



2024 NHL DRAFT GUIDE

THE NHL'S GROWING NCAA INFLUENCE

The impact of former NCAA players, coaches and executives in the NHL continues to grow and the 2024 NHL Draft at Sphere in Las Vegas is just the latest step in this trend.

Consider:

- There have been 61 first-round picks from the NCAA over the last eight NHL Drafts (2016-13) compared to 35 first-rounders over the previous eight drafts (2008-15).
- A total of 326 NCAA alumni played in the NHL in 2023-24, including:
 - Norris Trophy finalists Quinn Hughes (Michigan) and Cale Makar (UMass)
 - Vezina Trophy finalists Thatcher Demko (Boston College) and Connor Hellebuyck (UMass)
 - Calder Memorial Trophy finalists Brock Faber (Minnesota) and Luke Hughes (Michigan)
 - Lady Byng Memorial Trophy recipient Jaccob Slavin (Colorado College)
 - Mark Messier NHL Leadership Award recipient Jacob Trouba (Michigan)
- Half of the NHL's general managers (16 out of 32) in 2023-24 were former college hockey players.
- More than 40 percent of the NHL's head coaches (13 out of 32) in 2023-24 were NCAA alumni.

The 2024 NHL Draft projects to be another memorable one for NCAA hockey:

- Boston University F Macklin Celebrini is projected to be the No. 1 overall pick.
- Celebrini is one of three active NCAA players (Michigan State D Artyom Levshunov, Denver D Zeev Buium) ranked among the top four North American skaters by NHL Central Scouting
- Thirty-five different schools were represented in the final NHL Central Scouting rankings.



NHL DRAFT BY THE NUMBERS

- 201** – NCAA players drafted in the first round since 1964 (St. Lawrence’s Alex Campbell was the first)
- 194** – NCAA players selected by the Montreal Canadiens in NHL Amateur/Entry Drafts, the most of any franchise
- 125** – NCAA players taken in the 1987 Entry Draft, the most in any one draft
- 105** – NCAA players and recruits in NHL Central Scouting’s Final Rankings
- 88** – Percentage of Americans taken in the first round of the last five drafts (2019-23) that played NCAA hockey
- 70** – NCAA players and recruits selected in the 2019 NHL Draft, most in 12 years
- 35** – Schools represented (of the 64 in Division I) in the Central Scouting rankings
- 33** – First-round picks to play for Michigan, the most of any school
 - First-Round Picks by School
 - 33 – Michigan
 - 26 – Minnesota
 - 25 – Boston College
 - 22 – Boston University
 - 20 – North Dakota
- 28** – Schools that have produced a first-round pick all-time
- 28** – Consecutive years with a draft pick for Boston College and Michigan (starting in 1996), the longest such streak in college hockey history
- 17** – Age of Boston University’s Macklin Celebrini all season in 2023-24; the youngest player in Division I, he turned 18 on June 13
- 17** – The most NCAA selections in any one round of a draft (fourth round in 2018, sixth round in 2015, ninth round in 2004)
- 14** – First rounders who played NCAA hockey in 2023-24
- 12** – First round picks from Michigan since 2018
- 11** – College players taken in the first round in 2016 and 2007, the most first-rounders in any draft
- 9** – The most picks from one school in one draft (Minnesota, 2007)
- 7** – NCAA picks among the first 16 selections of the 2019 NHL Draft, most ever
- 7** – The most first-round picks to play for one NCAA team (Michigan, 2021-22; Johnny Beecher, Matty Beniers, Brendon Brisson, Luke Hughes, Kent Johnson, Owen Power, Mackie Samoskevich)
- 5** – The most top-10 picks in one draft to play NCAA hockey (2021: Owen Power, Matty Beniers, Luke Hughes, Kent Johnson, Tyler Boucher)

NCAA Draft Picks by Year			
Year	1st Rd.	NCAA	Total Picks
2023	9	69	224
2022	7	66	225
2021	9	56	224
2020	3	64	216
2019	9	70	217
2018	7	65	217
2017	6	60	217
2016	11	60	211
2015	7	56	211
2014	3	61	210
2013	-	58	211
2012	5	65	211
2011	2	55	211
2010	8	61	210
2009	6	63	210
2008	4	62	211
2007	11	75	211
2006	7	70	213
2005	8	69	230
2004	7	90	291
2003	9	72	292
2002	6	77	291
2001	4	56	289
2000	7	65	293
1999	3	60	272
1998	1	44	258
1997	-	43	246
1996	3	41	241
1995	-	12	234
1994	2	63	286
1993	3	70	286
1992	3	55	264
1991	3	97	264
1990	3	109	250
1989	3	112	252
1988	2	112	252
1987	1	125	252
1986	5	92	252
1985	3	89	252
1984	2	98	250
1983	1	75	242
1982	1	71	252
1981	1	48	211
1980	1	55	210
1979	1	16	126
1978	-	79	234
1977	-	52	185
1976	1	31	135
1975	-	65	217
1974	-	48	246
1973	-	26	168
1972	-	21	152
1971	1	24	117
1970	-	17	115
1969	-	8	85
1968	1	3	24
1967	-	1	18
1966	-	1	24
1965	-	1	11
1964	1	6	25
1963	-	2	21



THE LAST TIME:

- An NCAA player went #1 overall.....2021: Owen Power (Michigan/Buffalo Sabres)
2006: Erik Johnson (Minnesota/St. Louis Blues)
2000: Rick DiPietro (Boston University/New York Islanders)
1986: Joe Murphy (Michigan State/Detroit Red Wings)
- NCAA players went #1-2 overall2021: Owen Power (Michigan) & Matty Beniers (Michigan)
- Four of the top five picks were NCAA players/recruit2021: Owen Power, Matty Beniers, Luke Hughes, Kent Johnson
- One school had the first two NCAA players selected2021: Michigan (Owen Power, Matty Beniers)
1988: Michigan State (Rod Brind'Amour, Jason Muzzatti)
1981: North Dakota (James Patrick, Dave Donnelly)
1975: Wisconsin (Peter Scamurra, Brian Engblom)
1974: Denver (Bruce Affleck, Pete LoPresti)
1972: Denver (Bob Krieger, Tom Peluso)
- One school had two+ *current* players taken in 1st rd2021: Michigan (Owen Power, Matty Beniers, Kent Johnson)
2001: Ohio State (R.J. Umberger, Dave Steckel)
2000: Boston College (Brooks Orpik, Krys Kolanos)
1990: Michigan State (Michael Stewart, Bryan Smolinski)
- One school had four players *or* recruits taken in 1st rd....2021: Michigan (Owen Power, Matty Beniers, Luke Hughes, Kent Johnson, Mackie Samoskevich)
2006, Minnesota (Erik Johnson, Phil Kessel, Kyle Okposo, David Fischer)
2016, Boston University (Clayton Keller, Charlie McAvoy, Dante Fabbro, Kieffer Bellows)

SUPERLATIVES BY SCHOOL:

Most players/recruits selected, all-time

- 228 – Minnesota
- 190 – Boston University
- 186 – North Dakota
- 180 – Wisconsin
- 177 – Michigan

Most players/recruits selected in the first round, all-time

- 33 – Michigan
- 26 – Minnesota
- 25 – Boston College
- 22 – Boston University
- 20 – North Dakota

CURRENT & FUTURE NCAA PLAYERS IN NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING'S RANKINGS

- 35 schools represented • 6 uncommitted North American players

North American Skaters

Rank	Name	NCAA Team	Rank	Name	NCAA Team
1	Macklin Celebrini	Boston University	127	Ben Merrill	Harvard
2	Artyom Levshunov	Michigan State	132	Finn McLaughlin	Denver
4	Zeev Buium	Denver	139	Van Blaricom	Michigan Tech
6	Trevor Connelly	Providence	140	Tanner Adams	Providence
10	Michael Hage	Michigan	145	John Whipple	Minnesota
12	Cole Eiserman	Boston University	147	Brendan McMorrow	Denver
16	Sacha Boisvert	North Dakota	148	Sam Laurila	North Dakota
23	Dean Letourneau	Boston College	152	Mac Swanson	North Dakota
27	John Mustard	Providence	153	Daniel Shlaine	Minnesota Duluth
28	Kamil Bednarik	Boston University	154	Bauer Berry	St. Thomas
32	Colin Ralph	St. Cloud State	156	Kuzma Voronin	Uncommitted
34	Adam Kleber	Minnesota Duluth	158	Jackson Smithknecht	Colorado College
39	E.J. Emery	North Dakota	159	Carson Pilgrim	North Dakota
43	Max Plante	Minnesota Duluth	165	John Stout	Minnesota Duluth
44	Teddy Stiga	Boston College	166	Chase Stefanek	Harvard
47	Javon Moore	Minnesota	167	Andrew DellaSalla	Harvard
49	Ilya Protas	Uncommitted	168	Landan Resendes	Boston College
54	William Zellers	North Dakota	171	Jason Davenport	Miami
55	Cole Hutson	Boston University	172	Mason Peapenburg	Wisconsin
56	Will Skahan	Boston College	173	Jake Sondreal	Boston College
59	Brodie Ziemer	Minnesota	175	Charlie Cerrato	Penn State
65	Jack Pridham	Boston University	177	Erik Pålsson	Minnesota
66	Elliott Groenewold	Quinnipiac	181	Austin Moline	Northern Michigan
68	Hagen Burrows	Denver	182	Owen Keefe	Northeastern
71	Christian Humphreys	Michigan	183	Easton Hewson	Minnesota State
74	Xavier Veilleux	Harvard	186	Nathan Free	Penn State
75	Lucas Van Vliet	Michigan State	190	Luke Goukler	Merrimack
79	Tanner Henricks	St. Cloud State	193	Luken Huff	St. Cloud State
83	Joonas Vaisanen	Western Michigan	195	Connor MacPherson	New Hampshire
87	Luke Osburn	Wisconsin	196	Alex Lunski	St. Thomas
90	Tory Pitner	Denver	197	J.J. Monteiro	Providence
91	Aidan Park	Michigan	198	Noah Lapointe	Arizona State
92	James Reeder	Denver	199	Lee Parks	UMass Lowell
95	Jimmy Dodig	Merrimack	201	Kristian Epperson	Michigan
97	Jake Fisher	Denver	207	Drew Waterfield	Yale
98	Jonathan Morello	Clarkson	209	Charles Pardue	Notre Dame
99	Callum Hughes	Boston University	211	Erik Kald	Merrimack
101	Blake Montgomery	Wisconsin	213	Keith McInnis	North Dakota
104	Austin Baker	Michigan State	214	Ethan Gardula	UConn
108	Chase Pietila	Michigan Tech	215	Jack Sadowski	New Hampshire
110	Matt Lahey	Clarkson	221	Zachary Sharp	Western Michigan
113	Austin Burnevik	St. Cloud State			
114	Logan Sawyer	Providence			
115	Kaden Shahan	UConn			
118	Joe Connor	Northeastern			
120	Caeden Herrington	Vermont			
121	Nolan Roed	St. Cloud State			
122	David Green	Merrimack			
123	Luke Ashton	Minnesota State			
124	Giovanni DiGiulian	Cornell			

North American Goaltenders

Rank	Name	NCAA Team
1	Mikhail Yegorov	Boston University
4	Nick Kempf	Notre Dame
13	John Parsons	Providence
14	Marko Bilic	Arizona State
15	Louka Cloutier	Omaha
16	Sebastian Gatto	Uncommitted
17	Thatcher Bernstein	Harvard
20	Jaden Cholette	Uncommitted
21	Samuel Urban	Arizona State
22	Albin Boija	Maine
23	Caleb Heil	North Dakota
25	Stephen Peck	Michigan
28	Andrew Reyelts	Lindenwood
31	Lennart Neisse	Uncommitted
32	Kambryn Hendrickson	Uncommitted

International Skaters

Rank	Name	NCAA Team
29	Gabriel Eliasson	Michigan
30	Alexander Zetterberg	Boston University
47	Edvin Nilsson	UMass
65	Filip Sitar	Northern Michigan

International Goaltenders

Rank	Name	NCAA Team
17	Christian Kirsch	UMass

NCAA IN THE NHL

45 schools had an alum in the NHL in 2023-24. Colleges producing the most 2023-24 NHLers:

Michigan – 30
Minnesota – 26
Boston College – 22
Boston University – 21
UMass, North Dakota – 15
Minnesota Duluth, Wisconsin – 14

NHL players by years in school

(64% played at least three years)

Four years – 81
Three years – 128
Two years – 82
One year – 34

By position:

185 forwards ▪ 120 defensemen ▪ 21 goaltenders



By NHL Draft status:

82 – First round	19 – Sixth round
46 – Second round	14 – Seventh round
34 – Third round	
30 – Fourth round	78 were undrafted free agents
23 – Fifth round	(50% of all undrafted NHL players)

41 schools had at least one NHL Draft pick on their roster in 2023-24. Colleges with the most draft picks:

Boston College, Boston University – 14
UMass, Minnesota, Wisconsin – 13
Denver – 12
Harvard, Michigan, North Dakota – 11

All 32 NHL teams had prospects in college in 2023-24. Those with the most:

Detroit – 15
Nashville – 13
Boston – 12
Chicago, NY Rangers, Tampa Bay, Vancouver – 11

Full list: <http://collegehockeyinc.com/nhl-draft-picks-playing-college-hockey.php>

15 current NHL GMs played college hockey:

Kevyn Adams, Buffalo (Miami)
Rob Blake, Los Angeles (Bowling Green)
Craig Conroy, Calgary (Clarkson)
Chris Drury, NY Rangers (Boston University)
Tom Fitzgerald, New Jersey (Providence)
Mike Grier, San Jose (Boston University)
Bill Guerin, Minnesota (Boston College)
Kent Hughes, Montreal (Middlebury)
Lou Lamoriello, NY Islanders (Providence)
Chris MacFarland, Colorado (Pace)
Brian MacLellan, Washington (Bowling Green)
Kelly McCrimmon, Vegas (Michigan)
Don Sweeney, Boston (Harvard)
Don Waddell, Columbus (Northern Michigan)
Bill Zito, Florida (Yale)

13 current NHL head coaches played college hockey:

Rod Brind'Amour, Carolina (Michigan State)
Dan Bylsma, Seattle (Bowling Green)
Spencer Carbery, Washington (Alaska Anchorage, St. Norbert)
Greg Cronin, Anaheim (Colby College)
Jim Hiller, Los Angeles (Northern Michigan)
John Hynes, Minnesota (Boston University)
Derek Lalonde, Detroit (SUNY Cortland)
Peter Laviolette, NY Rangers (Westfield State)
Jim Montgomery, Boston (Maine)
Martin St. Louis, Montreal (Vermont)
Mike Sullivan, Pittsburgh (Boston University)
John Tortorella, Philadelphia (Maine)
Ryan Warsofsky, San Jose (Sacred Heart, Curry College)

Many more former NCAA players play key roles on the draft floor. Full list of former NCAA players in NHL executive roles: <http://collegehockeyinc.com/former-collegians-nhl-front-offices.php>

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