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**ACTIVE NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S CAREER SCORING LEADERS**

(2026 Frozen Four participants only; \* = leads all active players)

**Points:**

T.J. Hughes, Michigan – 178\*  
Christian Fitzgerald, Wisconsin – 101  
Eric Pohlkamp, Denver – 98  
Rieger Lorenz, Denver – 93  
Samu Salminen, Denver – 91  
Sam Harris, Denver – 90  
Quinn Finley, Wisconsin – 88  
Dylan James, North Dakota – 88  
Boston Buckberger, Denver – 85  
Michael Hage, Michigan – 85  
Ellis Rickwood, North Dakota – 85

**Goals:**

T.J. Hughes, Michigan – 68\*  
Sam Harris, Denver – 52  
Dylan James, North Dakota – 52  
Quinn Finley, Wisconsin – 47  
Christian Fitzgerald, Wisconsin – 45  
Garrett Schifsky, Michigan – 41  
Rieger Lorenz, Denver – 40  
Eric Pohlkamp, Denver – 40  
Jayden Perron, Michigan – 38  
Samu Salminen, Denver – 37

**Assists:**

T.J. Hughes, Michigan – 110\*  
Ben Dexheimer, Wisconsin – 70  
Jake Livanavage, North Dakota – 68  
Ellis Rickwood, North Dakota – 63  
Boston Buckberger, Denver – 61  
Michael Hage, Michigan – 59  
Eric Pohlkamp, Denver – 58  
Christian Fitzgerald, Wisconsin – 56  
Samu Salminen, Denver – 54  
Rieger Lorenz, Denver – 53  
Abram Wiebe, North Dakota – 53

**Power-Play Goals:**

T.J. Hughes, Michigan – 27  
Sam Harris, Denver – 18  
Christian Fitzgerald, Wisconsin – 17  
Jayden Perron, Michigan – 15  
Will Horcoff, Michigan – 14  
Eric Pohlkamp, Denver – 14

**Shorthanded Goals:**

Garrett Schifsky, Michigan – 7\*  
Dylan James, North Dakota – 6  
Josh Eernisse, Michigan – 4  
Jack Horbach, Wisconsin – 3  
Rieger Lorenz, Denver – 3  
Samu Salminen, Denver – 3

**Game-Winning Goals:**

Sam Harris, Denver – 11  
T.J. Hughes, Michigan – 10  
Christian Fitzgerald, Wisconsin – 9  
Four players tied w/ – 7

**Games Played:**

Rieger Lorenz, Denver – 167\*  
T.J. Hughes, Michigan – 155  
Dylan James, North Dakota – 153  
Josh Eernisse, Michigan – 150  
Christian Fitzgerald, Wisconsin – 149

**Plus/Minus:**

Boston Buckberger, Denver – +94  
Rieger Lorenz, Denver – +60  
Eric Pohlkamp, Denver – +60  
Samu Salminen, Denver – +51  
Tyler Duke, Michigan – +48  
Bennett Zmolek, North Dakota – +48

Source: College Hockey News

**ACTIVE NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S CAREER SCORING LEADERS***(2026 Frozen Four participants only; \* = leads all active players)***Points by Defensemen:**

Eric Pohlkamp, Denver – 98  
Boston Buckberger, Denver – 85  
Ben Dexheimer, Wisconsin – 83  
Jake Livanavage, North Dakota – 82  
Abram Wiebe, North Dakota – 63  
Ben Robertson, Michigan – 60  
Tyler Duke, Michigan – 59  
Aiden Dubinsky, Wisconsin – 40  
Joe Palodichuk, Wisconsin – 39  
Luca Fantilli, Michigan – 38

**Goals by Defensemen:**

Eric Pohlkamp, Denver – 40\*  
Boston Buckberger, Denver – 24  
Jake Livanavage, North Dakota – 14  
Ben Dexheimer, Wisconsin – 13  
Tyler Duke, Michigan – 13  
Abram Wiebe, North Dakota – 10  
Aiden Dubinsky, Wisconsin – 9  
Luca Fantilli, Michigan – 8  
Ben Robertson, Michigan – 8  
Joe Palodichuk, Wisconsin – 7

**Assists by Defensemen:**

Ben Dexheimer, Wisconsin – 70  
Jake Livanavage, North Dakota – 68  
Boston Buckberger, Denver – 61  
Eric Pohlkamp, Denver – 58  
Abram Wiebe, North Dakota – 53  
Ben Robertson, Michigan – 52  
Tyler Duke, Michigan – 46  
Joe Palodichuk, Wisconsin – 32  
Aiden Dubinsky, Wisconsin – 31  
Luca Fantilli, Michigan – 30

**Power-Play Goals by Defensemen:**

Eric Pohlkamp, Denver – 14\*  
Boston Buckberger, Denver – 5  
Jake Livanavage, North Dakota – 5  
Ben Dexheimer, Wisconsin – 4  
Ben Robertson, Michigan – 3  
Keaton Verhoeff, North Dakota – 3  
Abram Wiebe, North Dakota – 3

**Shorthanded Goals by Defensemen:**

Tyler Duke, Michigan – 1  
Luca Fantilli, Michigan – 1  
Jake Livanavage, North Dakota – 1  
Eric Pohlkamp, Denver – 1

**Game-Winning Goals by Defensemen:**

Eric Pohlkamp, Denver – 7  
Ben Dexheimer, Wisconsin – 5  
Cale Ashcroft, Denver – 4  
Boston Buckberger, Denver – 3  
Tyler Duke, Michigan – 3  
Jake Livanavage, North Dakota – 3

**Games Played by Defensemen:**

Kent Anderson, Denver – 148  
Ben Dexheimer, Wisconsin – 147  
Tyler Duke, Michigan – 146  
Luca Fantilli, Michigan – 146  
Aiden Dubinsky, Wisconsin – 139

**Plus/Minus (Defensemen):**

Boston Buckberger, Denver – +94  
Eric Pohlkamp, Denver – +60  
Ben Robertson, Michigan – +52  
Tyler Duke, Michigan – +48  
Bennett Zmolek, North Dakota – +48

*Source: College Hockey News*

**ACTIVE NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S CAREER GOALTENDING LEADERS**

(2026 Frozen Four participants only; \* = leads all active players)

**Games Played:**

Gibson Homer, North Dakota – 44  
Jack Ivankovic, Michigan – 34  
Daniel Hauser, Wisconsin – 31  
Jan Špunar, North Dakota – 26  
Quentin Miller, Denver – 25  
Johnny Hicks, Denver – 19  
Eli Pulver, Wisconsin – 13  
Paxton Geisel, Denver – 6  
Stephen Peck, Michigan – 6  
Anton Castro, Wisconsin – 1

**Wins:**

Gibson Homer, North Dakota – 25  
Jack Ivankovic, Michigan – 25  
Daniel Hauser, Wisconsin – 20  
Jan Špunar, North Dakota – 20  
Johnny Hicks, Denver – 14  
Quentin Miller, Denver – 12  
Stephen Peck, Michigan – 6  
Eli Pulver, Wisconsin – 4  
Paxton Geisel, Denver – 3

**Save Percentage:**

Johnny Hicks, Denver – .958  
Jack Ivankovic, Michigan – .923  
Quentin Miller, Denver – .916  
Jan Špunar, North Dakota – .917  
Gibson Homer, North Dakota – .914  
Stephen Peck, Michigan – .911  
Paxton Geisel, Denver – .905  
Daniel Hauser, Wisconsin – .899  
Eli Pulver, Wisconsin – .875  
Anton Castro, Wisconsin – .786

**Goals-Against Avg:**

Johnny Hicks, Denver – 1.12  
Jan Špunar, North Dakota – 1.90  
Jack Ivankovic, Michigan – 2.13  
Quentin Miller, Denver – 2.39  
Gibson Homer, North Dakota – 2.44  
Daniel Hauser, Wisconsin – 2.56  
Stephen Peck, Michigan – 2.61  
Paxton Geisel, Denver – 2.73  
Eli Pulver, Wisconsin – 3.50  
Anton Castro, Wisconsin – 4.27

**Shutouts:**

Jan Špunar, North Dakota – 6  
Daniel Hauser, Wisconsin – 3  
Johnny Hicks, Denver – 3  
Jack Ivankovic, Michigan – 3  
Quentin Miller, Denver – 3  
Paxton Geisel, Denver – 2

**Minutes Played:**

Gibson Homer, North Dakota – 2531:13  
Jack Ivankovic, Michigan – 2000:50  
Daniel Hauser, Wisconsin – 1714:17  
Jan Špunar, North Dakota – 1545:48  
Quentin Miller, Denver – 1403:50  
Johnny Hicks, Denver – 960:21  
Eli Pulver, Wisconsin – 493:08  
Stephen Peck, Michigan – 344:18  
Paxton Geisel, Denver – 223:13  
Anton Castro, Wisconsin – 42:10

**Saves:**

Gibson Homer, North Dakota – 1,101  
Jack Ivankovic, Michigan – 852  
Daniel Hauser, Wisconsin – 647  
Quentin Miller, Denver – 607  
Jan Špunar, North Dakota – 542  
Johnny Hicks, Denver – 414  
Eli Pulver, Wisconsin – 208  
Stephen Peck, Michigan – 169  
Paxton Geisel, Denver – 97  
Anton Castro, Wisconsin – 11

*Source: College Hockey News*

**ACTIVE NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S CAREER TOURNAMENT LEADERS**

(2026 Frozen Four participants only; \* = leads all active players)

**Points:**

T.J. Hughes, Michigan – 10\*  
Garrett Schifsky, Michigan – 7  
Quinn Finley, Wisconsin – 6  
Sam Harris, Denver – 5  
Ben Robertson, Michigan – 5  
Eric Pohlkamp, Denver – 4  
Will Zellers, North Dakota – 4  
Ben Dexheimer, Wisconsin – 4  
12 players tied w/ – 3

**Goals:**

Sam Harris, Denver – 4  
Cody Croal, North Dakota – 3  
Quinn Finley, Wisconsin – 3  
Kieran Cebrian, Denver – 2  
T.J. Hughes, Michigan – 2  
Dylan James, North Dakota – 2  
Jack Kernan, North Dakota – 2  
Rieger Lorenz, Denver – 2  
Eric Pohlkamp, Denver – 2  
Garrett Schifsky, Michigan – 2  
Simon Tassy, Wisconsin – 2

**Assists:**

T.J. Hughes, Michigan – 8\*  
Garrett Schifsky, Michigan – 5  
Ben Robertson, Michigan – 4  
Will Zellers, North Dakota – 4  
Cale Ashcroft, Denver – 3  
Ben Dexheimer, Wisconsin – 3  
Quinn Finley, Wisconsin – 3  
Abram Wiebe, North Dakota – 3  
13 players tied w/ – 2

**Power-Play Goals:**

Sam Harris, Denver – 2  
Cody Croal, North Dakota – 1  
Nick Moldenhauer, Michigan – 1  
Eric Pohlkamp, Denver – 1  
Simon Tassy, Wisconsin – 1  
Adam Valentini, Michigan – 1

**Short-Handed Goals:**

Garrett Schifsky, Michigan – 1\*

**Game-Winning Goals:**

Cody Croal, North Dakota – 1  
Ben Dexheimer, Wisconsin – 1  
Jake Fisher, Denver – 1  
Sam Harris, Denver – 1  
Jack Horbach, Wisconsin – 1  
Jack Kernan, North Dakota – 1  
Ben Robertson, Michigan – 1  
Jayden Perron, Michigan – 1  
James Reeder, Denver – 1  
Samu Salminen, Denver – 1

**Games Played:**

Rieger Lorenz, Denver – 10\*  
Kent Anderson, Denver – 9  
Kieran Cebrian, Denver – 9  
Sam Harris, Denver – 9  
Luca Fantilli, Michigan – 8  
T.J. Hughes, Michigan – 8

**Plus/Minus:**

Boston Buckberger, Denver – +7  
T.J. Hughes, Michigan – +7  
Garrett Schifsky, Michigan – +7  
Tyler Duke, Michigan – +6  
EJ Emery, North Dakota – +6  
Eric Pohlkamp, Denver – +6

Source: *College Hockey News*



**ACTIVE NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S CAREER TOURNAMENT LEADERS**

*(2026 Frozen Four participants only; \* = leads all active players)*

**Games Played:**

Daniel Hauser, Wisconsin – 2  
Johnny Hicks, Denver – 2  
Jan Špunar, North Dakota – 2  
Jack Ivankovic, Michigan – 2

**Wins:**

Daniel Hauser, Wisconsin – 2  
Johnny Hicks, Denver – 2  
Jack Ivankovic, Michigan – 2  
Jan Špunar, North Dakota – 2

**Save Percentage:**

Jan Špunar, North Dakota – 1.000  
Johnny Hicks, Denver – .962  
Jack Ivankovic, Michigan – .931  
Daniel Hauser, Wisconsin – .902

**Goals-Against Avg:**

Jan Špunar, North Dakota – 0.00  
Johnny Hicks, Denver – 1.00  
Daniel Hauser, Wisconsin – 1.99  
Jack Ivankovic, Michigan – 2.00

**Shutouts:**

Jan Špunar, North Dakota – 2  
Johnny Hicks, Denver – 1

**Minutes Played:**

Daniel Hauser, Wisconsin – 120:24  
Jack Ivankovic, Michigan – 120:00  
Johnny Hicks, Denver – 119:59  
Jan Špunar, North Dakota – 119:31

**Saves:**

Jack Ivankovic, Michigan – 54  
Jan Špunar, North Dakota – 53  
Johnny Hicks, Denver – 50  
Daniel Hauser, Wisconsin – 37

*Source: College Hockey News*



**FROZEN FOUR TEAMS BY THE NUMBERS**

*(NCAA rank in parentheses; average age as of 4/1/26)*

Team	Win %	GF/GP	GA/GP	PIM/GP	PP%	PK%	FO%
Denver (27-11-3)	.695	3.61 (9)	2.10 (4)	8.63 (46)	19.2% (35)	82.2% (20)	51.0% (22)
Michigan ( <b>31</b> -7-1)	<b>.808</b>	<b>4.56 (1)</b>	2.36 (11)	15.87 (4)	<b>31.6% (1)</b>	79.8% (35)	53.3% (8)
North Dakota (29-9-1)	.756	3.85 (3)	2.26 (7)	10.46 (28)	26.7% (7)	83.3% (14)	54.0% (4)
Wisconsin (23-12-2)	.649	3.76 (5)	3.03 (36)	13.78 (6)	26.9% (6)	70.9% (62)	53.9% (5)

Team	Avg. Ht.	Avg. Wt.	Avg. Age	FR	SO	JR	SR	GR
Denver	6'0.4"	190.2	21.4	10	5	7	3	0
Michigan	6'0"	188.6	21.1	11	6	5	6	0
North Dakota	6'1.1"	195.0	21.7	10	7	4	4	2
Wisconsin	6'0.1"	185.3	22.1	8	8	3	7	0

**Distance to Las Vegas**

- 606 miles – Denver, Colo.
- 1,229 miles – Grand Forks, N.D.
- 1,445 miles – Madison, Wis.
- 1,722 miles – Ann Arbor, Mich.

**Enrollment**

- Michigan – 53,488
- Wisconsin – 49,724
- North Dakota – 15,844
- Denver – 13,384

**Most Frozen Four Championships:**

- Denver – 10
- 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, Massachusetts, Northern Michigan, Providence, Quinnipiac, Union, Western Michigan, Yale – 1

**Last Frozen Four Championship Won by 2026 Field:**

- Denver – 2024
- North Dakota – 2016
- Wisconsin – 2006
- Michigan – 1998

**Most Frozen Four Appearances:**

- Michigan – 29
- Boston College – 26
- Boston University – 25
- Minnesota, North Dakota – 23
- Denver – 20



**Last Frozen Four Appearance by 2026 Field:**

Denver – 2025  
Michigan – 2024  
North Dakota – 2016  
Wisconsin – 2010

**Most NCAA Frozen Four Appearances:**

Michigan – 29  
Boston College – 26  
Boston University – 25  
Minnesota, North Dakota – 23  
Denver – 20

**Most Frozen Four Wins:**

Michigan – 25  
Denver, North Dakota – 24  
Boston University – 22  
Minnesota – 21

**Most All-Time NCAA Tournament Appearances:**

Michigan, Minnesota – 42  
Boston University – 40  
Boston College – 38  
North Dakota – 36  
Denver – 34  
Michigan State – 30  
Wisconsin – 28  
Harvard – 27  
Cornell – 26

**NCAA Appearances by 2026 Frozen Four Coaches**

10th – Mike Hastings, Wisconsin (3rd Frozen Four)  
6th – David Carle, Denver (5th Frozen Four)  
3rd – Brandon Naurato, Michigan (3rd Frozen Four)  
1st – Dane Jackson, North Dakota (1st Frozen Four)

**NCAA Titles by 2026 Tournament Coaches**

2 – David Carle, Denver (2022, 2024)

**Coaches Coaching their Alma Mater:**

David Carle, Denver  
Dane Jackson, North Dakota  
Brandon Naurato, Michigan

**Tournament Most Outstanding Players**

Thirty-eight winners of this award have gone on to play in the NHL, including 2025-26 NHLers Mike Benning (Denver, 2022), Shayne Gostisbehere (Union, 2014) and Jacob Quillan (Quinnipiac, 2023).

Other notable NHLers to have won the award include Bill Masterton (Denver, 1961), Doug Smail (North Dakota, 1980), Chris Terreri (Providence, 1985), Ted Donato (Harvard, 1989), Jim Montgomery (Maine, 1993), Brendon Morrison (Michigan, 1996), Marty Turco (Michigan, 1998) and Thomas Vanek (Minnesota, 2003).



**FROZEN FOUR TEAMS BY THE NUMBERS**

**Record vs. Other Frozen Four Teams**

Michigan – 2-2-0 (.500)  
Wisconsin – 2-2-0 (.500)  
Denver – 1-1-0 (.500)  
North Dakota – 1-1-0 (.500)

**Last 10 Games**

Denver – 10-0-0 (1.000)  
Michigan – 8-2-0 (.800)  
North Dakota – 7-2-1 (.750)  
Wisconsin – 7-3-0 (.700)

**Since Christmas**

Michigan – 15-3-1 (.816)  
North Dakota – 15-5-1 (.738)  
Denver – 15-5-2 (.727)  
Wisconsin – 11-10-0 (.524)

**Active Winning Streaks**

11 games – Denver  
6 – Michigan  
2 – North Dakota, Wisconsin

**Active Unbeaten Streaks**

15 games – Denver (14-0-1)  
6 games – Michigan (6-0-0)  
2 games – North Dakota (2-0-0), Wisconsin (2-0-0)

**Record When:**

	<b>DU</b>	<b>UM</b>	<b>UND</b>	<b>UW</b>
Scoring first goal	19-3-0	24-3-0	20-3-1	17-6-0
Allowing first goal	8-8-3	7-4-1	9-6-0	6-6-2
Leading after 1st period	15-2-0	21-3-0	15-1-0	12-4-0
Trailing after 1st period	4-4-2	1-2-0	3-3-0	4-6-1
Tied after 1st period	8-5-1	9-2-1	11-5-1	7-2-1
Leading after 2nd period	19-1-0	23-0-0	22-0-0	17-2-0
Trailing after 2nd period	1-7-1	2-5-0	2-6-1	1-10-1
Tied after 2nd period	7-3-2	6-2-1	5-3-0	5-0-1
Outshooting opponent	16-7-1	20-3-0	20-6-0	17-10-2
Outshot by opponent	11-3-2	10-3-1	8-3-1	4-2-0
One-goal games	7-6	6-0	5-5	8-2
Overtime games (3x3)	2-3	5-0	2-4	3-0
Overtime games (5x5)	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0

**Win Improvement Since Last Season**

Michigan: +13  
Wisconsin: +10  
North Dakota: +8  
Denver: -4

**Offense from senior classes***(incl. graduate students):*

117 points – North Dakota (50 goals, 67 assists)  
108 points – Michigan (32 goals, 76 assists)  
107 points – Wisconsin (46 goals, 63 assists)  
66 points – Denver (28 goals, 38 assists)

**Offense from junior classes:**

139 points – Denver (53 goals, 86 assists)  
138 points – Michigan (57 goals, 81 assists)  
66 points – North Dakota (15 goals, 51 assists)  
59 points – Wisconsin (22 goals, 37 assists)

**Offense from sophomore classes:**

108 points – Michigan (42 goals, 66 assists)  
94 points – Wisconsin (30 goals, 64 assists)  
77 points – North Dakota (31 goals, 46 assists)  
69 points – Denver (24 goals, 45 assists)

**Offense from freshman classes:**

151 points – North Dakota (54 goals, 97 assists)  
127 points – Michigan (47 goals, 80 assists)  
121 points – Denver (43 goals, 78 assists)  
113 points – Wisconsin (41 goals, 72 assists)

**Offense from defensemen:**

114 points – Michigan (18 goals, 96 assists)  
110 points – Denver (40 goals, 70 assists)  
109 points – North Dakota (22 goals, 87 assists)  
100 points – Wisconsin (23 goals, 77 assists)

**10+ goal scorers:**

Michigan – 9  
Denver – 8  
North Dakota – 6  
Wisconsin – 3

**20+ goal scorers:**

Michigan – 2  
North Dakota – 1  
Denver, Wisconsin – 0

**30+ goal scorers:**

None

**10+ point players:**

Michigan – 18  
Denver, North Dakota – 17  
Wisconsin – 16

**20+ point players:**

North Dakota – 11  
Michigan – 10  
Denver, Wisconsin – 8

**30+ point players:**

Denver, Michigan, North Dakota – 5  
Wisconsin – 3

**40+ point players:**

Michigan – 3  
Denver, North Dakota, Wisconsin – 0

**50+ point players:**

Michigan – 2  
Denver, North Dakota, Wisconsin – 0

**60+ point players:**

None

**Players with a power-play goal:**

Wisconsin – 12  
North Dakota – 11  
Michigan – 10  
Denver – 8

**Players with a short-handed goal:**

Michigan – 6  
North Dakota, Wisconsin – 4  
Denver – 3

**Players with a game-winning goal:**

Denver – 15  
Michigan, North Dakota – 14  
Wisconsin – 11



### **Top 1-2 scoring pairs of teammates**

107 points – T.J. Hughes (56) & Michael Hage (51), Michigan  
73 points – Eric Pohlkamp (39) & Sam Harris (34) **or** Rieger Lorenz (34), Denver  
71 points – Ellis Rickwood (36) & Cole Reschny (35), North Dakota  
69 points – Gavin Morrissey (36) & Quinn Finley (33), Wisconsin

46 goals – Will Horcoff (25) & T.J. Hughes (21), Michigan  
39 goals – Dylan James (21) & Will Zellers (18), North Dakota  
34 goals – Eric Pohlkamp (18) & Rieger Lorenz (16), Denver  
33 goals – Quinn Finley (17) & Christian Fitzgerald (16), Wisconsin

### **Top 1-2-3 scoring trios of teammates**

147 points -- T.J. Hughes (56) & Michael Hage (51) & Jayden Perron (40), Michigan  
107 points – Eric Pohlkamp (39) & Sam Harris (34) & Rieger Lorenz (34), Denver  
105 points -- Ellis Rickwood (36) & Cole Reschny (35) & Ben Strinden (34) **or** Will Zellers (34), North Dakota  
100 points – Gavin Morrissey (36) & Quinn Finley (33) & Christian Fitzgerald (31), Wisconsin

63 goals – Will Horcoff (25) & T.J. Hughes (21) & Jayden Perron (17), Michigan  
54 goals -- Dylan James (21) & Will Zellers (18) & Ben Strinden (15), North Dakota  
49 goals – Eric Pohlkamp (18) & Rieger Lorenz (16) & Sam Harris (15), Denver  
46 goals -- Quinn Finley (17) & Christian Fitzgerald (16) & Simon Tassy (13), Wisconsin

### **2026 NCAA TOURNAMENT FACTS**

#### **2026 NCAA Tournament records**

Team scoring first: 10-2 (.833)  
Team leading after first: 6-0 (.600)  
Team leading after second: 9-1 (.900)  
Team with more shots on goal: 9-3 (.750)

#### **2026 NCAA Tournament goals per game**

First round: 4.75  
Regional finals: 6.75  
All games: 5.42

#### **2026 NCAA Tournament scoring by period**

First period: 22 goals  
Second period: 14 goals  
Third period: 28 goals  
Overtime: 1 goal



## GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN

Six countries are represented on 2026 NCAA Frozen Four rosters, including players from 18 different U.S. states and six different Canadian provinces:

### Players By State

- 21 – Minnesota
- 9 – Michigan
- 8 – Illinois
- 5 – California
- 4 – Wisconsin
- 3 – Colorado
- 2 – North Dakota
- 1 – Alaska, Arizona, Florida, Iowa, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, Ohio, Virginia, Washington

### Players By Province

- 11 – Ontario
- 9 – British Columbia
- 8 – Alberta
- 5 – Manitoba
- 4 – Saskatchewan
- 2 – Quebec

### By Country

- 63 – United States (59%)
- 39 – Canada (37%)
- 1 – Croatia, Czechia, Finland, Russia

**Most Americans:** 17, Michigan/North Dakota/Wisconsin

**Most Canadians:** 12, Denver

**Most non-North Americans:** 2, Wisconsin

**Most Countries on Roster:** 4, Wisconsin

**Most States on Roster:** 11, North Dakota

**Most Canadian Provinces:** 5, Denver/North Dakota



## IN THE NHL

**316 former NCAA players have appeared in an NHL game this season** (*as of games through 3/31/26*).

**Full list:** <https://www.collegehockeyinc.com/2025-26-alums-in-the-nhl/>

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

349 – 2021-22

341 – 2024-25

334 – 2022-23

327 – 2018-19

326 – 2023-24

### **45 schools have had an alum in the NHL this season. Colleges producing the most NHLers in 2025-26:**

Boston College – 26

Michigan – 25

Boston University – 24

Minnesota – 22

North Dakota – 15

Denver, UMass, Minnesota Duluth – 14

Providence – 13

Harvard, Northeastern, Notre Dame, St. Cloud State, Wisconsin – 12

Western Michigan – 10

### **NHLers in 2025-26 by Frozen Four schools:**

Michigan – 25

North Dakota – 15

Denver – 14

Wisconsin – 12

### **Current NHL Teammates Whose Alma Maters Meet in the Frozen Four Semifinals:**

Anaheim – Troy Terry (Denver) / Jacob Trouba (Michigan)

Buffalo – Josh Norris, Owen Power (Michigan) / Jason Zucker (Denver)

Calgary – John Beecher (Michigan) / Devin Cooley (Denver)

Carolina – Jackson Blake (North Dakota) / K'Andre Miller (Wisconsin)

Colorado – Nick Blankenburg (Michigan) / Logan O'Connor (Denver)

Columbus – Adam Fantilli, Kent Johnson, Zach Werenski (Michigan) / Danton Heinen (Denver)

Detroit – J.T. Compher, Andrew Copp, Dylan Larkin (Michigan) / Carter Mazur (Denver)

Florida – Mike Benning (Denver) / Mackie Samoskevich (Michigan)

Minnesota – Bobby Brink (Denver) / Quinn Hughes (Michigan)

Toronto – Jake McCabe (Wisconsin) / Troy Stecher (North Dakota)

Vancouver – Brock Boeser, Derek Forbort (North Dakota) / Zeev Buium (Denver)



## FORMER NCAA PLAYERS IN THE NHL THIS YEAR

### By years in school (63% played at least three years):

Five years – 5  
Four years – 76  
Three years – 118  
Two years – 86  
One year – 31

### By position:

179 forwards  
116 defensemen  
21 goaltenders

### 14 current NHL GMs played college hockey:

Jason Botterill, Seattle (Michigan)  
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)  
Jarmo Kekäläinen, Buffalo (Clarkson)  
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)

### By NHL Draft status:

128 were first- or second-round picks  
115 were third- through seventh-round picks  
73 were undrafted free agents

### By nationality:

237 – United States  
68 – Canada  
3 – Sweden  
2 – Czechia, Russia  
1 – Belarus, Finland, Germany, Latvia

### 10 current NHL head coaches played college hockey:

Jeff Blashill, Chicago (Ferris State)  
Rod Brind'Amour, Carolina (Michigan State)  
Spencer Carbery, Washington (Alaska Anchorage, St. Norbert)  
John Hynes, Minnesota (Boston University)  
Jim Montgomery, St. Louis (Maine)  
Dan Muse, Pittsburgh (Stonehill)  
Martin St. Louis, Montreal (Vermont)  
Mike Sullivan, NY Rangers (Boston University)  
John Tortorella, Vegas (Maine)  
Ryan Warsofsky, San Jose (Sacred Heart, Curry College)



## **FUTURE NHLers**

**A total of 258 NHL Draft Picks played college hockey this season and 49 of them have advanced to the NCAA Frozen Four, including five first-round picks:**

EJ Emery, North Dakota (30th overall in 2024 by NY Rangers)  
Michael Hage, Michigan (21st overall in 2024 by Montreal)  
Logan Hensler, Wisconsin (23rd overall in 2025 by Ottawa)  
Will Horcoff, Michigan (24th overall in 2025 by Pittsburgh)  
Cole Reschny, North Dakota (18th overall in 2025 by Calgary)

### **NHL Draft picks by Frozen Four team:**

Denver – 14  
Michigan – 13  
North Dakota – 12  
Wisconsin – 10

### **Twenty-three different NHL teams have at least one draft pick in the Frozen Four:**

Calgary – 5  
Los Angeles, Ottawa – 4  
Detroit, Montreal, NY Islanders, San Jose – 3  
Anaheim, Buffalo, Colorado, Edmonton, Nashville, NY Rangers, Pittsburgh, Seattle – 2  
Boston, Carolina, Columbus, Minnesota, New Jersey, Tampa Bay, Toronto, Winnipeg – 1

### **Four undrafted, draft-eligible players are in the Frozen Four:**

Denver: Reid Varkonyi (F)  
Michigan: Dakoda Rhéaume-Mullen (F), Adam Valentini (F)  
North Dakota: Keaton Verhoeff (D)  
Wisconsin: None

### **NCAA Frozen Four head coaches with NHL playing experience:**

Dane Jackson, North Dakota (45 GP with Vancouver, Buffalo, NY Islanders)

### **NCAA Frozen Four head coaches with NHL coaching experience:**

Brandon Naurato, Michigan (player development consultant with Detroit)

### **Sons of NHLers in the NCAA Frozen Four:**

Garrett Brown, Denver (son of Curtis Brown)  
Kienan Draper, Michigan (son of Kris Draper)  
Aiden Dubinsky, Wisconsin (son of Steve Dubinsky)  
Will Horcoff, Michigan (son of Shawn Horcoff)  
David Klee, North Dakota (son of Ken Klee)  
Mac Swanson, North Dakota (son of Brian Swanson)  
Tyler Young, North Dakota (son of Scott Young)  
Bennett Zmolek, North Dakota (son of Doug Zmolek)



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

Tyler Duke, Michigan (brother of Dylan Duke)

Luca Fantilli, Michigan (brother of Adam Fantilli)

**Other NCAA Frozen Four participants with notable NHL bloodlines:**

Aidan Park, Michigan – nephew of former NHL forward Richard Park

Dakota Rhéaume-Mullen, Michigan – son of Manon Rhéaume, first woman to play in an NHL exhibition game

Abram Wiebe, North Dakota – nephew of former NHL defenseman Keith Brown

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