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All-Academic Team Honors 40 Student-Athletes *Merrimack's David Breen is Top Scholar-Athlete with 3.91 GPA*

Celebrating another successful season in the classroom, Hockey East is pleased to identify 40 student-athletes who have excelled off the ice as well as on it.

League officials instituted the All-Academic Team in 1989. To qualify for the team, an individual must achieve a grade point average of at least 3.0 in each of the two academic periods during which he was actively competing.

Freshman forward David Breen of Merrimack College was named 2002-03 Top Scholar-Athlete, an award given annually to the player who achieves the highest grade-point-average over the course of the season. A native son of North Andover, Breen attended Phillips Andover Academy prior to enrolling at Merrimack. Breen's 3.91 GPA edged the mark of senior teammate Lucas Smith (*Milton, MA*), last season's Top Scholar-Athlete.

A regular on the All-Academic squad, Smith is one of four seniors designated as Distinguished Scholars this year. Distinguished Scholars are those players that qualify for the All-Academic team in each of their four seasons of competition. Black Bear forwards Martin Kariya (*N. Vancouver, BC*) and Gray Shaneberger (*Sewell, NJ*), join A.J. Walker (*Faribault, MN*) of Boston College alongside Smith as Distinguished Scholars.

The Academic All-Star team consists of a forward line of Smith, Breen and NU's Eric Ortlip (*St. Louis, MO*). Fellow Husky Joe Mastronardi (*Vestal, NY*), a three-time All-Academic team member, is paired on defense with rookie Matt Collar (*Plano, TX*) of UMass Lowell. Frank Doyle (*Guelph, ON*) had the highest GPA among Hockey East netminders, as well as the third highest save percentage.

Boston College (9)

Chris Collins
Ben Eaves ***
Stephen Gionta
Ned Havern
Taylor Leahy
Ben Lovejoy
Robbie Miller
Dave Spina
A.J. Walker +

Boston University (2)

Ryan Priem
Matt Radoslovich

University of Maine (5)

Frank Doyle
Todd Jackson ***

Martin Kariya +

Steve Mullin
Gray Shaneberger +

University of Massachusetts (3)

Jeff Lang **
Kelly Sickavish
Peter Trovato **

UMass Lowell (4)

Matt Collar
Bobby Robins
Dominic Smart
Niklas Storm **

Merrimack College (3)

Casey Guenther
Lucas Smith +
David Breen (3.91 GPA)
(2002-03 Top Scholar-Athlete)

Academic All-Star Team

(Top GPAs by position)
Goaltender: Frank Doyle, ME
Defense: Matt Collar, UML
Defense: Joe Mastronardi, NU
Forward: David Breen, MC
Forward: Eric Ortlip, NU
Forward: Lucas Smith, MC

University of New Hampshire (2)

Jim Abbott
Matt Hoppe **

Northeastern University (10)

Mike Gilhooly
Donny Grover
Tim Heneroty
Tim Judy
Jonathan Koop
Joe Mastronardi ***
Jared Mudryk **
Eric Ortlip **
Mike Ryan
Steve Sanders

Providence College (3)

Nate Meyers
Nolan Schaefer **
Shawn Weiman

+ – Indicates "Distinguished Scholar" who has posted a 3.0 or better in each semester during his four years.

*** – Indicates three-time honoree ** – Indicates two-time honoree