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Hockey East Sets Record in Historic NHL Entry Draft

League Boasts Most Draft Picks in Record Breaking College Hockey Showing

AMESBURY, Mass. - During a historic 2026 NHL Entry Draft for college hockey that saw 109 current or committed players selected, the most since the NHL went to its current seven-round draft format in 2005, the Hockey East Association stood above all other conferences with 34 picks, the most selections in league history. A full list of the historic draft class can be found below.

In total, 10 of the 11 Hockey East men's member schools had least one player selected in the 2026 NHL Entry Draft. The crop included four players that competed in Hockey East in 2025-26: **Tynan Lawrence** (Boston University/St. Louis Blues) and **Oscar Hemming** (Boston College/Columbus Blue Jackets), **Landon Nycz** (Massachusetts/St. Louis Blues), and **Jack Parsons** (Providence/Winnipeg Jets).

The selections were highlighted by four first-round picks as part of a record 19 NCAA players taken on the first day of the draft. Twelve of the Hockey East picks came in the first two rounds, representing six of the league's 11 members. Overall, Hockey East programs were paced by Boston University and Massachusetts, who each boasted eight selections, good for second-most of any NCAA team. They were followed by six from Boston College and Providence, and one each for UConn, Maine, Merrimack, New Hampshire, Northeastern, and Vermont.

Prospects played in a variety of leagues in 2025-26. Notably, 18 of the players competed in the CHL while eight developed in the USHL, including with USA Hockey's National Team Development Program.

The 109 picks with NCAA ties represented the most NCAA selections since 1990, when 109 were chosen in the NHL's then-12-round draft. In all, a record 36 NCAA programs had at least one player selected in 2026.

The 2026 NHL Entry Draft concludes another record-breaking season for Hockey East, which was again the most well-represented college hockey league in the NHL. Hockey East developed 38% of all college alumni that played in the sport's top league in 2025-26. In total, a record 127 Hockey East alumni appeared in at least one NHL game during the regular season, eclipsing the previous all-time record set last year with 123. Just two years ago the high-water mark stood at 109. It marks six consecutive seasons 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. Providence's **Mark Jankowski** also claimed the 2026 Stanley Cup with the Carolina Hurricanes.

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Hockey East Players and Commits in the 2026 NHL Entry Draft

Rd.	No.	Player	Pos.	Nationality	NHL Team	NCAA Team	2025-26 Team
1	3	Caleb Malhotra	F	Canada	VAN	Boston University	Brantford (OHL)
1	11	Tynan Lawrence	F	Canada	STL	Boston University	Boston University
1	14	Oscar Hemming	F	Finland	CBJ	Boston College	Boston College
1	27	Maksim Sokolovskii	D	Kazakhstan	PHI	Maine	London (OHL)
2	34	Xavier Villeneuve	D	Canada	CHI	Boston University	Blainville-Boisbriand (QMJHL)
2	38	Casey Mutryn	F	United States	SEA	Boston College	U.S. NTDP
2	41	Niklas Aaram-Olsen	F	Norway	VAN	Boston University	Orebro Jr. (Europe)
2	42	Tobias Trejbal	G	Czechia	CGY	Massachusetts	Youngstown (USHL)
2	46	Liam Lefebvre	F	Canada	LAK	Vermont	Chicoutimi (QMJHL)
2	48	Ryder Cali	F	Canada	FLA	Providence	North Bay (OHL)
2	52	Oleg Kulebiakin	F	Russia	TBL	Massachusetts	Halifax (QMJHL)
2	58	Rudolfs Berzkalns	F	Latvia	EDM	Boston College	Muskegon (USHL)
3	66	Samu Alalauri	D	Finland	CHI	Massachusetts	Pelicans Jr. (Europe)
3	75	Luke Schairer	D	United States	STL	Boston University	U.S. NTDP
3	77	Charlie Morrison	D	Canada	NYR	UConn	Quebec (QMJHL)
3	80	Blake Zielinski	F	United States	LAK	Providence	Des Moines (USHL)
3	82	Rian Chudzinski	F	United States	ANA	Boston University	Moncton (QMJHL)
4	97	Yaroslav Bryzgalov	F	Belarus	VAN	Merrimack	Medicine Hat (WHL)
4	100	Egor Barabanov	F	Russia	CGY	Massachusetts	Saginaw (OHL)
4	102	Spencer Bowes	F	Canada	NYR	Providence	Ottawa (OHL)
4	103	Thomas Vandenberg	F	Canada	LAK	Providence	Ottawa (OHL)
4	107	Landon Nycz	D	United States	STL	Massachusetts	Massachusetts
4	111	Parker Von Richter	D	Canada	PIT	New Hampshire	Barrie (OHL)
4	124	Olivers Murnieks	F	Latvia	BUF	Boston College	Saint John (QMJHL)
4	127	Brady Knowling	G	United States	SJS	Boston University	U.S. NTDP
5	131	Finn Kearns	D	Canada	SEA	Massachusetts	St. Andrew's College
5	133	Andrew Robinson	D	Canada	EDM	Providence	Windsor (OHL)
5	135	Alexandre Taillefer	D	Canada	WPG	Massachusetts	Quebec (QMJHL)
5	144	Brian McFadden	D	United States	WSH	Northeastern	Thayer Academy (Prep)
6	170	Roberto Henriquez	G	Slovakia	BOS	Boston College	Green Bay (USHL)
7	195	Shawn Carrier	F	Canada	COL	Boston University	Halifax (QMJHL)
7	197	Jasper Kuhta	F	Finland	DAL	Massachusetts	Ottawa (OHL)
7	212	Ryan Cameron	G	United States	EDM	Boston College	Cedar Rapids (USHL)
7	220	Jack Parsons	G	United States	WPG	Providence	Providence

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