



# Hockey Commissioners Association

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## BOSTON UNIVERSITY'S COLE HUTSON IS 2025 TIM TAYLOR NATIONAL ROOKIE OF THE YEAR Record Sixth ROY for BU and Second Straight

Boston University freshman defenseman **Cole Hutson** has been named the recipient of the **2025 Tim Taylor Award**, bestowed annually upon the best first-year player in NCAA Division I men's ice hockey, the Hockey Commissioners' Association announced today.

He is the sixth BU player to win this award and second straight. The others: goalie **Kieran Millan** in 2009, forwards **Jack Eichel** in 2015, **Clayton Keller** in 2017, **Joel Farabee** in 2019; and **Macklin Celebrini** in 2024. Hutson's brother Lane was the ROY runner-up in 2023.

The award is voted on by the nation's assistant coaches and is named for the former Yale University and U.S. Olympic Team head coach.



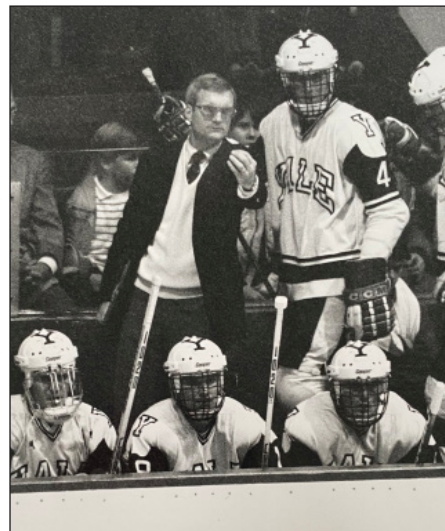
Hutson led his Terriers to the Frozen Four in St. Louis after receiving the

NCAA Toledo Regional Most Outstanding Player award. The Hockey East Rookie of the Year and a Hockey East First Team All-Star, Hutson was also the MVP of Boston's famed Beanpot Tournament, after totaling five points (3g, 2a), including two goals and two assists in the semifinals and the game-winning goal in the championship game. He enters the Frozen Four as points per game leader among all NCAA rookies and defensemen at 1.24, and he paces all NCAA rookies in points (46) and assists (32).

**Tim Taylor**, for whom the award is named, spent 28 seasons at Yale and became the school's winningest head coach as he collected 337 victories.

His tenure spanned from 1976-2006, while taking two years on leave to coach the U.S. Men's Olympic Ice Hockey Team as an assistant coach in 1984 and as the head coach in 1994. Taylor was captain of the Harvard University men's ice hockey team before he graduated in 1963. He began his coaching career at his alma mater, serving as an assistant coach on the Crimson staff under Ralph "Cooney" Weiland and Bill Cleary before beginning his time with the Bulldogs in New Haven, Connecticut.

The Hockey Commissioners Association sponsors this award which results from a ballot containing each NCAA Division I ice hockey conference's Rookie of the Year. The runner-up for this year's Tim Taylor Rookie of the Year Award was the University of North Dakota's **Sacha Boisvert**, a freshman forward from Trois-Rivières, Quebec.

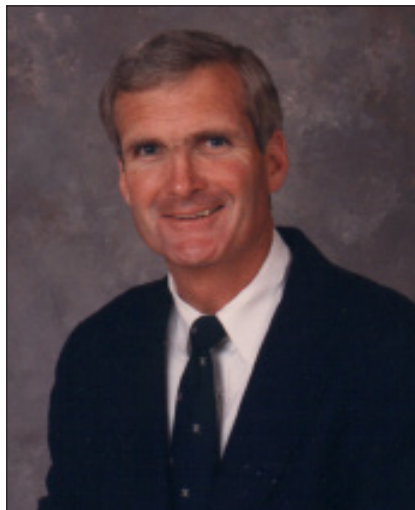


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## **Recipients of the Tim Taylor National Rookie of the Year Award**

2007	Andreas Nodl, F, St. Cloud State University
2008	Richard Bachman, G, Colorado College
2009	Kieran Millan, G, Boston University
2010	Stephane Da Costa, F, Merrimack College
2011	T.J. Tynan, F, Notre Dame University
2012	Joey LaLeggia, D, University of Denver
2013	Jon Gillies, G, Providence College
2014	Sam Anas, F, Quinnipiac University
2015	Jack Eichel, F, Boston University
2016	Kyle Connor, F, University of Michigan
2017	Clayton Keller, F, Boston University
2018	Scott Perunovich, D, Minnesota Duluth
2019	Joel Farabee, F, Boston University
2020	Alex Newhook, F, Boston College
2021	Thomas Bordeleau, F, University of Michigan
2022	Devon Levi, G, Northeastern University
2023	Adam Fantilli, F, University of Michigan
2024	Macklin Celebrini, F, Boston University
2025	Cole Hutson, D, Boston University



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