



2023-24 NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S HOCKEY MEDIA KIT

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NOTES

NCAA Division I men's hockey is in an era of unprecedented talent, parity, and success on and off the ice. Consider:

- More than half of the nation's teams (34) have reached the NCAA Tournament over the last five tournaments
 - 10 of those team have reached the Frozen Four in that time
- Eleven new college hockey venues have opened in the last decade, with a 12th coming (Augustana) in January
- More college hockey alumni than ever before playing in the National Hockey League
- 236 NHL draft picks will play college hockey this season, including 14 first-rounders
- Half of the NHL's 32 current general managers and 13 of the league's head coaches played college hockey
- 92% of NCAA Division I men's hockey players earn a degree, among the top graduation rates of all men's sports

KEY DATES

Oct. 7	Regular season begins
Oct. 7	Augustana makes NCAA Division I debut (@ Wisconsin)
Oct. 13-14	Ice Breaker Tournament at Bemidji State & North Dakota (Army, BSU, UND, Wisconsin)
Nov. 25	Red Hot Hockey (Cornell vs. Boston University @ Madison Square Garden)
Dec. 26-Jan. 5	IIHF World Junior Championship (Gothenburg, Sweden)
Feb. 5 & 12	71st annual Beanpot (TD Garden, Boston)
March 2	Conference tournament play begins in Atlantic Hockey
March 8-10	Conference tournament play begins in Big Ten, CCHA, ECAC
March 13	Conference tournament play begins in Hockey East
March 15-17	Conference tournament play begins in NCHC
March 22	Conference championship game in CCHA
March 23	Conference championship games in Atlantic Hockey, Big Ten, ECAC, Hockey East, NCHC
March 24	NCAA Selection Show
March 28-31	NCAA Regionals
April 11 & 13	NCAA Frozen Four (Xcel Energy Center, Saint Paul)

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DIVISION I PLAYERS BY GEOGRAPHY

United States – 63% (1,132 players)

Canada – 28% (519 players)

Outside of North America – 8% (151 players from 20 countries)

- 56 players – Sweden
- 28 players – Finland
- 14 players -- Latvia
- 9 players – Russia
- 8 players – Slovakia
- 6 players – Czechia
- 5 players – Norway, Switzerland
- 3 players – Germany, Hungary
- 2 players – Belarus, England
- 1 player – Australia, Austria, China, Denmark, Japan, Kazakhstan, Poland, Scotland

American players come from 40 states. The top 10:

Minnesota – 233

Michigan – 138

Massachusetts – 127

New York – 109

Illinois – 54

New Jersey – 52

Pennsylvania – 48

California – 47

Connecticut – 42

Wisconsin – 38

Canadian players come from 12 provinces and territories. The top six:

Ontario – 186

Alberta – 108

British Columbia – 107

Quebec – 46

Saskatchewan – 28

Manitoba – 23

BY JUNIOR LEAGUE

Division I players come from more than 20 junior/high school leagues. The top North American leagues sending players directly to Division I:

USHL – 666 players

NAHL – 382

BCHL – 322

AJHL – 123

NTDP – 56

USPHL/NCDC – 56

OJHL – 41

CCHL – 25

ACTIVE CAREER LEADERS ENTERING 2023-24**Points:**

Andre Ghanous, Northern Michigan – 124
Riese Gaber, North Dakota – 95
Zach Okabe, St. Cloud State – 95
Braeden Tuck, Sacred Heart – 91
Mathieu Gosselin, Clarkson – 89
Griffin Loughran, Canisius – 84
Veeti Miettinen, St. Cloud State – 83
Alex Young, Arizona State – 83
Bryce Brodzinski, Minnesota – 83
Massimo Rizzo, Denver – 82

Goals:

Bryce Brodzinski, Minnesota – 46
Riese Gaber, North Dakota – 46
Andre Ghanous, Northern Michigan – 44
Zach Okabe, St. Cloud State – 42
Matthew Kopperud, Arizona State – 41
Anthony Romano, Clarkson – 39
Griffin Loughran, Canisius – 38
Alex Young, Arizona State – 37
Patrick Moynihan, Notre Dame – 37
Alex Campbell, Northeastern – 34
Ben Brar, Merrimack, -- 34

Assists:

Andre Ghanous, Northern Michigan – 80
Braeden Tuck, Sacred Heart – 63
Ryan Naumovski, Augustana – 58
Mathieu Gosselin, Clarkson – 56
Zack Okabe, St. Cloud State – 53
Massimo Rizzo, Denver – 53
Quinn Olson, Minnesota Duluth – 52
Gabriel Seger, Cornell – 52
Veeti Miettinen, St. Cloud State – 50
Riese Gaber North Dakota – 49
Collin Graf, Quinnipiac – 49
Zak Galambos, Western Michigan – 49

Power-Play Goals:

Matthew Kopperud, Arizona State – 24
Patrick Moynihan, Notre Dame – 24
Riese Gaber, North Dakota – 21
Veeti Miettinen, St. Cloud State – 17
Alex Young, Arizona State – 15
Zach Okabe, St. Cloud State – 14
Five players tied w/ – 13

Shorthanded Goals:

Owen Lindmark, Wisconsin – 6
Lynden Breen, Maine – 4
Logan Pietila, Michigan Tech – 4
Ryan Miotto, Vermont – 3
Nine players tied w/ – 2

Game-Winning Goals:

Veeti Miettinen, St. Cloud State – 9
Zach Okabe, St. Cloud State – 9
Alex Campbell, Clarkson – 8
Riese Gaber, North Dakota – 8
Connor McMenemy, Minnesota Duluth – 8
Logan Pietila, Michigan Tech – 8
Anthony Romano, Clarkson – 8
Hudson Schandor, UConn – 8
Carter Wilkie, RIT – 8
Four players tied w/ – 7

Games Played:

Bryce Brodzinski, Minnesota – 146
Dustin Manz, American International – 141
Logan Pietila, Michigan Tech – 139
Zach Okabe, St. Cloud State – 138
Jesse Lansdell, Omaha – 137
Quinn Olson, Minnesota Duluth – 137
Andre Ghanous, Northern Michigan – 136
Jonny Sorenson, Alaska – 134
Ryan Naumovski, Niagara – 131
Nolan Sullivan, Omaha – 131

Plus/Minus Rating:

Jacob Quillan, Quinnipiac -- +47
Mathieu Gosselin, Clarkson – +42
Massimo Rizzo, Denver – +42
Zak Galambos, Western Michigan – +41
Ondrej Psenicka, Cornell – +36
Jimmy Snuggerud, Minnesota – +35
Marshall Warren, Michigan – +32
Sam Morton, Minnesota State – +31
Collin Graf, Quinnipiac – +29
Bryce Brodzinski, Minnesota – +24
Ryan Kirwan, Penn State – +24

ACTIVE CAREER LEADERS ENTERING 2023-24**Points by Defensemen:**

Brandon Koch, Minnesota State – 77
Zak Galambos, Western Michigan – 69
Tanner Palocsik, Penn State – 66
Scott Morrow, UMass – 64
Dylan Anhorn, St. Cloud State – 61
Drew Bavaro, Notre Dame – 58
Marshall Warren, Michigan – 57
Jacob Bengtsson, Boston College – 57
Nick Anderson, Colgate – 56
Andrew Lucas, Connecticut – 56

Goals by Defensemen:

Scott Morrow, UMass – 22
Zak Galambos, Western Michigan – 20
Marshall Warren, Michigan – 20
Brandon Koch, Minnesota State – 18
Dylan Anhorn, St. Cloud State – 18
Gianfranco Cassaro, RIT – 18
Drew Bavaro, Notre Dame – 17
Lane Hutson, Boston University – 15
Luc Salem, St. Lawrence – 15
Luke Rowe, Air Force – 15

Assists by Defensemen:

Brandon Koch, Minnesota State – 59
Tanner Palocsik, Penn State – 53
Jacob Bengtsson, Boston College – 51
Nick Anderson, Colgate – 50
Zak Galambos, Western Michigan – 49
T.J. Lloyd, Alaska – 47
Andrew Lucas, Connecticut – 45
Sean Behrens, Denver – 44
Dylan Anhorn, St. Cloud State – 43
Mike Koster, Minnesota – 43
David Melaragni, Canisius – 43
Aiden Hansen-Bukata, RIT – 43

Power-Play Goals by Defensemen:

Brandon Koch, Minnesota State – 13
Zak Galambos, Western Michigan – 9
Scott Morrow, UMass – 7
Drew Bavaro, Notre Dame – 7
Ryan Ufko, UMass – 7
Gianfranco Cassaro, RIT – 7
James Crossman, Michigan State – 7
Five players tied w/ – 5

Shorthanded Goals by Defensemen:

13 players tied w/ – 1

Game-Winning Goals by Defensemen:

Kirby Proctor, Omaha – 6
Scott Morrow, UMass – 5
Marshall Warren, Michigan – 5
Lane Hutson, Boston University – 5
Luc Salem, St. Lawrence – 5
Nick Hale, Ferris State – 4
Cam McDonald, Providence – 4
Lauri Sertti, Rensselaer – 4
11 players tied w/ – 3

Games Played by Defensemen:

T.J. Lloyd, Alaska – 138
Kyle Looft, Bemidji State – 137
Jayden Lee, Quinnipiac – 133
Michael Van Unen, Northern Michigan – 133
Cam McDonald, Providence – 133
Kirby Proctor, Omaha – 132
Logan Britt, North Dakota – 131
Marshall Warren, Michigan – 130
Jack Clement, Miami – 130
Jack Judson, Clarkson – 128

Plus/Minus Rating by Defensemen:

Iivari Räsänen, Quinnipiac – +55
Jayden Lee, Quinnipiac – +54
Jacob Truscott, Michigan – +42
Zak Galambos, Western Michigan – +41
Mike Koster, Minnesota – +38
Ian Moore, Harvard – +36
Ryan Siedem, Notre Dame – +35
Keaton Pehrson, North Dakota – +34
Marshall Warren, Michigan – +32
Jérémy Bucheler, Vermont – +32

ACTIVE CAREER GOALTENDING LEADERS ENTERING 2023-24**Games Played:**

Blake Pietila, Michigan Tech – 103
Jacob Barczewski, Michigan – 100
Chad Veltri, Robert Morris – 96
Ludvig Persson, North Dakota – 82
Ethan Haider, UConn – 80
Carter Gylander, Colgate – 74
Ryan Bischel, Notre Dame – 69
Cameron Rowe, Western Michigan – 68
Victor Ostman, Maine – 64
Justen Close, Minnesota – 62

Saves:

Jacob Barczewski, Michigan – 2,719
Chad Veltri, Robert Morris – 2,526
Ludvig Persson, North Dakota – 2,451
Blake Pietila, Michigan Tech – 2,362
Ryan Bischel, Notre Dame – 1,886
Carter Gylander, Colgate – 1,886
Ethan Haider, UConn – 1,855
Victor Ostman, Maine – 1,704
Gavin Abric, Army West Point – 1,609
Christian Stoeber, Bowling Green – 1,568

Wins:

Blake Pietila, Michigan Tech – 58
Jacob Barczewski, Michigan – 44
Chad Veltri, Robert Morris – 41
Justen Close, Minnesota – 40
Ethan Haider, UConn – 36
Cameron Rowe, Western Michigan – 33
Ryan Bischel, Notre Dame – 32
Carter Gylander, Colgate – 32
Tommy Scarfone, RIT – 30
Liam Souliere, Penn State – 27
Ian Shane, Cornell – 27

Goals-Against Average (Min. 25 GP):

Ian Shane, Cornell – 1.72
Keenan Rancier, Minnesota State – 1.82
Blake Pietila, Michigan Tech – 2.04
Justen Close, Minnesota – 2.05
Vinny Duplessis, Quinnipiac – 2.15
Philip Svedebäck, Providence – 2.18
Hugo Ollas, Merrimack – 2.28
Kaidan Mbereko, Colorado College – 2.30
Beni Halasz, Northern Michigan – 2.32
Ethan Haider, UConn – 2.36

Save Percentage (Min. 25 GP):

Ryan Bischel, Notre Dame – .925
Kaidan Mbereko, Colorado College – .925
Justen Close, Minnesota – .924
Ian Shane, Cornell – .923
Blake Pietila, Michigan Tech – .922
Kyle McClellan, Wisconsin – .922
Luke Pavicich, UMass Lowell – .921
Tommy Scarfone, RIT – .919
Beni Halasz, Northern Michigan – .919
Jarrett Fiske, Niagara – .918

Shutouts:

Blake Pietila, Michigan Tech – 19
Justen Close, Minnesota – 9
Ian Shane, Cornell – 8
Ryan Bischel, Notre Dame – 7
Gavin Abric, Army West Point – 6
Jacob Barczewski, Michigan – 6
Ethan Haider, UConn – 6
Hugo Ollas, Merrimack – 6
Six players tied w/ – 5

RETURNING OFFENSE FROM 2022-23 *(does not include incoming transfers)***Most Returning Goals:**

Minnesota – 108
RIT – 102
Michigan – 96
Boston University – 95
Denver – 92
American International – 85
Quinnipiac – 85
Alaska – 80
Holy Cross – 79
Long Island – 78

Most Returning Points:

Boston University – 272
Minnesota – 271
RIT – 266
Denver – 256
Michigan – 252
American International – 248
Quinnipiac – 242
UConn – 222
St. Cloud State – 218
Alaska – 214

Highest Percentage of Returning Goals:

Alaska Anchorage – 85%
St. Lawrence – 85%
Union – 83%
Holy Cross – 81%
Maine – 80%
RIT – 80%
Air Force – 77%
Alaska – 77%
Minnesota Duluth – 77%
St. Thomas – 77%

Highest Percentage of Returning Points:

St. Lawrence – 86%
RIT – 83%
Alaska Anchorage – 81%
Union – 80%
Yale – 79%
Alaska – 77%
Maine – 77%
American International – 76%
Holy Cross – 76%
Air Force – 75%
Princeton – 75%

TEAMS BY THE NUMBERS**10 biggest teams, by average height:**

Lindenwood – 6'1.5"
Vermont – 6'1.1"
Boston University – 6'1.0"
St. Cloud State – 6'1.0"
Clarkson – 6'1.0"
Cornell – 6'0.9"
Miami – 6'0.9"
Western Michigan – 6'0.9"
UMass – 6'0.8"
Wisconsin – 6'0.8"

10 smallest teams, by average height:

Sacred Heart – 5'11.3"
Ferris State – 5'11.6"
Michigan – 5'11.6"
Minnesota State – 5'11.6"
Penn State – 5'11.7"
Princeton – 5'11.7"
Army – 5'11.8"
Bemidji State – 5'11.8"
Colorado College – 5'11.8"
Quinnipiac – 5'11.8"

10 biggest teams, by average weight:

Notre Dame – 195.6 pounds
UMass Lowell – 192.7
Cornell – 192.4
Colgate – 191.3
Lindenwood – 191.2
Omaha – 190.8
Boston University – 190.7
Providence – 190.7
Ohio State – 190.3
Denver – 190.2
Ferris State – 190.2
Western Michigan – 190.2

10 smallest teams, by average weight:

Minnesota State – 179.5 pounds
Bemidji State – 180.5
Michigan – 180.5
Penn State – 180.9
Robert Morris – 181.2
Quinnipiac – 181.5
Harvard – 181.8
Sacred Heart – 182.0
Maine – 182.5
Niagara – 183.0

10 oldest teams, by average age (as of Oct. 1):

Canisius – 23.0 years
RIT – 23.0
Robert Morris – 22.9
Long Island – 22.8
Sacred Heart – 22.8
Alaska – 22.7
Minnesota State – 22.7
St. Lawrence – 22.7
Augustana – 22.6
Ferris State – 22.6
Niagara – 22.6
Western Michigan – 22.6

10 youngest teams, by average age (as of Oct. 1):

Boston College – 20.6 years
Denver – 20.9
Harvard – 20.9
Boston University – 21.1
Michigan State – 21.2
Wisconsin – 21.2
Cornell – 21.4
Providence – 21.4
Michigan – 21.5
Minnesota – 21.5
Notre Dame – 21.5

Tallest players:

6'9" – Cooper Black, Dartmouth
6'8" – Hugo Ollas, Merrimack

Shortest players:

5'4" – Danny Dzhaniyev, Penn State
5'5" – Max Itagaki, Army West Point

Youngest players:

6/13/06 – Macklin Celebrini, Boston University
12/7/05 – Zeev Buium, Denver
10/28/05 – Artyom Levshunov, Michigan State
9/2/05 – Tanner Adams, Providence
8/3/05 – Danny Nelson, Notre Dame



TEAMS BY THE NUMBERS

Most seniors:

- 11 – Western Michigan
- 10 – Rensselaer
- 9 – Air Force, Canisius, Colorado College, Holy Cross, St. Lawrence

Most graduate students:

- 9 – Robert Morris
- 7 – Northeastern, Sacred Heart
- 6 – Canisius, Clarkson, Merrimack, Omaha
- 5 – American International, Augustana, Long Island, North Dakota, Ohio State, Providence, RIT, St. Thomas

Largest freshman classes:

- 16 – Robert Morris
- 11 – Air Force, Army West Point, Boston College, Lake Superior State, Mercyhurst
- 10 – American International, Augustana, Cornell, Denver, Michigan State

Most freshmen and sophomores:

- 21 – American International
- 20 – Alaska Anchorage, Army West Point, Stonehill
- 19 – Brown
- 18 – Boston College, Maine, Mercyhurst, Michigan State, Michigan Tech

Fewest freshmen

- 1 – St. Thomas
- 3 – Miami, Omaha
- 4 – Colgate, Michigan, Rensselaer

Fewest seniors

- 1 – Alaska, Augustana, Lindenwood, Minnesota State
- 2 – Bowling Green, Clarkson, Cornell, UMass Lowell, Robert Morris, Stonehill, St. Thomas
- 3 – Boston College, Brown, Dartmouth, Denver, Harvard, Merrimack, Minnesota, Minnesota Duluth, Northeastern, Ohio State, Providence, St. Cloud State, Vermont



RETURNING ALL-AMERICANS

Ryan Bischel, Notre Dame (West – second team, 2022-23)
Collin Graf, Quinnipiac (East – first team, 2022-23)
Lane Hutson, Boston University (East – first team, 2022-23)
Alex Jefferies, Merrimack (East – second team, 2022-23)
Blake Pietila, Michigan Tech (West – first team, 2022-23)
Massimo Rizzo, Denver (West – second team, 2022-23)

RETURNING 2022-23 ALL-CONFERENCE FIRST TEAM SELECTIONS

Atlantic Hockey

D Gianfranco Cassaro, RIT
D Aiden Hansen-Bukata, RIT (*Best Defenseman*)
G Tommy Scarfone, RIT
F Carter Wilkie, RIT (*Player of the Year*)

Big Ten

G Ryan Bischel, Notre Dame (*Goaltender of the Year*)

CCHA

F Ryland Mosley, Michigan Tech
G Blake Pietila, Michigan Tech (*Player of the Year*)
F David Silye, Minnesota State (*now with Wisconsin*)
F Austen Swankler, Bowling Green (*now committed to Michigan Tech*)

ECAC Hockey

F Collin Graf, Quinnipiac
F Alex Young, Colgate (*now with Arizona State*)

Hockey East

D Lane Hutson, Boston University (*Rookie of the Year*)
F Alex Jefferies, Merrimack

NCHC

Massimo Rizzo, Denver

NCAA TOURNAMENT

Most NCAA Appearances:

Michigan, Minnesota – 40
Boston University – 38
Boston College – 36
North Dakota – 34
Denver – 32
Harvard, Michigan State – 27
Wisconsin – 26
Cornell – 23

Longest Active NCAA Appearance Streaks:

Minnesota State, St. Cloud State – 5
Quinnipiac – 4
Michigan, Minnesota – 3

Most Appearances, Last 10 Tournaments:

Denver, St. Cloud State – 9
Minnesota State, Notre Dame, Quinnipiac – 8
Minnesota, Minnesota Duluth, North Dakota – 7

Most Appearances, Last 5 Tournaments:

Minnesota State, St. Cloud State – 5
Denver, Michigan, Minnesota Duluth, Notre Dame, Quinnipiac – 4
American International, Boston University, Cornell, Harvard, UMass, Michigan Tech, Minnesota, Northeastern, Ohio State, Penn State – 3

Most Frozen Four Appearances:

Michigan – 27
Boston College – 25
Boston University, Minnesota – 23
North Dakota – 22

Most Championships:

Denver, Michigan – 9
North Dakota – 8
Wisconsin – 6
Boston College, Boston University, Minnesota – 5
Lake Superior State, Michigan State, Michigan Tech, Minnesota Duluth – 3
Colorado College, Cornell, Maine, Rensselaer – 2
Bowling Green, Harvard, UMass, Northern Michigan, Providence, Quinnipiac, Union, Yale – 1

NCAA Men's Frozen Four History: <https://collegehockeyinc.com/mens-frozen-four.php>

COLLEGE COACHES

Most Career Wins entering 2023-24 (Division I wins):

Jerry York (Boston College, Bowling Green, Clarkson) – 1,123
Jack Parker (Boston University) – 897
Red Berenson (Michigan) – 848
Ron Mason (Michigan State, Bowling Green, Lake Superior State) – 815
Rick Comley (Michigan State, Northern Michigan, Lake Superior State) – 783

Source: CollegeHockeyNews.com

Most Career Wins Among Active Coaches (Division I wins):

Jeff Jackson, Notre Dame (and Lake Superior State) – 574
Rand Pecknold, Quinnipiac – 540
Mike Schafer, Cornell – 520
Bob Daniels, Ferris State – 487
Frank Serratore, Air Force (and Denver) – 487

Source: CollegeHockeyNews.com

Most NCAA Tournament Appearances, Active Coaches:

18 – Jeff Jackson, Notre Dame (and Lake Superior State)
13 – Mike Schafer, Cornell
11 – Bob Motzko, Minnesota (and St. Cloud State)
11 – Scott Sandelin, Minnesota Duluth
9 – Rand Pecknold, Quinnipiac

Teams with New Head Coaches in 2023-24:

Bentley, Andy Jones
Colgate, Mike Harder
Minnesota State, Luke Strand
Vermont, Steve Wiedler (*interim*)
Wisconsin, Mike Hastings

Longest Tenure at Current School:

Rick Gotkin, Mercyhurst – 36th season
Bob Daniels, Ferris State – 32nd season
Rand Pecknold, Quinnipiac – 30th season
Mike Schafer, Cornell – 29th season
Frank Serratore, Air Force Academy – 27th season

Youngest Head Coaches:

Brett Riley, Long Island – Turns 33 on Jan. 25
David Carle, Denver – Turns 34 on Nov. 9
Erik Lergen, Alaska – Turns 37 on Oct. 17
Garrett Raboin, Augustana – Turns 38 on March 27
Steve Wiedler, Vermont (*interim*) – Turns 38 on September 15

Coaches with Sons Playing NCAA Division I Hockey:

Keith Allain, Yale head coach (son Niklas is a Yale senior F)
Chris Brooks, Clarkson assistant coach (son Barrett is a Mercyhurst sophomore F)
Ty Eigner, Bowling Green head coach (son Pete is a Bowling Green junior G)
Guy Gadowsky, Penn State head coach (son Mac is an Army West Point freshman D)
Cory Laylin, St. Thomas (son Luc is a St. Thomas sophomore F)
Andy Slaggert, Notre Dame associate coach (son Landon, Notre Dame senior F; son Carter, Notre Dame freshman F)

Coaches Coaching their Alma Mater in 2023-24 (23 of 64 or 36%):

Keith Allain, Yale
Norm Bazin, UMass Lowell
Chris Bergeron, Miami
Brad Berry, North Dakota
Greg Brown, Boston College
David Carle, Denver
Greg Carvel, UMass (*master's degree*)
Ted Donato, Harvard
Ty Eigner, Bowling Green
Pat Ferschweiler, Western Michigan
Mike Gabinet, Omaha
Mike Harder, Colgate
Eric Lang, American International
Erik Largen, Alaska
Brandon Naurato, Michigan
Adam Nightingale, Michigan State
Jay Pandolfo, Boston University
Greg Powers, Arizona State
Mike Schafer, Cornell
Tom Serratore, Bemidji State
Matt Shasby, Alaska Anchorage
Mike Souza, New Hampshire
Brendan Whittet, Brown

Head Coaches with NHL Coaching Experience:

Keith Allain, Yale (assistant coach with Washington and St. Louis)
Brad Berry, North Dakota (assistant coach with Columbus)
Greg Brown, Boston College (assistant coach with NY Rangers)
Greg Carvel, UMass (assistant coach with Anaheim and Ottawa)
Reid Cashman, Dartmouth (assistant coach with Washington)
Pat Ferschweiler, Western Michigan (assistant coach with Detroit)
Jeff Jackson, Notre Dame (assistant coach with NY Islanders)
Brandon Naurato, Michigan (player development consultant with Detroit)
Adam Nightingale, Michigan State (assistant coach with Detroit; video coach with Buffalo)
Jay Pandolfo, Boston University (assistant coach with Boston)



Head Coaches with NHL Playing Experience:

Brad Berry, North Dakota (241 GP with Winnipeg, Minnesota, Dallas)
Greg Brown, Boston College (94 GP with Buffalo, Pittsburgh, Winnipeg)
Ted Donato, Harvard (796 GP with Boston, NY Islanders, Ottawa, Anaheim, Dallas, Los Angeles, St. Louis, NY Rangers)
Jay Pandolfo, Boston University (899 GP with New Jersey, NY Islanders, Boston)
Scott Sandelin, Minnesota Duluth (25 GP with Montreal, Philadelphia, Minnesota)
Rick Zombo, Lindenwood (652 GP with Detroit, St. Louis, Boston)

IN THE NHL

A total of 333 college hockey alumni, representing 46 schools, played in the NHL in 2022-23. Colleges with the most:

Minnesota – 26
Boston College, Michigan – 24
Boston University – 21
North Dakota – 20
Minnesota Duluth – 17
Notre Dame – 16
Wisconsin – 15
Harvard – 14
UMass – 12
Denver, Providence, St. Cloud State – 11
Northeastern – 10

**NHL players by years in school
(66% played at least three years)**

Played five years – 1
Played four years – 89
Played three years – 131
Played two years – 81
Played one year – 32

By position:

190 forwards ▪ 120 defensemen ▪ 24 goaltenders

By NHL Draft status:

79 – First round
43 – Second round
35 – Third round
31 – Fourth round
26 – Fifth round
19 – Sixth round
16 – Seventh round
1 – Ninth round
84 – Undrafted free agents (62% of all active undrafted NHL players)

41 schools have at least one NHL Draft pick on their roster. Colleges with the most draft picks:

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

All 32 NHL teams have prospects in college. Those with the most:

Detroit – 14

Nashville – 13

Boston – 12

Chicago, NY Rangers, Tampa Bay, Vancouver – 11

Arizona, Carolina, Montreal, New Jersey, San Jose – 9

16 of 32 NHL general managers played college hockey:

Kevyn Adams, Buffalo (Miami)

Rob Blake, Los Angeles (Bowling Green)

Craig Conroy, Calgary (Clarkson)

Tom Fitzgerald, New Jersey (Providence)

Chris Drury, NY Rangers (Boston University)

Mike Grier, San Jose (Boston University)

Bill Guerin, Minnesota (Boston College)

Kent Hughes, Montreal (Middlebury)

Jarmo Kekalainen, Columbus (Clarkson)

Lou Lamoriello, NY Islanders (Providence)

Chris MacFarland, Colorado (Pace)

Brian MacLellan, Washington (Bowling Green)

Kelly McCrimmon, Vegas (Michigan)

Don Sweeney, Boston (Harvard)

Don Waddell, Carolina (Northern Michigan)

Bill Zito, Florida (Yale)

13 of 32 NHL head coaches played college hockey:

Rod Brind'Amour, Carolina (Michigan State)

Spencer Carbery, Washington (Alaska Anchorage, St. Norbert)

Greg Cronin, Anaheim (Colby College)

Don Granato, Buffalo (Wisconsin)

Dave Hakstol, Seattle (North Dakota)

Derek Lalonde, Detroit (SUNY Cortland)

Peter Laviolette, NY Rangers (Westfield State)

Jim Montgomery, Boston (Maine)

David Quinn, San Jose (Boston University)

Martin St. Louis, Montreal (Vermont)

John Tortorella, Philadelphia (Maine)

Jay Woodcroft, Edmonton (Alabama-Huntsville)

Mike Sullivan, Pittsburgh (Boston University)

Full list of former NCAA players in NHL roles: <http://collegehockeyinc.com/former-collegians-nhl-front-offices.php>

Dozens of players who are sons of former NHLers are playing college hockey, including:

Tristan Amonte (Boston University) – son of Tony Amonte

Jack Blake (Bowling Green) – son of Rob Blake

Brayden Morrison (Miami) – son of Brendan Morrison

Jackson Niedermayer (Arizona State) and Josh Niedermayer (Arizona State) – sons of Scott Niedermayer

Jackson Nieuwendyk (Canisius) – son of Joe Nieuwendyk

Cameron Recchi (St. Thomas) – son of Mark Recchi

Tom Richter (Union) and Will Richter (Yale) – sons of Mike Richter

Ryan St. Louis (Brown) – son of Martin St. Louis

Danny Weight (Colorado College) – son of Doug Weight

Full list: <http://collegehockeyinc.com/sons-nhlers-college-hockey.php>

Players with brothers who have played in the NHL:

Brady Bjork, Notre Dame (Anders Bjork)
Cam Gaudette, Stonehill (Adam Gaudette)
Grant Ahcan, St. Cloud State (Jack Ahcan)
Nic Belpedio, Colgate (Louie Belpedio)
Seth Bernard-Docker, Bentley (Jacob Bernard-Docker)
Caden Brown, Ohio State (Logan Brown)
Bryce Brodzinski, Minnesota (Jonny Brodzinski)
Luca Fantilli, Michigan (Adam Fantilli)
Brendan Fitzgerald, New Hampshire (Casey Fitzgerald)
Timofei Khokhlachev, American International (Alexander Khokhlachev)
Ryan Leonard, Boston College (John Leonard)
Taylor Makar, UMass (Cale Makar)
Ryan McInchak, Cornell (step-brother Jack Studnicka)
John and Luke Mittelstadt, Minnesota (Casey Mittelstadt)
Rhett Pitlick, Minnesota (Rem Pitlick)
Mason Poolman, Sacred Heart (Tucker Poolman)
Dalton Norris, Bowling Green (Josh Norris)
C.J. Regula, Rensselaer (Alec Regula)
Lukas Sillinger, Arizona State (Cole Sillinger)
Ben Steeves, Minnesota Duluth (Alex Steeves)
Luke Tuch, Boston University (Alex Tuch)

Other current players with notable NHL bloodlines:

Jamie Armstrong (Boston College) – son of Arizona Coyotes GM Bill Armstrong
Grayson Arnott (Maine) – nephew of former NHL player Jason Arnott
Matt DeBoer (Holy Cross) – son of Dallas Stars head coach Peter DeBoer
Jack Gorton (Boston University) – son of Montreal Canadiens Executive VP of Hockey Operations Jeff Gorton
Jack Hughes (Boston University) and Riley Hughes (Ohio State) – sons of Montreal Canadiens GM Kent Hughes
Luke Loheit (Minnesota Duluth) – grandson of former NHL player Bill Goldsworthy
Alton McDermott (Canisius) – grandson of former NHL player Paul Henderson
Owen Murray (UMass) – great-nephew of former NHL player Dallas Smith
Nick Rhéaume (UMass Lowell) – nephew of Manon Rhéaume, the first woman to play in an NHL game
Levi Stauber (Michigan Tech) – nephew of former NHL player and 1988 Hobey Baker Award winner Robb Stauber

HOCKEY HALL OF FAME

Players

Hobey Baker, Princeton – 1945
Frank Brimsek, St. Cloud State – 1966
Ken Dryden, Cornell – 1983
Tony Esposito, Michigan Tech – 1988
Joe Mullen, Boston College – 2000
Rod Langway, New Hampshire – 2002
Brett Hull, Minnesota Duluth - 2009
Brian Leetch, Boston College - 2009
Cammi Granato, Providence – 2010
Ed Belfour, North Dakota - 2011
Joe Nieuwendyk, Cornell - 2011
Adam Oates, RPI – 2012
Chris Chelios, Wisconsin - 2013
Rob Blake, Bowling Green - 2014
Angela Ruggiero, Harvard - 2015
Paul Kariya, Maine - 2017
Martin St. Louis, Vermont - 2018
Caroline Ouellette, Minnesota Duluth – 2023

Builders

John Mariucci, Minnesota – 1985
Bob Johnson, Minnesota (Wisconsin, Colorado College coach) - 1992
Bill Torrey, St. Lawrence - 1995
Craig Patrick, Denver - 2001
Herb Brooks, Minnesota – 2006
Harley Hotchkiss, Michigan State – 2006
Lou Lamoriello, Providence – 2009
Bill “Red” Hay, Colorado College – 2015
Jerry York, Boston College - 2019

U.S. HOCKEY HALL OF FAME

Full list of honorees: <http://collegehockeyinc.com/hall-fame-honorees.php>

COLLEGE ARENAS

New Arenas Since 2010

2024: Midco Arena (Augustana)
2023: Martire Family Arena (Sacred Heart), Toscano Family Ice Forum (UConn)
2022: Mullett Arena (Arizona State)
2021: Ed Robson Arena (Colorado College)
2019: Centene Ice Center (Lindenwood)
2018: Bentley Arena
2016: Class of 1965 Arena (Colgate)
2015: Baxter Arena (Omaha)
2014: Gene Polisseni Center (RIT), HarborCenter (Canisius)
2013: Pegula Ice Arena (Penn State)
2011: Compton Family Ice Arena (Notre Dame)
2010: Amsoil Arena (Minnesota Duluth), Sanford Center (Bemidji State)

Oldest arenas:

Matthews Arena, Northeastern – 1910
Baker Rink, Princeton – 1923
Yost Ice Arena, Michigan – 1923 (did not have ice until 1973)
Houston Field House, RPI – 1949
Appleton Arena, St. Lawrence – 1951
Bright-Landry Hockey Center – 1956 (originally Watson Rink)
Lynah Rink, Cornell – 1957
Ingalls Rink, Yale – 1958

OLDEST PROGRAMS

Yale – 1896
Brown, Harvard – 1898
Princeton – 1900
Cornell, Rensselaer – 1901

NEWEST PROGRAMS

2023 – Augustana
2022 – Lindenwood, Stonehill
2021 – St. Thomas
2020 – Long Island
2015 – Arizona State
2012 – Penn State
2004 – Robert Morris

OTHER RESOURCES

- Differences between NHL and NCAA rules: <http://collegehockeyinc.com/key-differences-ncaa-and-nhl-rules.php>
- NHL Matchup Tool – NCAA alumni in any NHL game: <http://collegehockeyinc.com/nhlteams.php>
- College Hockey, Inc. Media Center: <http://collegehockeyinc.com/media-center.php>