



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

112 – 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:

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| 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 | 109 | Nicholas Sykora, LW | Quinnipiac ('26-27) |
| 12 | Logan Hensler, D | Wisconsin | 110 | Charlie Cerrato, C | Penn State |
| 13 | Jackson Smith, D | Penn State ('25-26) | 112 | Aidan Lane, RW | Harvard ('25-26) |
| 17 | Malcolm Spence, LW | Michigan ('25-26) | 114 | Brent Solomon, RW | Wisconsin ('26-27) |
| 18 | Sascha Boumedienne, D | Boston Univ. | 117 | William Belle, RW | Notre Dame ('25-26) |
| 22 | Cullen Potter, C | Arizona State | 118 | Everett Baldwin, D | Providence ('26-27) |
| 24 | Will Horcoff, C | Michigan | 121 | Savin Virk, RW | Michigan State ('25-26) |
| 25 | Cole Reschny, C | North Dakota ('25-26) | 122 | Vincent Desjardins, C | Omaha ('25-26) |
| 28 | Ryker Lee, RW | Michigan State ('25-26) | 124 | Philippe Blais-Savoie, D | Colorado College |
| 29 | William Moore, C | Boston College ('26-27) | 126 | Shea Busch, LW | Penn State ('25-26) |
| 30 | Jack Murtagh, LW | Boston Univ. ('25-26) | 129 | Daniel Shlaine, C | Minn. Duluth ('25-26) |
| 32 | Cole McKinney, C | Michigan ('25-26) | 132 | Giovanni DiGiulian, C | Cornell ('25-26) |
| 33 | Shane Vansaghi, RW | Michigan State | 133 | Mazden Leslie, D | Bowling Green ('26-27) |
| 34 | Haoxi (Simon) Wang, D | Boston Univ. ('25-26) | 135 | Nolan Roed, C | St. Cloud State ('25-26) |
| 36 | Vaclav Nestrail, RW | UMass ('25-26) | 136 | Kale Dach, C | Penn State ('26-27) |
| 41 | Carter Amico, D | Boston Univ. ('26-27) | 141 | Diego Buttazzoni, LW | UMass Lowell ('25-26) |
| 42 | Jacob Rombach, D | Minnesota ('25-26) | 142 | Lev Katzin, C | Penn State ('25-26) |
| 45 | Conrad Fondrk, C | Boston Univ. ('25-26) | 143 | Robert Cowan, RW | Western Mich. ('25-26) |
| 46 | Charlton Trethewey, D | Boston Univ. ('25-26) | 144 | Brendan McMorro, C | Denver ('25-26) |
| 47 | Kristian Epperson, LW | Denver ('25-26) | 145 | Richard Baran, D | Arizona State ('25-26) |
| 53 | Mason Moe, C | Minnesota ('25-26) | 149 | Jeremy Loranger, C | Omaha ('25-26) |
| 55 | Ben Kevan, RW | Arizona State ('25-26) | 150 | William Tomko, C | Penn State ('26-27) |
| 59 | Teddy Mutryn, C | Boston College ('26-27) | 152 | Jacob Kvasnicka, RW | Minnesota ('26-27) |
| 60 | Ryan Miller, C | Denver ('26-27) | 158 | Oliver Turner, D | Colgate ('26-27) |
| 61 | Maceo Phillips, D | Minnesota ('26-27) | 161 | Poul Andersen, RW | Maine ('26-27) |
| 64 | Sean Barnhill, D | Northeastern ('27-27) | 162 | Aiden Ziprick, D | Bemidji State ('26-27) |
| 65 | Sam Laurila, D | North Dakota ('25-26) | 164 | Brooks Cullen, C | Michigan State ('26-27) |
| 66 | Nathan Quinn, C | Northeastern ('26-27) | 169 | Nolen Geerdes, D | Western Mich. ('26-27) |
| 67 | Bruno Idzan, LW | Wisconsin ('25-26) | 171 | Liam Beamish, C | Penn State ('26-27) |
| 68 | Dakota Rheaume-Mullen, D | Michigan | 174 | Grayden Robertson-Palmer, C | Dartmouth ('26-27) |
| 71 | Kieren Dervin, C | Penn State ('26-27) | 175 | Matthew Lansing, C | Quinnipiac ('25-26) |
| 74 | Cooper Simpson, LW | North Dakota ('26-27) | 176 | William Schneid, RW | UConn ('26-27) |
| 78 | Edison Engle, D | Ohio State ('26-27) | 177 | Jonathan Brown, D | Yale ('26-27) |
| 80 | Caeden Herrington, D | Vermont ('25-26) | 182 | Drew Schock, D | Michigan ('25-26) |
| 81 | Andrew O'Neill, C | North Dakota ('27-28) | 183 | Connor Davis, RW | Northeastern ('25-26) |
| 82 | Francesco Dell'Elce, D | UMass | 185 | Ethan Wyttenbach, LW | Quinnipiac ('26-27) |
| 83 | Ashton Schultz, C | North Dakota ('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) |
| 106 | Jordan Charron, RW | St. Lawrence ('26-27) | 205 | Dryden Allen, D | Michigan State ('26-27) |

North American Skaters (cont'd)

| Rank | Name | NCAA Team |
|------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 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) |
| 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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