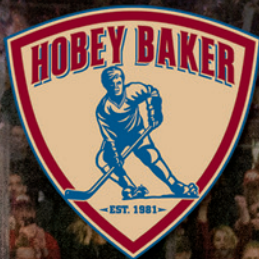


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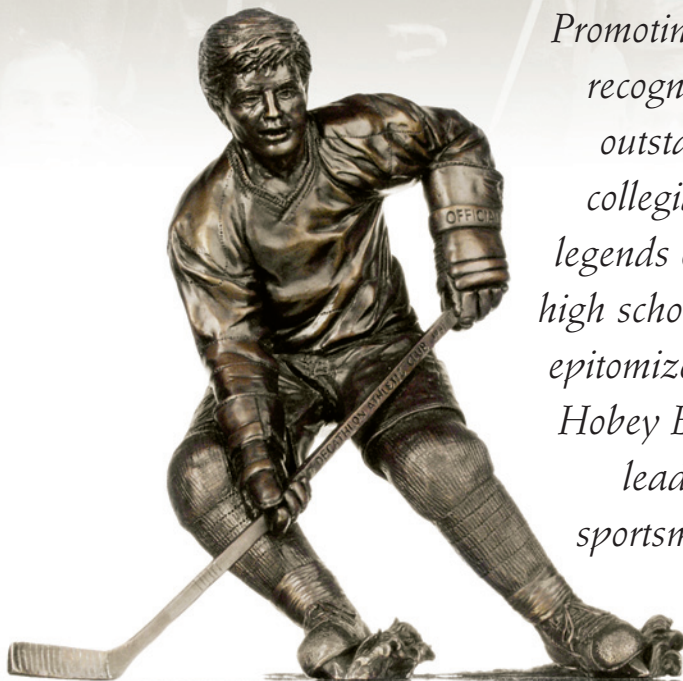
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Foundation Message



Jim Nichols

College Hockey.

The Hobey Baker Award Announcement was hosted during the 2017 NCAA Frozen Four at the very magnificent Aon Grand Ballroom on Chicago's most infamous Navy Pier. It was absolutely a spectacular venue. Once again, the Hobey Baker Operating Committee, under the leadership of this year's Chairman Trevor Larsen and the direction of Wally Shaver, was totally responsible for televising our entire announcement show on Prime Time, NHL- Live TV's National Network. It was totally awesome!

Special thanks are accorded to the NHL Foundation, RBC Wealth Management, Nuveen Investments and Hobey Baker Foundation/Committee Members for their financial support. We are very much appreciative of the Minnesota Wild and the Minnesota Wild Foundation for their continued financial support and for the leadership and vision of Matt Majka.

On behalf of the Hobey Baker Memorial Award Foundation, I extend to you a warm welcome to the 37th Annual Awards Dinner. Once again, we honor the Legend of Hobey Baker in celebrating the accomplishments of our recipient Will Butcher and the coaching career of Bill Riley. We are pleased that you have joined us tonight at this prestigious event to celebrate excellence in

Because of the generosity of APi Group, Inc., and Talmer Bank & Trust, our Hobey Baker High School Character Award program continues to expand and flourish. We are very proud of the tremendous progress made in the expansion of our Hobey Baker High School Character Award. Kudos to Gary Wahman and his entire HBHSCA team. We now have a presence in 25+ states and will be expanding into several more states next year. Once again, over 200 Minnesota winners and family members were treated to a pre-game meal and honored at an exciting Minnesota Wild Game.

Thank you to Tom Rysavy of Jostens and James Kolar of PriceWaterhouseCoopers for their tremendous efforts and support of our award.

We also thank this year's Chairman Trevor Larsen and Vice Chairman Peder Medlin. The effort, passion, and dedication of these people and our volunteer committee members make this award and banquet a prestigious and memorable event.

Finally, I thank the Foundation Directors for their volunteer time and efforts to make the Hobey Baker Memorial Award bigger and better every year.

Thank you and please join me in celebrating College Hockey's finest.

*Jim Nichols, President
Hobey Baker Memorial Award Foundation*

Message from the Committee Chairman



Trevor Larsen

On behalf of the Committee, it is my distinguished honor to extend a warm welcome to you for the 37th anniversary of the Hobey Baker Memorial Award Dinner here at "317 on Rice Park," home of the Minnesota Wild.

We would not be here tonight if not for the fortuitous insight of Chuck Bard and the Decathlon Athletic Club members who took it upon themselves to est-

ablish a top honor in men's college hockey that is now one of the most coveted awards in the country. We are also very fortunate that the Hobey Baker Memorial Award Foundation and the Committee have carried that torch thoughtfully and diligently since 1981.

Because of the aforementioned, I congratulate Will Butcher from the University of Denver, our 2017 Hobey Baker Memorial Award recipient. I also applaud him and the Denver Pioneers on winning this year's NCAA Championship. Will truly represented his team, coaches, communities, friends and family proudly. In the spirit of Hobart Amory Baker, Will portrayed himself as an outstanding young man who is a leader on and off the ice and genuinely added to the illustrious zeal of Hobey Baker.

I also commend Bill Riley, Jr., from the University of Massachusetts Lowell on being named this year's Legend of College Hockey. Coach Riley deservedly joins an esteemed list of Legends that have made lasting contributions to the great game of hockey, not to mention countless player's lives. His actions and goals propelled the River Hawks to Division I status, which is now considered one of the many dominate teams in Hockey East. Needless to say, over five decades, his talents and passion for the game of hockey reached far and wide into the hockey community.

Thank you to the entire Minnesota Wild staff, especially Matt Majka and Roger Godin for all the support you have afforded us this year and in years past. Incredible would be too little of an accolade when it comes to the Wild's kindness, which include, but are not limited to financial assistance, facilities to host meetings, and resources to carry out our mission. We are also grateful to call "317 on Rice Park" our home and for the Xcel Energy Center that proudly displays the Hobey Baker Memorial Award.

I would also like to thank the Chicago Blackhawks organization, United Center, the Chicago Sports Commission, Absolute Productions, the NHL Network and Navy Pier for helping our team pull together a fabulous announcement at

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WILL BUTCHER

2017 Hobey Baker Memorial Award Recipient

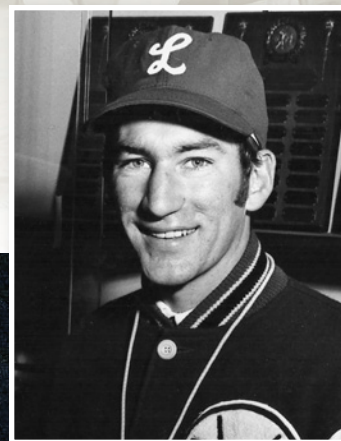
2017 USA Hockey College Player of the Year

Congratulations also to:
BILL RILEY, JR.

2017 Legend of College Hockey Award



Legend of College Hockey



Bill Riley, Jr.

By Chaz Scoggins

Billy Riley, Jr., was never one to fear or duck a challenge or put his reputation on the line.

Riley had won the Edward Jeremiah Trophy as the American College Hockey Association's Division II Coach of the Year the previous winter when he guided the University of Lowell to a 17-6-1 record, but narrowly missed qualifying for the NCAA Division II Tournament. Speaking at an alumni fundraiser before the 1978-79 season, his enthusiasm got the better of him and he went off script.

"I said that if we don't win the national championship this year, it will be a disappointing season," he remembered. "Jim Cizek, the athletic director, just looked at me with his mouth wide open and said: 'I don't believe you just said that!' But that was the way I felt."

Six months later ULowell won the first of three national Division II championships in a four-year span. Five years after that first title the program was elevated to Division I and joined Hockey East. A decade earlier it would have

been madness for anyone to have predicted Lowell would someday become a collegiate hockey powerhouse. But not for a brash young Riley, one year out of Boston University who had inherited a struggling program the outgoing coach warned him "not to get too discouraged because the program would never be a winner." Riley believed if John MacInnes, winner of 555 games and three NCAA championships at Michigan Tech, could accomplish all that at a small technological school like Lowell's, so could he.

Over the next 22 years Riley would coach Lowell to 15 winning seasons, including seven 20-victory campaigns while winning the three NCAA Division II titles and four ECAC Division II crowns. When he wasn't behind the bench, he was on the ice culling a reputation as one of Division I's top referees. After compiling a 60-6-0 record in its last two Division II seasons, in only its fourth year as a Division I program Lowell posted a 22-12-2 record, earning

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BILL RILEY

LEGEND OF COLLEGE HOCKEY



Congrats from all your friends at UMass Lowell

The NCHC's First Hobey Baker Award Winner

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2017 Hobey Baker Award Announcement

For the first time ever, the sports crazy city of Chicago, IL played host to college hockey's greatest stage—the 2017 NCAA Frozen Four national championship. United Center, home to the NHL's Blackhawks and NBA's Bulls witnessed the convergence of thousands of college hockey fans from across the nation. The marquis match-up for the national title featured the two top ranked teams in the country, won by #1 University of Denver over #2 University of Minnesota Duluth by a narrow 3-2 count.

Meanwhile, Friday Night at the Frozen Four was taking shape at Chicago's top tourist attraction, Navy Pier. Jutting a mile out into Lake Michigan and originally built in 1916 as a shipping and recreation area, Navy Pier encompasses parks, gardens, shops, restaurants, family attractions and the renowned Aon Grand Ballroom at the end of the pier. In the Ballroom, the 2017 Hobey Baker Award announcement presentation took place before an audience of 1,000.

When the doors opened to the Grand Ballroom on Friday, April 7, college hockey fans joined the NCAA autograph session featuring the two national championship opponents, Denver and Duluth, along with the three Hobey Baker Award Hat Trick finalists—Zach Aston-Reese of Northeastern, Will Butcher of Denver and Mike Vecchione of Union.

After an hour of autographs, the Hockey Humanitarian Award was presented to the duo from Saint Michael's College, Danny Divis and Justin McKenzie, co-founders of Hope Happens Here, promoting mental health wellness among college students. The American Hockey Coaches Association (AHCA) presented their annual East and West All-American teams, Rookie of the Year Award



Award Presentation Host Jason Shaver interviewed just-announced Hobey Baker Award winner Will Butcher before a large crowd in the Aon Grand Ballroom on Navy Pier, as well as a nationwide audience on the NHL Network and a live web stream audience.

and Unsung Hero Award. Then it was show time for the 37th annual awarding of the Hobey Baker Memorial Award to the nation's top player.

Hosted by the voice of Chicago Wolves hockey TV broadcaster Jason Shaver, introductory videos provided a glimpse into the life of the award's namesake, Hobey Baker. Included in the show was a tribute to the 2017 Hobey Baker Award Legend of College Hockey honoree, Bill Riley Jr., the father of UMass Lowell hockey.

As the award show entered its final segment with the live broadcast on NHL Network and streamed on the Hobey Baker website, 2017 Hobey Baker committee chair Trevor Larsen opened the sealed envelope and announced Will Butcher as the 2017 Hobey Baker Award recipient, the second time a University of Denver player was so honored, joining another defenseman, Matt Carle (2006).



Hockey fans lined up for autographs of the three Hobey Baker Award Hat Trick finalists (left to right) Will Butcher, Zach Aston-Reese and Mike Vecchione.



A large crowd of fans and media gathered in the Aon Grand Ballroom on Navy Pier to witness the Hobey Baker Award presentation.



WILL BUTCHER

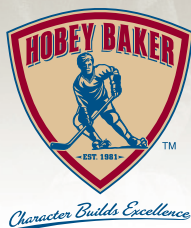
On Friday, April 7, Will Butcher accepted the Award from Hobey Baker Chairman Trevor Larsen. The announcement took place before around 1,000 hockey fans in the Aon Grand Ballroom on Navy Pier in Chicago during the 2017 NCAA Frozen Four. The NHL Network provided live TV coverage to a national audience.

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2017 Hobey Baker Memorial Award Recipient

Will Butcher



"Will is true to himself and always understands and thinks team before he thinks about any individual moment. He brings a confidence and calmness that exudes through the rest of the team and allows us to make plays all over the ice." – Head University of Denver Men's Hockey Coach Jim Montgomery

"First, I thank my teammates because without them this honor would not have been possible. I believe this award to be a team award. As I accept this award, I accept it on behalf of the entire team at DU." – Pioneers Captain Will Butcher, shortly after winning the 2017 Hobey Baker Award

As he had done all season long and throughout his career, Butcher was quick to share his personal success—this time being named the top player in college hockey—with his coaches and teammates on April 7 at Chicago's Aon Grand Ballroom at Navy Pier. His magnanimous, team-first attitude was on full display during his HBA acceptance speech and throughout the Pioneers' historic 2016-17 campaign, a season that ended in



triumphant fashion as the exemplary character shown by their captain resonated throughout the Pioneers' lineup and Denver ultimately captured the eighth national title in program history with a 3-2 victory over Minnesota-Duluth in the NCAA Championship Game at Chicago's United Center.

The ultimate team player, Butcher constantly cited the NCAA Trophy as the ultimate goal—a goal which was achieved through hard work, dedication and dynamic leadership—during his final season in the collegiate ranks. While Butcher will soon graduate from DU, the impact he made on the Pioneers' hockey program, athletics department and on the

school as a whole will undoubtedly resonate for years to come, with what will go down as one of the most memorable seasons in DU Athletics history serving as the crown jewel in his highly-successful tenure donning the Crimson & Gold.

Some key dates/accomplishments from Butcher's unforgettable senior campaign can be found below:

WILL BUTCHER 2016-17 TIMELINE

- JUNE 2, 2016:** Named Denver's team captain in advance of the 2016-17 season.
- OCT. 17, 2016:** Wins first of six 2016-17 NCHC Defenseman of the Week Awards after leading DU to a weekend sweep of Boston University at Magness Arena.
- NOV. 12, 2016:** Assists on the game-winning goal as Denver captures its first victory at Ralph Engelstad Arena during his tenure with the program, defeating UND by a score of 3-2.
- FEB. 15, 2017:** Named to NCHC's All-Academic Team in recognition of having a GPA above 3.0.
- MAR. 3, 2017:** Hoists the Penrose Cup as Denver defeats UNO by a score of 4-2 at Baxter Arena to capture its first NCHC Regular Season Championship.
- MAR. 4, 2017:** Records his 100th career point (assist) in a 3-0 Denver win at Omaha.
- MAR. 16, 2017:** Named NCHC Player of the Year and Offensive Defenseman of the Year.
- MAR. 26, 2017:** Earns All-Tournament Team honors at NCAA Midwest Regional after tallying 2GP-1G-0A-1P-4SOG and +3 rating in wins over MTU and PSU.
- APR. 7, 2017:** Becomes just the second student-athlete in DU Hockey history to win the Hobey Baker Award as college hockey's top player. Also named an NCAA (West) First Team All-American.
- APR. 8, 2017:** Helps lead Denver to the eighth national title in program history, a 3-2 victory over UMD in the NCAA Championship Game. Named to All-Frozen Four Team following the game.
- APR. 14, 2017:** Awarded Bill Masterton Trophy as the Pioneers' Most Valuable Player at Team Banquet.
- MAY 8, 2017:** Named University of Denver Male Athlete of the Year.
- JUNE 10, 2017:** University of Denver 2017 Commencement.

Story courtesy of Richard Bowness, Assistant Director of Athletics and Recreation Publicity, University of Denver



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ZACH ASTON-REESE

HOBLEY HAT TRICK FINALIST



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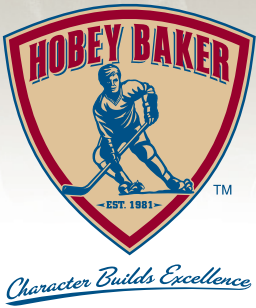
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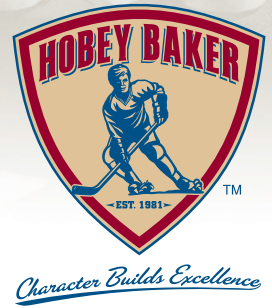
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**HOBLEY BAKER
TOP-10 FINALIST**





2017 HOBEY HAT TRICK FINALISTS



ZACH ASTON-REESE

NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

Senior – Forward

Staten Island, New York

Whether its special teams play or five-on-five, Zach Aston-Reese was a consistent and dominant performer this past season. The Hockey East Player of the Year and First Team all-conference sniper finished as part of a three-way tie for most points in the nation while topping all skaters in the country with 31 goals. His balanced play and breakout season included 31 goals and 32 assists for 63 points in 38 games, garnering First Team All American honors. He contributed 13 power play goals (tied for third in

nation) and added 4 short-handed tallies. His 1.66 points per game pace was tied for best in the nation with fellow hat trick finalist Mike Vecchione. A Graphic Design major, Zach spends time reading to students in Boston area elementary schools. He signed a pro contract with Pittsburgh and finished the season playing in Wilkes-Barre (AHL).



MIKE VECCHIONE

UNION COLLEGE

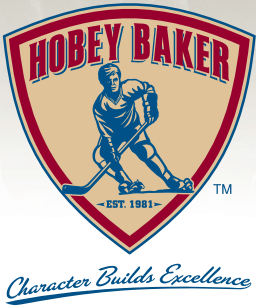
Senior – Forward

Saugus, Massachusetts

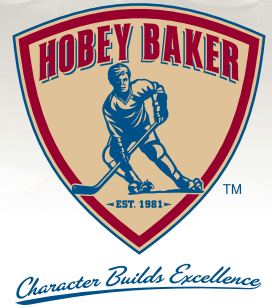
Sitting tied at the top of the national scoring charts helped Mike Vecchione (VECK-ee-oh-nee) become Union College's all-time career points and assist leader. The Dutchman two-year captain was named the ECAC Player of the Year and was a finalist for the Best Defensive Forward, proving his value as a 200 foot player. Also named First Team all-conference and an All American, he was second in the nation in goal scoring and tied for second with four short-handed goals. Vecchione finished with 29 goals

and 34 assists for 63 points in 38 games and tied for first averaging 1.66 points per game. Terrific on the draw, Mike was 61.8% on faceoffs, fourth best in the nation. He topped the county in multiple point games (21) and was second in game-winning goals (7). A History major, Mike is active in many local events and spearheaded the efforts to serve Thanksgiving meals to the needy at a local YMCA. After the season, he signed a pro contract with the Philadelphia Flyers.





ADDITIONAL TOP TEN FINALISTS



MICHAEL BITZER

BEMIDJI STATE UNIVERSITY

Junior – Goalie – Moorhead, Minnesota

The workhorse goalie for the Beavers played the second most minutes of any goaltender in the country. Along the way he established a WCHA record with a 1.40 goals against average during conference games. Besides being the league goalie champion, Bitzer was named WCHA Player of the Year, First Team all-conference and a First Team All American. His 1.71 overall goals against average led the nation as did his six shutouts. • His final record was 22-14-3 – already owns several career goalie records at Bemidji • Save percentage of .932 was third in the nation – Bemidji was WCHA league champions • Exercise Science major – volunteers as a gardener at a food shelf; assists youth hockey.



ANDERS BJORK

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

Junior – Forward – Mequon, Wisconsin

Notre Dame's assistant captain paced the Fighting Irish scoring charts all season, ending with 52 points in 39 games, including a terrific playoff run of two goals and six assists in six games. A solid two-way player, Bjork scored goals at key times bagging six game winners. Bjork was one of five finalists for the Hockey Humanitarian Award for his endless hours of volunteer time at a local elementary school where he is affectionately known as "Mr. B." • Had 21 goals, 31 assists for 52 points in 39 games – Boston Bruins draft (5th round) • Had 16 multiple point games – had a plus/minus of +17 • Marketing major – volunteers with Perley Fine Arts Academy in South Bend, IN.



SPENCER FOO

UNION COLLEGE

Junior – Forward – Edmonton, Alberta

Foo proved to be one of the most consistent players in the nation, picking up points in all but four of his 38 games. He established a school record with a 21-game point streak earlier in the season and ended the year with a nine-game point streak intact. Also highly impressive was his plus/minus of +29, fifth best in the nation. Foo was also named First Team All American. • Had 26 goals (4th in nation), 36 assists (2nd nation) for 62 points (4th nation) in 38 games • Was tied for 1st in ECAC scoring and led in assists – 20 multiple point games • Economics major – assisted in serving Thanksgiving meals at local YMCA.





TYLER KELLEHER

UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Senior – Forward – Longmeadow, Massachusetts

The Wildcats sparkplug Tyler Kelleher completed his season in a three-way tie for the national scoring lead with 63 points in 40 games. An exceptional playmaker, he produced 39 assists to lead the nation. He earned Hockey East First Team all-conference honors, winning the scoring title averaging almost 1.7 points per game, producing 18 multiple point games. • Had 24 goals, 39 assists for 63 points in 40 games – 13 power play goals was third in nation • Had 75 assists in 77 games over the past two seasons – signed with Milwaukee (AHL) • Communications major – assists a child with a brain tumor in playing hockey.



ALEXANDER KERFOOT

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Senior – Forward – West Vancouver, British Columbia

Harvard posted a Hobey finalist for the third straight year in Co-captain Alex Kerfoot. He helped guide the Crimson to a tie for first in the ECAC standings and a number three national ranking due to an 18-game unbeaten streak entering the Frozen Four. A gifted playmaker, Kerfoot produced points in 13 of his last 15 games, including goals in eight of them. • Had 16 goals, 29 assists for 45 points in 36 games – had 8 power play goals • Was a top ten finalist for the Senior Class Award – New Jersey draft (5th round) • Economics major – volunteers in cleaning a local high school and in fund raising events.



TYLER SHEEHY

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Sophomore – Forward – Burnsville, Minnesota

The lone sophomore in this year's class had a terrific season. He finished eighth in the nation in scoring. Sheehy took home multiple conference awards including: Player of the Year, First Team Big Ten and conference co-scoring champion. Sheehy's efforts on the Gophers top line helped Minnesota to their national record sixth straight regular season championship and their record 37th appearance in the NCAA playoffs. • Had 20 goals, 33 assists for 53 points in 38 games – had 19 multiple point games • Named First Team All American – Business/Marketing major • Volunteers with Hope Day providing activities for children with severe medical conditions.



CHARLES WILLIAMS

CANISIUS COLLEGE

Senior – Goalie – Canton, Michigan

As the Golden Griffins soared to the Atlantic Hockey regular season title, they did it on the back of Williams who led the circuit in goals against average and save percentage. He was named the AHC Player of the Year, First Team all-conference and Goalie Champion, while claiming First Team All American accolades. He led the nation in save percentage at .943 and was second in goals against average. He was also tied for first in the country with six shutouts. • His final record was 21-7-5 – goals against average was 1.82 – save percentage was .943 • Played 20 games in four years at Ferris State – was a graduate transfer and is working on his master's degree in Sports Administration – is vice president of his fraternity • Signed a pro contract with Manchester of the ECHL.





The WCHA is proud to honor

Michael Bitzer

of Bemidji State University for his many accomplishments in 2016-17.

Bitzer was a Hobey Baker Memorial Award top-ten finalist, was named WCHA Player of the Year and helped Bemidji State to the MacNaughton Cup.



THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA CONGRATULATES

TYLER SHEEHY

2017 HOBEY BAKER AWARD FINALIST

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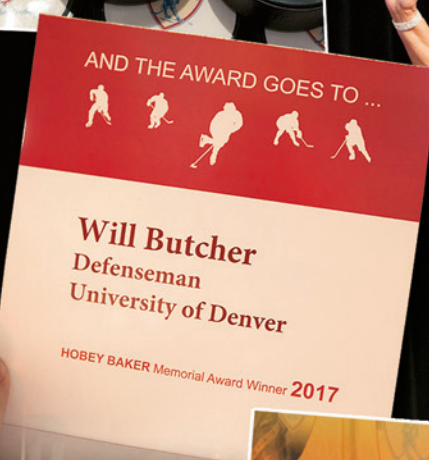
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Hobey Baker Memorial Award Committee

The Hobey Baker Committee is comprised of volunteers and administered by a Chairperson who oversees the committee and its activities.

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In 1991, the senior members of the Hobey Baker Memorial Award Committee (“Committee”) determined that a Foundation should be formed to ensure the continued protection and growth of this prestigious award. The direction was taken, the research was performed and the Hobey Baker Memorial Award Foundation (“Foundation”) was legally established. In 1992, the Foundation became a reality and is formally governed by a Board of Directors.

Today, the Committee reports directly to the Foundation. Membership in the Foundation is open to current and past Chairmen of the Committee, Past Hobey Baker Memorial Award Winners, Past Hobey Baker Memorial Award Legends of Hockey, and others as determined by the Foundation’s Board of Directors.

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Memorial Award and related properties. The Foundation has the ultimate responsibility to maintain the quality and integrity of the Annual Award and Banquet, as well as, the Hobey Baker Brand. The Foundation’s primary charge is to ensure the long-term stewardship, success and expansion of the Hobey Baker Brand.

To accomplish these goals, the Foundation undertakes the following major actions:

1. Develop strategic vision for the annual award and new events
2. Develop and maintain partnerships with entities whose interests and goals are aligned with Hobey Baker’s
3. Negotiate contracts to carry out the mission and approved activities of Hobey Baker

The Hobey Baker Foundation’s efforts to create more exposure for our award include the continued expansion of the Hobey Baker High School Character Award program. This program was started in 2004 with the mission to promote character and sportsmanship at the high school level by recognizing boy and girl hockey players that exemplify those

traits. Each head coach selects the recipient from their team that most exemplifies the character and sportsmanship of Hobey Baker himself. This year The Hobey Baker Memorial Award Foundation honored about 950 recipients in 20 states. Next year we are targeting all 46 states with high school hockey and 2400 teams. At an average of 17 players per team that means 40,000+ players.

The Foundation also introduced The Hobey Baker Society. This group consists of individuals dedicated to financially supporting the activities of Hobey Baker.

It should be noted that the Hobey Baker Foundation is indebted to all the volunteers that make up the Foundation and Committee. Not only is their contribution in the numerous hours given to making the Award a success, but their contributions are also financial. This year we were just shy of 100% participation in the financial support of the Foundation.

The Foundation is a non-profit organization; therefore donations to the Foundation are tax deductible, as is a portion of the cost of your ticket to tonight’s Banquet.



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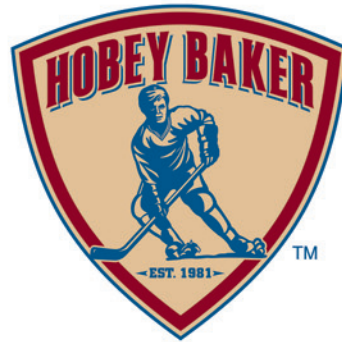


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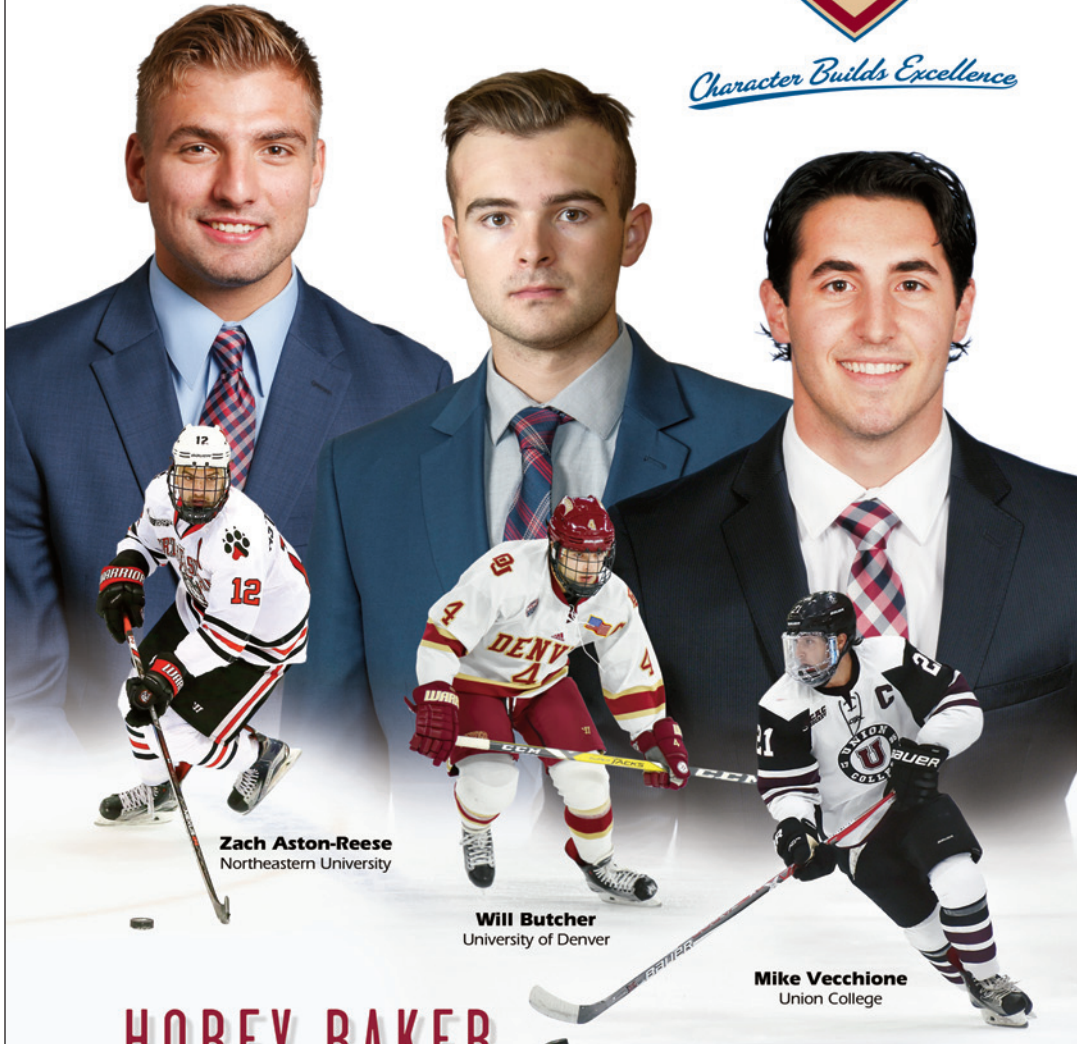


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HOBEY BAKER MEMORIAL AWARD HAT TRICK FINALISTS

Each of the three Hobey Baker Hat Trick finalists was presented a framed copy of this poster at the Hobey Baker Award Announcement in Chicago.



Hobey Trophy

As a symbol of excellence, it had to be outstanding, and the Hobey Baker Memorial Award trophy turned out to be just that. The trophy itself represents art and athletics at their best.

Forty pounds of bronze and clear, etched acrylic, 16 inches high, detailed down to a stitched jersey and lettered stick, the trophy is classic sculpture.

The figure was sculpted by internationally renowned Bill Mack of Bloomington, Minn., whose unique style of relief sculptor is collected worldwide. He has produced sculptors of many Hall of Fame athletes including Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Arthur Ashe, Peggy Fleming, Lyle Alzado and recently the Harmon Killebrew statue at Target Field in Minneapolis.

In creating the Hobey Baker Award, his painstaking process began with the search for a model. That model turned out to be Steve Christoff, who starred at Richfield (Minn.) High School, the University of Minnesota, with the 1980 U.S. Olympic hockey team and in the National Hockey League.

Fifty different skating poses were photographed and analyzed. Practical and artistic considerations were taken into account. The award had to be

sturdy. A skater stopping quickly, sending ice shavings flying, his stick and skates forming a three-point base, was selected.

This pose, photographed from a variety of angles, was broken down in painstaking detail. A charcoal drawing of the nascent trophy was unveiled at the East-West All Star Hockey Game luncheon on April 1, 1980 at the St. Paul Civic Center, where the Decathlon Club publicly announced its award intentions.

Mack turned the drawings into a stick figure, soon covered by clay, then plaster baked in the Decathlon ovens. Finally out came the finished product — the statuary bronze trophy — college hockey's symbol of individual excellence.

The original trophy was unveiled at the first award banquet April 1, 1981 at the Decathlon. The original casting is on display in the Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul, Minn. Each winner has also been presented a trophy, as have the schools they represented.



Hobey Balloting

Each head hockey coach at accredited NCAA Division I schools receives one ballot. Coaches are asked to pick the top three players in their league and the top three players in the nation. These are two separate rankings of three players each — a player may be listed in both rankings and a coach may vote for his own player.

College hockey fans can nominate their favorite players as well through on-line balloting (www.hobeybaker.com) that counts as 1% of the total vote. Ballots from the coaches and fans are tabulated by the accounting firm PricewaterhouseCoopers, and the top 10 candidates are named.

The Hobey Baker Memorial Award Selection Committee and online voters will then select the Hobey Hat Trick (top three finalists) and the winner. The Selection Committee members are a geographically-balanced group of 27 individuals representing print and electronic media, college hockey coaches and officials, and NHL scouts. Their terms are three years, except for officials who serve five years and members may be reappointed.

Award Criteria

- 1) Candidates must exhibit strength of character both on and off the ice.
- 2) Candidates must contribute to the integrity of the team and display outstanding skills in all phases of the game.
- 3) Consideration should be given to scholastic achievement and sportsmanship.
- 4) Candidates must comply with all NCAA rules: be full time students in an accredited NCAA college or university; and complete 50 percent or more of the season.

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1987 – Tony Hrkac
University of North Dakota

1988 – Robb Stauber
University of Minnesota

1989 – Lane MacDonald
Harvard University

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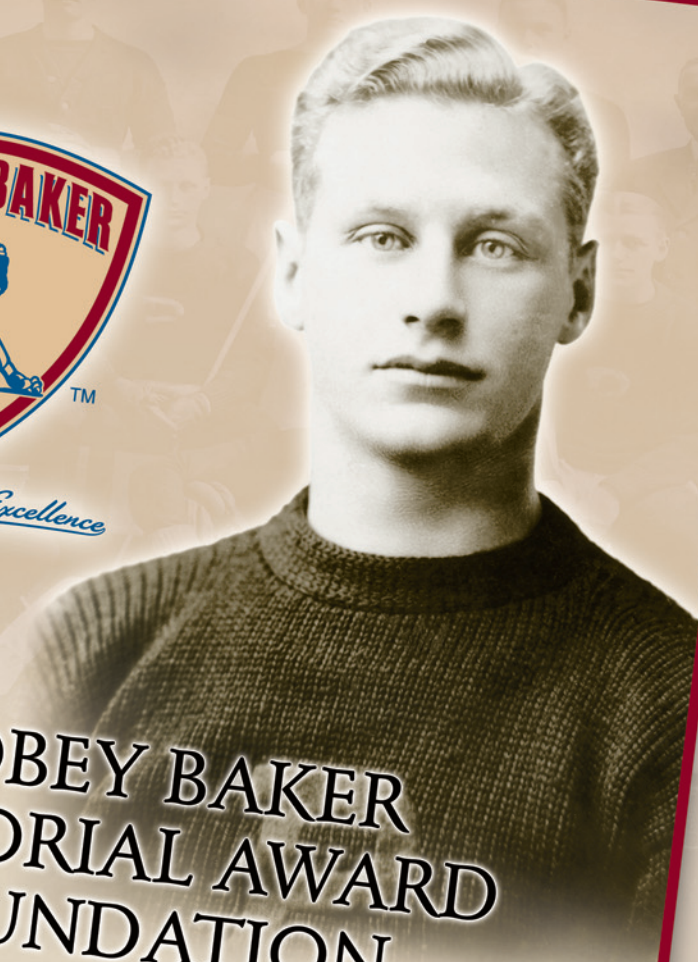
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The Hobey Baker Story

Hobey Baker had all the attributes of a fabulous athlete: a great physique, fantastic reflexes, instant coordination of hand and eye, iron discipline, blazing courage. But he was different. Hobey Baker was the college athlete supreme: The gentleman sportsman, the amateur in the pure sense, playing the game for the sport, who never fouled, despised publicity and refused professional offers. To this day, he is offered as a striking example of the finest that America has produced.

Hobart Amory Hare Baker was born to an aristocratic Philadelphia family January 15, 1892. At age eleven, he was enrolled at St. Paul's School, the famous preparatory school in Concord, New Hampshire, especially favored by the first families of Philadelphia for the training of their sons. Although remembered as industrious rather than brilliant, Hobey was always in the first third of his class and proved diligent and conscientious.

St. Paul's pride was its ice hockey team. The school had introduced the sport to America only eight years before Hobey's arrival. Its teams were outstanding and fared well against college and semi-professional clubs. Hobey Baker made the squad at age fourteen and was soon its hero.

This was the age of seven-man hockey—no forward passing or substitutions allowed. Ironically, these seeming restrictions best showcased Hobey's speed, stickhandling and endurance. Also, with someone like Hobey on the squad, the coach was free to experiment with strategies and maneuvers. For example, he aligned the two defensemen side by side rather than the classical tandem positions of point and cover-point. Offensively, the



standard rush line of four abreast, two wings and two forwards, was altered so the left forward remained on the center line from cage to cage and allowed the right forward (Hobey) to roam all over the ice. These tactics, with the two forward positions renamed center and rover, were immediately adopted by the hockey world.

From St. Paul, ice hockey spread to other prep schools, and upon graduation, players took the game to the college level. And with it, the fame of Hobey Baker.

While at Princeton, he was not only a legend in hockey, but in football as well. He captained the hockey team for two years and the football team for one. As a punt returner, his coordination and footwork allowed him to take chances and do things others wouldn't dare.

Page after page was written about him in the newspapers; fans would line up for hours in advance to purchase tickets.

Crowds in evening dress would arrive by carriage or limousines when the marquee read "Hobey Baker Plays Tonight." Yet Hobey remained unaffected. Shouts of "Here he comes!" would greet his arrival onto the ice and continue throughout the games whenever he touched the puck. He was simply a pleasure to watch.

In his era, Hobey Baker was universally recognized as the best amateur hockey player in the United States. At a time when low scoring games were the rule, Hobey set new standards, averaging more than four goals per game. He was penalized only twice in his college career. His speed and skills dazzled the audiences and the press. The Boston Journal enthused, he "is without a doubt the greatest amateur hockey player ever developed in this country or Canada. No player has been able to weave in and out of a defense, change his pace and direction, with the uncanny skill and generalship of Baker. He is the wonder player of hockey." At a dinner following his senior year, he was crowned with the laurel "King of Hockey." In spite of all the well-deserved praise heaped upon him, he was totally unspoiled by it and he was modest almost to a fault.

After his college years at Princeton Hobey tried his hand in the real world of Wall Street insurance and banking, then the family upholstery business. But he was bored. What sustained him was playing for St. Nick's, an amateur team in Manhattan. His teammates were ex-Harvard, Yale and Princeton players and a few Canadians working in the city. However, the rest of the league made no pretense of being anything but "semi-pros."

In spite of the usual opponent tactic of "get Baker," Hobey continued his college tradition of making his way to the offender's locker room to shake hands after each contest. Baker's aversion to fouling was not because he was stoic or passive, he simply despised dirty play.

Hobey's skills and daring did not diminish, and he continued his reign as king of amateur hockey. The press still found him refreshing and remarkable. Following a game with the Stars, the Montreal Press commented, "Uncle Sam has had the cheek to develop a first-class hockey player. We had always smiled a cynical grin at the thought. A few minutes of Baker on the ice convinced the most skeptical. The blond haired boy was a favorite with the crowd."



The winter of 1916 Hobey's mind was on a very different sort of competition. Believing American involvement in the World War was close at hand, he took up flying. In 1917 Hobey was commissioned a lieutenant in the Army. As a member of the famous Lafayette Escadrille, he was with the first group of American pilots sent to France. He was as adventurous a pilot as he had been an athlete, chosen on occasion to exhibit aerial acrobatics with his friend Eddie Rickenbacker. In combat flying, he found even more danger and excitement than he had in contact sports - and Hobey needed both. He was officially credited with bringing down three enemy planes and was decorated with the Croix de Guerre for "exceptional valor under fire."

Following the armistice, his orders home in hand, Hobey announced to his fellow officers he was going to take "one last flight in the old Spad." His mates were quick to argue with the young captain who was challenging the oldest tradition of the air service—never take a "last" flight lest it be just that. But they were not able to dissuade him and were even more upset when the plane he insisted on flying was a borrowed one, just out of the repair shop.

Tradition was not to be denied the final victory that gray, dismal day over Toul, France. Just a quarter mile out, the engine quit and the plane crashed. Hobey Baker, age 26, died in the ambulance a short time later.

In 1919 he received a posthumous Army citation from General Pershing for distinguished service and exceptional gallantry.

With his death in France, the old-fashioned virtues Hobey Baker personified took on legendary qualities. He was one of the first Americans selected to the Hockey Hall of Fame, in 1945. In 1973, the United States Hockey Hall of Fame in Eveleth, Minnesota included Hobey Baker as a charter member.

The Sports Bay and Chapel in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City was dedicated in 1951. Hobart Baker was one of four men whose name was cut in the walls of the chapel to serve as a constant expression and reminder to all future generations of the highest ideals of character and sportsmanship.

No finer example of the true sportsman may have ever been developed in American athletics. Whatever game he played he always played it first of all for the joy of the sport.



College Hockey Legend Bill Riley, Jr.

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Riley Hockey East Coach of the Year laurels. His success, as always, was based on recruiting players overlooked by Division I schools who had chips on their shoulders.

"We were a big-time college team that was a small-college team in everything else," recalled Dean Jenkins, the captain of ULowell's 1980-81 national champions who named one of his sons after his coach. "It was us against the world. That was the mentality Billy installed in us, and it worked. Practices were wars, and that's the way Billy set it up."

During his 22 years, Riley coached two Division II Hobey Baker winners and nine All-Americans. He retired after the 1990-91 season with a 363-270-22 record at Lowell. He continues to advise the program that he was instrumental in propelling from a loser playing on an outdoor rink to a perennial national power playing in one of the finest facilities in college hockey. Aside from his hockey accomplishments, Riley is equally proud of his efforts when he was an associate athletic director to enhance other programs at the university. And now he joins the ranks of the Hobey Baker Memorial Foundation's Legends of College Hockey, which includes his idol MacInnes and his uncle Jack Riley, who also coached the U.S. Olympic Team to the gold medal at Squaw Valley in 1960.

"Billy has been an integral part of every aspect of the hockey program for five decades," said Norm Bazin, the current coach at the University of Massachusetts Lowell who was recruited to the school by Riley. "Without him, the program would never have excelled the way it has. His successes on the ice only scratch the surface when you consider the impact he had in developing so many young men. He started as my coach, then my friend, and he remains a mentor as our Hockey Ambassador. I'm thrilled that he will be recognized as the Hobey Baker Legend. No one is more deserving."

"I'm very flattered and honored to be in the company of these great hockey coaches," said Riley. "I have tremendous respect for each of these people and the contributions each has made to the sport. I can remember, being in awe, as a rookie coach and listening to these pioneers of the game tell their stories."

And, boy, does Billy Riley, Jr., have a lot of stories of his own to tell.

Chaz Scoggins, now a retired sportswriter for The Lowell (Mass.) Sun, covered Lowell hockey for most of Riley's 22 years behind the bench.



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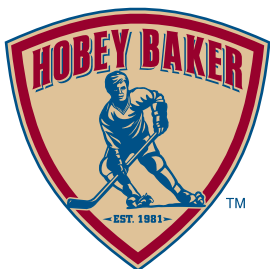
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Back in 1980 Chuck Bard was CEO and General Manager of the Decathlon Club in Bloomington, Minn., and came up with the idea to honor the top men's collegiate hockey player in the U.S. His concept came to fruition with the creation of the Hobey Baker Memorial Award. A committee was formed to oversee the operations of the award and each year is guided by a new Committee Chairman. These pillars of strength guide the award project through all phases of the operation including budgeting, public relations, marketing, banquet and selection process. Countless hours are spent in a volunteer role to make the annual event the best it can be. We salute these past Committee Chairs for their dedication in creating and preserving the outstanding qualities the Hobey Baker Award represents.

Past Chairmen

1981	Russ Chance	1999	John Rendall
1982	Cy Laurent	2000	Don Gorowsky
1983	Ron Marien	2001	Jack Carlson
1984	Gary Gandrud	2002	Les Larson
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1996	Dal Holmberg	2014	Dan Hoene
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1998	Dave Jones	2016	Chris Bonnell

Legends of College Hockey

Each year, the Hobey Baker Award Committee also honors one of the all-time great contributors to the game of college hockey. Without question, this outstanding group of individuals have each left their own valuable trademark on the collegiate game. They have led the way in all aspects of the game from playing to coaching and even creating the rules. It is through the great efforts of these people that hockey fans everywhere can enjoy today's exciting college hockey.

Past Legends

1981	John "Snooks" Kelly	1999	John MacInnes
1982	Vic Heyliger		Glen Sonmor
1983	John Mariucci	2000	Bob Johnson
1984	Murray Armstrong	2001	Bob Peters
1985	Herb Gallagher	2002	Sid Watson
1986	Amo Bessone	2003	Charles "Lefty" Smith
1987	Murray Murdoch	2004	Ron Mason
1988	Cliff "Fido" Purpur	2005	Murray Williamson
1989	Jim Fullerton	2006	Ralph "Cooney" Weiland
1990	Al Renfrew	2007	Ed Saugestad
1991	Jack Riley	2008	Eddie Jeremiah
1992	John "Connie" Pleban	2009	Don Roberts
1993	Bill Cleary	2010	Charlie Holt
1994	Jack Kelley	2011	Herb Brooks
1995	John Mayasich	2012	Fernie Flaman
1996	Len Ceglarski	2013	Jeff Sauer
1997	Lou Lamoriello	2014	Jack Parker
1998	Ned Harkness	2015	Tim Taylor
		2016	Bill Selman



Hobey Baker Exhibit on Display at the Xcel

Roger Godin, Minnesota Wild Curator, maintains the official Hobey Baker Foundation exhibit at Gate Four in the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul, just inside Gate 4. The exhibit honors the current recipient with his jersey and head/shoulder portrait. Seen here is Johnny Gaudreau, the 2014 winner from Boston College. Also on display are jerseys and head/shoulder portraits of five past winners while the remaining honorees are represented with their head/shoulder portraits. Elsewhere in the exhibit is the trophy itself accompanied by Hobey Baker's biography, as well as presentations on the Legends of College Hockey and Foundation committee members. Plan on paying a visit on your next trek to the X.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
Dal Holmberg
1996 COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
Jack Carlson
2001 COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN



It is with a most humble heart and deepest sympathies that we acknowledge the passing of two of our Beloved Hobey Brothers this past year. Both Jack Carlson and Dal Holmberg had achieved the very coveted Hobey Baker Distinguished Services Award for the many years of passionate and dedicated

service as both Board and Committee Members. Dal was the 1996 Committee Chairman and Jack held that same prestigious position in 2001. With over 50 plus years of combined service to the Hobey Baker Memorial Award Foundation, we are going to miss them dearly. Both gentlemen truly had wonderful Celebration of Life Ceremonies held in their honor and are now in a "Better Place." Our Deepest Sympathies and Blessings are extended to their family, extended family and friends.

We miss you, Dal and Jack.

History of the Hobey Baker Award

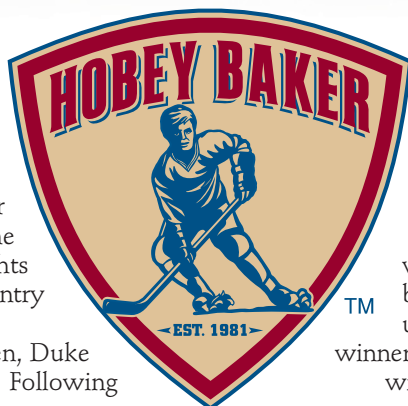
Named for the outstanding collegiate hockey player in the U.S.A.

By Charles R. Bard,
CEO, Decathlon Athletic Club

In February of 1978, I attended the Club Managers Convention in Los Angeles at the Los Angeles Athletic Club. Following the convention I was asked by Duke Llewellyn, Athletic Director of the LAAC and the Administrator of the Wooden Award, to stay over a couple of nights and attend the US Open at the Riviera Country Club.

That Sunday evening following the Open, Duke asked me to dine with him at the LAAC. Following dinner, Duke gave me a tour of the facility and in the process revealed their plans for the Wooden Award created to honor the outstanding collegiate basketball player of the year. He related their beginning, how the trophy was designed, their early successes and failures. He discussed how they patterned the Award after the Heisman Award, and I immediately suggested that the Decathlon Club could do the same thing for hockey. Duke agreed and said what better place than Minnesota. We discussed their financial difficulties, their expenses, and their revenues. Their banquet was held at the Club where space was limited.

After returning I began looking into the feasibility of starting a similar award for hockey at the DAC. At that time we were going through our first major expansion program at the DAC and every program had to be self-sustaining. In the following months I gathered financial material for the Heisman Award from Rudy Riska, Athletic Director of the New York



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Downtown Athletic Club, and further financial information on the Wooden Award. Since the Heisman originated in the 1920s, it was difficult to compare with their years of experience and major sponsors. Their 1978 banquet was held at a hotel in town, which seated 1200 people at \$125 a plate. Their big expense, which would not be a problem for us, was the expense of bringing in past winners. They actually had a two-tiered head table with all the past winners on the first tier.

I continued to research the two awards and attended two of the Heisman Award banquets as the guest of Director Riska. I attended both VIP receptions and began to formulate my plan for a similar award for hockey.

In the fall of 1979, following a very successful sports banquet at the DAC, Wally McCarthy suggested we should have a second sporting event each year. With the hockey award in mind I felt it was now time to discuss the concept. I asked Russ Chance, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, to meet with me. When I expressed my interest in a collegiate hockey award, Russ agreed. We discussed the financial arrangements necessary, and I told Russ that I would pursue sponsors to make the award self-sustaining if he would chair the first event, and he agreed to do so. He also agreed to bring it to the Board of Directors for their approval.

Over the next several months I pursued potential sponsors and succeeded in getting commitments from Ralph





Greig of Pepsi Bottling Company and Joe Lapinsky, President of Northwest Airlines, for some form of financial backing. I also lined up Jim Thaxton, President of Sports Films & Talent, to do the filming of the potential finalists.

I then began to establish an organizational committee of club members who were interested in sports and the concept of a collegiate hockey award. The first members of the committee were Walter Bush, Jim Thaxton, Russ Chance, Pinky McNamara, George Konik, Murray Williamson, Grady Alderman, Ralph Greig, and Ron Fletcher.

I asked John Justice, Athletic Director of the DAC, to draw up a format for the award. John went to work on a plan to establish the criteria as to who would do the voting to select the candidates, how to arrive at a top ten, and finally, the winner. At this point I felt we needed someone to actually be in charge of the award itself, and I appointed Patty Riha, editor of the DAC Discus magazine, to be the award coordinator. The three of us put our final touch on the format and then presented it to the Organizational Committee for final approval. By this time our Committee had grown in size as we felt the need for more help on the various committees within the Organizational Committee. We broke the Committee's assignments as follows, calling it the Planning Committee.

Next came the choice for a name for the award. I asked Walter Bush how I could get a list of the Hockey Hall of Fame members. Walter said he would send me a list of the names in the Canadian Hockey Hall of Fame and suggested I contact Roger Godin who was then in charge of the U. S. Hockey Hall of Fame. Roger sent me his list and I began to study the biographies of the names in the two Halls of Fame. After reviewing all of the inductees, I settled on four names that impressed me the most. They were Frankie Brimsek, Moose Goheen, John Mariucci, and of course Hobey Baker. Even though I had come up with the four final names for the Committee's review, I had already made up my mind. I was so enamored with Hobey that I secured all of the information on him that I could, even contacting W.C. Stryker, the Director of Athletic Relations at Princeton University, where Hobey attended and performed.

When I attended the next Committee meeting I brought the four names for consideration, but only brought the bio on Hobey. It was a tough decision for a few because the other three candidates were all from Minnesota. In fact, John Mariucci was my neighbor in Bloomington. My input prevailed however, and the Committee voted unanimously for Hobart Amory Baker.

I contacted Bill Stryker at Princeton and learned there were relatives of Hobey's in New York, Princeton, and believe it or not, two in St. Paul, Minnesota. There were two nephews in New York that were the sons of Hobey's brother, Thornton. One was Alfred Baker, a senior editor at Time Magazine, and the other was Hobey Baker, Creative Director at General Mills. One cousin, Lewis Baker Cuyler lived in Princeton and the two cousins living in St. Paul were Mrs. Benjamin Griggs and Mrs. Charles Ames.

I traveled to New York and Princeton to meet those relatives and secure their permission for the use of Hobey's name. Nephew Hobey had in his possession an elaborate scrapbook that Hobey's mother had compiled. He graciously

allowed me to bring the scrapbook back to Minnesota with me. Jim Thaxton's Sports Film & Talent Company duplicated the entire scrapbook which allowed us to have all the pictures, stories, and headlines we now have in our possession.

While in New York I also contacted a number of media people to get their input and support for the award. I met personally with Mark Mulvoy, hockey editor for Sports Illustrated at that time, and with Judy Weiss in the New York office of Hockey News. On the phone I talked with Tom Murray and Charlie Halpin of Hockey News in Toronto, and Larry Klein of Sport Magazine. They were all very helpful and supportive of such an award. I also spent more time with Rudi Riska while in New York, and received more of the background on the Heisman Award.

From there I solicited suggestions, recommendations, support and approval from Dennis Poppe and William Hunt of the NCAA, Hal Trumble of the Amateur Hockey Association, Bill Cleary, Harvard hockey coach and Executive Director of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics, Lefty Smith, Notre Dame Hockey coach and President of the American Hockey Coaches Association, along with W.C. Stryker. The next step was to establish an Advisory Committee of well recognized and respected hockey icons and legends that we felt could add their expertise and prestige to the award. With the help of Walter Bush, and the member of the Organizational Committee, a committee was formed that consisted of Thayer Tutt, Bob Ridder, Don Clark, Bill Cleary and Snooks Kelly. Walter Bush would serve as the Chairman of this committee. This committee was responsible for overseeing the Award and for selecting a 13-person selection committee that would ultimately name the winner.

A network of all college coaches in the NCAA, divisions I, II and III, was established to determine the top ten candidates. They all voted for the three best players in their estimation. The votes of the coaches determined who the top 10 finalists would be. Our problem during the first couple of years was that we, in an attempt to be all-inclusive, gave equal weight to Divisions II and III, and ended up with too many players from those divisions in the top 10. Following this, the 13-man selection committee would select the ultimate winner. This selection committee would be made up of equal representation from the East and the Midwest. One person would be designated to represent the daily newspapers, the magazines, the electronic media, the American Hockey Association, the NHL scouts, and the Hockey Coaches Association, thus creating twelve members. The Decathlon Chairman of the Committee was the thirteenth member, and would only vote in the event of a tie. Members were to serve two-year terms. After two years new members were appointed by the Advisory Committee.

The first Hobey Baker Award winner, Neal Broten, was announced at the DAC before a very sparse media audience on March 20, 1981. The Award banquet was held at the Decathlon Athletic Club on March 30, 1981. Attired in black tie, the head table featured Gordie Howe as guest speaker. The Master of Ceremonies was the legendary Ray Scott and the long awaited event was a complete sell out.

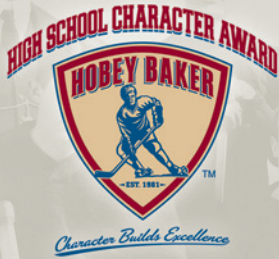
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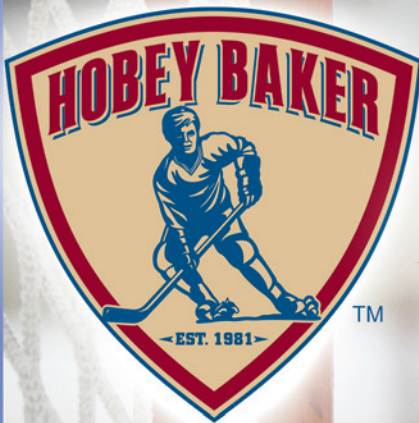
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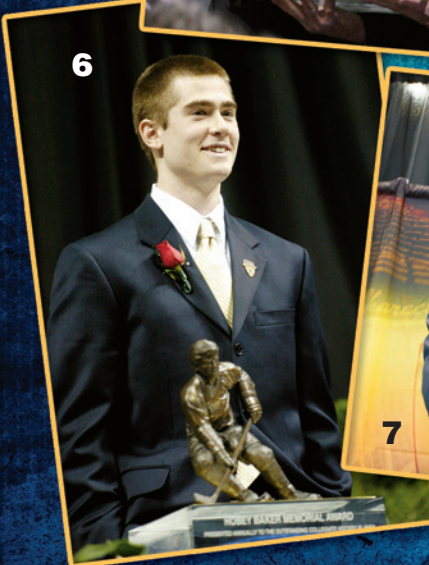
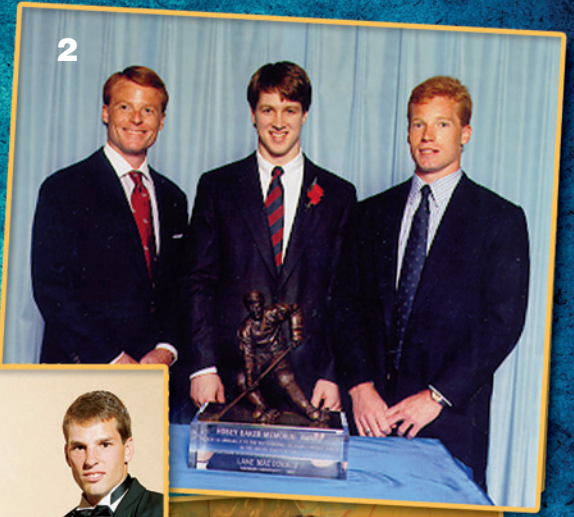
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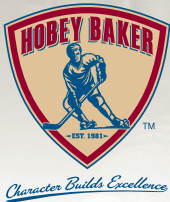


TRIBUTE TO PAST AWARD WINNERS



A salute to some of our past award winners:

- 1. George McPhee ('82), Scott Fusco ('86), Neal Broten ('81), Kip Miller ('90), Mark Fusco ('83), Lane MacDonald ('89), Bill Watson ('85);
- 2. Mark Fusco ('83) Lane MacDonald ('89), Scott Fusco ('86);
- 3. Matt Carle ('06);
- 4. Neal Broten ('81), Brian Bonin ('96), Robb Stauber ('88);
- 5. Johnny Gaudreau ('14);
- 6. Marty Sertich ('05);
- 7. Jack Eichel ('15);
- 8. Drew LeBlanc ('13);
- 9. Matt Gilroy ('09);
- 10. Jordan Leopold ('02);
- 11. Bill Watson ('85).



Past Hobey Baker Award Recipients

1981-2016



1981 — Neal Broten *University of Minnesota Golden Gophers*

Scored 71 points in 41 games as a freshman and 71 points in 36 games as a sophomore ... scored game-winning goal in Minnesota's 4-3 win over North Dakota in the 1979 NCAA Championship game ... member of the 1980 gold medal-winning U.S. Olympic hockey team ... selected by the Minnesota North Stars in the 1979 NHL Entry Draft ... received the North Stars' Bill Masterton Memorial Cup in '84 and '86 ... spent 15 seasons with the Stars franchise (Minnesota and Dallas, 2 stints) before being traded to the New Jersey Devils in February of 1995 ... won the Stanley Cup with the 1995 Devils, becoming the second Hobey winner to do so ... his number was retired by the Dallas Stars after 17 years in the NHL ... Neal currently resides in River Falls, Wisconsin.



1982 — George McPhee *Bowling Green State Univ. Falcons*

Held Bowling Green school record of 267 points in 153 games ... was named CCHA Player of the Year, All-America first team and First Team All Star in 1982 ... was the first CCHA player to earn All-Academic honors three years in a row (1979-82) ... was CCHA's all-time leading scorer with 114 goals and 153 assists ... BGSU freshman point record with 88 in 1979 ... first Falcon hockey number retired and was elected to the BGSU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1987 ... played seven NHL seasons with the New York Rangers and New Jersey Devils ... retired from hockey in 1989 and received his law degree from Rutgers University in 1992. ... George was vice president and general manager of the Washington Capitals for 17 seasons. In July of 2016, George was named General Manager of the NHL expansion Vegas Golden Knights.



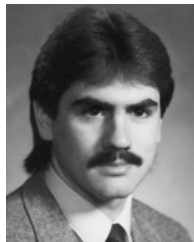
1983 — Mark Fusco *Harvard University Crimson*

Holds Harvard record for most career goals by a defenseman (44), most points by a defenseman in a season (46) and most career points by a defenseman (135) ... an all-America first team and all-Ivy League selection in 1981, '82 and '83 ... received Harvard's John Tudor Memorial Cup in 1980, '82 and '83 for his qualities of sportsmanship, leadership and team co-operation ... a member of the 1984 U.S. Olympic hockey team ... played 80 games during two NHL seasons with the Hartford Whalers ... Mark graduated from Harvard Business School in '90 and is the CEO of Aspen Technology.



1984 — Tom Kurvers *Univ. of Minnesota Duluth Bulldogs*

Holds the Bulldog career record for most goals by a defenseman with 43 from 1980-84 ... named UMD's Rookie of the Year in 1981 ... named the WCHA's Most Valuable Player, WCHA All-Academic and all-WCHA first team in 1984, when he helped lead the Bulldogs to their first WCHA regular season title and a second-place finish in the NCAA championship ... was a charter member of the UMD Athletic Hall of Fame (1991) ... selected by Montreal in the 1981 NHL entry draft, Kurvers played for the Canadiens, Buffalo Sabres, New Jersey Devils, Toronto Maple Leafs, Vancouver Canucks, New York Islanders and Anaheim Mighty Ducks in a 11-year NHL career ... retired after a stint in the Japanese professional league ... Tom currently is the senior advisor to the general manager for the Tampa Bay Lightning.



1985 — Bill Watson *Univ. of Minnesota Duluth Bulldogs*

WCHA leading scorer in 1984 and 1985 ... helped the Bulldogs to WCHA regular season titles in 1984 and 1985, as well as second- and third-place NCAA finishes, respectively, in those seasons ... All-WCHA first team in '84 and '85, as well as league and team Most Valuable Player in '85 ... scored at least one point in 52 of 53 games between December '84 and March '85, including a school-record 33 consecutive games ... two time All-American ... UMD's season point record holder with 49 goals and 60 assists for 109 points in 1985 ... his 1.94 points per game average is a Bulldog career record ... played professionally for the Chicago Blackhawks from 1985-89 ... he spent four seasons coaching at Western Michigan Univ. and now is an operations assistant at the Univ. Minnesota Duluth while continuing to work for Northwestern Mutual Life ... Bill lives in Duluth with wife Molly and three children.



1986 — Scott Fusco *Harvard University Crimson*

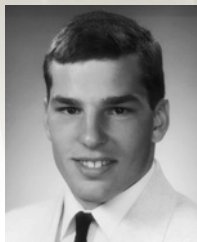
Captured the Ivy League scoring title during his freshman, junior and senior years ... reigns as the Crimson's all-time scoring leader with 240 points ... four-time, first team All-Ivy and three-time All-ECAC selection ... named the Ivy League Player of the Year in 1985 and '86 ... first player to be named ECAC Player of the Year twice, in '85 and '86 ... received All-American honors in '85 and '86 ... played for Team USA with his brother Mark, during the 1984 Winter Olympics in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia and with 1989 Hobey winner Lane MacDonald during the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary, Alberta ... Scott graduated from Harvard in 1986 with a degree in economics and is the owner of Bedford Sports Center in Massachusetts.



1987 — Tony Hrkac *Univ. of North Dakota Fighting Sioux*

WCHA Player of the Year in 1987 ... helped the Fighting Sioux to the WCHA regular season and playoff titles in 1986-87 ... named NCAA Tournament MVP in 1987 as North Dakota claimed the national championship ... set an NCAA record for most points in a season with 116 in 1986-87 on 46 goals, 70 assists in 48 games ... set WCHA season mark for assists with 70 in 1986-87 ... scored 64 goals and added 108 assists for 172 career points in 84 games with the Fighting Sioux ... selected by the St. Louis Blues in the second round of the 1984 NHL Entry Draft ... spent 20 years playing pro hockey retiring in 2005 from the Milwaukee Admirals of the AHL ... spent parts of 14 years in the NHL with St. Louis (4 years, 2 stints), Quebec Nordiques (2 years), San Jose, Chicago, Dallas, Edmonton, NY Islanders, Anaheim (2 years) and Atlanta (2 years) ... After retiring in 2005 following two seasons with Milwaukee in the AHL, Hrkac was coaching Concordia University in Wisconsin before the playing bug reignited. Hrkac returned to play with Houston of the AHL for 12 games in 2008-09 and 17 games in 2009-10.

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1988 — Robb Stauber
University of Minnesota Golden Gophers

First goaltender to receive the Hobey ... 1988 WCHA Player of the Year ... helped the Golden Gophers to WCHA regular season titles in 1988 and 1989, as well as a NCAA runner-up finish in 1989 ... received Minnesota's John Mariucci Most Valuable Player Award in 1988 ... set Golden Gopher single season records for games played (44), minutes played (2,621), saves (1,711) and shutouts (5) in 1987-88 ... holds Golden Gopher career records for games played (98), minutes played (5,717), wins (73) and save percentage (.906) ... named All-WCHA first team and All-America first team in 1988 ... named WCHA Goaltender of the Year in 1988 and 1989 ... retired from professional hockey in 1998 after a ten-year pro career including stints in four seasons in the NHL with the LA Kings and Buffalo ... Robb currently operates Robb Stauber's Goalcrease training center in the Twin Cities. Robb was named head coach for the 2017 U.S. Women's national team competing in the Women's World Championship and took home a gold medal at the recent tournament in Plymouth, Mich.



1989 — Lane MacDonald
Harvard University Crimson

Named to the All-ECAC first team in 1987 and 1989 ... a two-time first team All-America selection ... a NCAA All-Tournament selection when the Crimson captured the school's first NCAA Championship in 1989 ... named Most Valuable Player of the 1987 ECAC Championship Tournament and 1989 ECAC Player of the Year ... set the Harvard career goal mark with 111 tallies and finished second in career points with 225 ... played for Team USA during the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary, Alberta ... selected by the Calgary Flames in the third round of the 1985 NHL Entry Draft ... graduated from Harvard in 1989 with a degree in economics ... turned down a contract offer from the Hartford Whalers to play professional hockey in Switzerland ... returned to Harvard in 1990-91 and spent one season as an assistant coach at Harvard ... currently resides in Boston, working in the venture capital industry, after receiving his MBA at Stanford University.



1990 — Kip Miller
Michigan State University Spartans

Named the Spartans Rookie of the Year after his freshman season at MSU ... led the nation in scoring as a junior with 77 points in 47 games ... helped the Spartans to CCHA regular season and playoff titles in 1989 and 1990 as well as a league playoff title and NCAA runner-up finish in 1987 ... named first team All-America and All-CCHA first team in 1989 and 1990 ... named 1990 CCHA Player of the Year after leading the league in scoring with 48 goals and 53 assists ... named MSU's Most Valuable Player and Outstanding Senior in his final season with the Spartans ... selected by the Quebec Nordiques in the 1987 NHL Entry Draft ... Kip retired from hockey in 2007 after a seventeen-year pro career. He spent parts of 14 years in the NHL with the Quebec Nordiques, Minnesota North Stars, San Jose, New York Islanders, Chicago, Pittsburgh, Anaheim and Washington. He had two different stints with both Pittsburgh and the Islanders. Miller resides in East Lansing, Mich. where he has several business interests.



1991 Award Winner David Emma addressed the audience on behalf of past award recipients at the 2014 Awards Banquet honoring Johnny Gaudreau.



1991 — David Emma
Boston College Eagles

All-time leading scorer in Eagle history with 239 points in 147 games ... led BC in career goals with 112 and assists with 127 ... 1991 Hockey East Player of the Year and scoring champion ... selected by USA Hockey as the New England Amateur Hockey Player of the Year ... named 1991 Male Athlete of the Year by members of the Rhode Island sports media ... member of Hockey East All-Academic team in 1990 and 1991 ... his jersey was the first hockey sweater to be retired by BC ... earned a silver medal with Team USA during the 1990 Goodwill Games in Seattle ... played for Team USA again during the 1992 Winter Olympics in Albertville, France ... selected by the New Jersey Devils in the 1989 NHL Entry Draft ... graduated from BC in 1991 with a degree in finance and marketing and was a member of the Dean's List. David is retired from pro hockey after a ten-year pro career primarily in the minors including a three-year run with Klagenfurt of the Austrian A league. David had NHL stints with New Jersey, Boston and Florida.



1992 — Scott Pellerin
University of Maine Black Bears

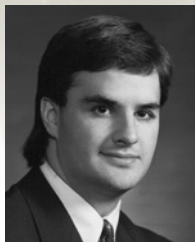
Second all-time scorer in Maine history with 223 points ... Third in career goals with 106, third in career assists with 117 and second in career games with 167 ... holds Maine record for career power play goals with 47 ... first player in Maine's history as a Division I program to score 100 goals and record 100 assists ... named 1992 Hockey East Player of the Year and Most Valuable Player of the Hockey East Championship Tournament ... a member of Team Canada during the 1990 Goodwill Games in Seattle ... selected by the New Jersey Devils in the third round of the 1989 NHL Entry Draft ... Scott is retired from hockey after a twelve-year pro career. He spent parts of ten seasons playing in the NHL with New Jersey, St. Louis, Minnesota Wild, Carolina, Boston, Dallas and Phoenix.



1993 — Paul Kariya
University of Maine Black Bears

First freshman to win the Hobey ... notched 25 goals and 75 assists for 100 points in 39 games during his only full season of college hockey ... helped the Black Bears to an impressive 42-1-2 overall record, along with NCAA and Hockey East titles, in 1992-93 ... won the 1992-93 Hockey East scoring title with 15 goals and 48 assists in conference play, a record for a freshman ... had a Hockey East record 23-game scoring streak and a school record 31-game scoring streak in 1992-93 ... helped Team Canada to a silver medal finish in the 1994 Winter Olympics in Lillehammer, Norway and a gold medal at the world hockey championships later that same year ... Picked fourth overall by Anaheim in the 1993 NHL Entry Draft, Paul spent the first nine seasons of his career with the Ducks. That was followed by a single season in Colorado, two seasons with Nashville and three seasons with the St. Louis Blues. Completing 15 NHL campaigns, Kariya averaged a point per game in his lengthy pro career and won the Lady Byng Trophy twice as the NHL's most gentlemanly player. He retired after sitting out the 2010-11 season with post-concussion syndrome.

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1994 — Chris Marinucci
Univ. of Minnesota Duluth Bulldogs

WCHA leading scorer in 1993-94 with 30 goals and 31 assists for 61 points ... helped the Bulldogs to the WCHA regular season title in 1992-93 ... All-WCHA first team and league Most Valuable Player in 1993-94 ... All-WCHA second team and runner-up for league scoring title in 1992-93 (finished second to linemate and 1993 Hobey finalist Derek Plante) ... named USA

Hockey's College Hockey Player of the Year in 1994 ... played in a team-record 149 consecutive games during his four seasons at UMD ... notched a team-record nine game-winning goals in 1992-93 ... was selected by the New York Islanders in the 1990 NHL Entry Draft ... Chris is retired from pro hockey after a ten-year career in minor pro hockey including single season stints in Japan, Germany and Sweden.



1995 — Brian Holzinger
Bowling Green State Univ. Falcons

CCHA Player of the Year during the 1994-95 season ... led the Falcons offensively as a senior with 35 goals and 34 assists for 69 total points ... became only the third player in league history to be named a unanimous All-CCHA first team selection and a unanimous CCHA All-Academic team selection in the same year ... was a three-time member of the CCHA's All-Academic team

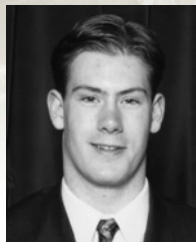
... his jersey became only the second hockey sweater retired by BGSU, after that of 1982 Hobey winner George McPhee ... a member of the Dean's List majoring in business (management information systems) and maintained a 3.29 GPA ... was selected by the Buffalo Sabres in the sixth round of the 1991 NHL Entry Draft ... Brian is retired from pro hockey after a ten-year pro career with Buffalo (five seasons), Tampa Bay (three seasons), Pittsburgh (one and half seasons) and Columbus.



1996 — Brian Bonin
University of Minnesota Golden Gophers

Bonin became only the second Gopher hockey player to be named a First-Team All-American in back-to-back seasons, after John Mayasich in 1954 and 1955 ... led the WCHA in scoring as both a junior and a senior, and was named the league's player of the year in 1995 and 1996 seasons ... led the nation in regular season scoring as a senior and finished with 34 goals and 47 assists

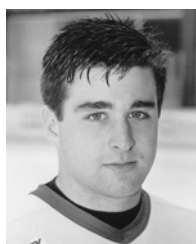
for 81 points. His 216 career points rank him among the top six scorers in Minnesota history ... Bonin carried himself just as well in the classroom as on the ice, carrying a 3.17 overall GPA as a chemistry major ... was a ninth round pick (211th overall) of the Pittsburgh Penguins in the 1992 NHL Entry Draft ... Brian is retired from professional hockey and working in the IT industry in the Twin Cities. He spent five seasons playing minor pro hockey in the AHL and IHL and two seasons with Langnau in the Swiss A league.



1997 — Brendan Morrison
University of Michigan Wolverines

The first Hobey Baker recipient from the University of Michigan, Morrison led the nation in both regular season scoring (26-52-78) and assists (1.32 per game)... was on the ice for more than 50% of Michigan goals ... in leading the Wolverines to the 1997 CCHA title and a berth in the NCAA Championship, Morrison was named the CCHA Player of the Year for the second consecutive season ... shattered school records for total points (284) and total assists (182) ranking him among the Top 10 all-time point leaders in NCAA history ... scored the overtime, winning goal in the 1996 NCAA Championship title game ... Hobey Baker Finalist and All-America selection three straight years ... was a second round pick (39th overall) of the New Jersey Devils ... Brendan enjoyed an illustrious pro career beginning with New Jersey (three seasons), Vancouver (seven seasons), Anaheim, Dallas and Washington. In 2011-12, he started his 14th NHL season (second with Calgary) before being traded to Chicago and retired following the season, having played in 995 career NHL games earning 631 total points.

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1998 — Chris Drury
Boston University Terriers

Drury's Hobey Baker campaign included 28 goals and 29 assists averaging 1.5 points per game. The senior captain was named First Team All-America for the second consecutive season, the Hockey East Player of the Year for the second consecutive season, the Hockey East Defensive Player of the Year and to the All-Hockey East Team for the third consecutive season. The all-time leading goal scorer at BU with 116, Drury was the first Terrier to capture the Hobey. Drury went from college right to the NHL where he spent his entire career with four teams. He began with the team who drafted him, the Colorado Avalanche, and was named the 1999 NHL Rookie of the Year. After a four-year stint with the Avs, Drury played one season in Calgary, three seasons in Buffalo and completed his fourth season with the New York Rangers in 2010-11 – a season limited due to injury and retired in August of 2011. In 12 NHL seasons, Drury scored 20 or more goals on nine occasions and played in a total of 1027 NHL games recording 704 total points. In May of 2017, Drury was named General Manager of the New York Rangers AHL affiliate the Hartford Wolfpack.

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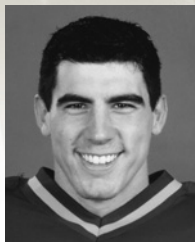
1999 — Jason Krog
University of New Hampshire Wildcats

The first Hobey Baker recipient from the University of New Hampshire, the senior centerman finished conference play with 20 goals and 53 points in 20 games, averaging 2.2 points per game. Krog became the first Hockey East player since 1993 Hobey recipient Paul Kariya to break 50 points in conference play. The Wildcats captain led all scorers nationally in a number of categories

through 38 games including points (79), goals (32), assists (47), points per game (2.08), goals per game and assists per game. The unanimous selection as the Hockey East Player of the Year, Krog was also a Hobey Baker finalist in 1998. Jason spent time with five NHL teams (NY Islanders, Anaheim, Atlanta, NY Rangers and Vancouver), seven AHL teams plus a two-year stint in Europe. Krog spent two seasons with the Chicago Wolves of the AHL through 2011; then headed overseas spending three seasons with HV71 Jonkoping of the Swedish elite league. Krog then played one season in Villach, Austria with VSV EC and the 2015-16 season, his 17th in pro hockey, he played for Rouen in France then retired following the season.

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2016 Hobey Baker Award recipient Jimmy Vesey (center) was joined by past award winners (L-R) Marty Sertich, Jordan Leopold, Scott Fusco, Lane MacDonald, Jack Eichel, Drew LeBlanc, Brian Bonin and Mark Fusco at last year's award banquet.



2000 — Mike Mottau
Boston College Eagles

Mottau became the second Boston College player to win the Hobey, doing so in his senior season as captain of the Eagles. A sound two-way defenseman, Mike was named Hockey East Defensive Defenseman of the Year, a First Team All Star and was Co-Player of the Year in the league. He recorded 44 points in 42 games played, setting BC and Hockey East records for career points by a defenseman. Additionally, Mike set two other school records, most games played and most assists, surpassing former Hobey winner David Emma. A Communications major, Mottau won the Walter Brown Award for the second straight year as the top American-born player in New England. After spending seven seasons toiling in the American Hockey League, Mike's perseverance paid off as he completed three seasons with the New Jersey Devils and was in his second season with the NY Islanders in 2011-12 before being traded late season to the Boston Bruins. He spent the 2012-13 season with San Antonio and Toronto of the AHL, and in the summer of 2013, signed with the Florida Panthers, his sixth NHL franchise. Mottau retired from pro hockey following the 2013-14 season and is now a scout for the Chicago Blackhawks.



2001 — Ryan Miller
Michigan State University Spartans

Miller became just the second goaltender to win the Hobey Baker Award doing so in only his sophomore season. He led the nation in all major goalie categories including wins (31), goals against average (1.32), shutouts (10) and set an NCAA record for saves percentage (.950). His two-year total of 18 shutouts also set an NCAA career shutout record. Ryan's outstanding year was capped with six CCHA post season awards including Player of the Year and Best Goaltender honors. The business major set several team and CCHA records along the way helping guide his Spartans to the #1 national ranking heading into the NCAA Frozen Four Championship Tournament. In 2001-02, Miller was again a Hobey Baker top ten finalist while garnering CCHA MVP honors for the second straight year and being named Goalie of the Year for the third straight season, adding eight more shutouts to his NCAA career shutout record (26). Miller spent his first 11 NHL seasons with the Buffalo Sabres, was traded in March of 2013 to the St. Louis Blues, then signed an off-season (2014) deal with the Vancouver Canucks and is now in his 14th NHL season. Miller also backstopped the United States to a silver medal at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics and is widely recognized as one of the NHL's top goaltenders.

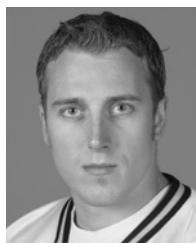


In 1990 Kip Miller (left) became the first Hobey Baker recipient from Michigan State University. Eleven years later in 2001, the Spartans added another Hobey Baker winner, Ryan Miller, pictured here with his cousin Kip.



2002 — Jordan Leopold
University of Minnesota Golden Gophers

Capping a remarkable four-year career, the Golden Gophers captain was named Minnesota's fourth Hobey winner, then went on to help his team to it's fourth NCAA championship. A Hobey finalist two straight seasons, Leopold posted 48 points in 44 games to lead all defenseman in the nation in scoring. The mobile blueliner scored 20 goals, assisted on another 28 and tallied 8 power play goals in his super season. Jordan established two team records by a defenseman: most goals in a season (20) and in a career (45) while finishing third in team points his senior season. For the second straight year, Leopold was the WCHA Defensive Player of the Year and a First Team All Star. A two-time All American, Leopold has done some travelling, spending three seasons each with Calgary and Colorado; a split season with the Florida Panthers and the Pittsburgh Penguins; and after two complete seasons with the Buffalo Sabres, was traded midway through the 2012-13 season to St. Louis where he spent two full seasons with the Blues. The 2014-15 campaign started with Leopold in St. Louis, was traded to Columbus and then to the Minnesota Wild where he completed his 12th pro season in the NHL on his eighth team. Leopold retired after that season and his family operates an event center in Minneapolis.



2003 — Peter Sejna
Colorado College Tigers

The nation's leader in points and goals is only the second Hobey candidate from Europe. His consistency was amplified by the fact he recorded points in all but one game. In 42 contests, the Tiger sniper bagged 36 goals, 46 assists and 82 total points. His 15 power play goals ranked third in the nation and his eight game winners were tied for second. The WCHA Player of the Year helped CC to its first regular season title since 1996. Peter recorded 27 multiple point games en route to the top of the college hockey scoring list. Sejna signed as a free agent spending four years in the St. Louis Blues system and played 49 NHL games. He then headed to Europe and has spent eight seasons playing in the Swiss A League with Zurich (3 seasons), Davos (2 seasons) and two seasons with Rapperswil-Jona. Sejna completed his pro career in 2014-15 playing with La Chaux-de-Fonds in the Swiss national B league. Sejna is now working in the real estate industry in Denver.



2004 — Junior Lessard
Univ. of Minnesota Duluth Bulldogs

Lessard, the Bulldogs' alternate captain, became the seventh Bulldog to be named a Hobey Baker finalist. Lessard came away with top honors in the WCHA by securing a spot on the All-WCHA First Team and claimed the illustrious honor of WCHA Player of the year for 2003-04. Lessard helped the Bulldogs advance to the Frozen Four for the first time in 11 years. He was rewarded for his efforts by being named to the NCAA Midwest Regional All-Tournament Team. He led the nation in points (61) and in goals (30). He was the WCHA co-scoring leader with 19 goals and 20 assists in league play. He also ranked tied for second in the NCAA in power play goals with 12. Lessard ranked fourth in the NCAA in points per game at 1.46. His prolific goal scoring helped secure UMD to its highest (second) and the best regular season finish (23-10-4) in 11 years. Notwithstanding his scoring ability, he was a +22 plus-minus on the season.

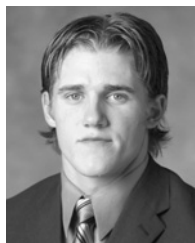
After spending his first five years of pro hockey split between the NHL (Dallas, Tampa Bay) and several AHL teams, Junior spent one season playing in Europe and the 2010-11 season with Idaho in the ECHL. He has retired from pro hockey and resides in his hometown of St. Joseph deBeauce, Quebec.



2005 — Marty Sertich
Colorado College Tigers

After becoming the second Colorado College player in three years to win the Hobey Baker Award as a junior, Marty Sertich returned for one more year with the Tigers in 2005-06. As a senior he was again named a Hobey Baker finalist. He finished his CC career with 121 assists and 182 points to rank seventh and tied for 12th, respectively, on the school's all-time charts. The 2004-

05 first-team All-American and national scoring champion played in 166 consecutive games for the Tigers without ever missing one, collecting at least one point in 108 of them, including 30 of 42 in his final campaign. He was involved in 35 game-winning goals during his four years with the team, scoring 11 and helping to set up 24. He recorded 53 multiple-point games. Marty spent his first two seasons of pro hockey with Iowa of the AHL followed by two seasons with the Lake Erie Monsters of the AHL. Sertich then played two seasons in Switzerland, followed by three seasons playing in Germany, the last two years with the Hamburg Freezers. Sertich retired after the 2015-16 season and is now working in the hockey industry.



2006 — Matt Carle
University of Denver Pioneers

The two-time defending national champions didn't make it a three-peat however, their outstanding captain Matt Carle gained a boatload of awards. Finishing second in WCHA conference scoring and first in assists, Carle was named the league's Player of the Year as well as the Defensive Player of the Year – a first in league history. He was also named First Team All Star for the

second consecutive season. Finishing with 53 points in 39 games (11-42), Carle led the nation in assists and led the nation's defensemen in points and assists. Born and raised in Anchorage, Alaska, Matt turned pro after his junior season and has been an NHL regular since, having played for San Jose, Tampa Bay, four seasons with the Philadelphia Flyers and was reacquired by Tampa in 2012 where he has spent four seasons with the Lightning. Carle signed as a free agent with Nashville in 2016 and retired from pro hockey in October. He played in 857 career NHL games and posted 327 career points in twelve NHL seasons.



2007 — Ryan Duncan
Univ. of North Dakota Fighting Sioux

It is uncommon for a collegiate player in only his sophomore season to be nominated to receive the Hobey Baker Award, and rarer still to claim the prize. North Dakota forward Ryan Duncan became only the third sophomore player in the 27 years of the Hobey to be recognized as college hockey's top player. The high scoring forward from Calgary, Alberta helped the Fighting Sioux

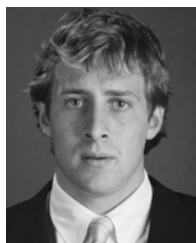
to their third straight NCAA Frozen Four appearance. In 43 games, the diminutive Duncan (5'8 and 155 pounds) scored 31 goals, second best in the nation, and had 26 assists for 57 points planting him fourth in the nation in scoring. Those efforts helped North Dakota to an awesome second half of the season as the Sioux completed their season on a 17-4-4 run as one of college hockey's hottest teams. Along with the Hobey, Duncan was named WCHA Player of the Year, First Team WCHA and a first team West All American. A pro hockey free agent, Duncan is a business major and a WCHA All Academic student-athlete with a 3.20 GPA. Ryan returned for his final two seasons at North Dakota and upon graduation, spent two seasons with Salzburg of the Austrian Elite League. He spent the 2011-12 season with Portland in the AHL; returned to Salzburg for the 2012-13 season; then one season with Munich in the German elite league; and now is in his third season back with Salzburg in Austria.



2008 — Kevin Porter
University of Michigan Wolverines

Porter is a senior forward who almost single-handedly helped Michigan to their national record 23rd Frozen Four. Last spring in two games at the East Regional, Porter had a hand in six of the seven Michigan goals bagging five goals and one assist, including four goals in a 5-1 win over Niagara. He finished second in the nation in points and goals with 33 goals, 30 assists for 63

points in 43 games. Porter was tied for second in the nation with 15 power play goals; recorded 18 multiple-point games and had a plus-minus of +33. His steady, consistent two-way play didn't go unnoticed as he was named the CCHA Player of the Year and was a finalist for the league's Best Defensive Forward. The First Team CCHA honoree was named the Hockey Commissioners January National Player of the Month. From Northville, Michigan, Porter was a draft pick of Phoenix. A General Studies major, Kevin spent time with visits to Mott Children's Hospital and volunteered for various Make-A-Wish Foundation activities. Kevin spent his first two pro seasons split between Phoenix of the NHL and San Antonio of the AHL; was traded in March 2010 to the Colorado Avalanche, playing three seasons there; signed with Buffalo as a free agent in 2012, completing two seasons in the Sabres organization. After spending the 2014-15 season with Grand Rapids of the AHL, Porter signed with the Pittsburgh Penguins and is currently in his second season with the organization.



2009 — Matt Gilroy
Boston University Terriers

Electing to forego a pro career following his junior season, Matt Gilroy returned to Boston University to complete his education, captain the BU Terriers for his senior season and play on the same team as his freshman brother Kevin. All things considered, Gilroy's decision proved monumental. Boston University's dominating season culminated with a national championship and

Matt won the school's second Hobey Baker Award (Chris Drury in 1998). The Terriers were ranked No. 1 for a large portion of the season, winning the Hockey East regular season and playoff titles. The senior defenseman produced 37 points in 45 games on 8 goals and 29 assists to finish tied for second in the nation amongst defensemen.

A management studies major, Matt became the first defenseman in Hockey East history to earn First Team all-star honors three times. He was also named the winner of the Walter Brown Award as the best American-born college player in New England. Initially a walk-on at BU, Gilroy concluded his career playing in 145 consecutive games. Growing up in North Bellmore, NY, Matt helps his family run a summer basketball league on Long Island, volunteers with the Autism Speaks program and was a driving force behind the "Starr of the Game" benefit to honor long-time BU booster Meryl Starr Herman. Matt wore number 97 to honor his deceased brother Timmy. Gilroy originally signed as a free agent with the New York Rangers where he spent two seasons. In the summer of 2011, he signed as a free agent with the Tampa Bay Lightning and was traded mid-season to the Ottawa Senators; spent parts of the next two seasons with the Rangers and Florida Panthers. Gilroy has moved overseas to play in the KHL, first with Moscow Oblast Atlant and now is in his second season with Moscow Spartak.

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2010 — Blake Geoffrion
Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison Badgers

Certainly the family bloodlines don't hurt, but Blake Geoffrion established himself as one of the nation's premiere players. The tri-captain of the Badgers was a complete player and helped Wisconsin to the national championship game. Utilized in all situations, the senior forward from Brentwood, Tenn., Geoffrion skated a regular shift, received ample special teams time on both

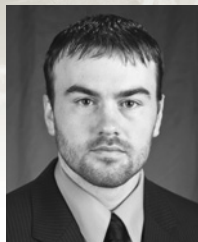
power play and penalty killing, took key faceoffs (where he was a remarkable 59% on faceoffs) and had an amazing shooting percentage of 23%. Geoffrion was named MVP of the West Regional and overall recorded 28 goals and 22 assists in 40 games, ranking third in the nation in goal scoring and led the country with 15 power play goals. Finishing second in the WCHA scoring race and topping the conference in goals and power play goals, he was selected as a First Team all-star. And the family bloodlines? His dad Danny, granddad Bernie "Boom Boom" and his great grandpa Howie Morenz all played for the Montreal Canadiens. Boom Boom and Howie are both enshrined in the Hockey Hall of Fame and have nine Stanley Cups between them. A Consumer Science Major, Geoffrion spent time off the ice visiting UW Children's Hospital, was a mentor to a cancer patient and a Peer Leader lending assistance to UW students. He was a second round draft pick of the Nashville Predators and spent time between Nashville and Milwaukee of the AHL; played for both teams again in 2011-12 before being traded to the Montreal Canadiens having spent time in the NHL and with Hamilton in the AHL. Geoffrion suffered a head injury 10 games into the 2012-13 season with Hamilton and has retired from hockey. He is presently scouting for Columbus of the NHL and is Assistant General Manager of their AHL affiliate Cleveland Monsters.



2011 — Andy Miele
University of Miami RedHawks

Andy Miele (pronounced mee-lee), outpaced everyone in college hockey piling up 71 points in just 39 games played, the most points in Division I hockey in eight years. His closest competitor was 11 points behind. Overall, Miele scored 24 goals and 47 assists becoming the first Miami RedHawk to win the Hobey. The senior from Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, won the CCHA

conference scoring title posting 16 goals and 40 assists for 56 points in 28 league games, an average of two points per game and the most points in conference play in 19 years. Amazingly, his 40 assists were more than the second place player had total points, a first in league history. His 47 assists in all games led the nation by six assists. Miele earned CCHA Player of the Year honors and a First Team all-star berth. He had multiple point efforts in 22 of the 39 games he played in — an incredible model of consistency. An American Studies major with a Coaching minor, Miele joined the U.S. National Team for the IIHF World Championship in Slovakia in 2011. He signed a pro contract as a free agent with the Phoenix Coyotes, then in 2014 with Grand Rapids of the AHL where he finished second in AHL scoring in 2013-14 and led Grand Rapids in scoring for the second straight year in 2015-16. Miele is now playing for Lehigh Valley in the AHL.



2012 — Jack Connolly
Univ. of Minnesota Duluth Bulldogs

As captain of the defending national champions, Jack Connolly had a fantastic season winning the WCHA scoring title, being named a First Team all-star for the third straight season and capped it off as the league's Player of the Year. A three-time All American, Connolly was second in the nation in points and assists accumulating 20 goals and 40 assists for 60 points in 41 games.

Connolly never missed a college game, having played in 166 straight. Amazingly, he was held pointless in consecutive games only twice in his illustrious four-year career and punctuated it with a team record 22-game point streak in his Hobey Baker season. Tremendous skill as a playmaking center defined Jack's game as he had an innate ability to see the ice and make smooth, intelligent puck decisions. The hometown hero is active in community endeavors helping with trash clean-up in the Adopt-A-Highway program, visiting Duluth hospitals, volunteering with the Boys and Girls Clubs of America and working with various cancer fund-raisers. He was a Communications major with a 3.3 GPA. Hockey runs deep in the Connolly family as Jack's older brother Chris, was the captain and second leading scorer for Boston University the same season. Jack is now in his fifth season in Sweden, and playing his third season with Rogle BK based in Angelholm.



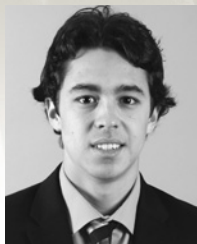
2013 — Drew LeBlanc
St. Cloud State University Huskies

The Hobey Baker winning year for Drew LeBlanc was truly an amazing one. Following a horrific broken leg injury the prior season prompting a medical redshirt, LeBlanc returned for a fifth season to captain the Huskies. The masterful playmaking center from Hermantown, Minnesota had an outstanding season leading the nation with 37 assists in 42 games while contributing 13 goals for 50 total points (seventh in the nation). His creative playmaking skills while on offense were matched by his diligent efforts in his own defensive zone, helping St. Cloud State to a share of their first WCHA regular season title and their first ever appearance in the NCAA Frozen Four regular championship.

LeBlanc's magical season helped him attain a first in the 52-year history of the WCHA — named both the Outstanding Student-Athlete of the Year and the WCHA Player of the Year. He took on an added academic load to complete his Math Education degree by student teaching all season long. He has been active in community outreach programs assisting new students on campus with move-ins, helping out at local hockey clinics and participating in a variety of team functions throughout his career at St. Cloud State. A pro hockey free agent, LeBlanc signed with the Chicago Blackhawks and spent two seasons with Rockford of the AHL. Drew then headed to Germany and is now in his second season with the Augsburg Panthers.

Drew LeBlanc (left) faced-off against Johnny Gaudreau in a pick-up hockey game during the 2013 NCAA Frozen Four in Pittsburgh. Both LeBlanc and Gaudreau were Hat Trick finalists and had some downtime prior to the Award Announcement ceremony on Friday night. LeBlanc took home the Hobey Baker Award in 2013, while Gaudreau claimed the coveted trophy in 2014.





2014 — Johnny Gaudreau
Boston College Eagles

Many referred to Johnny Gaudreau (pronounced GOO-dreau), as Johnny Hockey and for a very good reason. He tore through the college hockey season averaging two points per game, putting up 80 points in 40 games to record the highest point total in Division I college hockey in 11 years. Gaudreau lit up everyone, recording points in all but two games, including a 31-game

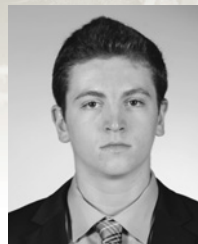
point streak to tie a Hockey East record (Paul Kariya, Maine, 1993). Two was his lucky number: two-time Hockey East scoring champion, two-time Hockey East Player of the Year, two-time all-conference, two-time First Team All American and two-time Hobey Baker hat-trick finalist. Gaudreau completed his Hobey season leading the nation in goals (36), assists (44), points (80) and was second in plus-minus (+42). He saved his best for last — in 3 NCAA playoff games, Johnny had 4 goals and 7 assists. A communications major, Gaudreau signed a professional contract with the team who drafted him, the Calgary Flames and became just the fifth player in NHL history to score a goal on his first shot in his first NHL game. Off the ice, Johnny spent time visiting elementary schools and mentoring a special needs team. In his first NHL season (2014-15), Gaudreau scored 24 goals and 40 assists in 80 games and was a finalist for the Calder Trophy as NHL Rookie of the Year. In 2015-16, he led the Flames in scoring with 30 goals and 78 points in 79 games and is now in his third NHL season.



2015 — Jack Eichel
Boston University Terriers

For the first time in 22 years, a college freshman, Jack Eichel (IKE-ul) won the coveted Hobey Baker Award. The 18-year old rookie sensation had a fantastic season leading the nation in points (71), assists (45), power play points (23) and plus-minus (+51) in 40 games. He helped his Terrier squad to a berth in the national championship game and finished the season with a flurry bag-

ging 8 goals and 8 assists in 8 playoff games. Eichel started the season as a 17-year old, collected two goals and two assists in his first college hockey game and continued by recording points in 10 consecutive games (7 goals, 12 assists) to open his college career. A fluid, effortless skater, Eichel made everyone around him successful with his uncanny hockey sense, regularly setting up teammates. In addition to the Hobey, Jack was honored with a plethora of awards: Hockey East Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year, conference scoring champion, First Team Hockey East and a member of the All-Rookie Team, Most Valuable Player at the Hockey East playoff tournament, National Rookie of the Year by the Hockey Commissioners Association and a First Team All American by the Hockey Coaches Association. Jack is enrolled in the College of General Studies. He spends off-ice time mentoring an 11-year old brain cancer patient and helps out with the Terriers team partnership with Autism Speaks. Eichel was drafted second overall in 2015 by Buffalo and finished second in scoring on the Sabres with 24 goals and 56 points in 81 games in his rookie season.



2016 — Jimmy Vesey
Harvard University

Returning to campus for his senior season paid off for 2016 Hobey Baker Award winner Jimmy Vesey (VEE-zee). For two straight years the senior captain of the Crimson was a Hobey Baker Hat Trick finalist, was named ECAC Player of the Year, Ivy League Player of the Year, ECAC First Team all-conference and winner of the Walter Brown Award as the best American-

born player in New England. Vesey finished the season recording 24 goals and 22 assists for 46 points in 33 games. Over the past two years, he has scored more goals than any other player in college hockey — 56, after bagging a nation's best 32 last season. It was a happy day on campus when Vesey spurned offers to turn professional in order to complete his senior year as a student-athlete. A dynamic offensive talent, Vesey was an impact player in all phases of the game and was widely recognized as the hardest worker on the team. A native of North Reading, Massachusetts, Jimmy was a Government major and has been ECAC All Academic every year. Off the ice, Vesey helped raise money for the Travis Roy Foundation and the Franciscan Hospital for Children. He was a third round draft pick of Nashville of the NHL, but elected to test the free agent market, signing with the New York Rangers and just completed his rookie NHL season.

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the Aon Grand Ballroom during this year's Frozen Four. They were all very passionate and willing to help when it counted most.

Personally, being afforded the opportunity to be the Chairman this year has left me feeling very blessed. The success of this Award is driven by teamwork, not just by individuals, because it truly takes a combined effort. With that, I cannot express enough how thankful I am for the guidance and countless hours of work from my announcement committee that consisted of Jim Nichols, Wally Olson, Jim Martin, Wally Shaver and Peder Melin. Their extraordinary efforts, as well as the rest of the committee who picked up tasks throughout, were very important to the success of this year's Award and has left me forever grateful. As Elder M. Russel Ballard said, "Great things are brought about and burdens lightened through the efforts of many hands anxiously engaged in a good cause."

In conclusion, thank you all very much for joining us for this special evening whereby we have the amazing opportunity to honor two individuals who have epitomized the embodiment of Hobey Baker. He would be proud. We hope you enjoy your evening and the celebration of these accomplishments.

Trevor Larsen
2017 Hobey Baker Memorial Award Committee Chairman

2015 Hobey Baker Award recipient Jack Eichel had the opportunity to meet well-known hockey administrator Walter Bush during the Awards Banquet in St. Paul. Bush was a regular attendee of the banquet through the years, but died this past September.



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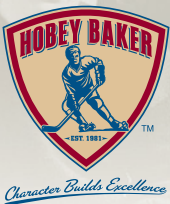
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2016

Name	School	Pos.	Hometown
Jimmy Vesey	Harvard University	F	North Reading, Mass.
Kyle Connor*	University of Michigan	F	Shelby Township, Michigan
Thatcher Demko*	Boston College	G	San Diego, California
JT Compher	University of Michigan	F	Northbrook, Illinois
Zac Lynch	Robert Morris University	F	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Alex Lyon	Yale University	G	Baudette, Minnesota
Tyler Motte	University of Michigan	F	St. Clair, Michigan
Alex Petan	Michigan Tech University	F	Delta, British Columbia
Andrew Poturalski	University of New Hampshire	F	Williamsville, New York
Ethan Prow	St. Cloud State University	D	Sauk Rapids, Minnesota

2015

Name	School	Pos.	Hometown
Jack Eichel	Boston University	F	North Chelmsford, Mass.
Zane McIntyre*	University of North Dakota	G	Thief River Falls, Minnesota
Jimmy Vesey*	Harvard University	G	North Reading, Massachusetts
Daniel Ciampini	Union College	F	Concord, Ontario
Matt Garbowsky	Rochester Institute of Technology	F	St. George, Ontario
Zach Hyman	University of Michigan	F	Toronto, Ontario
Tanner Kero	Michigan Tech University	F	Hancock, Michigan
Joey LaLeggia	University of Denver	D	Burnaby, British Columbia
Mike Reilly	University of Minnesota	D	Chanhassen, Minnesota
Cody Wydo	Robert Morris University	F	Southgate, Michigan

2014

Name	School	Pos.	Hometown
Johnny Gaudreau	Boston College	F	Carneys Point, New Jersey
Greg Carey*	St. Lawrence University	F	Hamilton, Ontario
Nic Dowd*	St. Cloud State University	F	Huntsville, Alabama
Josh Archibald	University of Nebraska-Omaha	F	Brainerd, Minnesota
Ryan Dzingel	Ohio State University	F	Wheaton, Illinois
Shayne Gostisbehere	Union College	D	Margate, Florida
Kevin Hayes	Boston College	F	Dorchester, Massachusetts
CJ Motte	Ferris State University	G	St. Clair, Michigan
Joel Rumpel	University of Wisconsin	F	Swift Current, Saskatchewan
Adam Wilcox	University of Minnesota	G	South St. Paul, Minnesota

2013

Name	School	Pos.	Hometown
Drew LeBlanc	St. Cloud State University	F	Hermantown, Minnesota
Johnny Gaudreau*	Boston College	F	Carneys Point, New Jersey
Eric Hartzell*	Quinnipiac University	G	White Bear Lake, Minnesota
Greg Carey	St. Lawrence University	F	Hamilton, Ontario
Carsen Chubak	Niagara University	G	Prince Albert, Saskatchewan
Austin Czarnik	Miami University	F	Washington, Michigan
Kyle Flanagan	St. Lawrence University	F	Canton, New York
Corban Knight	University of North Dakota	F	High River, Alberta
Danny Kristo	University of North Dakota	F	Eden Prairie, Minnesota
Ryan Walters	University of Nebraska-Omaha	F	Rosemount, Minnesota

2012

Name	School	Pos.	Hometown
Jack Connolly	University of Minnesota Duluth	F	Duluth, Minnesota
Spencer Abbott*	University of Maine	F	Hamilton, Ontario
Austin Smith*	Colgate University	F	Dallas, Texas
Brian Dumoulin	Boston College	D	Biddeford, Maine
Troy Grosenick	Union College	G	Brookfield, Wisconsin
Shawn Hunnwick	University of Michigan	G	Sterling Heights, Michigan
Tim Kirby	Air Force Academy	D	Austin, Minnesota
Torey Krug	Michigan State University	D	Livonia, Michigan
Justin Schultz	University of Wisconsin	D	West Kelowna, B. C.
Reilly Smith	Miami University	F	Mimico, Ontario

* Runner-up

2011

Name	School	Pos.	Hometown
Andy Miele	Miami University	F	Grosse Pointe Woods, MI
Cam Atkinson*	Boston College	F	Greenwich, Connecticut
Matt Frattin*	University of North Dakota	F	Edmonton, Alberta
Carter Camper	Miami University	F	Rocky River, Ohio
Jack Connolly	University of Minnesota Duluth	F	Duluth, Minnesota
Gustav Nyquist	University of Maine	F	Malmö, Sweden
Chase Polacek	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	F	Edina, Minnesota
Justin Schultz	University of Wisconsin	D	West Kelowna, B. C.
Paul Thompson	University of New Hampshire	F	Derry, New Hampshire
Paul Zquette	Niagara University	F	Nobleton, Ontario

2010

Name	School	Pos.	Hometown
Blake Geoffrion	University of Wisconsin	F	Brentwood, Tennessee
Bobby Butler*	University of New Hampshire	F	Marlboro, Massachusetts
Gustav Nyquist*	University of Maine	F	Malmö, Sweden
Marc Cheverie	University of Denver	G	Cole Harbor, Nova Scotia
Mark Olver	Northern Michigan University	F	Burnaby, British Columbia
Chase Polacek	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	F	Edina, Minnesota
Rhett Rakhshani	University of Denver	F	Huntington Beach, California
Cody Reichard	Miami University	G	Celina, Ohio
Ben Scrivens	Cornell University	G	Spruce Grove, Alberta
Brendan Smith	University of Wisconsin	D	Mimico, Ontario

2009

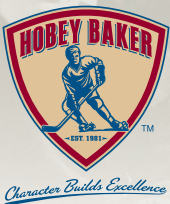
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Matt Gilroy	Boston University	D	North Bellmore, New York
Brad Thiessen*	Northeastern University	G	Aldergrove, British Columbia
Colin Wilson*	Boston University	F	Winnipeg, Manitoba
Louie Caporusso	University of Michigan	F	Woodbridge, Ontario
Chad Johnson	University of Alaska Fairbanks	G	Calgary, Alberta
Zane Kalemba	Princeton University	G	Saddle Brook, New Jersey
Jacques Lamoureux	Air Force Academy	F	Grand Forks, North Dakota
Jamie McBain	University of Wisconsin	D	Faribault, Minnesota
David McIntyre	Colgate University	F	Pefferlaw, Ontario
Viktor Stalberg	University of Vermont	F	Gothenberg, Sweden

2008

Name	School	Pos.	Hometown
Kevin Porter	University of Michigan	F	Northville, Michigan
Nathan Gerbe*	Boston College	F	Oxford, Michigan
Ryan Jones*	Miami University	F	Chatham, Ontario
Lee Jubinville	Princeton University	F	Edmonton, Alberta
Simon Lambert	Rochester Institute of Technology	F	St. Therese, Quebec
Jean-Philippe Lamoureux	University of North Dakota	G	Grand Forks, North Dakota
Ryan Lasch	St. Cloud State University	F	Lake Forest, California
Jeff Lerg	Michigan State University	F	Livonia, Michigan
T. J. Oshie	University of North Dakota	G	Warroad, Minnesota
Kevin Regan	University of New Hampshire	G	South Boston, Massachusetts

2007

Name	School	Pos.	Hometown
Ryan Duncan	University of North Dakota	F	Calgary, Alberta
David Brown*	University of Notre Dame	G	Stoney Creek, Ontario
Eric Ehn*	Air Force Academy	F	Dexter, Michigan
Drew Bagnall	St. Lawrence University	D	Oakbank, Manitoba
John Curry	Boston University	G	Shorewood, Minnesota
Nathan Davis	Miami University	F	Rocky River, Ohio
Bobby Goepfert	St. Cloud State University	G	Kings Park, New York
T. J. Hensick	University of Michigan	F	Howell, Michigan
David Jones	Dartmouth College	F	North Vancouver, B. C.
Scott Parse	University of Nebraska-Omaha	F	Portage, Michigan



FINALISTS 1981-2016

2006

Name	School	Pos.	Hometown
Matt Carle	University of Denver	D	Anchorage, Alaska
Chris Collins*	Boston College	F	Fairport, New York
Brian Elliott*	University of Wisconsin	G	Newmarket, Ontario
Andy Greene	Miami University	D	Trenton, Michigan
Greg Moore	University of Maine	F	Lisbon, Maine
Scott Parse	University of Nebraska-Omaha	F	Portage, Michigan
Ryan Potulny	University of Minnesota	F	Grand Forks, North Dakota
Marty Sertich	Colorado College	F	Roseville, Minnesota
Brett Sterling	Colorado College	F	Pasadena, California
T.J. Trevelyan	St. Lawrence University	F	Mississauga, Ontario

2005

Marty Sertich	Colorado College	F	Roseville, Minnesota
David McKee*	Cornell	G	Irving, Texas
Brett Sterling*	Colorado College	F	Pasadena, California
Reid Cashman	Quinnipiac University	D	Red Wing, Minnesota
Patrick Eaves	Boston College	F	Faribault, Minnesota
Dov Grumet-Morris	Harvard University	G	Evanston, Illinois
T.J. Hensick	University of Michigan	F	Howell, Michigan
Colin Murphy	Michigan Tech University	F	Fort McMurray, Alberta
Jordan Sigalet	Bowling Green State University	G	Surrey, British Columbia
Tuomas Tarkki	Northern Michigan University	G	Rauma, Finland

2004

Junior Lessard	University of Minnesota Duluth	F	St. Joseph deBeauce, Quebec
Yann Danis*	Brown University	G	Saint Jerome, Quebec
Zach Parise*	University of North Dakota	F	Faribault, Minnesota
Keith Ballard	University of Minnesota	D	Baudette, Minnesota
Brandon Bochenski	University of North Dakota	F	Blaine, Minnesota
Derek Edwardson	Miami University	F	Morton Grove, Illinois
Thomas Pöck	University of Massachusetts-Amherst	D	Klagenfurt, Austria
Steve Saviano	University of New Hampshire	F	Reading, Massachusetts
Jim Slater	Michigan State University	F	Lapeer, Michigan
Tony Voce	Boston College	F	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

2003

Peter Sejna	Colorado College	F	Liptovsky Mikulas, Slovakia
Chris Kunitz*	Ferris State University	F	Regina, Saskatchewan
Dave LeNeveu*	Cornell University	G	Fernie, British Columbia
Ben Eaves	Boston College	F	Faribault, Minnesota
Chris Higgins	Yale University	F	Smithtown, New York
John-Michael Liles	Michigan State University	D	Zionsville, Indiana
Zach Parise	University of North Dakota	F	Faribault, Minnesota
Tom Preissing	Colorado College	D	Rosemount, Minnesota
Joe Tallari	Niagara University	F	Thunder Bay, Ontario
R.J. Umberger	Ohio State University	F	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

2002

Jordan Leopold	University of Minnesota	D	Golden Valley, Minnesota
Mark Hartigan*	St. Cloud State University	F	Fort St. John, British Columbia
Darren Haydar*	University of New Hampshire	F	Milton, Ontario
Ryan Carter	Iona College	F	Ft. Nelson, British Columbia
Marc Cavosie	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	F	Cohoes, New York
Rob Collins	Ferris State University	F	Kitchener, Ontario
Wade Dubielewicz	University of Denver	G	Invermere, British Columbia
Jim Fahey	Northeastern University	D	Milton, Massachusetts
Ryan Miller	Michigan State University	G	East Lansing, Michigan
Doug Murray	Cornell University	D	Dromma, Sweden

2001

Ryan Miller	Michigan State University	G	East Lansing, Michigan
Brian Gionta*	Boston College	F	Rochester, New York
Jeff Panzer*	University of North Dakota	F	Grand Forks, North Dakota
Erik Anderson	St. Lawrence University	F	Plymouth, Michigan
Ty Conklin	University of New Hampshire	G	Anchorage, Alaska
Jeff Hamilton	Yale University	F	Englewood, Ohio
Dany Heatley	University of Wisconsin	F	Calgary, Alberta
Andy Hilbert	University of Michigan	F	Howell, Michigan
Kent Huskins	Clarkson University	D	Almonte, Ontario
Jordan Leopold	University of Minnesota	D	Golden Valley, Minnesota

2000

Mike Mottau	Boston College	D	Quincy, Massachusetts
Steve Reinprecht*	University of Wisconsin	F	Edmonton, Alberta
Mike Comrie	University of Michigan	F	Edmonton, Alberta
Ty Conklin	University of New Hampshire	G	Anchorage, Alaska
Jeff Farkas	Boston College	F	Williamsville, New York
Brian Gionta	Boston College	F	Rochester, New York
Shawn Horcoff	Michigan State University	F	Castlegar, British Columbia
Joel Laing	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	G	Maryfield, Saskatchewan
Andy McDonald	Colgate University	F	Strathroy, Ontario
Jeff Panzer	University of North Dakota	F	Grand Forks, North Dakota

1999

Jason Krog	University of New Hampshire	F	Fernie, British Columbia
Mike York*	Michigan State University	F	Waterford, Michigan
Jason Blake	University of North Dakota	F	Moorhead, Minnesota
Hugo Boisvert	Ohio State University	F	St. Eustache, Quebec
Brian Gionta	Boston College	F	Rochester, New York
Jeff Hamilton	Yale University	F	Englewood, Ohio
Eric Heffler	St. Lawrence University	G	Williamsville, New York
Steve Kariya	University of Maine	F	North Vancouver, B.C.
Michel Larocque	Boston University	G	Dieppe, New Brunswick
Brian Swanson	Colorado College	F	Eagle River, Alaska

1998

Chris Drury	Boston University	F	Trumbull, Connecticut
Chad Alban*	Michigan State University	G	Kalamazoo, Michigan
Dan Boyle	Miami University	D	Ottawa, Ontario
Ray Giroux	Yale University	D	North Bay, Ontario
Eric Healey	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	F	Hull, Massachusetts
Jason Krog	University of New Hampshire	F	Fernie, British Columbia
Mark Mowers	University of New Hampshire	F	Whitesboro, New York
Bill Muckalt	University of Michigan	F	Williams Lake, British Columbia
Curtis Murphy	University of North Dakota	D	Kerobert, Saskatchewan
Mike York	Michigan State University	F	Waterford, Michigan

1997

Brendan Morrison	University of Michigan	F	Pitt Meadows, B.C.
Chris Drury*	Boston University	F	Trumbull, Connecticut
Jason Blake	University of North Dakota	F	Moorhead, Minnesota
Mike Crowley	University of Minnesota	D	Bloomington, Minnesota
Mike Harder	Colgate University	F	St. Adolphe, Manitoba
John Madden	University of Michigan	F	Barrie, Ontario
Randy Robitaille	Miami University	F	Nepean, Ontario
Martin St. Louis	University of Vermont	F	Laval, Quebec
Brian Swanson	Colorado College	F	Eagle River, Alaska
Todd White	Clarkson University	F	Kanata, Ontario

* Runner-up

Name	School	Pos.	Hometown
1996 ★			
Brian Bonin	University of Minnesota	F	White Bear Lake, Minn.
Jay Pandolfo*	Boston University	F	Burlington, Massachusetts
Keith Aldridge	Lake Superior State University	D	Bloomfield Hills, Michigan
Mike Crowley	University of Minnesota	D	Bloomington, Minnesota
Chris Drury	Boston University	F	Trumbull, Connecticut
Peter Geronazzo	Colorado College	F	Trail, British Columbia
Brendan Morrison	University of Michigan	F	Pitt Meadows, British Columbia
Burke Murphy	Saint Lawrence University	F	Gloucester, Ontario
Eric Perrin	University of Vermont	F	Laval, Quebec
Martin St. Louis	University of Vermont	F	Laval, Quebec

Name	School	Pos.	Hometown
1995 ★			
Brian Holzinger	Bowling Green State University	F	Parma, Ohio
Chris Imes*	University of Maine	D	Birchdale, Minnesota
Brian Bonin	University of Minnesota	F	White Bear Lake, Minnesota
Greg Bullock	Univ. of Massachusetts-Lowell	F	Cambridge, Ontario
Anson Carter	Michigan State University	F	Scarborough, Ontario
Mike Grier	Boston University	F	Holliston, Massachusetts
Jay McNeill	Colorado College	F	Cranbrook, British Columbia
Brendan Morrison	University of Michigan	F	Pitt Meadows, British Columbia
Brian Mueller	Clarkson University	D	Liverpool, New York
Martin St. Louis	University of Vermont	F	Laval, Quebec

Name	School	Pos.	Hometown
1994 ★			
Chris Marinucci	Univ. of Minnesota Duluth	F	Grand Rapids, Minnesota
Craig Conroy*	Clarkson University	F	Potsdam, New York
Dean Fedorchuk	Univ. of Alaska Fairbanks	F	Winnipeg, Manitoba
Neil Little	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	G	Medicine Hat, Alberta
Sean McCann	Harvard University	D	North York, Ontario
David Oliver	University of Michigan	F	Courtenay, British Columbia
Jamie Ram	Michigan Technological Univ.	G	Scarborough, Ontario
Dwayne Roloson	Univ. of Massachusetts-Lowell	G	Simcoe, Ontario
Steve Shields	University of Michigan	G	North Bay, Ontario
Brian Wiseman	University of Michigan	F	Chatham, Ontario

Name	School	Pos.	Hometown
1993 ★			
Paul Kariya	University of Maine	F	North Vancouver, B.C.
Greg Johnson*	University of North Dakota	F	Thunder Bay, Ontario
Ted Drury	Harvard University	F	Trumbull, Connecticut
Mark Kaufmann	Yale University	F	West Vancouver, B.C.
Jim Montgomery	University of Maine	F	Montreal, Quebec
Derek Plante	Univ. of Minnesota Duluth	F	Cloquet, Minnesota
Brian Rolston	Lake Superior State University	F	Ann Arbor, Michigan
David Sacco	Boston University	F	Medford, Massachusetts
Brian Savage	Miami University	F	Sudbury, Ontario
Bryan Smolinski	Michigan State University	F	Genoa, Ohio

Name	School	Pos.	Hometown
1992 ★			
Scott Pellerin	University of Maine	F	Shediac, New Brunswick
Daniel Laperrriere*	Saint Lawrence University	D	Laval, Quebec
Scott Beattie	Northern Michigan University	F	Kimberly, British Columbia
Duane Derksen	University of Wisconsin	G	Morden, Manitoba
Denny Felsner	University of Michigan	F	Mount Clemens, Michigan
Rob Gaudreau	Providence College	D	Cranston, Rhode Island
Greg Johnson	University of North Dakota	F	Thunder Bay, Ontario
Darrin Madeley	Lake Superior State University	G	Holland Landing, Ontario
Larry Olimb	University of Minnesota	F	Warrroad, Minnesota
Jean-Yves Roy	University of Maine	F	Rosemere, Ontario

* Runner-up

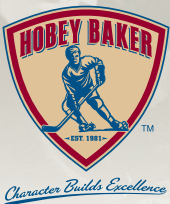
Name	School	Pos.	Hometown
1991 ★			
David Emma	Boston College	F	Cranston, Rhode Island
Brad Werenka*	Northern Michigan University	D	Two Hills, Alberta
Scott Beattie	Northern Michigan University	F	Kimberly, British Columbia
Peter Ciavaglia	Harvard University	F	Snyder, New York
Jim Dowd	Lake Superior State University	F	Bricktown, New Jersey
Denny Felsner	University of Michigan	F	Mount Clemens, Michigan
Greg Johnson	University of North Dakota	F	Thunder Bay, Ontario
Joe Juneau	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	F	Pont Rouge, Quebec
Shawn McEachern	Boston University	F	Waltham, Massachusetts
Jean-Yves Roy	University of Maine	F	Rosemere, Ontario

Name	School	Pos.	Hometown
1990 ★			
Kip Miller	Michigan State University	F	Lansing, Michigan
Greg Brown*	Boston College	D	Southboro, Massachusetts
Rick Bennett	Providence College	F	Springfield, Massachusetts
Rob Blake	Bowling Green State University	D	Simcoe, Ontario
Nelson Emerson	Bowling Green State University	F	Waterford, Ontario
David Emma	Boston College	F	Cranston, Rhode Island
Dave Gagnon	Colgate University	G	Essex, Ontario
Joe Juneau	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	D	Pont Rouge, Quebec
Russ Parent	University of North Dakota	D	Winnipeg, Manitoba
Dave Shields	University of Denver	F	Calgary, Alberta

Name	School	Pos.	Hometown
1989 ★			
Lane MacDonald	Harvard University	F	Mequon, Wisconsin
Robb Stauber*	University of Minnesota	G	Duluth, Minnesota
Allen Bourbeau	Harvard University	F	Teaticket, Massachusetts
Greg Brown	Boston College	D	Southboro, Massachusetts
David Capuano	University of Maine	F	Cranston, Rhode Island
Nelson Emerson	Bowling Green State University	F	Waterford, Ontario
Bruce Hoffort	Lake Superior State University	G	North Battleford, Saskatchewan
Kip Miller	Michigan State University	F	Lansing, Michigan
Bobby Reynolds	Michigan State University	F	Fenton, Michigan
Tim Sweeney	Boston College	F	N. Weymouth, Massachusetts

Name	School	Pos.	Hometown
1988 ★			
Robb Stauber	University of Minnesota	G	Duluth, Minnesota
Mark Vermette*	Lake Superior State University	F	Cochenour, Ontario
Phil Berger	Northern Michigan University	F	Dearborn, Michigan
Rejean Boivin	Colgate University	F	Ste-Foy, Quebec
David Capuano	University of Maine	F	Cranston, Rhode Island
Nelson Emerson	Bowling Green State Univ.	F	Waterford, Ontario
Mike Golden	University of Maine	F	Reading, Massachusetts
Steve Johnson	University of North Dakota	F	Grand Forks, North Dakota
Pete Lappin	Saint Lawrence University	F	St. Charles, Illinois
Paul Ranheim	University of Wisconsin	F	Edina, Minnesota

Name	School	Pos.	Hometown
1987 ★			
Tony Hrkac	University of North Dakota	F	Thunder Bay, Ontario
Wayne Gagne*	Western Michigan University	D	Toronto, Ontario
John Cullen	Boston University	F	Puslinch, Ontario
Gary Emmons	Northern Michigan University	F	Winnipeg, Manitoba
Tony Granato	University of Wisconsin	F	Downers Grove, Illinois
Craig Janney	Boston College	F	Enfield, Connecticut
Brian Leetch	Boston College	D	Cheshire, Connecticut
Lane MacDonald	Harvard University	F	Mequon, Wisconsin
Joe Nieuwendyk	Cornell University	F	Whitby, Ontario
Tom Sasso	Babson College	F	Everett, Massachusetts



FINALISTS 1981-2016

Name	School	Pos.	Hometown
1986 ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★			
Scott Fusco	Harvard University	F	Burlington, Massachusetts
Dan Dorion*	Western Michigan University	F	Astoria, New York
Mike Donnelly	Michigan State University	F	Livonia, Michigan
Gary Emmons	Northern Michigan University	F	Winnipeg, Manitoba
Dallas Gaume	University of Denver	F	Innisfall, Alberta
Scott Harlow	Boston College	F	East Bridgewater, Mass.
Brett Hull	Univ. of Minnesota Duluth	F	West Vancouver, B.C.
Norm Maciver	Univ. of Minnesota Duluth	D	Thunder Bay, Ontario
Scott Sandelin	University of North Dakota	D	Hibbing, Minnesota
Chris Terreri	Providence College	G	Warwick, Rhode Island

1985 ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★			
Bill Watson	University of Minnesota Duluth	F	Powerview, Manitoba
Scott Fusco*	Harvard University	F	Burlington, Massachusetts
Tim Army	Providence College	F	East Providence, Rhode Island
Dave Fretz	Clarkson University	D	Toronto, Ontario
Hubie McDonough	Saint Anselm College	F	Manchester, New Hampshire
Pat Micheletti	University of Minnesota	F	Hibbing, Minnesota
Kelly Miller	Michigan State University	F	Lansing, Michigan
Adam Oates	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	F	Schomberg, Ontario
Craig Simpson	Michigan State University	F	London, Ontario
Ray Staszak	University of Illinois-Chicago	F	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

1984 ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★			
Tom Kurvers	University of Minnesota Duluth	D	Bloomington, Minnesota
Cleon Daskalakis*	Boston University	G	Canton, Massachusetts
Jon Casey	University of North Dakota	G	Grand Rapids, Minnesota
Paul Donato	Babson College	F	Arlington, Massachusetts
Dan Dorion	Western Michigan University	F	Astoria, New York
Gates Orlando	Providence College	F	LaSalle, Quebec
Joel Otto	Bemidji State University	F	Elk River, Minnesota
Paul Pooley	Ohio State University	F	Exeter, Ontario
Jean Roy	Bowdoin College	D	Lewiston, Maine
Steve Smith	Colgate University	F	Peterborough, Ontario

Name	School	Pos.	Hometown
1983 ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★			
Mark Fusco	Harvard University	D	Burlington, Massachusetts
Randy Velischek*	Providence College	D	Montreal, Quebec
Scott Bjugstad	University of Minnesota	F	New Brighton, Minnesota
Bob Brooke	Yale University	F	West Acton, Massachusetts
Mike Carr	University of Massachusetts-Lowell	F	Burlington, Ontario
Bryan Erickson	University of Minnesota	F	Roseau, Minnesota
Brian Hills	Bowling Green State University	F	Windsor, Ontario
Kurt Kleinendorst	Providence College	F	Grand Rapids, Minnesota
James Patrick	University of North Dakota	D	Winnipeg, Manitoba
Ron Scott	Michigan State University	G	Guelph, Ontario

1982 ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★			
George McPhee	Bowling Green State University	F	Guelph, Ontario
Ron Scott*	Michigan State University	G	Guelph, Ontario
Ed Beers	University of Denver	F	Merritt, British Columbia
Steve Cruickshank	Clarkson University	F	Mississauga, Ontario
Bryan Erickson	University of Minnesota	F	Roseau, Minnesota
Brian Hills	Bowling Green State University	F	Windsor, Ontario
Paul Lohnes	University of Massachusetts-Lowell	D	Woburn, Massachusetts
Kirk McCaskill	University of Vermont	F	Phoenix, Arizona
John Newberry	University of Wisconsin	F	Victoria, British Columbia
Dave Poulin	University of Notre Dame	F	Mississauga, Ontario

1981 ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★			
Neal Broten	University of Minnesota	F	Roseau, Minnesota
Steve Ulseth*	University of Minnesota	F	Roseville, Minnesota
Sandy Beadle	Northeastern University	F	Regina, Saskatchewan
Steve Bozek	Northern Michigan University	F	Castlegar, British Columbia
Steve Carroll	Mankato State University	G	Edina, Minnesota
Mark Hentges	College of Saint Thomas	F	New Hope, Minnesota
Tom Lawler	Merrimack College	F	Andover, Massachusetts
Bill Provencher	Bowdoin College	G	Lewiston, Maine
Ed Small	Clarkson College	D	Ottawa, Ontario
Rick Strack	SUNY-Plattsburgh	G	Lake Placid, New York

* Runner-up

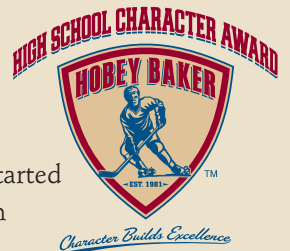


George McPhee (left) and Neal Broten were the Hobey Baker Award's first two recipients, McPhee in 1982 and Broten in 1981.

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LOOKING BACK AT LAST YEAR'S BANQUET



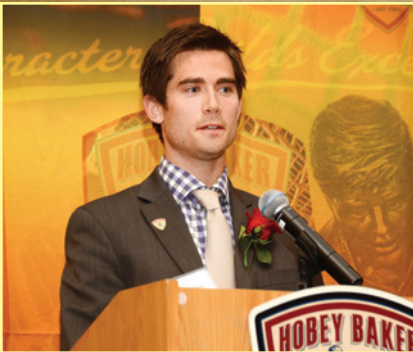
2016 Hobey Baker Award recipient Jimmy Vesey is joined by his parents, Jim and Ann Vesey.



Jimmy Vesey accepted the Hobey Baker Memorial Award trophy as the top college hockey player in the nation for 2016.



The award trophy was presented to Jimmy Vesey by the 2016 Award Committee Chairman Chris Bonnell.



2005 Award Winner Marty Sertich spoke on behalf of past award winners.



Leading up to the award presentation, Harvard's Head Coach Ted Donato commented on Vesey's collegiate career.



Jimmy Vesey and Legend Bill Selman posed with the 2016 Committee Executives Peder Melin, Trevor Larsen and Chris Bonnell.



Guests enjoyed a delicious meal followed by the Award presentation and an acceptance speech by winner Jimmy Vesey.



As hosts of the annual Hobey Baker Award Banquet, Minnesota Wild executive John Maher welcomed attendees.



Hobey Baker Memorial Award Foundation President Jim Nichols addressed the banquet audience.



For his 15 years as head hockey coach at four Division I colleges, Bill Selman was honored as the 2016 Hobey Baker Legend of College Hockey.

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