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100 Hockey East Alumni Begin Chase for 2025 Stanley Cup

41 Active Players Remain in Contention for NHL's Top Prize

AMESBURY, Mass. - The Hockey East Association is again the most well-represented college hockey conference in the Stanley Cup Playoffs with 100 league alumni set to battle for the NHL's top prize. Of the 100 products of league member schools, 41 are active players that appeared on the rosters of their NHL clubs this season and 59 include front office staff and coaches representing 10 different member institutions. The full list of players and staff is below.

All 16 teams that clinched a spot in the NHL playoffs have at least one Hockey East alumni on their roster and at least one Hockey East alumni on the coaching staff or in their front office. Of the 117 NCAA alumni on NHL playoff rosters, Hockey East accounts for over one-third of those battling for the Stanley Cup.

The 41 active players represent 10 different institutions with Boston College and Boston University topping the league with nine representatives each. Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Providence claim four alumni each, while Northeastern is represented by three former players and two Maine Black Bears have reached the NHL Playoffs. UMass Lowell, Merrimack, and Vermont all boast one former player vying to etch their name on the Stanley Cup. Additionally, all three Notre Dame products in the Stanley Cup playoffs played in Hockey East.

In total, a record 123 Hockey East alumni appeared in at least one NHL game during the 2024-25 regular season, eclipsing the previous all-time record set in 2021-22 and 2022-23 of 109. It marks making five consecutive season with over 100 Hockey East alumni playing at the game's highest level. All 11 current men's member institutions had at least one former player represented.

The Hockey East Association saw 10 alumni raise the 2024 Stanley Cup with the Florida Panthers. The league representatives included five players and five members of the Panthers front office staff and it marked the 14th straight year that at least one Hockey East product had their name engraved on the Stanley Cup.

In addition to NCAA alumni dotting NHL playoff rosters, half of the 16 teams competing in the Stanley Cup Playoffs were assembled by general managers who played college hockey: Colorado's **Chris MacFarland** (Pace), Florida's **Bill Zito** (Yale), Los Angeles' **Rob Blake** (Bowling Green), Minnesota's **Bill Guerin** (Boston College), Montreal's **Kent Hughes** (Middlebury), New Jersey's **Tom Fitzgerald** (Providence), Vegas' **Kelly McCrimmon** (Michigan), Washington's **Chris Patrick** (Princeton).

Six of the qualifying teams are coached by former NCAA players: Carolina's **Rod Brind'Amour** (Michigan State), Los Angeles' **Jim Hiller** (Northern Michigan), Minnesota's **John Hynes** (Boston University), Montreal's **Martin St. Louis** (Vermont), St. Louis' **Jim Montgomery** (Maine), and Washington's **Spencer Carbery** (Alaska Anchorage, St. Norbert).

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Hockey East Players in the 2025 Stanley Cup Playoffs

Player	Hockey East	NHL	Pos.
Cam Atkinson	Boston College	TBL	F
Matt Boldy	Boston College	MIN	F
Brian Dumoulin	Boston College	NJD / ANA	D
Noah Hanifin	Boston College	VGK	D
Ryan Leonard	Boston College	WSH	F
Mike Matheson	Boston College	MTL	D
Alex Newhook	Boston College	MTL	F
Joseph Woll	Boston College	TOR	G
Miles Wood	Boston College	COL	F
Charlie Coyle	Boston University	COL / BOS	F
Jack Eichel	Boston University	VGK	F
Domenick Fensore	Boston University	CAR	D
A.J. Greer	Boston University	FLA	F
Quinn Hutson	Boston University	EDM	F
Lane Hutson	Boston University	MTL	D
Jake Oettinger	Boston University	DAL	G
Evan Rodrigues	Boston University	FLA	F
Brady Tkachuk	Boston University	OTT	F
Bradly Nadeau	Maine	CAR	F
Gustav Nyquist	Maine	MIN / NSH	F
Mitchell Chaffee	Massachusetts	TBL	F
Matthew Kessel	Massachusetts	STL	D
Cale Makar	Massachusetts	COL	D
Scott Morrow	Massachusetts	CAR	D
Johnathan Kovacevic	Merrimack	NJD	D
Casey DeSmith	New Hampshire	DAL	G
Warren Foegele	New Hampshire	LAK	F
Brett Pesce	New Hampshire	NJD	D
Trevor van Riemsdyk	New Hampshire	WSH	D
Adam Gaudette	Northeastern	OTT	F
Josh Manson	Northeastern	COL	D
Jayden Struble	Northeastern	MTL	D
Jake Evans	Notre Dame	MTL	F
Dennis Gilbert	Notre Dame	OTT / BUF	D
Vinnie Hinostroza	Notre Dame	MIN / NSH	F
Brandon Duhaime	Providence	WSH	F
Mark Jankowski	Providence	CAR / NSH	F
Brandon Tanev	Providence	WPG / SEA	F
Jake Walman	Providence	EDM / SJS	D
Connor Hellebuyck	UMass Lowell	WPG	G
Ross Colton	Vermont	COL	F

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Hockey East Staff in the 2025 Stanley Cup Playoffs

Carolina Hurricanes

Development Coach Peter Harrold – Boston College (2002-06)

New Jersey Devils

President, Hockey Operations/GM Tom Fitzgerald – Providence (1986-88)

Player Development Coach Eric Weinrich – Maine (1985-88)

Skills Development Coordinator Ryan Murphy – Boston College (2001-05)

Chief Scout, Amateur Scouting Mark Dennehy – Boston College (1987-91)

Head of US Scouting Scott Lachance – Boston University (1990-91)

Pro Scout Brian Strait – Boston University (2006-09)

ECHL Head Coach Pete MacArthur – Boston University (2004-08)

Colorado Avalanche

Director of Amateur Scouting Nick Pryor – Maine (2009-13)

Scout Rob Riley – Boston College (1974-78)

Scout Neil Shea – Boston College (1982-86)

Dallas Stars

Coordinator, Player Development Ben Bishop – Maine (2005-08)

Scout Bob Emery – Boston College (1982-86)

Pro Scout Matt Mangene – Maine (2009-12)

Washington Capitals

Player Development Brooks Orpik – Boston College (1998-2001)

Scout Rich Alger – Massachusetts (1993-94), Boston University (1995-97)

Scout A.J. Toews – Northeastern (1996-98)

Manager, Hockey Analytics H.T. Lenz – Vermont (2010-14)

ECHL Assistant Coach Mike Hamilton – Maine (2003-07)

Montreal Canadiens

Head Coach Martin St. Louis – Vermont (1993-97)

Coach Consultant Roger Grillo – Maine (1982-84)

Director, Player Evaluation/Amateur Scout Billy Ryan – Maine (2004-08)

Assistant Director, Hockey Development Scott Pellerin – Maine (1988-92)

Player Development Consultant Marie-Philip Poulin – Boston University (2010-15)

Pro Scout Gordon Clark – New Hampshire (1971-74)

Pro Scout Teddy Purcell – Maine (2006-07)

Scout Mark Mullen – Boston University (2000-04)

Chief North American Scout Albie O'Connell – Boston University (1995-99)

Winnipeg Jets

Pro & College Scout Mark White – New Hampshire (1997-2001)

St. Louis Blues

President and CEO, Business Operations Chris Zimmerman – Vermont (1977-81)

Head Coach Jim Montgomery – Maine (1989-93)

Director, Recruitment Keith Tkachuk – Boston University (1990-91)

Skills Coach Michael Babcock – Merrimack (2015-19)

Florida Panthers

Assistant General Manager Brett Peterson – Boston College (2000-04)

Senior Advisor to the General Manager Paul Fenton – Boston University (1979-82)

Manager, Player Development Mike Ryan – Northeastern (1999-2003)

Professional Scout P.J. Fenton – Massachusetts (2004-08)

Amateur Scout Josh Monk – Providence (2013-17)

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Tampa Bay Lightning

Pro Scout Stephen Gionta – Boston College (2002-06)
College Scout Brian Putnam – New Hampshire (1993-97)
AHL Assistant Coach J.D. Forrest – Boston College (2000-04)
ECHL Assistant Coach Ben Holmstrom – UMass Lowell (2006-10)

Los Angeles Kings

ECHL Head Coach/General Manager Kyle Mountain – Vermont (2011-14), Omaha (2014-15)
ECHL Goaltending Development Coach Danny Tirone – New Hampshire (2014-18)

Edmonton Oilers

Special Advisor & Alternate Governor, Hockey Ops. Bob Nicholson – Providence (1973-74)
Pro Scout Dani Rylan Kearney – Northeastern (2010-12)
Amateur Scout Scott Harlow – Boston College (1982-86)

Ottawa Senators

Professional Scout Steve Stirling – Boston University (1968-71)

Toronto Maple Leafs

Amateur Scout Jim Vesey – Merrimack (1984-88)
College Free Agent Scout Chris Bourque – Boston University (2004-05)

Minnesota Wild

GM/President of Hockey Operations Bill Guerin – Boston College (1989-91)
Assistant General Manager Chris Kelleher – Boston University (1994-98)
Head Coach John Hynes – Boston University (1994-97)
Associate Coach Jack Capuano – Maine (1985-88)
Pro Scout Mark Mowers – New Hampshire (1994-98)
ECHL Head Coach & General Manager Derek Damon – Maine (2002-06)

Vegas Golden Knights

Assistant Coach Dominique Ducharme – Vermont (1991-95)
European Scout Peter Ahola – Boston University (1989-91)
ECHL Assistant Coach Brett Boeing – Michigan Tech (2015-16), UMass (2016-19)

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