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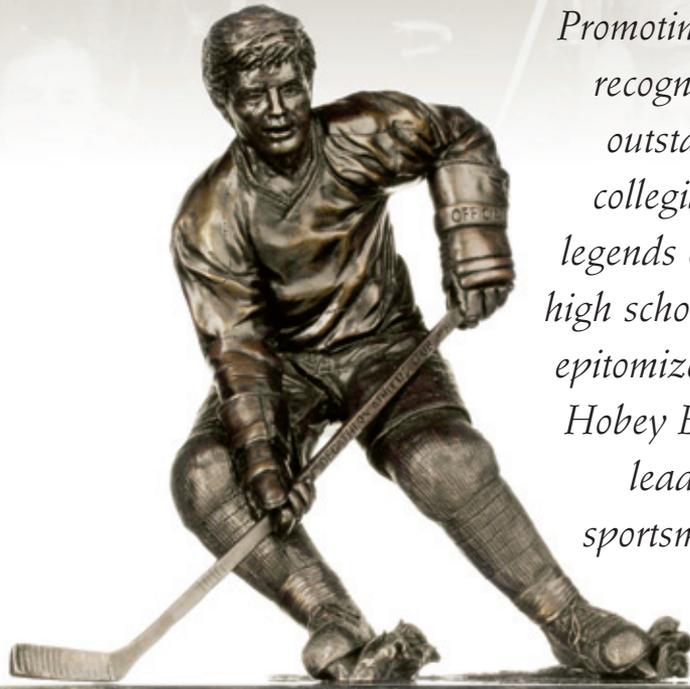
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*Promoting amateur hockey by recognizing and honoring outstanding U.S. men's collegiate hockey players, legends of college hockey and high school hockey players who epitomize the characteristics of Hobey Baker's hockey skills, leadership, character, sportsmanship and scholastic achievement.*

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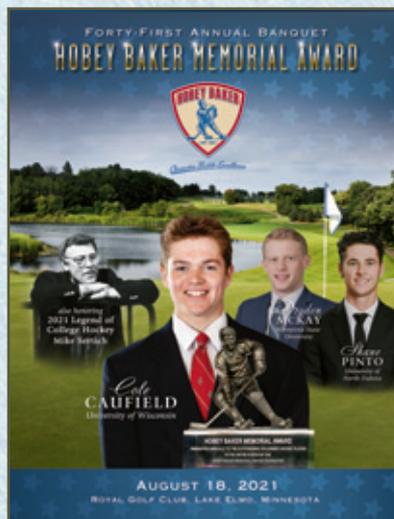


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2021 HOBEBY BAKER MEMORIAL AWARD WINNER





# Foundation Message



Wally Olson

On behalf of the Hobey Baker Memorial Award Foundation, welcome to the 41st annual Awards Banquet. We are here today to celebrate our 2021 winner, Cole Caufield (University of Wisconsin) for an outstanding collegiate career along with this year's legend of College Hockey, Mike Sertich (University of Minnesota Duluth / Michigan Tech University) for his tremendous contributions to college hockey. *Character Builds Excellence* is truly shown with both award recipients. We want to thank you for attending this event that celebrates the excellence in college hockey.

The hockey community was saddened this year with the untimely passing of Tom Kurvers. Tom was our 1984 recipient of the Hobey Baker Memorial Award and played 11 seasons in the NHL. Our hearts go out to his wife, Heather, and their children. Tom was 58 years young.

This year was another unique year as everyone was getting closer to getting back to a new normal with respect to Covid-19. For the most part the college hockey season was able to proceed and concluded with the Frozen Four in Pittsburgh. This event was limited to spectators for everyone's protection. We elected to have a virtual announcement as we had the previous year. Our broadcast aired during our normal time slot on the NHL Network with live feeds from our Hat Trick Finalists. We want to thank our Hat Trick

Finalists, Dryden McKay (Minnesota State University) and Shane Pinto (University of North Dakota) for joining us for the Golf Tournament and this evening's Banquet.

A special thank you to our major sponsors: Columbia Threadneedle, National Hockey League, Federated Hermes, and Lord Abbett, along with our Past Award Recipients, Hobey Baker Foundation and Committee members and our other supporters for their continued financial support. A special thanks to the Minnesota Wild and Minnesota Wild Foundation for their continued support, under the leadership of Matt Majka. Thank you to Bethany Boelter of Jostens and James Kolar of PriceWaterhouseCoopers for their continued support of our award.

The High School Character Award has had another great year as we continue to expand its outreach. Thank you to our sponsors and the Minnesota Wild for their financial support in driving the ideal that "Character Builds Excellence" to the high school level.

I also want to thank our Chairman, John Dahl and Vice Chairman, Joe Santarelli for their contributions this season. The direction and passion of these individuals along with the voluntary committee members have made this year's award, golf tournament and banquet tremendously successful.

Thank you again for joining us with today's events celebrating the finest of college hockey.

Wally Olson, President  
Hobey Baker Memorial Award Foundation

# Message from the Committee Chairman



John Dahl

As we celebrate the end of another great college hockey season, I can't help but reflect on some of the unusual challenges that were faced and the people who helped make the season a memorable success. The NCAA, the member schools and staff, and players all dealt with delayed season starts, abbreviated schedules, and protocols that were not certain to result in a completed season.

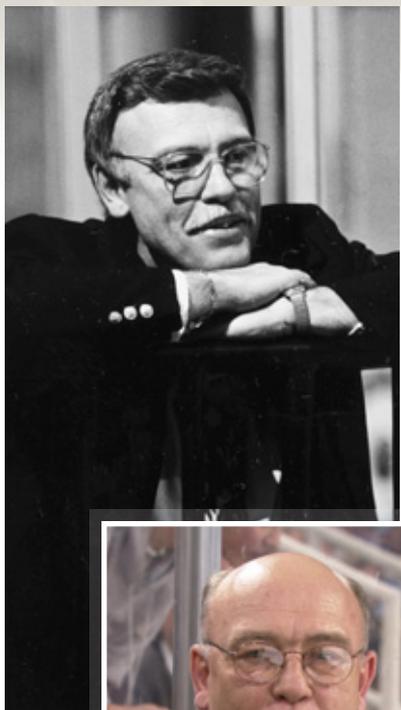
But, players and schools adapted, the best players and teams rose to the top, and Massachusetts played a near-flawless championship game to win their first national title.

Cole Caufield, the Hobey Baker Memorial Award winner, led the nation in a wide variety of statistics such as goals and shots per game and for the season, winning back-to-back scoring titles in the Big 10. He played his first pro game the same night he won the Hobey Baker award, and quickly advanced to the NHL's Montreal Canadiens, where he played a key role through the Stanley Cup finals. We look forward to watching Cole's NHL career in the years to come, and thank him for contributing to the Hobey Baker legacy.

Finalist Dryden McKay also set statistical records for the Mankato Mavericks, leading the NCAA with eight shutouts in nineteen games, and a 1.32 goals against average. With 23 career shutouts and college eligibility remaining, he has a real chance to break Hobey winner Ryan Miller's career shutouts record of 26. Shane Pinto, the final Hat Trick Finalist, is a forward who was in the top five in the nation for faceoffs won, power play points, and power play goals, and in the top ten nationally for points and goals. After his season ended this spring in the longest game in NCAA history, he signed a three-year contract with the Ottawa Senators, racking up seven points and a plus-minus of plus six in his first dozen games.

This year's Hobey Baker Legend of College Hockey winner, Mike Sertich, set a season wins record for the Minnesota Duluth Bulldogs and led them to their first NCAA tournament appearance in his first year as head coach. The Bulldogs lost the national championship game the next year in quadruple overtime, and Mike was named WCHA coach of the year his first three years in the conference. The Bulldogs produced the first three of their six Hobey Baker award winners under his leadership, and continue a legacy of success built on the foundation he laid.

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# Legend of College Hockey Mike Sertich

*25-Year Head Hockey Coach at the University of Minnesota Duluth*

The Hobey Baker Memorial Award Foundation announced on March 2 that its' 2021 Legend of College Hockey recipient is Mike Sertich from the University of Minnesota Duluth. His run with the Bulldogs spanned 25 years beginning in 1975 and culminated in 2000. Retirement was short-lived as Sertich went behind the Michigan Tech bench mid-season in 2000-01 and continued for two more full seasons.

Following a career as a Bulldog defenseman in the mid-1960s, Sertich started coaching with Gus Hendrickson at Grand Rapids, MN high school. Together, the two moved on to Minnesota Duluth in 1975 with Sertich serving as assistant coach under Hendrickson. Sertich was chosen to take over the head coaching reigns in 1982 and saw immediate success.

Minnesota Duluth made the NCAA tournament in each of his first three seasons including two straight Frozen Four appearances. In just his second season (1983-84), the Bulldogs won the WCHA regular season and playoff titles, then marched all the way to the national

championship game, losing in an NCAA classic to Bowling Green in four overtimes. The same script followed the next season. Duluth won league and playoff banners, but suffered a three-overtime loss in the national semi-final game to Rennselear. In each of his first three seasons guiding the Bulldogs, Sertich was named WCHA Coach of the Year and added national coach of the year accolades in 1984 (Spencer Penrose Award).

Overall, Mike Sertich procured a 350-328-44 record in 18 seasons as Bulldog head coach. He enjoyed one more WCHA regular season title and league coach of the year honors for the 1992-93 season. Sertich produced three Hobey Baker Award winners, 11 NCAA All-Americans, five WCHA Player of the Year honorees and 21 future National Hockey League performers during his 18-year tenure. He assumed the Michigan Tech University head coaching reins in October 2000 and went on to coach the rest of that year and two more full seasons before retiring with an overall college head coaching record of 375-397-53.

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## College Hockey Legend Mike Sertich

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Not quite done with the hockey bug, Sertich served as a volunteer assistant coach at the College of St. Scholastica for three years (2011-14). Additionally, he was involved with USA Hockey in a variety of roles over a 40-year period, including coaching the National Sled Hockey Team. Raised in Virginia, MN, Mike Sertich was honored with several more awards in 2005: WCHA Distinguished Service Award, the AHCA Founders Award and was inducted into the University of Minnesota Duluth Athletic Hall of Fame. Good things run in the family as Mike's nephew Marty Sertich won the Hobey Baker Award in 2005 while skating for Colorado College.



*Congratulations, Mike!*

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*Congratulations Cole Caufield,  
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\*MOST IN COLLEGE HOCKEY\*

**SCOTT PERUNOVICH (2019-20)**

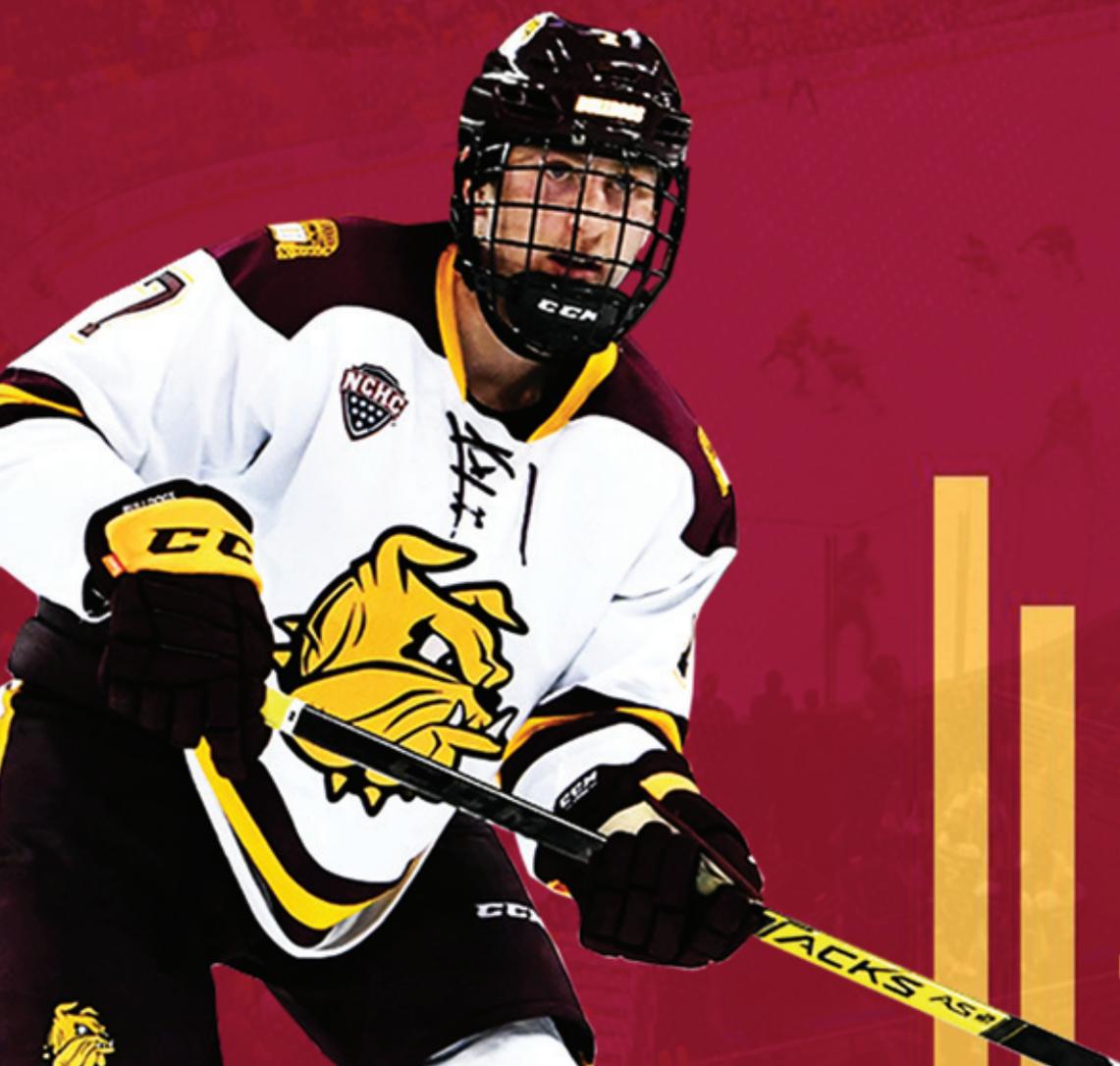
**JACK CONNOLLY (2011-12)**

**JUNIOR LESSARD (2003-04)**

**CHRIS MARINUCCI (1993-94)**

**BILL WATSON (1984-85)**

**TOM KURVERS (1983-84)**



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# 2021 Hobey Baker Award Announcement

The coronavirus pandemic of 2020 certainly left an imprint on college hockey for the 2020-21 hockey season. Ten of the 61 Division I college hockey programs canceled their seasons and many other teams had to deal with Covid outbreaks within their programs. The six college hockey conferences survived by conducting abbreviated seasons and their league playoffs. The NCAA continued forward with Regionals at four locations followed by the national championship Frozen Four tournament in Pittsburgh, culminating with the University of Massachusetts earning their first ever national title.

For the second straight year, the Hobey Baker Award and its' partners, determined the health risk of the pandemic would necessitate an alternative plan for their live Friday at the Frozen Four national awards ceremony. Most of the country was still in some form of lockdown and attendance at live events very much limited. A plan was devised with the NHL Network to carry a live ceremony to announce the respective national awards from the network's studio desk.

The live half hour program aired nationally on NHL Network and included the announcements of the Mike Richter Award (nation's top goalie), the Hockey Humanitarian Award (college hockey's top citizen) and the



NHL Tonight anchor Tony Luftman announced Cole Caufield as the 2021 Hobey Baker Award winner live on the NHL Network.

American College Hockey Coaches Association annual recognition of the East and West All-American teams.

The Hobey Baker portion of the show included video highlights of the three hat trick finalists, Cole Caufield of Wisconsin, Dryden McKay of Minnesota State and Shane Pinto of North Dakota. Caufield was announced as the winner of the 41st Hobey Baker Award by Hobey committee chair John Dahl. Caufield then proceeded to make his pro hockey debut that same night with Laval of the American Hockey League where he promptly scored two goals and an assist. All things considered, it was another successful award announcement.



Award winner Cole Caufield was interviewed by NHL Network reporter Jackie Redmond on a live video chat during the award announcement broadcast on NHL Tonight.

Join us on  
**Friday, April 8, 2022**  
during the  
NCAA Men's Frozen Four in Boston  
for the announcement of the  
**2022**  
**Hobey Baker Award Winner.**



**Jack LaFontaine,**  
University of Minnesota,  
won the **Mike Richter Award**



**Delaney Wolf,**  
Saint Mary's University,  
won the **Hockey Humanitarian Award**

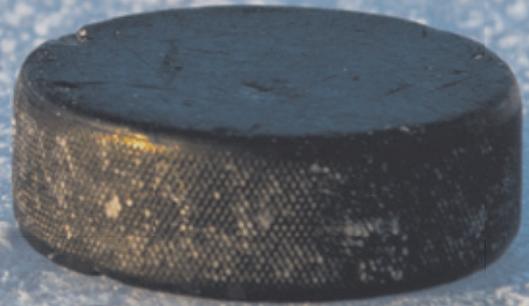
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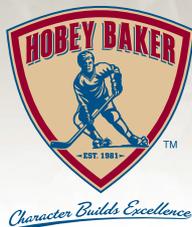
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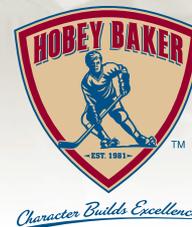
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# 2021 Hobey Baker Memorial Award Recipient

## Cole Caufield



Winning a world junior championship, a Big Ten championship, Big Ten Player of the Year, first-team All-American, the Hobey Baker Memorial Award and helping the NHL's most storied franchise to within a whisper of the Stanley Cup would make one heck of a hockey career for most.

For Cole Caufield, that was the 2020-21 hockey season.

He was a dominant force in college hockey rinks. Caufield scored 11 more goals than any other player in the nation with 30 goals in 31 games. He also led the nation with 52 points, leading the country in per game average in both categories (0.97 goals per game; 1.68 points per game).

USA Hockey's Jim Johansson College Player of the Year was a nightmare for opposing coaching staffs to game plan against. He was much more than 'Goal' Caufield. He helped many of his teammates to career seasons and you could argue to professional contracts.

Caufield was a record-breaking goal scorer entering college, shattering standards at the U.S. National Team Developmental Program set by the likes of Patrick Kane, Auston Matthews and Phil Kessel.

He continued that scoring clip during his two seasons in college, sharing the lead among all rookies nationally his first year, then destroying the rest of the nation on his way to the Hobey in 2021.

It was a rare college hockey performance for Caufield, with a goal-scoring average better than anyone in the country since at least the year 2000.

He started the collegiate season without a goal in the first four games of the year, but from there on out, it became more of a surprise when the Stevens Point, Wisconsin, native didn't score. He went seven games with a goal midseason, scored a pair of hat tricks and finished up with goals in the seasons' final six games. His 11 goals over the final six contests included the biggest stages, with both tallies in the Big Ten-clinching victory for the Badgers, two goals and the overtime game-winner in the Big Ten semifinals and two goals and three points in UW's NCAA opening round contest. He was on the Big Ten All-Tournament and NCAA All-Regional teams.

And he did it all with a big smile!

There was the trip to Vancouver before his freshman year officially even started when a youth hockey team coming off the ice as the Badgers arrived whispered and pointed out to each other Cole Caufield, the then-recent Montreal draft pick.



There was the postgame lobby after a game at Merrimack where a youth team from Canada waited to say hello to the popular future pro, and of course he obliged.

There were the extra-long lines at 'Skate with the Badgers' for photos and autographs.

Much of that went away this past year, when Wisconsin and all hockey fans could only follow from afar, but Caufield got to share much of his year with his friends in the locker room.

"I think my teammates were probably the biggest contributors to my season," Caufield said to Jackie Redmond during the

NHL Network's Hobey announcement. "I had some pretty good linemates this year in Linus Weissbach and Ty Pelton-Byce, but our team as a whole unit, we did a really good job this year. All the credit to them. The coaching staff did a great job with our team to put us in the right situation to have success. I couldn't be more thankful for this award."

Though they only played together on the power play, Caufield also had fellow Hobey Top-10 Badger Dylan Holloway to lean on, as well as the goaltending duo of freshman Cameron Rowe and Caufield's grad transfer roommate Robbie Beydoun to backstop the team. There was captain and future Arizona defenseman Ty Emberson anchoring a well-rounded blue line corps, and the balance of a talented forward group.

Despite him preparing for his first professional hockey game while the Hobey Baker Memorial Award announcement took place, Caufield's teammates, including his brother, Brock, watched and celebrated inside the Wisconsin locker room when official word came – Caufield was Wisconsin's second Hobey Baker winner.

Later that evening, they watched as he put up a three-point night in his first game as a professional, leading the AHL's Laval Rocket to a 5-3 victory with two goals, including the third-period winner. His stay lasted only two games before he moved on to the big club – the Montreal Canadiens.

There, he scored overtime game-winning goals on consecutive nights for his first two career NHL goals and became a fresh breath for Montreal down the stretch of the regular season and throughout its playoff run.

In a special hockey season due to the worldwide pandemic, Cole Caufield found a way to have a special year and share his smile with Wisconsin and the rest of the hockey world.

*Story courtesy of Paul Capobianco, Assistant Director of Athletic Communications, University of Wisconsin*



# Hobey Baker Award 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.

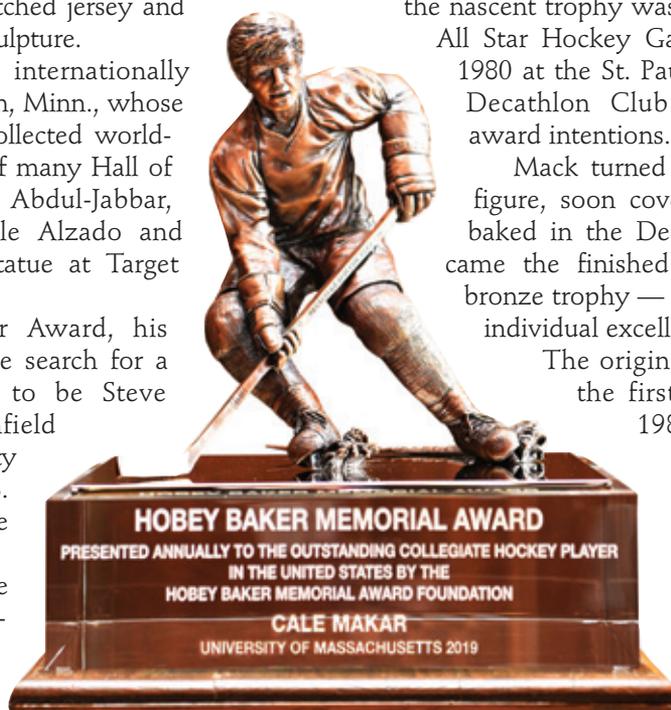
Fifty different skating poses were photographed and analyzed. Practical and artistic considerations

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](http://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.

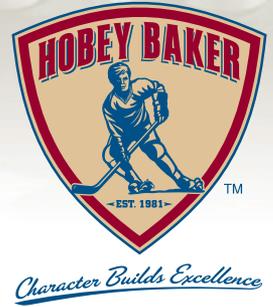
The Hobey Baker Memorial Award Selection Committee and online voters will then select the Hobey Hat Trick (top three finalists) and the winner. The Selection Committee members are a geographically-balanced group of 30 individuals representing print and electronic media, college hockey coaches and officials, 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.



# 2021 HOBEY HAT TRICK FINALISTS



## **DRYDEN MCKAY**

MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

*Junior – Goaltender*

*Downers Grove, Illinois*

For two straight years, McKay has been honored as a Hobey Baker and Mike Richter Award top ten finalist, making the final three for each this past season. For the second straight campaign, he has posted a national best 10 shutouts, and his three-year body of work totals 24 shutouts – second all-time in NCAA history (Hobey 2001 winner Ryan Miller holds the record with 26). McKay backstopped the Mavericks to a second straight WCHA regular season title and helped guide them to their first ever appearance at the NCAA Frozen Four by winning the

Loveland, CO, NCAA Regional. The WCHA rewarded him as Player of the Year, Goalie of the Year and First Team all-conference. McKay completed his season with an overall record of 21-4-0 (.840 win percentage best in nation), a goals against average of 1.54 (2nd best in nation) and a save percentage of .924 (15th in nation). Amazingly, he yielded two goals or less in 19 of the 26 games he started this past season. A pro hockey free agent, Dryden is a Finance major with a 3.83 GPA.



## **SHANE PINTO**

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA

*Sophomore – Forward*

*Franklin Square, New York*

He is a coaches' dream – a responsible, competitive 200-foot player, Pinto helped guide the Fighting Hawks to NCHC regular season and playoff titles. While winning the conference regular season scoring title, Pinto was honored with numerous league awards: Player of the Year, Forward of the Year, Defensive Forward of the Year and First Team all-conference. Dangerous in the faceoff circle, he won 61.9% of faceoffs, fifth best in the nation. expertise on the power play saw him ranked top five nationally in both power play points and goals (7-7 for 14

points). Pinto finished the season with 15 goals and 17 assists for 32 points in 28 games. He was tied for tenth in the nation in scoring and tied for seventh in goals, while producing 12 multiple point games. A second round draft pick of Ottawa in 2019, Pinto signed an entry level contract with the Senators following the season. The NCHC Rookie of the Year last season, Shane is a Kinesiology major with a 3.59 GPA.





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# ADDITIONAL TOP TEN FINALISTS



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## **MATT BOLDY**

BOSTON COLLEGE

*Sophomore – Forward – Millis, Massachusetts*

A highly skilled power forward, Boldy helped the Eagles to a #1 national ranking heading into post season play. He was second in the Hockey East conference in scoring this past season and led the nation with three short-handed goals. Boldy finished the season on a fabulous scoring pace, picking up six goals and eleven assists in his last nine games. He was named First Team all-conference. His points per game average of 1.41 was third best in the nation. • Finished the season with 11 goals, 20 assists for 31 points in 22 games • Signed a pro contract with Minnesota (1st round draft pick-12th overall in 2019) • Communications major – won gold medal at World Junior Championship for Team USA



## **DAVID FARRANCE**

BOSTON UNIVERSITY

*Senior – Defense – Victor, New York*

A repeat Hobey Baker top ten candidate from last year, Farrance continued his strong offensive flair on defense, earning him a second straight First Team Hockey East honor. Appearing in 11 of the Terriers 16 games played, he still managed 16 total points to tie for the team lead. His average of 1.6 points per game led all defensemen in the nation and was third overall amongst all skaters. • Finished the season with 5 goals, 11 assists for 16 points in 11 games – had 2 power play goals • Nashville draft (3rd round) and signed a pro contract after the season – had 88 points (26-62) in 113 career games • Psychology major – in January, had 14 points (4-10) in just six games



## **DYLAN HOLLOWAY**

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

*Sophomore – Forward – Bragg Creek, Alberta*

Known as a fast powerful centerman, Holloway had a terrific season. finishing with 35 points in just 23 games, he was fifth in the nation in scoring and fourth in assists. Named First Team all-conference in the Big Ten, he was honored as national player of the month for February when he collected 17 points in eight games. • Finished the season with 11 goals, 24 assists for 35 points in 23 games – had an 8-game point streak • Was 4th in the nation with 17 power play points (4-13) – Personal Finance major • Edmonton draft (1st round, 14th overall) and signed a pro contract after the season



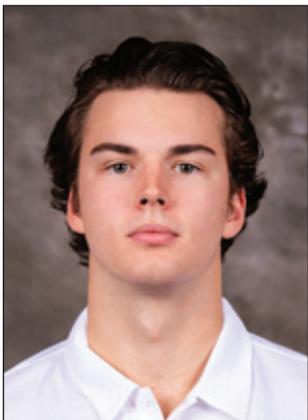


## SPENCER KNIGHT

BOSTON COLLEGE

*Sophomore – Goalie – Darien, Connecticut*

Coaches like calm, measured goaltenders and Knight fits the bill perfectly. In 11 of his 21 starts, he held opponents to two goals or less, earning him a fantastic 16-4-1 record. Several Hockey East awards followed including: Player of the Year, Goalie of the Year and First Team all-conference. Knight was fifth in the nation in save percentage. • Final record was: 16-4-1 – goals against average of 2.18 – save percentage .932 • Florida draft (1st round, 13th overall) and signed a pro contract after the season – only 10th American goalie ever drafted in the first round – Richter Award finalist • Marketing major – win percentage of .786 was fifth in the nation – had 3 shutouts



## JACK LAFONTAINE

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

*Senior – Goalie – Mississauga, Ontario*

Referred to as the epitome of consistency, LaFontaine led the Big Ten conference in all key goaltending categories and was named Goalie of the Year and First Team all-conference. He allowed two or less in 22 of his 29 starts this past season and posted five shutouts, second best in the nation. After helping the Golden Gophers to the Big Ten playoff title, he finished the season fourth in the nation in goals against average, third in save percentage and first in wins. • Final record was: 22-7-0 – goals against average 1.79 – save percentage .934 • Played first two seasons at Michigan – redshirt for 2018-19 season • English major with 3.80 GPA – Carolina draft (3rd round) – won Mike Richter Award as top goalie in the nation



## KEITH PETRUZZELLI

QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY

*Senior – Goalie – Wilbraham, Massachusetts*

At 6'5, Petruzzelli fills the net but his sound positioning made him one of the nation's best goalies. He finished tied for seventh in the nation in goals against average and tied for first in games played, having started all 29 of the Bobcats games. The ECAC named him Goalie of the Year, First Team all-conference and a finalist for Player of the Year. • Final record was: 17-8-4 – goals against average 1.89 – save percentage .926 • Started every game the past two years, 63 straight starts – had 4 shutouts • Civil Engineering major – Detroit draft (3rd round) – Richter Award semi-finalist



## ODEEN TUFTO

QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY

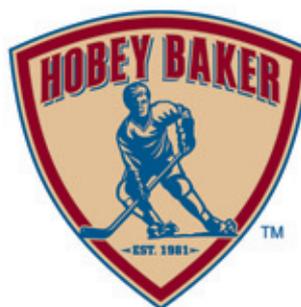
*Senior – Forward – Chaska, Minnesota*

Possessing an amazing skill set, Tufto was a wizard on faceoffs winning 62.4% of his draws for fourth in the nation. Not only that, the playmaker extraordinaire has had four straight 30-point seasons and this past season, led the nation in assists while finishing second in scoring. The ECAC named him Player of the Year and First Team all-conference. After the season, Tufto signed a one year entry level contract with the Tampa Bay Lightning. • Finished the season with 8 goals, 39 assists for 47 points in 29 games – had 4-14 in last 8 games • Had 15 multiple point games – Finance major with 3.39 GPA • Was second in the nation with 22 power play points and his 20 power play assists was first





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Minnesota State University

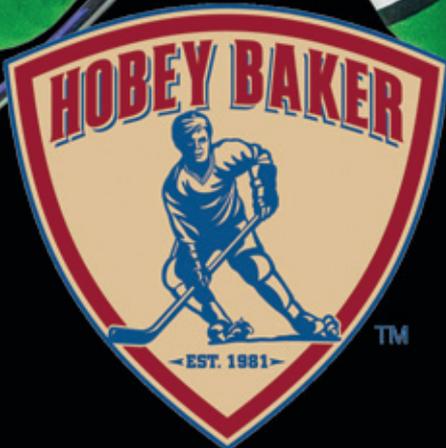
**Shane Pinto**  
University of North Dakota

## HOBLEY BAKER MEMORIAL AWARD HAT TRICK FINALISTS

Each of the three Hobey Baker Hat Trick finalists was presented with this exclusive edition framed print. A printed collector's edition of this print is also available for purchase at the Hobey Baker online store, [www.hobeybaker.com/shop](http://www.hobeybaker.com/shop).

*Congratulations*  
**SHANE PINTO**

2020-21 HOBEY HAT TRICK FINALIST



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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.

Several sub-committees have been established to handle the specifics of the award, including publicity, tickets, policies, procedures, advertising, website and social media.



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# Hobey Baker Foundation

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.

The Foundation possesses ownership over all rights to the Hobey Baker 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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# TOM KURVERS



## Tom Kurvers leaves amazing legacy on and off the ice

Tom Kurvers took on cancer the same way he took on opponents on the ice in high school, college and the NHL...with courage and determination to win.

Kurvers, the winner of the fourth Hobey Baker Award in 1984, died June 21, but he did not lose his battle. In the nearly 18 months he lived with lung cancer, he succeeded in raising awareness that nearly half of all lung cancer cases are in non-smokers.

"It's been the journey of a lifetime since the diagnosis," he said at a run/walk fundraiser for the Breath of Hope Lung Foundation in August 2020, just eight months after he learned he had Stage 3 lung cancer. "Today's a day of celebration. I'm with family and friends and other survivors."

Kurvers spoke at the event at the Lake Harriet Band Shell in Minneapolis to hundreds of lung cancer survivors and their families. He said he wanted to share a message of inspiration and be inspired by other lung cancer survivors. "I wanted to participate," he said. "I agreed to speak and the participation part came second...and I thought well I'm able to run. I'm going to run."

That's right. Just eight months after his lung cancer diagnosis, Kurvers

ran a 10K and was greeted by his young sons at the finish line with smiles and high fives.

It was a remarkable feat in a life full of remarkable feats.

Kurvers helped led Bloomington Jefferson to its first appearance in the Minnesota Boys State Hockey Tournament in 1980. He went on to play at the University of Minnesota Duluth, leading the Bulldogs to their first national championship game in 1984. They lost to Bowling Green in four overtimes.

Kurvers scored 18 goals, with 58 assists for 76 points in 43 games that season and earned the 1984 Hobey Baker Award.

UMD teammate Bill Watson, who went on to win the 1985 Hobey Baker Award, calls Kurvers the "driving force" on that impressive 1984 UMD team both on and off the ice.

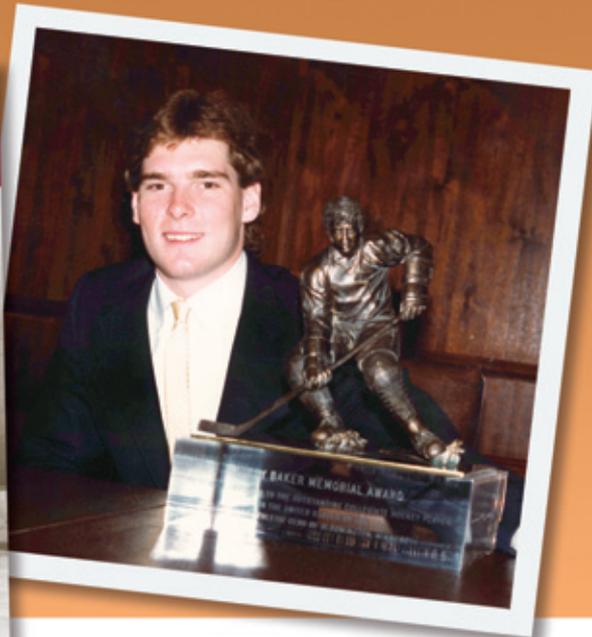
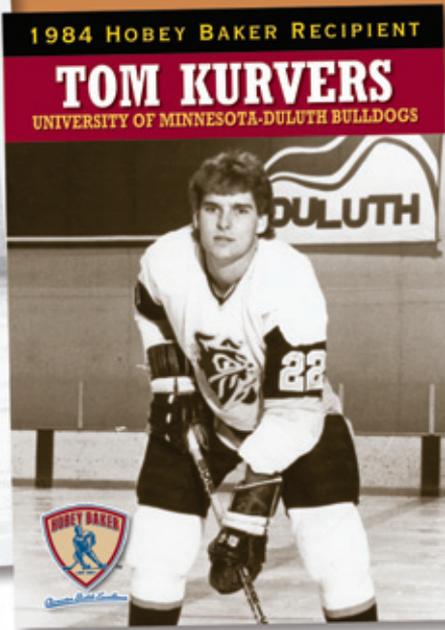
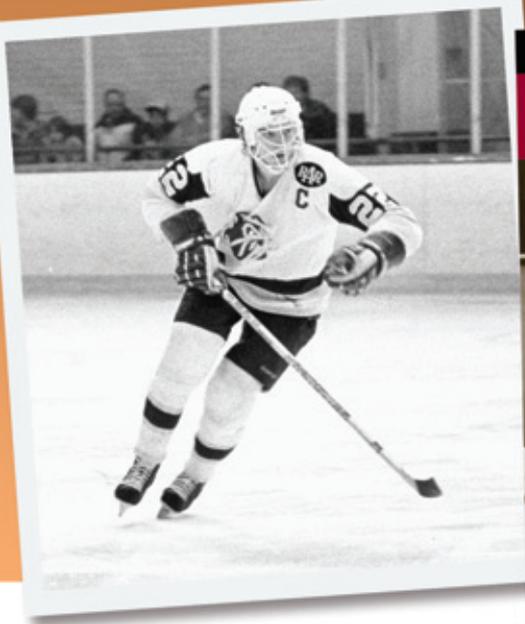
"More than anything a lot of people weren't giving us much of a chance (in 1984), but Tommy knew different," Watson says, adding that Kurvers led the younger players by example

as the team captain. "He wasn't an overly boisterous guy in the locker room, but he was a fun guy to be around and we all looked up to him."

Watson says he learned a lot from Kurvers and credits him as a key part of the UMD foundation that now includes six Hobey Baker winners and three national championships.



Tom Kurvers met up with 2019 Hobey Baker Committee Chairman Tom Hauser after completing the 10K Breath of Hope Lung Foundation Run/Walk.



“He was a guy who was always prepared,” Watson said. “He thought about the team first. Tommy is a big reason why Bulldog Nation is where it is today.”

His coach at UMD, Mike Sertich, agrees.

“He was certainly gifted, but everybody knew about his work ethic, his ability to reach outside himself to help younger players and lead the older players,” Sertich told the Star Tribune newspaper recently. “He had total respect in the room, from players to coaches to support staff. He led by example and had great values, and he lived those on and off the ice.”

Kurvers went on to play 11 seasons in the NHL for seven teams, winning a Stanley Cup with the

Montreal Canadiens in 1986. He went on to serve in the front offices of the Arizona Coyotes, Tampa Bay Lightning and Minnesota Wild, where he most recently served as assistant general manager.

“Tom’s passion for and success in hockey could only be surpassed by the love and optimism he shared with his family and friends each and every day,” the Wild said in a statement. “We join the State of Hockey in mourning the loss of a great hockey player and an even better person.”

Kurvers was also active in helping the Hobey Baker Committee, whether by speaking at banquets or taking



Kurvers was joined at the 10K Breath of Hope Lung Foundation Run/Walk by his daughter Madison, his two sons Weston and Roman, and his wife Heather.

time to speak to Hobey Baker High School Character Award winners.

But his most important legacy came near the end of his life as he helped raise awareness of the need for more money for lung cancer research.

He took on that fight the same way he took on opponents on the ice.

“I’m taking it on head-on and that’s what we all have to do when we’re diagnosed with this disease,” he said after completing his run for the Breath of Hope Lung Foundation in 2020.

One more example of Tom Kurvers leading by example.

He is survived by his wife Heather and four children.

*Story courtesy of Tom Hauser, KSTP-TV Journalist, and 2019 Hobey Baker Committee Chairman*



Tom Kurvers, one of only 41 elite hockey players to win the Hobey Baker Award, will be greatly missed by all those associated with this prestigious award, and by the hockey community around the world. From left to right: Brian Bonin, Jordan Leopold, Cale Makar, Tom Kurvers, Bill Watson, Ryan Duncan, and Marty Sertich.

# The Hobey Baker Story

*H*obey 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.



# 2020 Hobey Baker Golf Tournament

## A LOOK BACK





# Hobey Baker Chairmen

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.

1981	Russ Chance	1995	Dave Lindberg	2009	Lance Madson
1982	Cy Laurent	1996	Dal Holmberg	2010	Gary Haugen
1983	Ron Marien	1997	George Konik	2011	Catie Tobin
1984	Gary Gandrud	1998	Dave Jones	2012	Wally Olson
1985	Jeff Mack	1999	John Rendall	2013	Hans Skulstad
1986	Mark Chronister	2000	Don Gorowsky	2014	Dan Hoene
1987	Steve Moosbrugger	2001	Jack Carlson	2015	John Russo
1988	Tom Berkelman	2002	Les Larson	2016	Chris Bonnell
1989	Bill Velin	2003	Jim Nichols	2017	Trevor Larsen
1990	Doug Faust	2004	Jon Doehr	2018	Peder Melin
1991	Jack Almquist	2005	Kevin Moquist	2019	Tom Hauser
1992	Burt Dahlberg	2006	Kevin Milbery	2020	Chuck Ranney
1993	Greg Schwarck	2007	Bruce Kubes		
1994	Russ Mattson	2008	Jim Martin		

# 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.

1981	John "Snooks" Kelly	1995	John Mayasich	2008	Eddie Jeremiah
1982	Vic Heyliger	1996	Len Ceglarski	2009	Don Roberts
1983	John Mariucci	1997	Lou Lamoriello	2010	Charlie Holt
1984	Murray Armstrong	1998	Ned Harkness	2011	Herb Brooks
1985	Herb Gallagher	1999	John MacInnes & Glen Sonmor	2012	Fernie Flaman
1986	Amo Bessone	2000	Bob Johnson	2013	Jeff Sauer
1987	Murray Murdoch	2001	Bob Peters	2014	Jack Parker
1988	Cliff "Fido" Purpur	2002	Sid Watson	2015	Tim Taylor
1989	Jim Fullerton	2003	Charles "Lefty" Smith	2016	Bill Selman
1990	Al Renfrew	2004	Ron Mason	2017	Bill Riley, Jr.
1991	Jack Riley	2005	Murray Williamson	2018	Red Berenson
1992	John "Connie" Pleban	2006	Ralph "Cooney" Weiland	2019	Jim Cross
1993	Bill Cleary	2007	Ed Saugestad	2020	Rick Comley
1994	Jack Kelley				

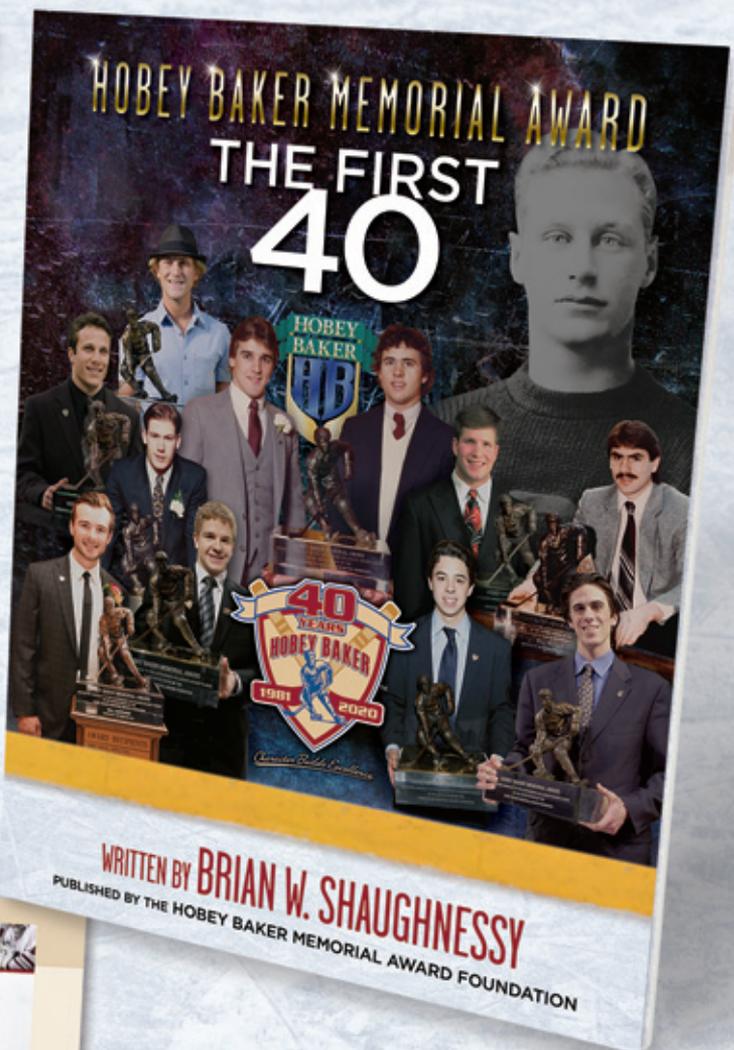
# HOBEY BAKER MEMORIAL AWARD

## THE FIRST

# 40

The Hobey Baker Memorial Award has been presented to the U.S. college hockey player best displaying the virtues Hobey Baker embodied during his lifetime. Past winners of the Hobey Baker Memorial Award include five members of the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame, five Stanley Cup champions, two Olympic gold medalists, and an inductee to the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto.

In *Hobey Baker Memorial Award: The First 40*, Brian W. Shaughnessy chronicles the careers of the forty winners of American college hockey's most prestigious honor.



WRITTEN BY **BRIAN W. SHAUGHNESSY**  
 PUBLISHED BY THE HOBEY BAKER MEMORIAL AWARD FOUNDATION

### 2019 HOBEY BAKER AWARD WINNER

**Cale Makar - Defenseman**  
 University of Massachusetts-Amherst Minutemen

**PLAYER PROFILE:**  
 Position: 2019-20: 5-10-21 in 34 Games Played  
 2018-19: 5-10-23 in 41 Games Played  
 Height: 6'0", 192 pounds  
 Hometown: Calgary, Alberta  
 Career: 21-49-70 in 75 Games Played  
 Season: # 16  
 Notable Achievement: First round pick, #4 overall, in the 2017 National Hockey League Entry Draft

**P**ast winners of the U.S. college hockey honor have often served around the corner of a program that has produced some of the greatest players in the history of the sport. In the case of Cale Makar, the award is a testament to his exceptional talent and leadership on the ice. Makar's career at UMass-Amherst was marked by his ability to play both offense and defense, and his leadership on the ice. He was named the 2019 Hobey Baker Award winner, a recognition of his outstanding performance and leadership on the ice.



Cale Makar (left) and a teammate (right) on the ice during a game.

### 1981 HOBEY BAKER AWARD WINNER

**Neal Broten - Forward**  
 University of Minnesota Golden Gophers

**PLAYER PROFILE:**  
 Position: 1978-79: 25-90-71 in 40 Games Played  
 1979-80: 21-80-61 in 36 Games Played  
 1980-81: 13-64-71 in 36 Games Played  
 Height: 5'9", 172 pounds  
 Hometown: Roseton, Minnesota  
 Career: 38-104-142 in 76 Games Played  
 Season: # 7  
 Notable Achievement: First round pick, #4 overall, in the 1979 National Hockey League Entry Draft

**I**n addition to being an offensive forward, Neal Broten was also a defensive player. He was known for his ability to play both offense and defense, and his leadership on the ice. He was named the 1981 Hobey Baker Award winner, a recognition of his outstanding performance and leadership on the ice. Broten's career at the University of Minnesota was marked by his ability to play both offense and defense, and his leadership on the ice. He was named the 1981 Hobey Baker Award winner, a recognition of his outstanding performance and leadership on the ice.



Neal Broten (left) and a teammate (right) on the ice during a game.

**1981 Runner-Up:**  
 Steve Urvich (Clinton, Rossville, ME) - Forward - University of Minnesota

**Additional Top 10 Finalists:**  
 Bill Fawcett (Clinton, Vermont, NH) - Goalkeeper - Bowdoin College  
 Ed Small (Lumbert, Ontario, ON) - Goalkeeper - Clarkson University  
 Mark Hovington (Clinton, New Jersey, NJ) - Forward - St. Thomas University  
 Bob Baska (Clinton, Lake Placid, NY) - Goalkeeper - Northampton University  
 Randy Benda (Clinton, Roseton, MN) - Forward - Northampton University  
 Steve Baska (Clinton, Roseton, MN) - Forward - Northampton University  
 Steve Baska (Clinton, Roseton, MN) - Forward - Northampton University  
 Tom Lester (Lumbert, Ontario, ON) - Forward - Clarkson University

"Take a trip down Memory Lane and enjoy the rich history of the Hobey Baker Award winners, runners-up, and finalists. The remarkable individual and team records of these young men are eye-popping. By providing a short biography of each winner, Brian Shaughnessy allows the players' accomplishments to speak for themselves - just as Hobey Baker's accomplishments did many years ago."

George McPhee - 1982 Hobey Baker Memorial Award recipient and President of Hockey Operations, Vegas Golden Knights, National Hockey League

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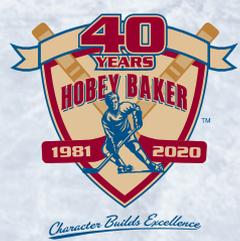
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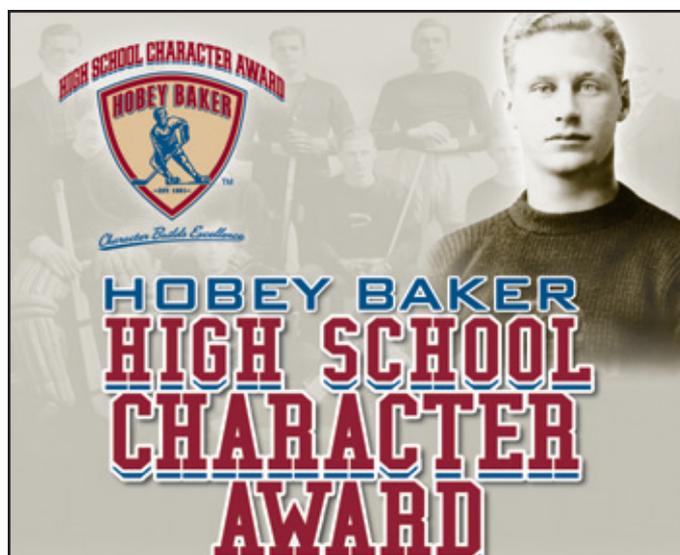
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# Hobey Baker Exhibit on Display at the Xcel

Roger Godin, Minnesota Wild Curator, maintains the official Hobey Baker Foundation exhibit at Gate Four in the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul. The exhibit honors the current recipient with his jersey and head/shoulder portrait. 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.

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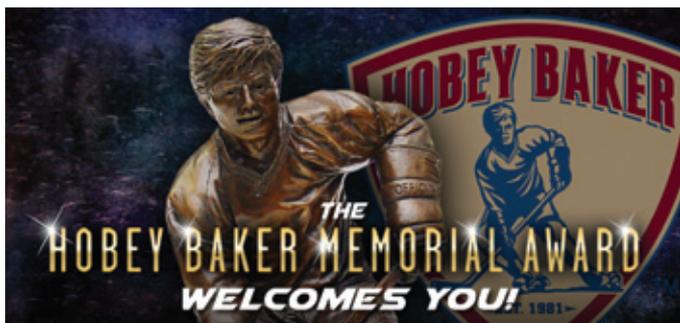
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I would like to thank the Hobey Baker committee and foundation members who worked so hard to make this year's programs a success, including foundation president Wally Olson, former committee chair Chuck Ranney, vice chair Joe Santarelli, Jim Martin, Bryan Benedict, and all the other committee members whose volunteer efforts make this program a success. I would also like to thank the NHL for being our presenting sponsor, and for hosting our awards show in April. Gold sponsors American Century, Eaton Vance, and Franklin Templeton, and each of our hole sponsors have also made significant contributions, helping ensure that the Hobey Baker Memorial Award program continues to recognize and celebrate character and excellence in college hockey.

*John Dahl, 2021 Chairman  
Hobey Baker Memorial Award Committee*





# 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*

**I**n 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

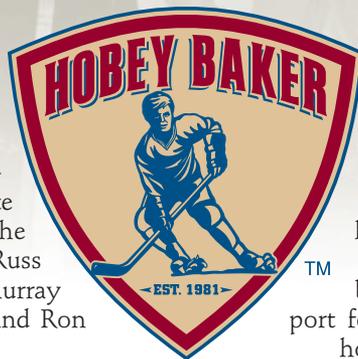
Downtown Athletic Club, and further financial information on the Wooden Award. Since the Heisman originated in the 1920s, it was difficult to compare with their years of experience and major sponsors. Their 1978 banquet was held at a hotel in town, which seated 1200 people at \$125 a plate. Their big 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.





*Character Builds Excellence*

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 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.

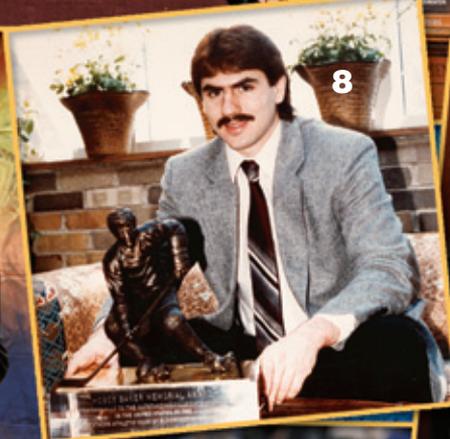
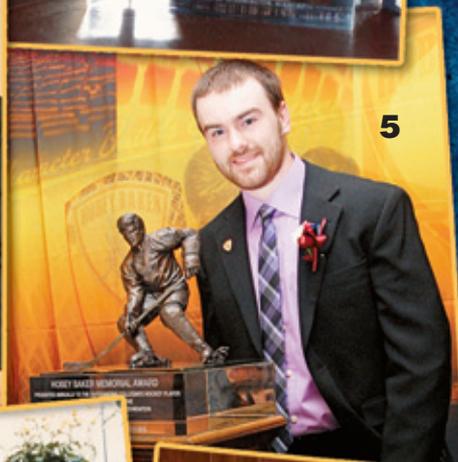
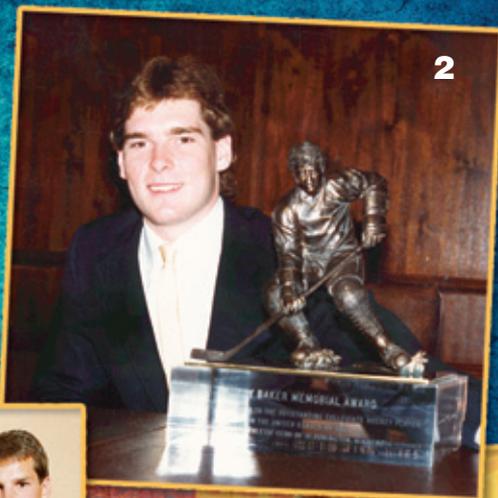
From there I solicited suggestions, recommendations, support and approval from Dennis Poppe and William Hunt of the NCAA, Hal Trumble of the Amateur Hockey Association, Bill Cleary, Harvard hockey coach and Executive Director of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics, Lefty Smith, 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.

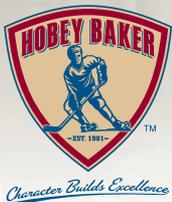


# TRIBUTE TO PAST AWARD WINNERS



## 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.** Tom Kurvers ('84); **3.** Jack Eichel ('15); **4.** Neal Broten ('81), Brian Bonin ('96), Robb Stauber ('88); **5.** Jack Connolly ('12); **6.** Marty Sertich ('05); **7.** Ryan Duncan ('07); **8.** Bill Watson ('85); **9.** Drew LeBlanc ('13); **10.** Matt Carle ('06); **11.** Cale Makar ('19).



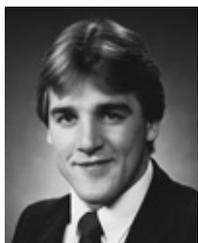
# Past Hobey Baker Award Recipients

## 1981-2020



### 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 and is now the teams' President of Hockey Operations.



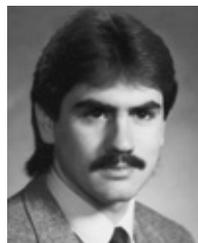
### 1983 — Mark Fusco Harvard University Crimson

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 was the assistant General Manager of the Minnesota Wild up until his passing after a two-year battle with cancer in 2021.



### 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.

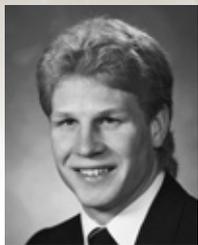


### 1986 — Scott Fusco Harvard University Crimson

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.

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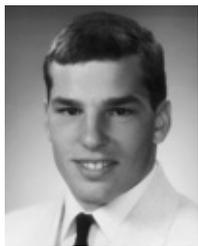
Bill Watson won the Hobey Baker Award in 1985 while playing for the University of Minnesota Duluth. During his three years skating for the Bulldogs, he was coached by this year's Legend of College Hockey Mike Sertich. Sertich also coached 1984 Award winner Tom Kurvers and 1994 winner Chris Marinucci.



**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

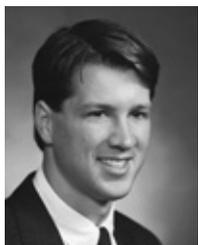
1986-87 ... scored 64 goals and added 108 assists for 172 career points in 84 games with the Fighting Sioux ... selected by the St. Louis Blues in the second round of the 1984 NHL Entry Draft ... spent 20 years playing pro hockey retiring in 2005 from the Milwaukee Admirals of the AHL ... spent parts 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. He now is a pro scout with the Tampa Bay Lightning.



**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

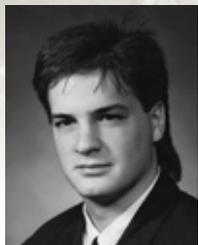
shutouts (5) in 1987-88 ... holds Golden Gopher career records for games played (98), minutes played (5,717), wins (73) and save percentage (.906) ... named All-WCHA first team and All-America first team in 1988 ... named WCHA Goaltender of the Year in 1988 and 1989 ... retired from professional hockey 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, and most recently coached the U.S. Women's Olympic hockey team at the 2018 Winter Olympics to a gold medal.



**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

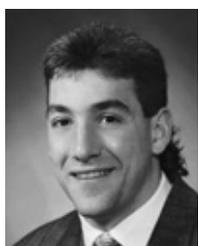
second in career points with 225 ... played for Team USA during the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary, Alberta ... selected by the Calgary Flames in the third round of the 1985 NHL Entry Draft ... graduated from Harvard in 1989 with a degree in economics ... turned down a contract offer from the Hartford 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 — 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 and now lives in Naples, Flor. doing financial planning for professional athletes.



**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.



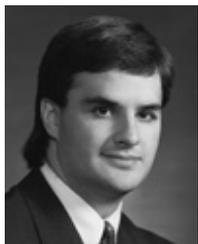
When Robb Stauber from the University of Minnesota won the Hobey Baker Award in 1988, he became the first of two goaltenders to be honored with the Award. In 2001, Ryan Miller of the University of Michigan was the second. There have, however, been 66 goalies chosen as TopTen Finalists since 1981.



**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

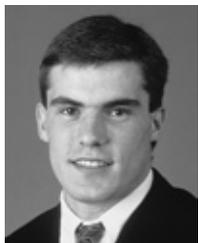
... had a Hockey East record 23-game scoring streak and a school record 31-game scoring streak in 1992-93 ... helped Team Canada to a silver medal finish in the 1994 Winter Olympics in Lillehammer, Norway and a gold medal at the world hockey championships later that same year ... Picked fourth overall 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.



**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. He has taken his years of hockey experience into the coaching ranks guiding the Grand Rapids, Minnesota boys high school team.



**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. Brendan is now living in Calgary, Alberta selling specialty products to the oil and construction industries.

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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 and the Assistant General Manager of the Rangers. In May of 2021, he was named GM and President of the New York Rangers.

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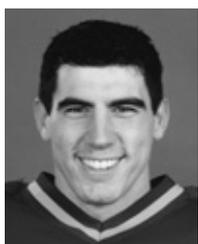
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**1999 — Jason Krog**  
*University of New Hampshire Wildcats*

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. Jason has parlayed his years of European hockey experience to forming Higher Hockey Management, a hockey agency to help guide players into the European hockey market.



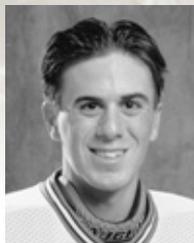
**2000 — Mike Mottau**  
*Boston College Eagles*

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 became a scout for the Chicago Blackhawks. Mottau left the hockey business and now is in business development for Sunrise Erectors.



2002 recipient Jordan Leopold answered questions from the press prior to the 2020 Hobey Baker Golf Tournament. Thirty-one foursomes teed off and competed at the Royal Golf Club in Lake Elmo, Minnesota.



**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 where he played for three seasons. Miller also backstopped the United States to a silver medal at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics. He just completed his 17th NHL season and third with the Anaheim Ducks. In February of 2019, Miller became the winningest American-born goalie in NHL history, and, is one of only 30 goalies in NHL history to record over 300 wins. Miller just completed his 18th NHL season and fourth with the Anaheim Ducks and retired following the 2020-21 season having played in 796 career regular season games finishing with a career 2.64 GAA and .914 SP along with 44 career shutouts.



**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 its 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.

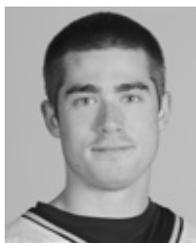


**2004 — Junior Lessard**  
**Univ. of Minnesota Duluth Bulldogs**

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.

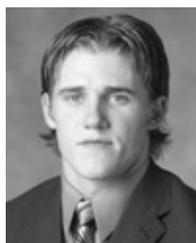
After spending his first five years of pro hockey split between the NHL (Dallas, Tampa Bay) and several AHL teams, Junior spent one season playing in Europe and the 2010-11 season with Idaho in the ECHL. He has retired from pro hockey and resides in his hometown of St. Joseph deBeauce, Quebec where he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



**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 a ten-year pro career following the 2015-16 season. He formed Tradition Hockey, a youth training program based in Roseville, MN, and was named an assistant coach of the University of St. Thomas women's hockey team in 2017 where he will help guide them in their move from Division III to Division I college hockey in 2021.



**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. Matt presently works in the commercial real estate business.



**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. Duncan then finished his career with five more seasons back with Salzburg in Austria before retiring following the 2018-19 campaign.



**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 has spent the past five seasons with the organization. Porter played three seasons with Rochester in the AHL and retired from pro hockey following the 2019-20 season.

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Flags representing all 40 Hobey award recipients flew outside the clubhouse during the 2020 golf tournament celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Hobey Baker Memorial Award.



**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 for one season, then two seasons with Moscow Spartak, and the 2017-18 season with Jokerit Helsinki, also of the KHL. Gilroy also played for Team USA during the 2018 Winter Olympics in South Korea. Matt spent the 2018-19 season playing in the Swiss A league for Rapperswil-Jona, and then retired from pro hockey.



**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. Geoffrion then scouted for one season for Columbus Bluejackets before being promoted to Assistant General Manager of their AHL affiliate, the Cleveland Monsters. Blake is now working for the Korn Ferry recruitment agency.



**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. Following one season in Lehigh Valley of the AHL, Miele moved to Sweden for the 2017-18 season, splitting his time between Malmo and Vaxjo HC. Miele spent the 2018-19 season playing for the Nizhny Novgorod Torpedo of the KHL before returning to North America where he played for Tucson in the AHL during the 2019-20 season. Miele once again headed overseas for his second stint with Nizhny Novgorod of the KHL for the 2020-21 campaign.



**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 completed his ninth pro season in Sweden, and after playing four seasons with Rogle BK, he has spent the past three seasons with Lulea HF.



Cole Caufield becomes the second Wisconsin Badger to be chosen for college hockey's top individual prize. Blake Geoffrion (pictured) was the first when he won the award in 2010.

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**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 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 just completed his sixth season with the Augsburg Panthers.



**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. Johnny just completed his seventh NHL season and has become one of the NHL's elite scorers. He finished tied for seventh in NHL scoring during the 2018-19 season with 99 points in 82 games, and continues to flourish at the games' top level.

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**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 bagging 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. He just completed his sixth season with the Buffalo Sabres, is their team captain, and has recorded 355 points in 375 career games, elevating his status as one of the NHL's premiere players.



**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 where he played for three seasons. An off-season trade sent him to Buffalo for the 2019-20 campaign. He spent the most recent season of 2020-21 starting with Toronto before being traded to Vancouver where he played 20 games.

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**2017 — Will Butcher**  
*University of Denver*

Will Butcher became just the sixth defenseman in the 37 year history of the Hobey Baker Award to be so honored. The Pioneers captain described the accomplishment as “a team award,” as he helped Denver to a national championship. Equally efficient at both ends of the ice, Butcher ranked second in the nation in points by a defenseman tallying seven goals and dishing out 30 assists for 37 points in 43 games. His plus/minus of +27 ranked tied for sixth overall in the nation. Multiple conference awards highlighted his fantastic season including the NCHC Player of the Year, Offensive Defenseman of the Year, and for the second straight year, First Team all-conference. An all-academic performer in the classroom, Will completed his Bachelor’s degree in Business. He was a finalist for the nationally recognized senior CLASS award. Butcher is an avid muskie fisherman, and spends volunteer time with Hockey Saves, assisting military personal in learning and playing the game of hockey. A two-time All American, Will was a fifth round draft pick of the Colorado Avalanche (2013) but chose the free agent route in the summer of 2017 and signed a pro contract with the New Jersey Devils, tallying 44 points in 81 games in his rookie season. Will just completed his fourth season with the Devils as a solid play-making defenseman.



**2018 — Adam Gaudette**  
*Northeastern University*

Best known as a tireless competitor, Adam Gaudette parlayed his almost 30 minutes of ice-time per game in becoming the nation’s leading scorer. Adam was joined on the top line of Northeastern University by another Hobey top ten finalist Dylan Sikura (third in the nation in scoring), as the Huskies duo terrorized goalies across the land. Gaudette powered home 30 goals, dished out 30 assists and totaled 60 points in just 38 games, averaging a national best 1.58 points per game. His passion to compete at both ends of the ice with deceptive speed, earned him multiple honors including First Team All American, Hockey East Conference Player of the Year, league scoring champion and First Team all-conference. Lethal on the power play, Gaudette sniped 11 power play goals and led the nation by recording 27 power play points. The junior forward from Braintree, Massachusetts becomes the first player from Northeastern University to win the Hobey Baker Award. A Communications major, Adam signed a pro contract with the team that drafted him, the Vancouver Canucks, foregoing his senior season. Active in several community projects, Adam assisted in children’s cancer efforts, helped Northeastern students on move-in weekend and read to elementary school students. Adam spent the better part of three seasons with the Canucks, but was traded late in the 2020-21 season to the Chicago Blackhawks.



**2019 — Cale Makar**  
*University of Massachusetts*

Known as a dynamic player equally effective at both ends of the ice, Cale Makar was named Hockey East Player of the Year and First Team all-conference, becoming the circuit’s first defenseman in 20 years to lead Hockey East in scoring. On the season, Makar had 16 goals and 33 assists for 49 points in 41 games, finishing third in the nation in points; tops amongst all defensemen and just one point back of the national lead. Makar also finished third in the nation in assists and contributed 15 points on the power play. His attention to details in all three zones led to a plus/minus of +32, which was second amongst all college hockey players.

Makar, a sophomore assistant captain from Calgary, Alberta helped guide the University of Massachusetts to several program firsts: a Hockey East regular season championship, their first ever number one national ranking and their first trip to the NCAA Frozen Four, culminating in an appearance in the national championship game. Upon conclusion of his college hockey season, Makar signed a pro contract with the Colorado Avalanche and became the first defenseman in NHL history to score a goal while making his NHL debut during the Stanley Cup playoffs. He just completed his second full season with the Avalanche.

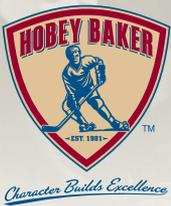


**2020 — Scott Perunovich**  
*University of Minnesota Duluth*

It has been an incredible run the past three seasons for Scott Perunovich (purr-roo-na-vitch). Coming off back-to-back national titles, the Bulldogs were well positioned for a three-peat led by the NCHC Player of the Year. He finished the season with six goals and 34 assists for 40 points in 34 games. Enroute, he became the first defenseman to win the regular season conference scoring title and ended up tenth overall in the nation in scoring. A tremendous playmaker, Perunovich was second in the nation in assists. Highly dangerous with the man advantage, he was tied for first in the nation in both power play points and power play assists. In addition to being named NCHC Player of the Year, Perunovich was named First Team all-conference and Offensive Defenseman of the Year – both for the third straight season. A Communications major and three-time All American, he was named national Player of the Year by College Hockey News. A draft choice of St. Louis (2nd round), he signed a pro contract with the Blues, but did not play in 2020-21 due to a pre-season injury.

The Awards Banquet was held outdoors under a tent in 2020 for safety reasons during the Covid pandemic. The banquet date was originally scheduled for June 17, but was moved to August 6 to meet the CDC guidelines at the time. Adding the afternoon golf tournament prior to the evening banquet made for an extra special day for honoring last year’s winner.





# FINALISTS 1981-2020

## 2020

Name	School	Pos.	Hometown
<b>Scott Perunovich</b>	<b>University of Minnesota Duluth</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Hibbing, Minnesota</b>
Jordan Kawaguchi*	University of North Dakota	F	Abbotsford, British Columbia
Jeremy Swayman*	University of Maine	G	Anchorage, Alaska
Morgan Barron	Cornell University	F	Halifax, Nova Scotia
Jason Cotton	Sacred Heart University	F	Parker, Texas
Jack Dugan	Providence College	F	Rochester, New York
David Farrance	Boston University	D	Victor, New York
John Leonard	University of Massachusetts	F	Amherst, Massachusetts
Dryden McKay	Minnesota State University	G	Downers Grove, Illinois
Marc Michaelis	Minnesota State University	F	Mannheim, Germany

## 2019

Name	School	Pos.	Hometown
<b>Cale Makar</b>	<b>University of Massachusetts</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Calgary, Alberta</b>
Adam Fox*	Harvard University	D	Jericho, New York
Jimmy Schuldt*	St. Cloud State University	D	Minnetonka, Minnesota
Joe Duszak	Mercyhurst University	D	Franklin Square, New York
Taro Hirose	Michigan State University	F	Calgary, Alberta
Quinn Hughes	University of Michigan	D	Orlando, Florida
Mason Jobst	Ohio State University	F	Speedway, Indiana
Patrick Newell	St. Cloud State University	F	Thousand Oaks, California
Chase Priskie	Quinnipiac University	D	Pembroke Pines, Florida
Nico Sturm	Clarkson University	F	Augsburg, Germany

## 2018

Name	School	Pos.	Hometown
<b>Adam Gaudette</b>	<b>Northeastern University</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Braintree, Massachusetts</b>
Henrik Borgström*	University of Denver	F	Helsinki, Finland
Ryan Donato*	Harvard University	F	Boston, Massachusetts
Matthew Galajda	Cornell University	G	Aurora, Ontario
Dylan McLaughlin	Canisius College	F	Lancaster, New York
Cale Morris	University of Notre Dame	G	Larkspur, Colorado
Colton Point	Colgate University	G	North Bay, Ontario
Jimmy Schuldt	St. Cloud State University	D	Minnetonka, Minnesota
Dylan Sikura	Northeastern University	F	Aurora, Ontario
C.J. Suess	Minnesota State University	F	Forest Lake, Minnesota

## 2017

Name	School	Pos.	Hometown
<b>Will Butcher</b>	<b>University of Denver</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Sun Prairie, Wisconsin</b>
Zach Aston-Reese*	Northeastern University	F	Staten Island, New York
Mike Vecchione*	Union College	F	Saugus, Massachusetts
Michael Bitzer	Bemidji State University	G	Moorhead, Minnesota
Anders Bjork	University of Notre Dame	F	Mequon, Wisconsin
Spencer Foo	Union College	F	Edmonton, Alberta
Tyler Kelleher	University of New Hampshire	F	Longmeadow, Massachusetts
Alexander Kerfoot	Harvard University	F	West Vancouver, B.C.
Tyler Sheehy	University of Minnesota	F	Burnsville, Minnesota
Charles Williams	Canisius College	G	Canton, Michigan

## 2016

Name	School	Pos.	Hometown
<b>Jimmy Vesey</b>	<b>Harvard University</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>North Reading, Mass.</b>
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

\* Runner-up

## 2015

Name	School	Pos.	Hometown
<b>Jack Eichel</b>	<b>Boston University</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>North Chelmsford, Mass.</b>
Zane McIntyre*	University of North Dakota	G	Thief River Falls, Minnesota
Jimmy Vesey*	Harvard University	F	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	Chanassen, Minnesota
Cody Wydo	Robert Morris University	F	Southgate, Michigan

## 2014

Name	School	Pos.	Hometown
<b>Johnny Gaudreau</b>	<b>Boston College</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Carneys Point, New Jersey</b>
Greg Carey*	St. Lawrence University	F	Hamilton, Ontario
Nic Dowd*	St. Cloud State University	F	Huntsville, Alabama
Josh Albright	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

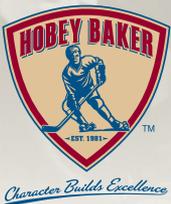
Name	School	Pos.	Hometown
<b>Drew LeBlanc</b>	<b>St. Cloud State University</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Hermantown, Minnesota</b>
Johnny Gaudreau*	Boston College	F	Carneys Point, New Jersey
Eric Hartzell*	Quinnipiac University	G	White Bear Lake, Minnesota
Greg Carey	St. Lawrence University	F	Hamilton, Ontario
Carsen 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
<b>Jack Connolly</b>	<b>University of Minnesota Duluth</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Duluth, Minnesota</b>
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 Hunwick	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

## 2011

Name	School	Pos.	Hometown
<b>Andy Miele</b>	<b>Miami University</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Grosse Pointe Woods, MI</b>
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 Zaneite	Niagara University	F	Nobleton, Ontario



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## 2010

Name	School	Pos.	Hometown
<b>Blake Geoffrion</b>	<b>University of Wisconsin</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Brentwood, Tennessee</b>
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

Name	School	Pos.	Hometown
<b>Matt Gilroy</b>	<b>Boston University</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>North Bellmore, New York</b>
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
<b>Kevin Porter</b>	<b>University of Michigan</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Northville, Michigan</b>
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	G	Livonia, Michigan
T. J. Oshie	University of North Dakota	F	Warrroad, Minnesota
Kevin Regan	University of New Hampshire	G	South Boston, Massachusetts

## 2007

Name	School	Pos.	Hometown
<b>Ryan Duncan</b>	<b>University of North Dakota</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Calgary, Alberta</b>
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

## 2006

Name	School	Pos.	Hometown
<b>Matt Carle</b>	<b>University of Denver</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Anchorage, Alaska</b>
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

Name	School	Pos.	Hometown
<b>Marty Sertich</b>	<b>Colorado College</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Roseville, Minnesota</b>
David McKee*	Cornell University	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

Name	School	Pos.	Hometown
<b>Junior Lessard</b>	<b>University of Minnesota Duluth</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>St. Joseph deBeauce, Quebec</b>
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

Name	School	Pos.	Hometown
<b>Peter Sejna</b>	<b>Colorado College</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Liptovsky Mikulas, Slovakia</b>
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

Name	School	Pos.	Hometown
<b>Jordan Leopold</b>	<b>University of Minnesota</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Golden Valley, Minnesota</b>
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

Name	School	Pos.	Hometown
<b>Ryan Miller</b>	<b>Michigan State University</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>East Lansing, Michigan</b>
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

\* Runner-up





# LOOKING BACK AT LAST YEAR'S BANQUET



2020 Hobey Baker Award recipient Scott Perunovich is joined by his parents, Jim and Susan Perunovich.



Scott Perunovich accepted the Hobey Baker Memorial Award trophy as the top college hockey player in the nation for 2020.



The award trophy was presented to Scott Perunovich by the 2020 Award Committee Chairman Chuck Ranney.



ESPN Sportscenter host Clay Matvick served as Master of Ceremonies for the 2020 Awards Banquet.



University of Minnesota Duluth Head Coach Scott Sandelin shared comments on Perunovich's collegiate career.



Perunovich was joined by past award recipients Ryan Duncan, Bill Watson, Jordan Leopold, Drew LeBlanc, Marty Sertich, Matt Carle, and Brian Bonin.



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



Jostens representative Bethany Boelter presented Scott Perunovich with his commemorative ring given to the award recipient each year.



As hosts of the annual banquet, Minnesota Wild representative Jamie Spencer welcomed attendees.



1985 award recipient Bill Watson spoke on behalf of past award winners welcoming Scott Perunovich into the elite circle of hockey greats.

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