



2025 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 2025 NHL Draft at the Peacock Theater in Los Angeles is just the latest step in this trend.

Consider:

- There have been 77 first-round picks from the NCAA over the last 10 NHL Drafts (2015-24) compared to 54 first-rounders over the previous 10 drafts (2005-14).
- A total of 340 NCAA alumni played in the NHL in 2024-25, second-most in history. Among them:
 - Hart Trophy and Vezina Trophy winner Connor Hellebuyck (UMass Lowell)
 - Norris Trophy winner Cale Makar (UMass)
 - Calder Trophy winner Lane Hutson (Boston University)
 - Norris Trophy finalists Quinn Hughes (Michigan) and Zach Werenski (Michigan)
 - Calder Trophy finalist Macklin Celebrini (Boston University)
 - Lady Byng Trophy finalist Jack Eichel (Boston University)
- A record 42 percent of all NHL debuts in 2024-25 were college hockey alumni, including a record-tying 16 who played in both the NCAA and NHL last season.
- 15 of the NHL's 32 general managers in 2024-25 were former college hockey players, including Jim Gregory General Manager of the Year Award finalist Bill Zito (Yale).
- 13 of the NHL's 32 head coaches in 2024-25 were NCAA alumni, including Jack Adams Trophy winner Spencer Carbery (Alaska Anchorage, St. Norbert).

The 2025 NHL Draft also promises to be rife with college hockey storylines, including:

- Thirty-five different schools were represented in the final NHL Central Scouting rankings.
- More than 100 current or committed NCAA players appear in Central Scouting's rankings.
- Twelve of those players were freshmen last season and are projected to return to college hockey in 2025-26.

NHL DRAFT BY THE NUMBERS

210 – NCAA players drafted in the first round since 1964 (St. Lawrence's Alex Campbell was the first)

197 – 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

115 – NCAA players and recruits in NHL Central Scouting's Final Rankings

96 – Percentage of Americans taken in the first round of the last five drafts (2019-23) that played NCAA hockey

77 – First-round picks from the NCAA over the last 10 drafts (2015-24), compared to 54 from the previous 10 drafts (2005-14)

35 – Schools represented (of the 64 in Division I) in the Central Scouting rankings

34 – First-round picks to play for Michigan, the most of any school

First-Round Picks by School

34 – Michigan

27 – Minnesota

26 – Boston College

25 – Boston University

22 – North Dakota

29 – Consecutive years with a draft pick for Boston College and Michigan (starting in 1996), the longest such streak in college hockey history

28 – Schools that have produced a first-round pick all-time

25 – Schools with multiple players ranked by Central Scouting in 2025

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 2024-25

13 – 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
2024	9	57	225
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

THE LAST TIME:

An NCAA player went #1 overall.....	2024: Macklin Celebrini (Boston University/San Jose Sharks) 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 overall	2024: Macklin Celebrini (BU) & Artyom Levshunov (Michigan St.) 2021: Owen Power (Michigan) & Matty Beniers (Michigan)
Four of the top five picks were NCAA players/recruit	2021: Owen Power, Matty Beniers, Luke Hughes, Kent Johnson
One school had the first two NCAA players selected	2021: 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+ <i>current</i> players taken in 1st rd	2021: 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 <i>or</i> 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**

232 – Minnesota
196 – Boston University
190 – North Dakota
182 – Wisconsin
180 – Michigan

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

34 – Michigan
26 – Boston College
26 – Minnesota
24 – Boston University
22 – North Dakota

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

- 35 schools represented • 25 schools with multiple players ranked

North American Skaters

Rank	Name	NCAA Team	Rank	Name	NCAA Team
3	James Hagens, C	Boston College	106	Jordan Charron, RW	St. Lawrence ('26-27)
12	Logan Hensler, D	Wisconsin	109	Nicholas Sykora, LW	Quinnipiac ('26-27)
13	Jackson Smith, D	Penn State ('25-26)	110	Charlie Cerrato, C	Penn State
17	Malcolm Spence, LW	Michigan ('25-26)	112	Aidan Lane, RW	Harvard ('25-26)
18	Sascha Boumedienne, D	Boston Univ.	114	Brent Solomon, RW	Wisconsin ('26-27)
22	Cullen Potter, C	Arizona State	117	William Belle, RW	Notre Dame ('25-26)
24	Will Horcoff, C	Michigan	118	Everett Baldwin, D	Providence ('26-27)
25	Cole Reschny, C	North Dakota ('25-26)	121	Savin Virk, RW	Michigan State ('25-26)
28	Ryker Lee, RW	Michigan State ('25-26)	122	Vincent Desjardins, C	Omaha ('25-26)
29	William Moore, C	Boston College ('26-27)	124	Philippe Blais-Savoie, D	Colorado College
30	Jack Murtagh, LW	Boston Univ. ('25-26)	126	Shea Busch, LW	Penn State ('25-26)
32	Cole McKinney, C	Michigan ('25-26)	129	Daniel Shlaine, C	Minn. Duluth ('25-26)
33	Shane Vansaghi, RW	Michigan State	132	Giovanni DiGiulian, C	Cornell ('25-26)
34	Haoxi (Simon) Wang, D	Boston Univ. ('25-26)	133	Mazden Leslie, D	Bowling Green ('26-27)
36	Vaclav Nestrail, RW	UMass ('25-26)	135	Nolan Roed, C	St. Cloud State ('25-26)
41	Carter Amico, D	Boston Univ. ('26-27)	136	Kale Dach, C	Penn State ('26-27)
42	Jacob Rombach, D	Minnesota ('25-26)	141	Diego Buttazzoni, LW	UMass Lowell ('25-26)
45	Conrad Fondrk, C	Boston Univ. ('25-26)	142	Lev Katzin, C	Penn State ('25-26)
46	Charlton Trethewey, D	Boston Univ. ('25-26)	143	Robert Cowan, RW	Western Mich. ('25-26)
47	Kristian Epperson, LW	Denver ('25-26)	144	Brendan McMorrow, C	Denver ('25-26)
53	Mason Moe, C	Minnesota ('25-26)	145	Richard Baran, D	Arizona State ('25-26)
55	Ben Kevan, RW	Arizona State ('25-26)	149	Jeremy Loranger, C	Omaha ('25-26)
59	Teddy Mutryn, C	Boston College ('26-27)	150	William Tomko, C	Penn State ('26-27)
60	Ryan Miller, C	Denver ('26-27)	152	Jacob Kvasnicka, RW	Minnesota ('26-27)
61	Maceo Phillips, D	Minnesota ('26-27)	158	Oliver Turner, D	Colgate ('26-27)
64	Sean Barnhill, D	Northeastern ('27-27)	161	Poul Andersen, RW	Maine ('26-27)
65	Sam Laurila, D	North Dakota ('25-26)	162	Aiden Ziprick, D	Bemidji State ('26-27)
66	Nathan Quinn, C	Northeastern ('26-27)	164	Brooks Cullen, C	Michigan State ('26-27)
67	Bruno Idzan, LW	Wisconsin ('25-26)	169	Nolen Geerdes, D	Western Mich. ('26-27)
68	Dakoda Rheaume-Mullen, D	Michigan	171	Liam Beamish, C	Penn State ('26-27)
71	Kieren Dervin, C	Penn State ('26-27)	174	Grayden Robertson-Palmer, C	Dartmouth ('26-27)
74	Cooper Simpson, LW	North Dakota ('26-27)	175	Matthew Lansing, C	Quinnipiac ('25-26)
78	Edison Engle, D	Ohio State ('26-27)	176	William Schneid, RW	UConn ('26-27)
80	Caeden Herrington, D	Vermont ('25-26)	177	Jonathan Brown, D	Yale ('26-27)
81	Andrew O'Neill, C	North Dakota ('27-28)	182	Drew Schock, D	Michigan ('25-26)
82	Francesco Dell'Elce, D	UMass	183	Connor Davis, RW	Northeastern ('25-26)
83	Ashton Schultz, C	North Dakota ('26-27)	185	Ethan Wyttenbach, LW	Quinnipiac ('26-27)
84	Jimmy Lombardi, C	Michigan ('26-27)	188	Luka Radivojevic, D	Boston College ('25-26)
86	Brady Peddle, D	Michigan State ('26-27)	189	Drew Hockley, D	Quinnipiac
94	Aidan Park, C	Michigan ('25-26)	192	Jack Pechar, RW	Northeastern ('25-26)
96	Asher Barnett, D	Michigan ('26-27)	193	Evan Van Gorp, LW	Maine ('27-28)
98	Remi Gelinas, C	Clarkson ('26-27)	194	Brendan Dunphy, D	UConn ('25-26)
101	Anthony Allain-Samake, D	UConn ('25-26)	195	Frantisek Netusil, C	Western Mich. ('26-27)
103	Zachary Morin, LW	Boston Univ. ('26-27)	197	Alexander Donovan, RW	Denver ('26-27)
105	Maddox Labre, D	Ohio State ('26-27)	204	Ryan Rucinski, C	Ohio State ('25-26)

North American Skaters (cont'd)

Rank	Name	NCAA Team
205	Dryden Allen, D	Michigan State ('26-27)
206	John Mooney, C	Minnesota ('25-26)
207	Jackson Crowder, C	Ohio State ('26-27)
208	Kaden Shahan, RW	UConn
209	Max Heise, C	Michigan State ('25-26)
210	Rafael Cloutier, LW	Clarkson ('26-27)
211	Jonathan Kapageridis, D	Vermont ('25-26)
218	Ritter Coombs, LW	Providence ('26-27)
224	Gavin Cornforth, RW	Boston College ('25-26)

North American Goaltenders

Rank	Name	NCAA Team
4	Jack Ivankovic	Michigan ('25-26)
10	John Parsons	Providence ('25-26)
14	Ryan Cameron	Boston College ('26-27)
16	Alexis Cournoyer	Cornell ('25-26)
17	Trenten Bennett	St. Lawrence ('26-27)
18	Patrick Quinlan	Notre Dame ('26-27)
21	Kambryn Hendrickson	UConn ('25-26)
23	Bjorn Bronas	Minnesota State ('25-26)
28	Raiden Legall	Bemidji State ('25-26)
31	Ethan Phillips	Providence ('26-27)
32	Samuel Doyon-Cataquiz	Quinnipiac ('26-27)

International Skaters

Rank	Name	NCAA Team
7	Eric Nilson, C	Michigan State ('25-26)
60	Wilson Bjorck, C	Colorado College ('25-26)
68	Eetu Orpana, F	Wisconsin ('26-27)
87	Michal Capos, D	Western Michigan ('26-27)

International Goaltenders

Rank	Name	NCAA Team
12	Arseni Radkov	UMass ('26-27)

Sources: RinkNet, Elite Prospects, Brad Schlossman/Grand Forks Herald

NCAA IN THE NHL

46 schools had an alum in the NHL in 2024-25. Colleges producing the most 2024-25 NHLers:

Michigan – 31

Boston College – 28

Boston University, Minnesota – 25

Northeastern – 15

UMass, Minnesota Duluth, North Dakota, Notre Dame, Providence – 14

2024-25 NHL players by years in school

(65% played at least three years)

One year – 34

Two years – 86

Three years – 130

Four years – 87

Five years – 2

Six years – 1

By position:

195 forwards ▪ 122 defensemen ▪ 23 goaltenders

2024-25 NHLers by NHL Draft status:

89 – First round

45 – Second round

38 – Third round

29 – Fourth round

23 – Fifth round

17 – Sixth round

12 – Seventh round

87 – Undrafted free agents

(55% of all undrafted NHL players)

40 NCAA schools had at least one NHL Draft pick on their roster in 2024-25. Colleges with the most draft picks:

Minnesota – 16

Boston University – 14

Denver, North Dakota – 13

Boston College, Harvard – 12

Providence – 11

Minnesota Duluth – 10

Colorado College, UMass – 9

All 32 NHL teams had prospects in college in 2024-25. Those with the most:

Detroit – 16

Boston – 13

Nashville – 12

Chicago, Tampa Bay – 11

Buffalo – 10

Full list: <https://www.collegehockeyinc.com/nhl-draft-picks-playing-college-hockey-in-2024-25/>

15 NHL GMs in 2024-25 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)
Kelly McCrimmon, Vegas (Michigan)
Chris Patrick, Washington (Princeton)
Don Sweeney, Boston (Harvard)
Don Waddell, Columbus (Northern Michigan)
Bill Zito, Florida (Yale)

13 NHL head coaches in 2024-25 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, St. Louis/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 front office roles. Full list of former NCAA players in NHL executive roles:

<https://www.collegehockeyinc.com/former-collegians-in-nhl-front-offices/>

5 NHL awards went to former college hockey players:

Hart Memorial Trophy: Connor Hellebuyck, Winnipeg (UMass Lowell)
Vezina Trophy: Connor Hellebuyck, Winnipeg (UMass Lowell)
James Norris Memorial Trophy: Cale Makar, Colorado (UMass)
Calder Memorial Trophy: Lane Hutson, Montreal (Boston University)
Jack Adams Award: Spencer Carbery (Alaska Anchorage, St. Norbert)

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