the Cammi Granato Award, named after the legendary Providence pioneer, and the ninth honor for the Northeastern program overall. As a first-year player in league play, Zablocki led all Hockey East skaters in goals (17) and points (34), and was third in assists (17). She is the first rookie to lead Hockey East in conference scoring since 2017-18, when Boston College's **Daryl Watts** was also named Rookie and Player of the Year en route to winning the Patty Kazmaier Memorial Award as the best player in women's NCAA Division I hockey. Her plus-21 rating was tied for first among all players in Hockey East games, while her 112 shots on net were the third-most. No player in Hockey East had more power-play goals than Zablocki, who converted four times while on the advantage and she added two game-winning goals. She was named unanimously to the All-Hockey East First Team and Pro Ambitions All-Rookie Team and was tabbed Pro Ambitions Rookie of the Month in November and January.

**Thomas** was unanimously voted to the All-Hockey East First Team and Pro Ambitions All-Rookie Team after leading Hockey East in assists (19) and finishing second with 14 goals and 33 league points. No player in Hockey East had more game-winning goals (5) in conference games, while her 208 shots on net also paced all conference skaters. She collected Hockey East Player of the Month in September and October and earned Pro Ambitions Rookie of the Month in January and February. On January 16, she collected four assists and six points in a single game, the highest individual total for both stats in Hockey East this season. She also enjoyed an eight-game point streak, the longest such run in the league this year.

**Lachapelle** is honored as Hockey East Coach of the Year after leading the Crusaders to their best-ever season since joining Hockey East in 2018-19, going 10-11-3 in 24 league contests. Holy Cross finished fourth in the Hockey East standings with a program-record 10 wins in conference play. Nearly every player on her squad saw increased point production from 2024-25, a roster that included 16-returnees from a team that went 6-17-4 a year ago. Her team blocked the most shots in Hockey East (352) and allowed the third-fewest goals in league play and had the third-best save percentage of any league team while boasting the third-best penalty kill unit. Her Crusaders also excelled at the faceoff dot, winning 645 draws, the second-highest total in Hockey East play. Lachapelle guided Holy Cross to their first-ever appearance in the Hockey East Tournament semifinals.

### 2026 Hockey East Women's Tournament Schedule

Date	Match Up	Time	TV/Streaming
Wed., Feb. 25	#7 Maine def. #10 Merrimack, 4-0		
Wed., Feb. 25	#8 Boston University def. #9 Providence, 3-0		
Sat., Feb. 28	#6 Vermont def. #3 Boston College, 3-1		
Sat., Feb. 28	#4 Holy Cross def. #5 New Hampshire, 5-4		
Sat., Feb. 28	#2 UConn def. #7 Maine, 6-1		
Sat., Feb. 28	#1 Northeastern def. #8 Boston University, 2-1 (2OT)		
Tue., March 3	#1 Northeastern def. #6 Vermont, 3-1		
Tue., March 3	#2 UConn def. #4 Holy Cross, 6-1		
Sat., March 7	#1 Northeastern at #2 UConn	3:30pm	ESPNEWS / ESPN+

*Schedule is tentative and subject to change*

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