

Team and Alumni Information

American International College Yellow Jackets (Springfield, Massachusetts)

The AIC Yellow Jackets return to the NCAA tournament after qualifying for the tournament for the first time in program history in 2019. AIC earned an auto-bid into the tournament as the Atlantic Hockey Tournament's Champions. The Yellow Jackets defeated the Canisius Golden Griffins by a final score of 5-2 on Saturday, March 20th, 2021. AIC will face North Dakota on Friday at the Midwest Regional at Scheels Arena in Fargo, North Dakota. The game will begin at 8:30pm CT and will be broadcast live on ESPN3. AIC upset St. Cloud State in the 2019 NCAA Tournament to record its first tournament win in program history.

Austen Long, 23, of Blaine, Minnesota, is currently in his sophomore season with the Yellow Jackets. Long skated in two games with the Storm during the 2014-2015 regular season and twenty-eight games with the Storm during the 2015-2016 season. Long netted three goals in his Tri-City career. He scored his first career USHL goal on April 11th, 2015 in the Storm's 5-2 road defeat of the Des Moines Buccaneers. Long also skated for the Chicago Steel, Lincoln Stars, and Omaha Lancers during his USHL career. He won the 2017 Clark Cup as a member of the Chicago Steel. Long skated in one hundred and seventy games, scored twenty-two goals, and recorded twenty-six assists in his USHL career. He scored his first collegiate goal against Mercyhurst on January 31st, 2020.

Bemidji State Beavers (Bemidji, Minnesota)

The Bemidji State Beavers return to the NCAA tournament for the first time in over a decade after receiving an At-Large bid into the tournament. Bemidji State last qualified for the NCAA tournament in 2010. This is the program's fifth appearance in the event. The Beavers also qualified for the tournament in 2005, 2006, 2009, and 2010. Bemidji State fell to eventual conference tournament Champion Lake Superior State in the semifinals of the 2021 WCHA Tournament. Bemidji State is one of three Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) teams to qualify for this year's tournament. The Beavers open play in the tournament against Wisconsin on Friday at the East Regional at Webster Bank Arena in Bridgeport, Connecticut. The game will begin at 12:00pm CT and will be broadcast live on ESPN2. The Beavers were defeated by the Michigan Wolverines in the opening game of the 2010 tournament and will be in search of the program's first tournament win since the 2009 tournament on Friday. Bemidji State reached the Frozen Four for the first time in its Division I program history in the 2009 tournament.

Elias Rosén, 22, of Mora, Sweden, is currently in his sophomore season with the Beavers. Rosén appeared in fifty-one regular season games with the Storm during its 2018-2019 Anderson Cup Championship season. He also skated in all six of Tri-City's games during the 2019 Clark Cup Playoffs. Rosén scored six goals and provided the Storm's offense with twelve assists in his USHL career. He netted his first career USHL goal on October 20th, 2018 in Tri-City's 6-2 home win at the Viaero Center over the Des Moines Buccaneers. Rosén was twice named the WCHA's Rookie of the Week last year during his freshman season at Bemidji State. He was named to the WCHA's All-Rookie Team and was named an AHCA Division I Krampade All-American Scholar. He netted his first career collegiate goal for the Beavers on November 2nd, 2019 in a 3-1 road loss to the Alaska Fairbanks Nanooks. Rosén was named the WCHA's Co-Defensive Player of the Year for the 2020-2021 season. He was named to the All-WCHA First Team and the WCHA's All-Academic Team.

Boston College Eagles (Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts)

The Boston College Eagles return to the NCAA tournament for the first time since 2016, when the program reached the Frozen Four for the twenty-fifth time in school history. Boston College received an At-Large bid into this year's tournament. The Eagles dropped a 6-5 double-overtime decision to the UMass Lowell Riverhawks in the semifinals of this year's Hockey East tournament. Boston College won the Hockey East regular-season title after posting a



record of 16-4-1. The Eagles were originally scheduled to open tournament play against Notre Dame on Saturday at the Northeast Regional in Albany, New York at the Times Union Center. The game was supposed to begin at 4:30pm CT and was going to be broadcast live on ESPN2. It was announced on Thursday, March 25th that the Fighting Irish would not compete in this year's tournament due to COVID-19 protocols and that the Eagles would automatically advance to the next round of the tournament. Boston College is in search of its sixth National Championship in program history at this season's NCAA tournament.

Colby Ambrosio, 18, of Welland, Ontario, is currently in his freshman season with the Eagles. Ambrosio was signed to a tender agreement with Tri-City on April 14th, 2018. He appeared in one hundred and five games with the organization from 2018 to 2020. Ambrosio netted his first career USHL goal on October 16th, 2018 in Tri-City's 3-1 home win over the Lincoln Stars at the Viaero Center. He was a member of Tri-City's 2018-2019 Anderson Cup Championship team and appeared in one game for the Storm during the 2019 Clark Cup Playoffs. Ambrosio scored thirty-eight goals and recorded thirty-six career goals with the Storm. He led the Storm with twenty-six goals and fifty-points during the 2019-2020 regular season. Ambrosio was drafted 118th overall in the 4th Round of the 2020 NHL Draft by the Colorado Avalanche. He scored his first two collegiate goals on December 5th, 2020 in Boston College's 9-0 road win over the Providence Friars. Ambrosio has scored seven goals and recorded eight assists in twenty-three games for the Eagles during the 2020-2021 season.

Boston University Terriers (Boston, Massachusetts)

The Terriers return to the NCAA tournament after having a four-year tournament appearance streak snapped in 2019. Boston last advanced to the Frozen Four in 2015, and the Terriers last won the National Championship in 2009. The 2009 National Championship was the fifth in school history. Boston received an At-Large bid into the tournament after posting a 10-4-1 record. Boston finished the 2020-2021 regular season as the second-place team in the Hockey East standings. The team fell in the quarterfinal round of the Hockey East tournament to the UMass Lowell Riverhawks by a final score of 2-1. The Terriers will begin play in the NCAA tournament for the thirty-seventh time when the team matches up against St. Cloud State on Saturday. The game will begin at 12:00pm CT and will be broadcast live on ESPNNews. The game will be the second of the day at the Times Union Center in Albany, New York in the Northeast Regional. Boston is one of three teams from Hockey East in this year's NCAA tournament.

Joseph Campolieto, 22, of Enyon, Pennsylvania, is in his senior season with the Terriers after transferring from Union College following three seasons with the Dutchmen. Campolieto appeared in forty-nine games with the Storm during the 2016-2017 regular season. He scored five goals and notched fourteen assists. Campolieto scored his first career USHL goal on November 23rd, 2016 in Tri-City's 4-3 road loss to the Lincoln Stars. He recorded a career-high three-point game with a goal and two assists in Tri-City's 5-1 road win over the Dubuque Fighting Saints on December 16th, 2016. Campolieto scored his first career collegiate goal on October 20th, 2017 in Union's 6-1 road victory over the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) Tigers. This year's tournament will be Campolieto's first appearance in the NCAA tournament.

Lake Superior State Lakers (Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan)

The LSSU Lakers are back in the NCAA tournament after a nearly-twenty-five-year tournament draught. LSSU received an auto-bid into this year's tournament after capturing the WCHA tournament championship. The Lakers defeated Northern Michigan 6-3 on Saturday in the Championship game of the WCHA tournament to qualify for this year's NCAA tournament. LSSU has advanced to four Frozen Fours and is a three-time National Champion (1988, 1992, 1994). LSSU defeated Cornell 5-4 in its last NCAA tournament appearance but fell short of advancing to the Frozen Four in a 2-1 loss to Vermont in 1996. LSSU will begin its eleventh NCAA tournament on Friday in a matchup against UMass. The game will begin at 5:30pm CT and will be broadcast live on ESPNU. The game will be the second matchup of the day at Webster Bank Arena in the East Regional in Bridgeport, Connecticut.



Artyom Borshyov, 20, of Vitebsk, Belarus, is in his freshman season with the LSSU Lakers. Borshyov appeared in ten games with the Storm during the team's 2018-2019 Anderson Cup Championship season. He did not score a goal or record a point in his Storm career. Borshyov also appeared in forty-eight career games during the 2019-2020 season with the Youngstown Phantoms. He scored his first career USHL goal on October 14th, 2019 in Youngstown's 10-3 home loss to the Chicago Steel. In total, Borshyov appeared in fifty-eight career USHL games. He scored five goals and recorded twelve assists. He has appeared in thirteen games during the 2020-2021 season with the Lakers.

Michigan Wolverines (Ann Arbor, Michigan)

Michigan is seeking its first National Championship since 1998 at this year's NCAA tournament. The nine-time National Champions have advanced to six Frozen Fours since the 1998 National Championship but have failed to claim the title during those appearances. The 2021 NCAA tournament will be the Wolverines' thirty-eighth trip to the NCAA tournament. Michigan received an At-Large bid into the tournament after posting a 15-10-1 record. The Wolverines were eliminated from the Big Ten tournament in an overtime loss to Minnesota in the semifinals. Michigan is one of four Big Ten programs to qualify for this year's tournament (Minnesota, Notre Dame, Wisconsin). The Wolverines will face Minnesota Duluth in the opening game of the Midwest Regional at Scheels Arena in Fargo, North Dakota on Friday. The game will begin at 3:00pm CT and will be broadcast live on ESPNU. Michigan returns to the NCAA tournament for the first time since 2018.

Jack Summers, 21, of Livonia, Michigan, is currently in his junior season with the Wolverines. Summers made his debut with the Storm during the 2016-2017 and completed his USHL career with eighty-four games played. He scored his first career USHL goal on January 6th, 2017 in Tri-City's 9-1 home win over the Des Moines Buccaneers at the Viaero Center. Summers scored one additional goal in his Storm career during the 2017-2018 season and finished his career with fourteen assists. He notched his first career collegiate goal on March 2nd, 2019 in Michigan's 4-3 overtime loss to Wisconsin in the team's final game of the regular season. He scored four goals and recorded six assists in thirty-six games played in the 2019-2020 season. Summers also blocked forty-nine shots and finished his sophomore season with a plus/minus rating of +7. He was also honored as an Academic All-Big Ten player. He received another Academic All-Big Ten honor this season and netted the game-winning goal in Michigan's 5-2 win over Minnesota on March 5th, 2021.

Keaton Pehrson, 22, of Lakeville, Minnesota, is in his sophomore season with Michigan. Pehrson was teammates with fellow Wolverine's defenseman Jack Summers at Tri-City during the 2017-2018 season. He scored his first career USHL goal with the Storm on January 28th, 2018 in Tri-City's 3-2 shootout victory on the road against the Omaha Lancers. Pehrson finished the 2017-2018 season with five goals and four assists. He netted a career-high eight goals and notched twenty-two assists during Tri-City's 2018-2019 Anderson Cup Championship season. Pehrson appeared in all sixty-two regular season games and all six playoff games for the Storm that year. In total, Pehrson skated in one hundred and twenty career games with the Storm. He scored thirteen goals and recorded twenty-six assists. Pehrson scored one goal and notched seven assists during his freshman season at Michigan. He scored his first career collegiate goal on February 7th, 2021 in Michigan's 5-3 victory over Wisconsin. He was honored as an Academic All-Big Ten player this season. Pehrson has recorded five assists this year entering the NCAA tournament.

Bill Muckalt, 46, of Surrey, British Columbia, is in his fourth season as Michigan's Associate Head Coach. He was hired to the position in the summer of 2017. As the Head Coach of the Tri-City Storm, Muckalt helped the organization capture its first Clark Cup Championship in 2016. Muckalt was Tri-City's Head Coach for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 seasons. He finished his career with a record of 49-46-16-9 in 120 regular season games as Tri-City's Head Coach. His 2015-2016 team amassed a streak of thirteen consecutive games without a regulation loss. The thirteen-game point streak for the Storm lasted from February 12th, 2016 to March 19th, 2016 and remains the longest streak in organization history of recording at least one point in the standings in each game. Muckalt followed former Storm Head Coach Jim Hulton and preceded current Storm Head Coach Anthony Noreen.



Minnesota Golden Gophers (Minneapolis, Minnesota)

The Golden Gophers will be in pursuit of a sixth National Championship in this year's NCAA tournament. Since last winning the title in 2003, Minnesota has advanced to the Frozen Four three times (2005, 2013, 2014). The Gophers captured its sixteenth conference championship this season to receive an auto-bid into the 2021 NCAA tournament. Minnesota recorded a 6-4 victory over Wisconsin in the Big Ten tournament championship game. Minnesota will begin the NCAA tournament on Saturday at 9:00pm CT in a matchup against Nebraska Omaha. The game will be the second of the day at the West Regional. The game will be played at the Budweiser Events Center in Loveland, Colorado and will be broadcast live on ESPNU. Minnesota returns to the NCAA tournament for the first time since 2017. The Gophers were upset by Notre Dame in the opening game of the 2017 tournament. Minnesota has not won an NCAA tournament game since the program defeated North Dakota 2-1 at the Frozen Four to advance to the 2014 National Championship game against Union College.

Mike Koster, 19, of Chaska, Minnesota, has appeared in twenty-nine games with the Gophers during his freshman season. Koster made his debut with the Storm during the 2017-2018 season and netted his first career USHL goal on March 18th, 2018 in Tri-City's 5-2 road victory over the Chicago Steel. Koster appeared in seventy-three games with Tri-City across three seasons in his USHL career. He scored seven goals and recorded twenty-seven assists. Koster was a member of Tri-City's 2018-2019 Anderson Cup Championship team. He has scored three goals and recorded nine assists this season with the Golden Gophers. Koster scored his first career collegiate goal on December 9th, 2020 in Minnesota's 4-0 road victory over Michigan. He was named to the Big Ten's All-Tournament team following this year's Big Ten tournament. Koster was selected 146th overall in the 5th Round of the 2019 NHL Draft by the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Noah Weber, 23, of Eagle River, Wisconsin, is currently in his sophomore season with Minnesota. He did not appear in any games during his freshman season after suffering an injury prior to joining the program. Weber has also not appeared in a game this season and has not yet made his collegiate debut in game with the Gophers. He skated in twenty-six games with the Storm during the 2017-2018 regular season. Prior to joining the Storm, Weber appeared in fifty-three games during the 2016-2017 regular season with the Madison Capitols. Weber scored his first career USHL goal on October 21st, 2016 in Madison's 3-2 home defeat of the Waterloo Black Hawks. After skating with the Storm during the 2017-2018 season, Weber returned to the Madison Capitols and served as the team's Captain for the 2018-2019 season. Weber scored two goals and recorded five career assists in his Storm career. He played in one hundred and forty USHL games in his career. He scored nineteen total goals and notched twenty-eight career assists.

Minnesota Duluth Bulldogs (Duluth, Minnesota)

The two-time defending NCAA National Champion Minnesota Duluth Bulldogs return to the tournament for the fourteenth time in school history after posting a 14-10-2 record this season. Minnesota Duluth received an At-Large bid into the tournament and is one of four teams from the National Collegiate Hockey Conference (NCHC) to qualify for the tournament this year (North Dakota, Nebraska Omaha, St. Cloud State). The Bulldogs fell to St. Cloud State in the Semifinals of the NCHC Tournament by a final score of 3-2 on March 15th, 2021. Minnesota Duluth will begin the NCAA tournament on Friday at 3:00pm CT in a matchup against the Michigan Wolverines at the Midwest Regional at Scheels Arena in Fargo, North Dakota. The game will be broadcast live on ESPNU. A trip to this year's Frozen Four would be the fourth consecutive Frozen Four appearance for Minnesota Duluth.

Ben Almquist, 21, of Victoria, Minnesota, is currently in his sophomore season with the Bulldogs. Almquist skated in eleven games with the Storm during the 2017-2018 season. In addition to his eleven regular season games, Almquist also appeared in both of Tri-City's games in the 2018 Clark Cup Playoffs. He recorded an assist in Tri-City's 3-2 home lost against the Sioux City Musketeers on April 13th, 2018. This was the only point recorded in his Storm career. After his time with Tri-City, Almquist appeared in twenty-six games with the Cedar Rapids

RoughRiders during the 2018-2019 season. He scored his first career USHL goal on September 27th, 2018 in Cedar Rapids' 3-2 overtime loss to the Fargo Force at the 2018 USHL Fall Classic. Almquist appeared in thirty-seven games in his USHL career. He scored four goals and notched two assists. He appeared in fourteen games as a freshman at Minnesota Duluth and recorded one assist. Almquist has skated in ten games with the Bulldogs this season. He scored his first collegiate goal on January 24th, 2021 in a 3-1 home victory over Western Michigan.

Minnesota State Mavericks (Mankato, Minnesota)

The Mavs have the most former Storm players on any team in this year's tournament with four on the active roster. Minnesota State will make its seventh appearance in the NCAA tournament when it hits the ice against the Quinnipiac Bobcats on Saturday, March 27th. The Mavericks face the Bobcats at 4:00pm CT in the opening game of the West Regional at the Budweiser Events Center in Loveland, Colorado. The game will be broadcast live on ESPN3. This is Minnesota States' third consecutive appearance in the NCAA tournament. The Mavericks received an At-Large bid into the tournament after posting a 20-4-1 record this season. Minnesota State was eliminated in the second round of the 2021 WCHA tournament by the Northern Michigan Wildcats. The Mavs dropped the game by a final score of 5-1 on March 19th, 2021. Minnesota State has never advanced to the Frozen Four. Of the more than three hundred Storm players who have gone on to play collegiately, Minnesota State boasts more Storm alumni than any other NCAA program.

Jack McNeely, 24, of Lakeville, Minnesota, is in his senior season with the Mavericks and serves as one of the team's Alternate Captains. McNeely wore the "C" as a Captain of the Tri-City Storm during the 2016-2017 season. He appeared in four games with Tri-City during the 2014-2015 season, fifty-nine games during the 2015-2016 season, and seventeen games during the 2016-2017 season. McNeely was a member of Tri-City's 2015-2016 Clark Cup Championship team. He also appeared in thirty-eight games with the Muskegon Lumberjacks during the 2016-2017 season. In total, McNeely skated in one hundred and eighteen career USHL games. He scored one goal and recorded nineteen assists. His first career USHL goal was scored on December 30th, 2016 in Muskegon's 3-1 home win over the United States National Team Development Program (NTDP/Team USA). McNeely was named to the WCHA's All-Academic team for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 seasons. He has skated in one hundred and twenty-seven NCAA games. McNeely has scored six goals and recorded twenty-eight assists in his college career. He scored his first career collegiate goal on November 16th, 2018 in Minnesota's State's 7-1 victory over Ferris State.

Brendan Furry, 22, of Toledo, Ohio, is currently in his sophomore season with the Mavericks. Furry skated in thirty-six games with Tri-City during the Storm's 2018-2019 Anderson Cup Championship season. He scored thirteen goals and recorded twenty-six assists. Furry also provided the Tri-City offense with four goals in six games played during the 2019 Clark Cup Playoffs. Prior to joining the Storm during the 2018-2019 regular season, Furry served as the Captain for the Omaha Lancers. Furry skated in one hundred and eleven USHL games in his career. He scored thirty-eight goals and notched fifty-nine assists. He netted his first two career goals in Omaha's 5-1 road victory over the Cedar Rapids RoughRiders on October 14th, 2017. Furry has appeared in twenty-five games with the Mavericks this season. He scored his first career collegiate goal on January 24th, 2021 in Minnesota State's 4-1 win over Ferris State. Furry also scored a goal in four consecutive games for the Mavericks from February 19th, 2021 to February 27th, 2021.

Walker Duehr, 23, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, his in his senior season with Minnesota State. Duehr skated in thirty-eight regular season games and eleven playoff games for the Storm during the 2015-2016 Clark Cup Championship season. He scored ten goals and recorded thirteen assists during the regular season. Duehr also skated for the Sioux City Musketeers, Chicago Steel, and Bloomington Thunder during his USHL career. In total, he appeared in one hundred and forty-five USHL games. He scored twenty-seven goals and notched thirty-seven assists. Duehr scored his first career USHL goal on October 18th, 2014 in Sioux City's 2-1 overtime win over the Waterloo Black Hawks. Duehr's next game played will be his one hundredth collegiate game with Minnesota State. He has

scored twenty-four goals and recorded twenty-five assists in ninety-nine career NCAA games. He was named to the 2018-2019 WCHA-All Academic team and was a WCHA Scholar-Athlete. He scored his first career collegiate goal on November 17th, 2017 in Minnesota State's 6-1 win over Bowling Green.

Tony Malinowski, 21, of Clarkston, Michigan, is a sophomore at Minnesota State this season. Malinowski skated in six games with the Tri-City Storm during the 2017-2018 regular season. He recorded his only point with the team on an assist in the Storm's Home Opener at the Viaero Center for the 2017-2018 season. His assist was recorded on October 13th, 2017 in Tri-City's 3-1 win over the Sioux City Musketeers. Malinowski also skated for the Des Moines Buccaneers during the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 seasons. He appeared in eighty-eight career USHL games, scoring two goals and recording fifteen assists. His first career USHL goal was scored on April 13th, 2018 in Des Moines' 6-3 road loss to the Cedar Rapids RoughRiders. Malinowski did not appear in any games during his freshman season with the Mavericks. He has skated in ten games this season. He has scored one goal and recorded two assists. His first career collegiate goal was scored on March 6th, 2021 in Minnesota State's 3-2 win over Michigan Tech.

Nebraska Omaha Mavericks (Omaha, Nebraska)

UNO makes its fourth appearance in the NCAA tournament this year after posting a 14-10-1 record. The Mavs received an At-Large bid into the tournament. This year's tournament appearance for Nebraska Omaha is the program's first since the 2015 NCAA tournament. UNO advanced to the Frozen Four for the first and only time in program history in 2015. Nebraska Omaha dropped its opening game of the NCHA tournament by a final score of 5-4 on March 13th, 2021 to the Denver Pioneers. The Mavericks will open play in this year's NCAA tournament on Saturday in a matchup against the Minnesota Golden Gophers. The game will be the second game of the day at the West Regional in Loveland, Colorado. The matchup will be held at the Budweiser Events Center at 9:00pm CT and will be broadcast live on ESPNU. UNO also made tournament appearances in 2006, 2011, and 2015.

Isaiah Saville, 20, of Anchorage, Alaska, is currently in his sophomore season with Nebraska Omaha. Saville was a member of Tri-City's Anderson Cup Championship team during the 2018-2019 season. He was named the USHL's Goaltender of the Year for the 2018-2019 season. Saville appeared in thirty-four games in his USHL career, all with the Tri-City Storm. He posted a 25-4-2-1 record in net for the Storm during the 2018-2019 season. His Goals Against Average (GAA) of 1.90 led all USHL goaltenders and was the only sub 2.00 GAA in the league that season. He recorded a Save Percentage (SV%) of .925%. Saville captured a Gold Medal at the 2018 World Junior A Challenge and competed in the 2019 USHL/NHL Top Prospects Game. He was named USA Hockey's Dave Peterson Goalie of the Year for 2019. He was selected 135th overall in the 5th Round of the 2019 NHL Draft by the Vegas Golden Knights. At UNO, Saville made 14 saves and allowed one goal in his collegiate debut in net for the Mavericks in a 6-1 win over Alabama Huntsville on October 11th, 2019. He was twice named the NCHC's Rookie of the Week during his freshman season. He was named to the 2019-2020 NCHC Academic All-Conference team and was also recognized as a Distinguished Scholar Athlete. Saville has appeared in twenty-three games this season for UNO and has posted a 12-10-1 record. He has recorded a 2.86 GAA and a .912 SV%.

North Dakota Fighting Hawks (Grand Forks, North Dakota)

North Dakota makes its thirty-third appearance in the NCAA tournament and is the #1 overall seed in the event. The Fighting Hawks have missed the last two NCAA tournaments but posted a 21-5-1 record this season and captured the NCHC's tournament championship. North Dakota received an automatic bid into this year's tournament as a result of a 5-3 victory over St. Cloud State in the NCHC title game. The eight-time national champions begin this year's tournament on Friday, March 26th, 2021 in a matchup against the AIC Yellow Jackets. The game is scheduled to begin at 8:30pm CT and will be broadcast on ESPN3. It is the second game of the day at the Midwest Regional at Scheels Arena in Fargo, North Dakota. The Fighting Hawks have been to twenty-two Frozen Fours and won National Championships in 1959, 1963, 1980, 1982, 1987, 1997, 2000, and 2016.



Brendan Budy, 20, of Langley, British Columbia, is currently in his sophomore season with the Fighting Hawks after spending his freshman season at the University of Denver. Budy skated in thirty-one career games with the Tri-City Storm. He was a member of Tri-City's 2018-2019 Anderson Cup Championship team and also appeared in six games with the Storm during the 2019 Clark Cup Playoffs. Budy scored his first career USHL goal on January 12th, 2019 in Tri-City's 5-2 home win over the Waterloo Black Hawks at the Viaero Center. He scored eleven goals and recorded twenty assists in his Storm career. He won a Gold Medal for Canada West at the 2017 World Junior A Challenge. Budy appeared in six games with Denver during his freshman season before transferring to North Dakota. He has skated in twenty-six games this season with the Fighting Hawks. Budy has scored four goals and recorded five assists. He netted his first career collegiate goal on December 12th, 2020 in North Dakota's 5-3 loss to St. Cloud State.

Shane Pinto, 20, of Franklin Square, New York, is currently in his sophomore season with North Dakota. Pinto skated in twenty-six regular season games with Tri-City during the Storm's 2018-2019 Anderson Cup Championship season. Pinto scored eleven goals and notched sixteen assists during the regular season. He was the Storm's leading scorer during the 2019 Clark Cup Playoffs with four goals and five assists in six games played. Pinto also skated for the Lincoln Stars prior to joining the Storm. Pinto skated in fifty-six career USHL games. He scored twenty-eight goals and recorded thirty-one assists. He netted his first two USHL career goals in Lincoln's 5-4 overtime win over the Chicago Steel on September 27th, 2018 at the 2018 USHL Fall Classic. Pinto won a Gold Medal for USA at the 2018 World Junior A Challenge. He was drafted 32nd overall in the 2nd Round of the 2019 NHL Draft by the Ottawa Senators. Pinto is the first player in North Dakota's history from the state of New York. He scored sixteen goals and recorded twelve assists as a freshman. He has scored fifteen goals and recorded fifteen assists during his sophomore season. Pinto has skated in fifty-nine career games for North Dakota. He scored his first collegiate goal on October 11th, 2019 in UND's 5-0 win over Canisius. He led Team USA at the 2020 IIHF World Junior Tournament with four goals and seven points. He has earned NCHC Distinguished Scholar-Athlete and NCHC All-Academic Team honors at North Dakota. Pinto is a finalist for the 2021 Hobey Baker Award.

Harrison Feeney, 23, of Lafayette Hill, Pennsylvania, is currently in his sophomore season with UND. Feeney appeared in two career games with the Tri-City Storm during the 2016-2017 season. His only career win in net with Tri-City came on April 7th, 2017 in the Storm's 4-1 road victory over the Cedar Rapids RoughRiders. He also spent time in the USHL with the Bloomington Thunder and the Cedar Rapids RoughRiders. Feeney appeared in nine USHL games in his career. His only victory in his USHL career was during the 2016-2017 season with the Storm. Feeney did not appear in any games during his freshman season with the Fighting Hawks. He was named to the NCHC's All-Academic Team last season. Feeney saw just over three minutes of time in goal during North Dakota's 6-2 win over Miami (OH) on December 20th, 2020.

Quinnipiac Bobcats (Hamden, Connecticut)

The Bobcats return to the NCAA tournament for the seventh time in program history following an appearance in the 2019 NCAA tournament. Quinnipiac advanced to the Frozen Four in 2013 and 2016, losing in the National Championship game in both appearances. The Bobcats enter this year's tournament under unique circumstances. Quinnipiac received a "Replacement Auto-bid" as the ECAC's automatic qualifier into the tournament. The Bobcats suffered an overtime loss to St. Lawrence in the ECAC Hockey tournament championship game on March 20th, 2021. After St. Lawrence was unable to accept its automatic bid into the tournament because of COVID-19 concerns, Quinnipiac replaced St. Lawrence in the tournament. Quinnipiac has posted a 17-7-4 record to this point in the season. The Bobcats will face Minnesota State in the opening round of the tournament. The game will be the first of the day at the Budweiser Events Center in Loveland, Colorado in the West Regional. The matchup between the Bobcats and the Mavericks is scheduled for 4:00pm CT on Saturday and will be broadcast live on ESPN3.

Wyatt Bongiovanni, 21, of Birmingham, Michigan, is currently in his junior season with the Bobcats and is one of the team's Alternate Captains. Bongiovanni skated in fifty-nine games with the Storm during the 2016-2017 season.

He scored twelve goals and recorded eighteen assists. Bongiovanni also skated for the Des Moines Buccaneers and Muskegon Lumberjacks in his USHL career. In total, he appeared in one hundred and fifty-two career USHL games. He netted thirty-two goals and recorded forty-seven assists. Bongiovanni scored his first career USHL goal on September 25th, 2015 for the Des Moines Buccaneers in the team's 3-2 road loss to the Lincoln Stars. He ranked fourth with the Storm in scoring for the 2016-2017 season. Bongiovanni collected multiple honors during his freshman season including ECAC Hockey All-Rookie Team, ECAC Hockey All-Academic Team, and an AHCA All-American Scholar. He was twice named the ECAC's Rookie of the Week and was the ECAC's Rookie of the Month for February 2019. He scored his first career goal on October 13th in Quinnipiac's 3-2 victory over the Vermont Catamounts. He was named to the ECAC's All-Academic Team for the 2019-2020 season. Bongiovanni has appeared in eighty NCAA games for Quinnipiac over the past three seasons. He has scored thirty-four goals and recorded twenty-two assists.

Joey Cipollone, 21, of Purchase, New York, is currently in his sophomore season after making his collegiate hockey debut with Vermont as a freshman. Cipollone appeared in sixty regular season games with the Storm during the 2017-2018 season and also skated in fifteen games with Tri-City last season. Cipollone appeared in seventy-five career USHL games, all of them with the Storm. He scored ten career goals and recorded nine career assists. Cipollone scored his first career USHL goal on October 20th, 2017 in Tri-City's 4-1 home win over the Omaha Lancers at the Viaero Center. He scored nine goals and recorded seven assists during his freshman season at Vermont. He netted his first career collegiate goal against Quinnipiac on October 13th, 2018 in the Catamounts 3-2 loss. He led Vermont in scoring his freshman season. Cipollone has scored two goals and recorded five assists in twenty-four games played for Quinnipiac this season. He has appeared in seventy-one career collegiate games. In total, Cipollone has scored fourteen goals and notched thirteen assists.

Odeen Tufto, 24, of Chaska, Minnesota is in his senior season with Quinnipiac and is the Captain of this year's team after serving as an Alternate Captain during his junior season. Tufto appeared in eight games with the Storm during the 2016-2017 season. He netted three goals and recorded four assists. Tufto also skated for the Fargo Force and Sioux City Musketeers during his USHL career. Tufto scored sixteen goals and recorded thirty-two assists in fifty-nine career USHL games in the regular season. He appeared in thirteen games for the Musketeers in the 2017 Clark Cup Playoffs. He scored his first career USHL goal on November 10th, 2016 in Fargo's 6-0 road win over the Sioux Falls Stampede. He has appeared in one hundred and thirty-eight collegiate games over his four-year career at Quinnipiac. He has scored thirty-eight goals and recorded one hundred and twenty-eight assists. Tufto netted his first two career goals on October 14th, 2017 in Quinnipiac's 3-2 overtime victory over the Vermont Catamounts. He was named the ECAC's Player of the Year for the 2020-2021 season. His thirty-eight assists this season are the most of any player in the country. Tufto is one of ten finalists nominated for the 2021 Hobey Baker Award.

St. Cloud State Huskies (St. Cloud, Minnesota)

The Huskies qualified for the NCAA tournament for the fifteenth time in program history after receiving an At-Large bid to the 2021 NCAA tournament. St. Cloud State finished the 2020-2021 season with a record of 17-10-0. The Huskies lost to North Dakota on March 16th, 2021 in the title game of the NCHC tournament by a final score of 5-3. St. Cloud State is seeking its second Frozen Four appearance and first National Championship in this year's tournament. The Huskies advanced to the 2013 Frozen Four but dropped a 4-1 decision to Quinnipiac in the National Semifinals. SCSU begins play in this year's tournament on Saturday in a matchup against Boston University at 12:00pm CT on Saturday. The game will be broadcast live on ESPNews and is the opening game of the day at the Times Union Center in Albany, New York at the Northeast Regional.

Sam Hentges, 21, of New Brighton, Minnesota, is currently in his junior season with St. Cloud State. Hentges skated in seven games with the Storm during the 2017-2018 season. He scored four goals and recorded two assists. Hentges also skated for the Des Moines Buccaneers during the 2017-2018 season. In total, Hentges appeared in twenty-three

USHL games in his career. He scored eight goals and recorded ten assists. Hentges scored his first career USHL goal on October 6th, 2017 in Des Moines' 6-2 road victory over the Madison Capitols. He scored ten goals and recorded ten assists during his freshman season at SCSU. He netted his first career collegiate goal for the Huskies on October 19th, 2018 in a 4-1 home win over Northern Michigan. Hentges has skated in ninety career NCAA games and has scored twenty-five goals. He has also recorded thirty-five assists. He was named to the 2019 & 2020 All-NCHC Academic teams. He was the NCHC's Player of the Month for October 2019. Hentges was selected 210th overall in the 7th Round of the 2018 NHL Draft by the Minnesota Wild.

Joe Molenaar, 21, of Minnetonka, Minnesota, is in his freshman season with St. Cloud State. Molenaar skated in fifty-three regular season games during Tri-City's 2018-2019 Anderson Cup Championship season. He also appeared in all six of the Storm's games in the 2019 Clark Cup Playoffs. Molenaar scored fifteen goals during the 2018-2019 season and recorded eighteen assists. He also skated in nineteen games with Tri-City during the 2019-2020 regular season. He scored three goals and recorded six assists. Molenaar also played in six career games in the USHL with the Cedar Rapids RoughRiders. In total, Molenaar played in seventy-eight career USHL games. He scored eighteen goals and recorded twenty-five assists. He scored his first career USHL goal on October 19th, 2018 in Tri-City's 4-2 road loss to the Des Moines Buccaneers. Molenaar has appeared in eleven games during his freshman season with the Huskies. He has notched three assists.

UMass Minutemen (Amherst, Massachusetts)

The University of Massachusetts returns to the NCAA tournament this year after making its second appearance in the event in the program's history in 2019. UMass qualifies for the 2021 NCAA tournament automatically after capturing the 2021 Hockey East tournament championship. The Minutemen defeated rival UMass Lowell by a final score of 1-0 to clinch the auto-bid into the field. The title was the first Hockey East championship in the program's history. UMass reached the National Championship game in 2019 before eventually falling to Minnesota Duluth by a final score of 3-0. The Minutemen begin play at this year's NCAA tournament in a matchup against Lake Superior State on Friday, March 26th, 2021. The game is scheduled to begin at 5:30pm CT and will be broadcast live on ESPNU. The game will be the second of the day at the Webster Bank Arena in Bridgeport, Connecticut at the East Regional. In addition to a Frozen Four appearance in 2019, UMass also qualified for the NCAA tournament in 2007. The appearance in 2007 was the first in the program's history.

Zac Jones, 20, of Glen Allen, Virginia, is currently in his sophomore season with the Minutemen. Jones skated in fifty-six regular season games for Tri-City and was a member of the Storm's 2018-2019 Anderson Cup Championship team. Jones also appeared in all six of Tri-City's games during the 2019 Clark Cup Playoffs. Jones scored seven goals and recorded twenty assists during the 2018-2019 regular season. Jones netted his first career USHL goal on September 28th, 2018 in the Storm's 2-1 win over the Madison Capitols at the 2018 USHL Fall Classic. His forty-five assists during the 2018-2019 season set a new team record for most assists during a single season. Jones was named the 2018-2019 USHL Rookie of the Year. He scored three goals and recorded twenty assists in thirty-two games during his freshman season at UMass. He represented the United States at the 2020 IIHF World Junior Championship after winning a Gold Medal for USA at the 2019 World Junior A Challenge. Jones has scored eight goals and recorded twelve assists in twenty-five games during his sophomore season at UMass. Last season, he became the first UMass defenseman in the program's Division I era to produce twenty assists as a freshman. He was the top scoring rookie in Hockey East. He scored his first career collegiate goal on October 11th, 2019 in a 5-3 win over Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI). Jones was selected 68th overall in the 3rd Round by the New York Rangers in the 2019 NHL Draft.

Wisconsin Badgers (Madison, Wisconsin)

Wisconsin makes its twenty-sixth appearance in the NCAA tournament after receiving an At-Large bid to this year's tournament. The Badgers finished the season with a 20-9-1 record and will play in the NCAA tournament for the first

time since 2014. Wisconsin dropped a 6-4 decision to the Minnesota Golden Gophers on March 16th, 2021 in the championship game of the Big Ten tournament. The Badgers have advanced to eleven Frozen Fours and have won six National Championships in program history. Wisconsin begins play in the 2021 NCAA tournament on Friday, March 26th, 2021 in a matchup against the Bemidji State Beavers. The game will be played at 12:00pm CT and will be broadcast live on ESPN2. The game will be the first of the day at the Webster Bank Arena in Bridgeport, Connecticut at the East Regional. The Badgers last advanced to the Frozen Four in 2010.

Linus Weissbach, 22, of Gothenburg, Sweden, is currently in his senior season with the Badgers. Weissbach skated in forty-nine games with the Storm during the 2016-2017 season. He scored nineteen goals and recorded twenty-eight assists. Weissbach led all Storm players in goals, assists, and points during the 2016-2017 season. He scored his first career goal on September 23rd, 2016 in Tri-City's 3-1 road victory over the Lincoln Stars. Weissbach has skated in one hundred and twenty-six career NCAA games with the Badgers. He has scored thirty-three goals and recorded eighty assists. Weissbach netted his first two career collegiate goals on October 1st, 2017 in Wisconsin's 3-2 victory over Michigan Tech. He was a co-recipient of Wisconsin's Rookie of the Year award following the 2017-2018 season. He was also named to the All-Big Ten Freshman Team. His forty-points for the Badgers this season are second best on the team. Weissbach currently leads the team with twenty-nine assists. Weissbach was selected 192nd overall in the 7th Round of the 2017 NHL Draft by the Buffalo Sabres. This will be Weissbach's first appearance in the NCAA tournament.