



**Thursday, April 11**

**5 p.m. ET: Minnesota Duluth vs. Providence (ESPN2/TSN2)**

**8:30 p.m. ET: Denver vs. Massachusetts (ESPN2/TSN2)**

**Saturday, April 13**

**8 p.m. ET: Championship Game (ESPN2/TSN Streaming)**

**Field day** – The 2019 Frozen Four field features one first-time Frozen Four participant – Massachusetts – and three teams that won it all in their last appearance at the Frozen Four. Providence (2015), Denver (2017) and Minnesota Duluth (2018) represent three of the last four national champions.

**Experience counts** – In a new-look tournament where 10 of 16 entrants were seeking their first title, three of the semifinalists have experienced recent success. In addition to winning three of the last four titles, they boast the three longest active NCAA Tournament appearance streaks in the nation.

**Longest Active NCAA Appearance Streaks:**

- 12 – Denver
- 6 – Providence
- 5 – Minnesota Duluth
- 4 – Notre Dame

**Year of the D** – In the year of the defenseman in college hockey, the Frozen Four features some elite talent on the blueline. Cale Makar (Massachusetts) is a Hobey Baker finalist, Jacob Bryson (Providence) and Scott Perunovich (Minnesota Duluth) are returning All-Americans, and Ian Mitchell (Denver) was an All-NCHC selection. All rank among the top 25 defensemen in scoring this season.

**Top-Scoring Defensemen, by Team**

- Denver: Ian Mitchell, 6-21—27
- Massachusetts: Cale Makar, 16-32—48
- Minnesota Duluth: Scott Perunovich, 3-26—29
- Providence: Jacob Bryson, 4-23—27



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**Blank stares** – Three teams posted shutouts to advance to the Frozen Four, the most quarterfinal shutouts since the NCAA adopted single-elimination for the round in 1992. The five shutouts in the NCAA Regionals already tie the record for the most shutouts in an NCAA Tournament.

The four starting goaltenders in the field have a combined career save percentage in NCAA Tournament games of .958. The two freshmen – Denver's Filip Larsson and Massachusetts's Filip Lindberg – both posted two shutouts in the regionals.

**Most Shutouts, by NCAA Tournament**

5 – 2019, 2006, 2004

4 – 2014, 2013, 2011

**Future stars** – Nearly two-thirds of all NHL teams (19 of 31) have draft picks in the Frozen Four (25 total), with several other free agent and 2019 NHL Draft prospects in the mix as well. Three NHL first-rounders – Cale Makar (COL/Massachusetts), Jay O'Brien (PHI/Providence) and Riley Tufté (DAL/Minnesota Duluth) – headline the draft picks, while the draft-eligible prospects include Marc Del Gaizo (Massachusetts) and Tyce Thompson (Providence). Providence leads the schools with nine draft picks on its roster, while six NHL teams each have a pair of prospects in the field.

Eleven players who played in the 2018 Frozen Four have already signed NHL contracts (and counting).

**NHL Draft Picks by Team**

9 – Providence

7 – Minnesota Duluth

6 – Denver

3 – Massachusetts

**Prospects in the Frozen Four by NHL Team:**

2 – Edmonton, Minnesota, Philadelphia, San Jose, Tampa Bay, Vegas

1 – Arizona, Buffalo, Calgary, Chicago, Colorado, Dallas, Detroit, Los Angeles, Montreal, NY Islanders, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Winnipeg

**The roads traveled** – A bit on the paths to Buffalo for each of the four semifinalists:

- **Denver:** Five players and head coach Jim Montgomery left from last year's team for NHL contracts, and the Pioneers were picked fifth in the NCHC preseason poll. First-year head coach David Carle and a 10-member freshman class defied those expectations, led by exceptional goaltending from freshman Filip Larsson and sophomore Devin Cooley. The Pioneers started 5-0-1 and were 14-4-2 in mid-January.
- **Massachusetts:** The newcomers to the Frozen Four have been among the top teams in the nation all year and earned the program's first No. 1 national ranking in December, just two years removed from a five-win season in head coach Greg Carvel's first year with the program. Hobey Baker candidate Cale Makar leads a talented group of defensemen and is one of 19 freshmen or sophomores on the roster. The Minutemen won the school's first Hockey East championship in the regular season.
- **Minnesota Duluth:** The defending national champions won eight in a row after an 0-1-1 opening weekend, finishing second in the NCHC but winning the conference tournament. All six defensemen and goaltender Hunter Shepard returned from last year, and the Bulldogs held opponents to 1.95 goals per game.
- **Providence:** The most veteran team in the Frozen Four with six seniors and seven juniors, Providence combined a defense that was top-five nationally with a top-10 offense and trailed only Massachusetts in Hockey East. Senior Hayden Hawkey leads the nation with eight shutouts.

**Repeat after me** – Minnesota Duluth seeks to become the first repeat champion since Denver in 2004 and '05. The Bulldogs have been in back-to-back title games and could become the first team since Lake Superior State (1992-94) to play in three straight championship games.

**Winging it** – The Frozen Four returns to Buffalo for the first time since 2003, when Thomas Vanek led Minnesota to its second of back-to-back titles. This will mark the 11th Frozen Four in New York state, the most in one state since the event moved from Colorado Springs in 1958. The host Sabres have one prospect in the field: Providence's All-American defenseman Jacob Bryson. Nine players on the four rosters hail from nearby Ontario, the most of any province.

**European influence** – A record 110 Europeans played Division I men's hockey in 2018-19, and Europeans have had a profound impact for three of the four teams in the field. Freshman goaltenders Filip Larsson (Denver/Sweden) and Filip Lindberg (Massachusetts/Finland) both posted two shutouts in the regionals. Providence got goals in the regionals from co-captain Kasper Bjorkqvist (Finland) and Scott Conway (England).

**Captains' log** – College hockey captains typically boast fascinating stories, and the leaders of these four teams are no exception:

- **Denver:** Colin Staub, originally slated to attend Air Force before a failed vision test steered him to Denver, leads these four teams with 149 consecutive games played. The senior scored his sixth and seventh goals of the season in the NCAA West Regional.
- **Massachusetts:** Niko Hildenbrand, a junior, is one of 10 Californians in the Frozen Four. He is one of only six upperclassmen on a young UMass team that has two sophomores wearing the 'A': Cale Makar and Mario Ferraro.
- **Minnesota Duluth:** Senior Parker Mackay nearly doubled his career scoring totals as a senior, leading the Bulldogs in scoring after finishing ninth on the team in points a year ago. He scored three of UMD's five goals in the regional.
- **Providence:** Co-captains Jacob Bryson and Kasper Bjorkqvist are both juniors and NHL draft picks. Bryson, an undersized defenseman whose rights belong to Buffalo, was an All-American last season. Bjorkqvist was one of two Europeans in the NCAA to wear a 'C' this season (also Marc Michaelis, Minnesota State).

**Some things in common** – The four teams rank fourth (Minnesota Duluth), fifth (Providence), sixth (Massachusetts) and seventh (Denver) nationally in team defense, allowing between 1.95 and 1.98 goals per game. A few other statistical commonalities:

- Minnesota Duluth (+11.25), Providence (+10.29) and Massachusetts (+10.13) are the only teams in the nation to outshoot their opponent by double digits on average.
- All four teams have lost seven games since Christmas, winning 15 (Providence), 16 (Denver, Massachusetts) or 17 (Minnesota Duluth).
- None of the teams lost more than two games in a row this season.

**New guy** – Denver's David Carle is just the fourth coach in the last 31 years (since the tournament expanded to 12 teams in 1988) to reach the Frozen Four in his first season as a head coach. The last, Brad Berry in 2016, led North Dakota to the national title that year.

**First-Year Head Coaches in the Frozen Four**

2019 – David Carle, Denver

2016 – Brad Berry, North Dakota

2012 – Rick Bennett, Union

2005 – Dave Hakstol, North Dakota

*Since 1988*

**Balanced attacks** – None of the four teams feature a 20-goal scorer, as Josh Wilkins (Providence) and Jarid Lukosevicius (Denver) lead the field with 19 goals each. Eleven players on the four teams have between 15 and 19 goals.

**Eying 50?** – Three players – Cale Makar (48 points), Jacob Pritchard (45) and Josh Wilkins (45) – enter the Frozen Four within five points of the national scoring leaders, who have 50 points on the season. Makar could become the first defenseman ever to lead Division I in points (Ron Wilson led in points per game, but not points, in 1974-75). The last defenseman to post 50 points in a season was Wisconsin alum and current New York Ranger Brendan Smith (52 in 2009-10).

**Smart guys** – Hockey boasts the best APR ([Academic Progress Rate](#)) of NCAA Division I men's sports with at least 50 programs in the latest NCAA data, the fifth straight year that men's hockey has led that rating.

#### NOTE-WORTHY

The team scoring first is 9-3 in the 2019 tournament ... Two teams erased third-period deficits in the regionals ... KeyBank Center is the 10th NHL arena to host an NCAA game this season.

**Denver:** Denver has won eight national titles; the other 15 schools in this year's NCAA Tournament had combined for seven ... Jarid Lukosevicius was the Most Outstanding Player of the 2017 Frozen Four, where he recorded a hat trick in the championship game against Minnesota Duluth ... Juniors and seniors accounted for every goal and seven of nine points in the regionals ... The least penalized team among the four (10.05 PIM/game).

**Massachusetts:** The Minutemen were picked sixth in the preseason Hockey East coaches' poll ... The Minutemen had the top sophomore class in the country, posting an NCAA-leading 75 goals, 119 assists and 194 points, 19% more points than the next-closest school (Penn State, 163) ... Makar is the lone Hobey Baker finalist to make it to Buffalo ... UMass is the only team in the nation that never lost consecutive games this season ... Ranks second nationally with 54 third-period goals.

**Minnesota Duluth:** The Bulldogs' two previous championships came in St. Paul ... Scott Perunovich and Hunter Shepard were members of last season's Frozen Four all-tournament team ... The top faceoff team (52.2%) among the four ... Justin Richards's father, Todd, is an assistant coach with the Presidents' Trophy-winning Tampa Bay Lightning ... Enters with the longest active winning streak (six).

**Providence:** The Friar roster features representatives of 13 states, two provinces, England and Finland ... Josh Wilkins has 10 goals and 16 points in his last nine games ... Providence fell behind, 3-0, in its first round game but scored 10 straight goals to advance from the East Regional ... The Friars are the ninth No. 4 seed to reach the Frozen Four in the last 12 years; they were a No. 4 seed when they won in 2015.

## IMPORTANT LINKS

**Frozen Four History:** <http://collegehockeyinc.com/frozen-four.php>

**NCAA Record Book:** <http://www.ncaa.org/championships/statistics/2018-19-mens-ice-hockey-records>

**TV Schedule:** <http://collegehockeyinc.com/tv-schedule.php>

**Sortable National Statistics:** <http://collegehockeyinc.com/stats/filters18.php>

**Pronunciation Guide (.pdf):** [https://www.dropbox.com/s/u49mnb3zg2qm3iv/2018-19\\_Pronunciations\\_NCAAs.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/u49mnb3zg2qm3iv/2018-19_Pronunciations_NCAAs.pdf?dl=0)

**Team Rosters, Statistics & Results:** <http://collegehockeyinc.com/teams-and-conferences.php>

## CAREER LEADERS ENTERING FROZEN FOUR

### Points:

Jacob Pritchard, Massachusetts – 108  
 Josh Wilkins, Providence – 107  
 Jarid Lukosevicius, Denver – 105  
 Scott Conway, Providence – 101  
 Lester Lancaster, Denver – 91  
 Peter Kriegier, Minnesota Duluth – 87  
 Brandon Duhaime, Providence – 71  
 Liam Finlay, Denver – 70  
 Cale Makar, Massachusetts – 69  
 John Leonard, Massachusetts – 67  
 Parker Mackay, Minnesota Duluth – 67

### Goals:

Jarid Lukosevicius, Denver – 62  
 Scott Conway, Providence – 50  
 Josh Wilkins, Providence – 47  
 Jacob Pritchard, Massachusetts – 43  
 Kasper Bjorkqvist, Providence – 36  
 Parker Mackay, Minnesota Duluth – 36

### Assists:

Lester Lancaster, Denver – 66  
 Jacob Pritchard, Massachusetts – 65  
 Jacob Bryson, Providence – 61  
 Josh Wilkins, Providence – 60

### Power-Play Goals:

Scott Conway, Providence – 25  
 Jarid Lukosevicius, Denver – 23  
 Josh Wilkins, Providence – 16  
 Jacob Pritchard, Massachusetts – 16

### Shorthanded Goals:

Cale Makar, Massachusetts – 2  
 Nick Swaney, Minnesota Duluth – 2  
 Brett Boeing, Massachusetts – 2

### Game-Winning Goals:

Jarid Lukosevicius, Denver – 20  
 Peter Krieger, Minnesota Duluth – 12

### Games Played:

Jarid Lukosevicius, Denver – 157  
 Colin Staub, Denver – 157  
 Scott Conway, Providence – 152  
 Peter Krieger, Minnesota Duluth – 152  
 Lester Lancaster, Denver – 147  
 Ryan Tait, Providence – 137  
 Jacob Pritchard, Massachusetts – 135

### Most Consecutive Games Played (Active):

Colin Staub, Denver – 149

### Overtime Goals:

Jarid Lukosevicius, Denver – 3  
 Parker Mackay, Minnesota Duluth – 3  
 Nick Swaney, Minnesota Duluth – 3

### Hat Tricks

Liam Finlay, Denver – 2  
 Jarid Lukosevicius, Denver – 2

	W-L-T	Saves	Sv.%	GAA	SO
Hayden Hawkey, Providence	72-35-13	2,741	.918	2.02	16
Hunter Shepard, Minnesota Duluth	52-27-3	1,836	.923	1.88	14
Matt Murray, Massachusetts	29-17-2	1,247	.915	2.39	5
Filip Larsson, Denver	13-5-3	548	.935	1.87	4
Devin Cooley, Denver	11-6-2	525	.934	1.87	4
Filip Lindberg, Massachusetts	10-3-0	291	.939	1.42	4

## CAREER LEADERS IN NCAA TOURNAMENT GAMES

### Scoring:

Jarid Lukosevicius, Denver	11 GP	8-1—9
Michael Davies, Denver	8 GP	0-7—7
Colin Staub, Denver	11 GP	4-2—6
Josh Wilkins, Providence	5 GP	3-3—6
Parker Mackay, Minn. Duluth	12 GP	4-1—5
Liam Finlay, Denver	8 GP	1-4—5
Kasper Bjorkqvist, Providence	5 GP	3-1—4
Brandon Duhaime, Prov.	5 GP	1-3—4
Riley Tufte, Minn. Duluth	10 GP	1-3—4
Ian Mitchell, Denver	4 GP	0-4—4

### Goaltending:

Filip Larsson, Denver	2 GP	2-0	120:00	50 sv.	0 GA	0.00	1.000	2 SO
Filip Lindberg, Massachusetts	2 GP	2-0	120:00	30 sv.	0 GA	0.00	1.000	2 SO
Hunter Shepard, Minn. Duluth	6 GP	6-0	373:10	119 sv.	7 GA	1.13	.944	
Hayden Hawkey, Providence	5 GP	3-2	297:53	117 sv.	7 GA	1.41	.944	1 SO

## PREVIOUS 2018-19 MEETINGS OF FROZEN FOUR TEAMS

### Denver vs. Minnesota Duluth

Nov. 16 at DU: [DU won, 2-0](#)

Nov. 17 at DU: [UMD won, 4-3 OT](#)

Feb. 15 at UMD: [UMD won, 5-2](#)

Feb. 16 at UMD: [DU won, 1-0](#)

March 22 in St. Paul: [UMD won, 3-0](#)

### Denver vs. Providence

Nov. 23 at DU: [DU won, 3-1](#).

Nov. 24 at DU: [Tied, 4-4 OT](#).

### Massachusetts vs. Providence

Nov. 8 at UMass: [UMass won, 3-2](#)

Nov. 10 at PC: [UMass won, 3-2](#)

Feb. 23 at PC: [PC won, 3-2](#)

## 2018-19 Records vs. Other NCAA Tournament Teams

8-4-0 – Massachusetts

10-6-0 – Minnesota Duluth

5-4-1 – Providence

5-5-1 – Denver

## 2018-19 Records vs. Other Frozen Four Teams

2-1-0 – Massachusetts

3-2-0 – Minnesota Duluth

3-3-1 – Denver

1-3-1 – Providence

**TEAMS BY THE NUMBERS**

Team	Record	Win %	GF/GP	GA/GP	GM/GP	PP%	PK%	SOGM/GP
DU	24-11-5	.662	2.80	1.98	+0.82	15.0%	83.2%	-0.20
UMass	30-9-0	.769	3.77	1.97	+1.79	28.2%	87.5%	+10.13
UMD	27-11-2	.700	3.15	1.95	+1.20	22.0%	85.7%	+11.25
PC	24-11-6	.659	3.22	1.95	+1.27	22.2%	86.8%	+10.29

Team	Avg. Ht.	Avg. Wt.	Avg. Age	Freshmen	Sophomores	Juniors	Seniors
DU	5' 11.62"	178.65	21.4	10	9	4	3
UMass	5' 11.32"	186.52	21.8	8	11	3	3
UMD	6' 0.26"	193.15	21.8	9	9	6	3
PC	6' 0.07"	186.67	21.7	8	6	7	6

**2019 Tournament Records, All Games**

Team Scoring First: 9-3

Team Leading After First: 4-2

Team Leading After Second: 9-2

Team With More Shots: 7-5

**Distance to Buffalo, N.Y.**

385 miles – Massachusetts

449 miles – Providence

1,004 miles – Minnesota Duluth

1,526 miles – Denver

**Undergraduate Enrollment**

Providence – 4,379

Denver – 5,801

Minnesota Duluth – 9,977

Massachusetts – 23,515

*Per collegeboard.org*

**Last 10 Games**

8-2-0 – Minnesota Duluth

7-2-1 – Providence

7-3-0 – Massachusetts

6-3-1 – Denver

**Since Christmas**

17-7-0 – Minnesota Duluth

16-7-0 – Massachusetts

16-7-3 – Denver

15-7-3 – Providence



## TEAMS BY THE NUMBERS

### Offense from senior classes:

74 points – Massachusetts (28g-46a)  
 59 – Minnesota Duluth (26-33)  
 55 – Providence (24-31)  
 54 – Denver (31-23)

### Offense from junior classes:

168 – Providence (66-102)  
 67 – Denver (24-43)  
 49 – Minnesota Duluth (17-32)  
 26 – Massachusetts (6-20)

### Offense from defensemen:

126 – Massachusetts (39g-87a)  
 104 – Minnesota Duluth (21-83)  
 89 – Providence (21-68)  
 77 – Denver (21-56)

### Teams with the most:

10+ Goal Scorers: 7 – Massachusetts  
 20+ Point Players: 8 – Providence  
 30+ Point Players: 4 – Massachusetts, Providence  
 40+ Point Players: 3 – Massachusetts

### Record When:

	DU	UMass	UMD	PC
Scoring first	21-4-3	24-2-0	22-2-0	18-1-5
Allowing first	3-7-2	6-7-0	5-9-2	6-10-1
Leading after 1	14-3-1	19-1-0	10-1-0	13-2-3
Trailing after 1	1-5-2	4-5-0	1-6-2	6-4-1
Tied after 1	9-3-2	7-3-0	16-4-0	5-5-2
Leading after 2	20-1-1	23-0-0	19-1-0	16-0-2
Trailing after 2	2-8-2	3-7-0	4-8-1	3-6-1
Tied after 2	2-2-2	4-2-0	4-2-1	5-5-3
One-goal games	8-5	6-5	10-5	4-5
Overtime	4-1-5	3-1-0	5-1-2	1-1-6

### Win Improvement Since Last Season

+13 – Massachusetts  
 +2 – Minnesota Duluth  
 +1 – Denver  
 0 – Providence

### Brothers in the Frozen Four:

Noah and Jackson Cates (Minnesota Duluth)  
 Anthony and Marc Del Gaizo (Massachusetts)

### Offense from sophomore classes:

194 – Massachusetts (75-119)  
 157 – Minnesota Duluth (52-105)  
 75 – Denver (24-51)  
 51 – Providence (19-32)

### Offense from freshman classes:

104 – Denver (33-71)  
 93 – Massachusetts (38-55)  
 83 – Providence (23-60)  
 67 – Minnesota Duluth (31-36)



**GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN**

Six countries, including 21 states and 6 Canadian provinces, are represented on Frozen Four rosters.

**By State**

18 players – Minnesota

10 – California, Massachusetts

4 – Colorado, Illinois, Michigan

3 – New Jersey

2 – Connecticut, Florida, Missouri, New York, Rhode Island, Wisconsin

1 – Iowa, Maryland, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Virginia

**By Province**

9 – Ontario

7 – Alberta

6 – British Columbia

2 – Quebec

1 – Manitoba, Saskatchewan

**By Country**

73 – United States

26 – Canada

3 – Finland

1 – England, Norway, Sweden

**Teams with the most:**

Americans: 22 – Minnesota Duluth

Canadians: 9 – Denver

Europeans: 3 – Denver

States represented: 13 – Providence

Provinces represented: 3 – Massachusetts, Minnesota Duluth

**NCAA TOURNAMENT**

Frozen Four History: <http://collegehockeyinc.com/frozen-four>

**Most Appearances:**

Michigan, Minnesota – 37  
Boston University – 36  
Boston College – 35  
North Dakota – 32  
Denver – 29  
Michigan State – 27  
Harvard, Wisconsin – 25

**Other 2019 Frozen Four Teams:**

Providence – 15  
Minnesota Duluth – 13  
Massachusetts – 2

**Most Championships:**

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

**Longest Active NCAA Appearance Streaks:**

Denver – 12  
Providence – 6  
Minnesota Duluth – 5  
Notre Dame – 4

**Most Appearances, Last 10 Years:**

Denver – 10  
North Dakota – 8  
Boston College, Minnesota Duluth, Notre Dame, St. Cloud State – 7  
Providence – 6

**Most Appearances, Last 5 Years:**

Denver, Minnesota Duluth, Providence – 5  
Boston University, Harvard, Notre Dame, St. Cloud State – 4

**NCAA Appearances by Frozen Four Coaches**

*Appearances with current school unless noted*

9 – Scott Sandelin, Minnesota Duluth (2 titles)  
7 – Nate Leaman, Providence (1 title)  
1 – David Carle, Denver  
1 – Greg Carvel, Massachusetts

**Most Frozen Fours:**

Boston College, Michigan – 25  
Boston University, North Dakota – 22  
Minnesota – 21  
Denver – 16

**Other 2018 Frozen Four Teams:**

Minnesota Duluth – 7  
Providence – 5  
Massachusetts – 1

## IN THE NHL

**A record 316 former NCAA players have appeared in an NHL game this season (32% of NHL; as of April 1)**

**Full list:** <http://collegehockeyinc.com/2018-19-alums-nhl.php>

### Most NCAA Alumni in the NHL, by Season

316 (and counting) – 2018-19 (through March 30)

314 – 2016-17

310 – 2017-18

305 – 2013-14

### 48 schools have had an alum in the NHL this season

### Colleges producing the most NHLers, 2018-19:

Minnesota – 22

Boston College, Michigan, North Dakota – 21

Boston University – 20

Wisconsin – 15

Denver, Minnesota Duluth – 13

### Other Frozen Four teams:

Massachusetts – 7

Providence – 6

### NHL Teammates Whose Alma Maters Meet in the Semifinals:

Boston: Noel Acciari (Providence) and Karson Kuhlman (Minnesota Duluth)

Florida: Henrik Borgstrom (Denver) and Frank Vatrano (Massachusetts)

Nashville: Matt Donovan (Denver) and Matt Irwin (Massachusetts)

New Jersey: Kevin Rooney (Providence) and Joey Anderson (Minnesota Duluth)

NY Rangers: John Gilmour (Providence) and Neal Pionk (Minnesota Duluth)

San Jose: Dylan Gambrell (Denver) and Justin Braun (Massachusetts)

### Sons of NHLers in the Frozen Four:

Tyson McLellan, Denver (son of Todd)

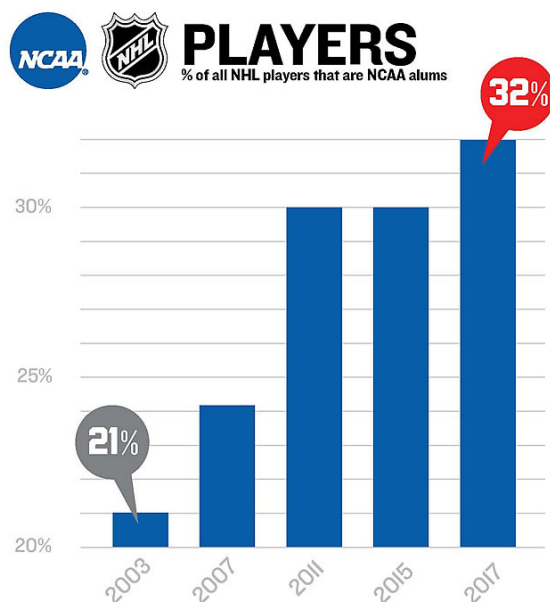
Justin Richards, Minnesota Duluth (son of Todd)

### Players in the Frozen Four with brothers who have played in the NHL:

Mikey Anderson, Minnesota Duluth (Joey)

### Tournament Most Outstanding Players

37 former winners have gone on to play in the NHL, including 2018-19 NHLers Thomas Vanek (Minnesota, 2003), Justin Abdelkader (Michigan State, 2007), J.T. Brown (Minnesota Duluth, 2011), Shayne Gostisbehere (Union, 2014); Jon Gillies (Providence, 2015); Drake Caggiula (North Dakota, 2016); and Karson Kuhlman (Minnesota Duluth, 2018).



**FORMER NCAA PLAYERS IN THE NHL THIS YEAR****By years in school (69% played at least three years)**

Four years – 106

Three years – 112

Two years – 66

One year – 32

**By position:**

178 forwards

112 defensemen

26 goaltenders

**By NHL Draft status:**

112 were first- or second-round picks

113 were third- through ninth-round picks

91 were undrafted free agents – *55% of all undrafted NHLers*

**By nationality:**

223 Americans

82 Canadians

11 Europeans

**FUTURE NHLers****Nearly 200 NHL Draft played college hockey this season. 25 are in the Frozen Four, including three first-round picks:**

Cale Makar, Massachusetts (4th, Colorado)

Jay O'Brien, Providence (19th, Philadelphia)

Riley Tufte, Minnesota Duluth (25th, Dallas)

**NHL Draft picks by team:**

9 – Providence

7 – Minnesota Duluth

6 – Denver

3 – Massachusetts

**19 NHL teams have draft prospects in the Frozen Four. Prospects by team:**

2 – Edmonton, Minnesota, Philadelphia, San Jose, Tampa Bay, Vegas

1 – Arizona, Buffalo, Calgary, Chicago, Colorado, Dallas, Detroit, Los Angeles, Montreal, NY Islanders, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Winnipeg

**12 draft-eligible players are in the Frozen Four:**

Denver: Sean Comrie, Michael Corson, Griffin Mendel, Tyler Ward

Massachusetts: Marc Del Gaizo, Colin Felix, Filip Lindberg, Bobby Trivigno

Minnesota Duluth: Matt Anderson, Hunter Lellig

Providence: Jimmy Scannell, Tyce Thompson

**OTHER RESOURCES**

Differences between NHL and NCAA rules: <http://collegehockeyinc.com/key-differences-ncaa-and-nhl-rules.php>

College Hockey, Inc. Media Center: <http://collegehockeyinc.com/media-center.php>