

# ECAC Hockey Chronology

## 1961

Starting from a dispute between the New England and New York schools, the Eastern College Athletic Conference formed, with no fewer than 28 teams competing in the league's first three years.

## November 29, 1961

In its first game as a member of the ECAC, Providence crushes Rutgers 20-0. The 20 goals in one game remains the highest total for an ECAC team.

## March 10, 1962

St. Lawrence upsets Clarkson in the first ECAC Championship game 5-2. Defense-man Arlie Parker earns Most Outstanding Player.

## February 15, 1964

Colgate's Bob Meehan becomes the first ECAC player to notch six goals in a game as the Raiders beat Hamilton 12-1. The record would be matched by Cornell's Doug Ferguson a year later and Providence's Randy Wilson in 1975.

## 1964

The ECAC formally split in two, with the Ivy League teams and strong Division I programs remaining part of the conference. The ECAC stayed at 15 teams for two years until Pennsylvania's invasion for the 1967-68 season.

## March 18, 1967

Cornell becomes the first ECAC program to win a national title since the formation of the league, as the Big Red down league-foe Boston University 4-1 in Syracuse, N.Y. Most Outstanding Player Walt Stanowski scores once and adds two assists, while Ken Dryden stops 32 of 33 shots.

## March 21, 1970

Cornell caps off a perfect season with its second national title in four years, edging league rival Clarkson 6-4 in Lake Placid, N.Y. Dan Lodboa scores three goals in a span of 7:14, the fastest hat trick in the championship game history at the time. The 29-0 record stands as the last unblemished season in Division I men's hockey.

## March 20, 1971

Boston U. wins its first national championship, besting Minnesota 4-2 in Syracuse, N.Y. Earlier in the day, legendary Harvard coach Ralph "Cooney" Weiland coaches his final game after 21 years and 315 victories behind the Crimson bench.

## March 18, 1972

Boston U. successfully defends its NCAA title and makes it three-in-a-row for the ECAC as the Terriers blank Cornell 4-0 in front of 14,995 fans at the Boston Garden. Most Outstanding Player Tim Regan records 39 saves, while Ron Anderson scores twice and adds an assist. The shut-out stood as the last in NCAA Championship game history until 2004.

## December 2, 1974

Vermont wins its first game as an ECAC Division I school, blanking Princeton 4-0. The Catamounts win 24 games, finish third in the league, and advance to the championship semifinals in their inaugural year.

## March 25, 1975

The Ivy League approves freshman eligibility in hockey on a three-year trial basis.

## March 8, 1977

Providence defenseman Ron Wilson plays the last game of a record-breaking collegiate career. Wilson still holds virtually every ECAC scoring record among defensemen, including 250 career points.

## March 12, 1977

Clarkson's Dave Taylor plays the final game of a record-breaking 108-point season, besting the 105 points Army's Dave Merhar tallied in 1968-69. In addition, Taylor amasses a league-record 67 assists and is named ECAC Player of the Year.

## March 25, 1978

Boston U. wins its third national title in eight years, besting inter-city rival Boston College 5-3 in Providence, R.I. Tony Meagher nets two goals, one shorthanded and the other the game-winner, as the Terriers finish the season at 30-2-0.

## March 23-24, 1979

Dartmouth plays in the national tournament for the first time in two decades. The Big Green fall to North Dakota 4-2 in the semifinals before beating New Hampshire 7-3 in the consolation game.

## March 11, 14-15, 1980

Cornell becomes the first (and only) eighth seed to win the ECAC Championship. The Big Red shock top-ranked Boston College, second-seed Providence, and third-seed Dartmouth to make the national tournament for the first time in seven years.

## March 10, 13-14, 1981

A year after Cornell's magical run to the ECAC Championship, Providence becomes the first seventh seed to win the title. The Friars best second-seed Boston College, top-seed Clarkson in overtime, and defending champion Cornell in the finals.

## November 3, 1981

The ECAC announces adoption of a new tournament format for the 1982-83 season. Eight teams will make the first round of the tourney and the quarterfinals, to be played at the site of the highest seeded team, will be a two-game, total-goal series.

## March, 1983

Harvard's Mark Fusco wins the third Hobey Baker Award, becoming the first defenseman to be named college hockey's finest player. Fusco tallies 13 goals and 33 assists on the year, leading the Crimson to the ECAC tournament title and to the national championship game.

## July 11, 1983

The athletic directors at Boston College, Boston U., New Hampshire, Northeastern, and Providence agree to form a new hockey conference, which will begin play in the 1984-85 season. Maine also joins the new league, which is later named Hockey East.

## October 11, 1983

Clarkson and St. Lawrence announce that they will not play in the newly formed "Super" hockey league, but will

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join with Army, Brown, Colgate, Cornell, Dartmouth, Harvard, Princeton, Rensselaer, Vermont, and Yale to form the ECAC Division I Men's League. The "Super" League shall comprise Boston College, Boston U., Maine, Mass.-Lowell, New Hampshire, Northeastern, and Providence.

## November 17, 1984

Army plays its first Division I league game since leaving for Division II after the 1972-73 season, falling to Colgate 9-2. The ECAC has remained a 12-team conference since the Cadet's joined the league again in 1984-85.

## March 30, 1985

Rensselaer wins its second national title and first since 1954, edging Providence 2-1 in front of a record crowd of 16,282 in Detroit, Michigan. The Engineers end the season 35-2-1, setting league records for wins in a season, longest unbeaten streak, consecutive wins in a season, and most goals in a season.

## January, 1986

Brown becomes the first U.S. college hockey team to compete in China, playing against host teams in Harbin, China.

## March, 1986

Harvard's Scott Fusco joins his brother as Hobey Baker Award winners. Among the younger Fusco's collegiate highlights include being named a two-time ECAC Player of the Year and First-Team All-American in 1985 and 86, as well as three national tournament appearances.

## 1986-87

With Army playing a full schedule, this season marks the first time in league history that a balanced schedule exists.

## October 6, 1988

ECAC assistant commissioner Clayton Chapman is named commissioner-elect. Chapman, who begins his duties July 1, replaces Robert M. "Scotty" Whitelaw, who retires after 17 years as commissioner.

## April 3, 1988

St. Lawrence's incredible season comes to

an end with a 4-3 overtime loss to Lake Superior State in the national championship. The Saints (29-9-0) with their first ECAC Championship since 1962.

## April 1, 1989

In one of the finest games in NCAA championship history, Harvard wins its first national title, besting Minnesota 4-3 in overtime in St. Paul, Minn. Ed Krayner nets the game-winner 4:16 into overtime, concluding the Crimson's historic season.

## April 2, 1989

Harvard's Lane MacDonald becomes the third Crimson in seven years to win the Hobey Baker Award. The award capped off a memorable year for MacDonald in which he claimed the ECAC Player of the Year, was named First Team All-America for the second time, and helped Harvard win the national title.

## August 24, 1989

The ECAC and Hockey East announce the creation of "Hockeyfest '90", an event that will merge the two leagues post-season tournaments over a three-day period at the Boston Garden. The leagues agree to a two-year commitment to play all six tournament games at the Garden.

## October 9, 1989

The ECAC announces that the conference tournament will expand to 10 teams beginning with the 1990 championship. The format features seed Nos. 7-10 competing in a preliminary round with the two preliminary winners advancing to the quarterfinal round.

## October 17, 1989

The ECAC and New England Sports Network (NESN) reach agreement on a two-year package (1990-91), including seven ECAC-Hockey East regular-season games and the ECAC championship.

## March 23-April 1, 1990

Colgate wins three one-goal games to reach its first national championship, where the Raiders fall to Wisconsin. Colgate's memorable season includes the program's first regular-season and

tournament titles, as well as its first 30-win season.

## November 23, 1990

Army announces it will leave the ECAC Division I League at the conclusion of the season. Army will compete as an independent.

## January 28, 1991

Union President Roger Hull accepts the ECAC's invitation to join its Division I men's hockey league. The program replaces Army, keeping the number of teams in the league at 12. The Dutchmen play their first Division I contest November 1, a 9-6 loss to Merrimack.

## October 26, 1991

In the first game played at Cheel Arena, Clarkson cruises to a 9-3 win over Boston College. A total of 3,843 fans attend the contest, the second biggest crowd in the building's 11-year history.

## January 17, 1992

Craig Ferrero scores with 10 seconds left in overtime as Union records its first ECAC victory, a 2-1 triumph at Dartmouth. Luigi Villa stops 45 shots for the Dutchmen.

## July 17, 1992

The ECAC announces that its 1993 hockey tournament will be played at the 1980 Olympic Arena in Lake Placid, N.Y., ending a 31-year stay in Boston.

## March 19, 1993

In the first ECAC playoff game held in Lake Placid, Clarkson defeats Rensselaer 5-3. The next day, the Golden Knights claim the first ECAC title held at historic 1980 Olympic Arena.

## November 19, 1994

Clarkson reaches 1,000 wins faster than any college hockey program as the Golden Knights down Yale 9-1 at Cheel Arena.

## February 13, 1995

Joe Bertagna named ECAC Hockey Commissioner. Bertagna, a graduate of Harvard and former Crimson goaltender, previously held the title of ECAC Executive Director of Hockey. His official title

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is Assistant to the ECAC Commissioner/  
Commissioner of ECAC Ice Hockey.

## March 28, 1996

Vermont drops a double-overtime thriller to Colorado College at the NCAA Frozen Four in Cincinnati, Ohio.

## February 25, 1997

ECAC Hockey Commissioner Joe Bertagna is named commissioner of the Hockey East Association. A graduate of Harvard and former Crimson goaltender, Bertagna assumes his duties on July 1.

## June 12, 1997

Jeff Fanter is named ECAC Hockey commissioner, filling the slot vacated by Joe Bertagna. Fanter begins his tenure July 7.

## October, 1997

League administrators adopt a change in the conference championship format expanding from a four to five-team field. The new format will include a preliminary game (No. 5 vs. No. 4), two semifinals, a third-place game, and a championship game.

## January 3, 1998

Vermont goaltender Andrew Allen tallies the game-winning goal in a 4-3 win at Harvard. Allen is the only collegiate netminder to be credited with a game-winning goal.

## March 20, 1998

Despite finishing conference play with a 7-9-6 record and entering the ECAC Championship as the No. 7 seed, Princeton wins its first ECAC championship with a 5-4 overtime victory over Clarkson. Princeton advances to its first NCAA championship and becomes the first team to win the ECAC title after finishing the regular-season with a sub-.500 conference mark.

## July 1, 1998

Phil Buttafuoco, the fifth commissioner of the ECAC, begins his tenure. Prior to joining the ECAC, Buttafuoco spent nine years as an assistant and then senior assistant director of championships at the NCAA.

## December 22, 1998

The ECAC and Hockey East conduct the first ECAC-Hockey East Holiday Doubleheader at the Hartford Civic Center in Hartford, Conn. the four-team event matches Colgate vs. Maine and Rensselaer vs. New Hampshire.

## March 20, 1999

Clarkson edges travel-partner St. Lawrence 3-2 in front of an ECAC championship-record crowd of 8,469 fans.

## October 22, 1999

ECAC Director of Hockey Operations Jeff Fanter concludes his tenure at the ECAC to assume a position at Indiana University.

## January 14, 2000

In light of a hazing scandal, Vermont president Judith Ramaley announces the cancellation of the remainder of the Catamounts' schedule.

## January 17, 2000

Based upon Vermont's decision to cancel the remainder of its season, the ECAC announces that the 2000-01 regular-season standings and seedings for the 2001 tournament would be determined on a won-lost-tied percentage.

## March 23, 2000

The first ECAC All-Academic team is announced, as 67 players from all 12 schools are honored.

## March 26, 2000

In the longest hockey game in NCAA championship history, St. Lawrence advances to the Frozen Four with a 3-2, four-overtime victory over Boston U. at the Pepsi Arena in Albany, N.Y. Robin Carruthers scores the game-winning goal and Derek Gustafson stops 72 of 74 shots as the Saints reach the national semifinals for the first time since 1988.

## December 15, 2000

Harvard Director of Athletics and college hockey legend William J. Cleary, Jr. announces his retirement effective June 30, 2001. Cleary, who helped the United States to a gold medal at the 1960 Olympic Games, spent six decades associated

with Harvard as a student-athlete, coach, and administrator.

## February 9, 2001

Vermont's Mike Gilligan becomes the 18th coach in NCAA history to record 400 career wins as Vermont blanks Brown 2-0.

## March 16, 2001

ECAC Commissioner Phil Buttafuoco announces that the league regular-season trophy will be re-named the William J. Cleary Cup effective 2001-02 in honor of retiring Harvard Director of Athletics Bill Cleary.

## March 17, 2001

On St. Patrick's Day, St. Lawrence coach Joe Marsh becomes the first coach to win five ECAC titles as the Saints defeat Cornell 3-1 in the championship game at the 1980 Olympic Arena in Lake Placid.

## October 1, 2001

The ECAC Hockey Policy Committee approves proposed changes effective in 2002-03 increasing the maximum number of regular-season contests from 32 to 34 games, and changes in the championship format from 10 to 12 teams, featuring a first round, quarterfinals round, and championship round comprising of four teams.

## February 26, 2002

The ECAC announces that the Avaya Inc., (NYSE: AV), a leading global provider of voice and data networks and applications to businesses, will be the presenting sponsor of the 2002 ECAC Hockey Championship at the 1980 Olympic Arena in Lake Placid. Avaya's presenting sponsorship of the 41st annual championship marks the first time in conference history that the event has had a presenting sponsor.

## March 16, 2002

Harvard and Cornell play the longest championship game in ECAC history, with the Crimson surprising top-ranked Cornell 4-3 in double overtime. Tyler Kolarik's goal ends the game after more than 96 minutes of play.

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## **June 17, 2002**

League coaches conduct the first ECAC Hockey Coaches Charity Golf Outing at New Seabury, Mass. The outing is held to benefit the families of James Patrick, brother of Union assistant coach Kevin Patrick; and former St. Lawrence players Rich Stewart and Mike Pelletier. Patrick, Pelletier, and Stewart perished in the September 11 attack on America.

## **June 18, 2002**

The ECAC announces the relocation of its conference championship from Lake Placid to Albany, N.Y. effective in 2003. Commissioner Phil Buttafuoco announces the signing of a three-year contract with SMG that ensures the championship will be held at three Pepsi Arena in 2003, 2004, and 2005.

## **March 20, 2003**

The ECAC honors legendary coach Jack Riley by presenting him with the first ECAC Legends Award at the annual championship banquet in Albany. Riley guided the 1960 U.S. Olympic team to the gold medal and spent more than five decades playing and coaching in the ECAC.

## **March 21-22, 2003**

The ECAC conducts its first championship at the Pepsi Arena in Albany, N.Y. Cornell wins the title by beating Harvard, 3-2 in overtime. Brown and Dartmouth also compete at the championship, marking the first time in the event's history that it was held at a site other than Boston or Lake Placid.

## **March 30, 2003**

Matt McRae's goal at 1:09 of the second overtime gives Cornell a 2-1 victory over Boston College in the NCAA East Regional Final at the Dunkin' Donuts Center in Providence, R.I. The win propels Cornell to the Frozen Four for the first time since 1980. The Big Red defeated Minnesota State-Mankato, 5-2, on March 29 to advance to the Regional Final.

## **April 2, 2003**

Cornell goaltender David LeNeveu is named a Hobey Hat Trick finalist for the annual Hobey Baker Memorial Award.

LeNeveu is the school's third finalist joining Joe Nieuwendyk (1988) and Doug Murray (2002)

## **April 11, 2003**

Cornell forward Sam Paolini is named the recipient of the Hockey Humanitarian Award at a ceremony held in conjunction with the announcement of the Hobey Baker Award at the NCAA Frozen Four in Buffalo, N.Y. Paolini is the eighth recipient of the annual award, which is presented to college hockey's finest citizen.

## **December 18, 2003**

Vermont announces that it has initiated the process to be considered for membership in Hockey East for both men's and women's hockey.

## **January 12, 2004**

The NCAA Division III membership approves Proposal 65-1, an amendment to Proposal 65, allowing eight Division III institutions to "play up" into a Division I sport and award athletics scholarships. Clarkson, Rensselaer, and St. Lawrence are impacted by the legislation, which is approved by a 296-107 vote. Proposal 65, part of a wide-ranging Division III reform package, was advanced as a way of forcing all Division III schools to adhere to Division III principles across the board. The proposal was later amended to state that the eight institutions (12 programs) impacted by the legislation could remain in Division I, but could not offer athletic scholarships. The proposal was essentially a revocation of a waiver granted by the NCAA in 1982-83, which grandfathered these eight schools at the time.

## **March 31, 2004**

Brown goaltender Yann Dannis is named a Hobey Baker Hat Trick finalist for the annual Hobey Baker memorial award.

## **April 21, 2004**

The administrators of the 12 Division I ECAC hockey schools vote to change the structure of the league and make it an independent affiliate of the ECAC with its own governance and operations. Steve Hagwell, who had been serving as the associate director for hockey, is named acting commissioner of the newly

structured ECAC Hockey League.

## **April 30, 2004**

The ECAC Hockey League announces that it has implemented a process to formally consider prospective institutions for league membership effective with the 2005-06 season.

## **August 24, 2004**

After a lengthy review process, ECAC Hockey announces that Quinnipiac will join the league effective for the 2005-06 season. The Bobcats will replace Vermont and keep the league membership at 12 teams.

## **March 20, 2005**

The NCAA announces the tournament field, and for the first time since 1998, ECAC Hockey has three of its teams selected. Cornell received the league's automatic bid by claiming the tournament title, while Harvard and Colgate received at-large bids.

## **March 30, 2005**

Cornell goaltender David McKee is named a Hobey Hat Trick finalist for the annual Hobey Baker Memorial Award. It marked the third time in three years that the league had a top three finalist for the top award in college hockey.

## **April 7, 2006**

Princeton goaltender Eric Leroux is named the recipient of the Hockey Humanitarian Award at the NCAA Frozen Four in Milwaukee, Wisc. Leroux is the ninth recipient of the annual award, which is presented to college hockey's finest citizen.

## **January 28, 2007**

Quinnipiac opens their new venue, the TD Banknorth Sports Center posting an impressive 7-0 win over non-conference foe Holy Cross. "Mr. Hockey" - the legendary Gordie Howe is on-hand serving as honorary chairman of the building's campaign.

## **March 8, 2007**

St. Lawrence coach Joe Marsh earned his 400th career win in game one of the ECAC Hockey quarterfinals vs. Colgate,

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becoming just the third Division I coach to reach or pass the 400 win mark with all 400 or more coming at one institution. Jack Parker of Boston University and Red Berensen of Michigan are the other coaches to have achieved that feat. Marsh is the eight Division I coach to pass the 400 win mark.

## March 17, 2007

Clarkson rallies for four third period goals to capture their fifth ECAC Hockey tournament in school history with a 4-2 victory over Quinnipiac. Sophomore Chris D'Alvise is named the tournament most outstanding player.

## March 25, 2009

In his third season behind the bench as Yale's Head Coach, Keith Allain was named the national coach of the year by College Hockey News. The accolades kept coming for Allain the following month as he was honored as the Inside College Hockey Coach of the Year.

## September 29, 2009

ECAC Hockey announced that a three-year agreement was reached with the Atlantic City Convention and Visitors Authority and SMG Management Group to conduct its annual men's championship at the Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City, set to begin in March, 2011. Boardwalk Hall becomes the fifth location to host the championship in the league's history.

## March 12-13, 2010

On Friday, March 12 and into Saturday, March 13, Union and Quinnipiac played the longest game in NCAA history, timing in at 150:22. The Bobcats Greg Holt netted the game-winner at 1:03 a.m. giving his team a 3-2 victory in the opening game of the ECAC Hockey quarterfinals.

## November 11, 2010

As part of its 50th anniversary celebration, ECAC Hockey comprised a group of its top 50 players to recognize the storied history of the league and its first installment of honorees as part of its top 50 players, which included: Bob Brinkworth (Rensselaer), Ken Dryden (Cornell), Mark Fusco (Harvard), Brian Mueller (Clarkson), and Joe Mullen (Boston College).

## April 30, 2011

For his efforts in leading Union to a first-place regular-season finish in ECAC Hockey, Nate Leaman was presented with the 2011 Spencer Penrose Award as Division II Men's Coach of the Year. Union set records for overall wins (26) and conference wins (17) en route to the school's first Cleary Cup and first NCAA Division I Tournament berth.

## March 17, 2012

Daniel Carr scored at 10:26 of the third period to break a 1-1 tie leading Union College to a 3-1 win over Harvard University and Union's first ECAC Hockey Championship at Boardwalk Hall. The Dutchmen, two-time Cleary Cup Champions, won the tournament title in its second appearance in the Championship game in three seasons.

## March 19, 2012

St. Lawrence head coach Joe Marsh announces his retirement following a 26-year career as the Saints coach, citing the time commitment for the continuation of his treatment for a condition that prompted him to take a medical leave for the 2011-12 season. He was replaced behind the bench by Greg Carvel, who became the head coach after sharing the coaching duties with Mike Hurlbut this past season.

## March 29, 2012

Colgate senior forward Austin Smith is named a Hobey Hat Trick finalist for the annual Hobey Baker Memorial Award. Smith, who led the nation in goals with 36, is the school's first-ever finalist for the award which is given to the nation's top player.

## April 5, 2012

Union's historic season ends as Kyle Bonis scored at 15:17 of the third period to lift Ferris State University to a 3-1 victory over the Dutchmen in a national semifinal game at the 2012 NCAA Men's Frozen Four at the Tampa Bay Times Forum.

## August 12, 2012

ECAC Hockey announces that it has reached an agreement with the New York State Olympic Regional

Development Authority (ORDA) to conduct its men's championship at the 1980 Rink-Herb Brooks Arena in Lake Placid, N.Y. The agreement is a three-year term and is set to begin in March, 2014.

## December 17, 2012

For the first time in league history, seven ECAC Hockey programs garner spots in the national polls in a given week. No. 9 Quinnipiac, No. 10 Dartmouth, No. 11 Cornell, No. 13 Union, No. 15 Yale, and tying in the No. 20 spot Colgate and Harvard all received national recognition.

## February 15, 2013

Quinnipiac's 21-game unbeaten streak is snapped in a league loss to St. Lawrence, 2-1. Despite dropping the contest, the Bobcats clinch their first Cleary Cup since joining the league in 2005-06.

## March 23, 2013

Ric Bennett joins elite company with Mike Schafer (1996 & 1997) and Jack Parker (1974, 1975, 1976, 1977) as the only head coaches in ECAC Hockey history to win tournament championships in their first two seasons as head coaches, as Union defeats Brown 3-1 to claim its second consecutive Whitelaw Cup.

## April 13, 2013

The nation's oldest hockey program, Yale, gets sweet revenge over league rival and then-No. 1 ranked Quinnipiac, which defeated the Bulldogs on three occasions during the season, by blanking the Bobcats 4-0, to capture its first NCAA Championship 117 years in the making. The game between the two ECAC Hockey rivals was played in front of a sell-out crowd at the CONSOL Energy Center in Pittsburgh, Pa. It marked the first time since 1978 two ECAC Hockey programs played in the national title game.

## April 27, 2013

The world of hockey mourns the loss of the legendary former Yale head coach Tim Taylor, who dies of cancer. He coached 28 seasons in New Haven, not including two years with the Olympic teams. He won more games (337) than any coach in the 117-year history of the program.

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## January 11, 2014

In the first-ever Rivalry on Ice matchup, Yale registered a second-period scoring flurry which guided it to a 5-1 decision over Harvard before a crowd of 15,524 at Madison Square Garden. The game brought the Yale and Harvard men's hockey teams back to the city that hosted the first ever game between the two teams in 1900.

## March 22, 2014

In the league's return to Lake Placid for its annual postseason event, Union captures its third consecutive men's championship title by defeating Colgate 5-2 at the 1980 Rink-Herb Brooks Arena. It marked the first time a team has captured three consecutive Whitelaw Cups since Boston University won four straight from 1974-77.

## April 9, 2014

For his efforts in leading Union College to its third straight ECAC Hockey title and into the 2014 NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey "Frozen Four," Riick Bennett has been chosen winner of the 2014 Spencer Penrose Award as Division I Men's Ice Hockey STX/AHCA Coach of the Year.

## April 10, 2014

Rensselaer student-athlete Brock Higgs has been selected as the recipient of the 2014 Men's Hockey Senior CLASS Award. The award, chosen by a nationwide vote of Division I men's hockey coaches, national hockey media, and fans, is given annually to the most outstanding senior student-athlete in Division I men's hockey. To be eligible for the award, a student-athlete must be classified as an NCAA Division I senior and have notable achievements in four areas of excellence - classroom, community, character, and competition.

## April 11, 2014

Quinnipiac men's ice hockey freshman Sam Anas received the Tim Taylor Award from the Hockey Commissioners Association (HCA) as the NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey National Rookie of the Year. Anas is the first Quinnipiac player to be honored with the award, given to the top freshman in college hockey.

## April 12, 2014

The NCAA Men's Division I National Championship trophy remains in the ECAC Hockey family as Union scored three goals in a span of under three minutes late in the first period, and defeated the University of Minnesota, 7-4 at the Wells Fargo Center in front of 18,742 fans. The marquee event was co-hosted by ECAC Hockey. Union finishes the 2013-14 season with a record of 32-6-4 and the school's first championship since the 1929 men's lacrosse team.

## November 29, 2014

Quinnipiac head coach Rand Pecknold registered his 400th career win as the Bobcats defeated UMass, 3-1, in Amherst, Mass. Pecknold becomes one of six active NCAA Division I coaches with 400 career wins while he also becomes just the 34th in NCAA history to reach the feat.

## March 24, 2015

Gridiron Club of Greater Boston president Jim Kearney announced today that Harvard junior center Jimmy Vesey (North Reading, Mass.) is the winner of the 63rd Walter Brown Award, presented annually to the best American-born college hockey player in New England.

## April 2, 2015

Harvard junior forward Jimmy Vesey was named a Hobey Hat Trick Finalist, as announced by the Hobey Baker Award Committee. Vesey is the ninth Harvard player to be named a finalist or the Hobey Baker since its inception in 1981.

## April 9, 2015

Colgate defenseman Spiro Goulakos was selected as the 2014-15 Senior CLASS winner in NCAA Division I men's hockey. An acronym for Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School, the Senior CLASS Award focuses on the total student-athlete and encourages students to use athletics to make a positive difference as leaders in their communities.

## April 10, 2015

Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh joins Councillor Arder Carson, Lord Mayor of

Belfast, Ireland and representatives from the hockey community to announce the "Friendship Four", an international hockey tournament in Belfast, Ireland from November 27-28, 2015 featuring hockey teams from Hockey East and ECAC Hockey.

## June 30, 2015

Colgate's new athletics facility, opening in October 2016, will be named the Class of 1965 Arena, thanks to a record-setting gift from the university's 50th anniversary graduates. Their generosity also ensured that Colgate hockey's home ice, located inside the arena, would be known as the Steven J. Riggs '65 Rink, in memory of classmate Steve Riggs, killed in Vietnam in 1968. Riggs was team captain and was inducted posthumously into the Colgate Athletics Hall of Honor.

## March 19, 2016

ECAC Hockey announces it has reached an agreement with the New York State Olympic Regional Development Authority (ORDA) to continue its annual men's championship at the 1980 Rink - Herb Brooks Arena, Lake Placid, N.Y. for a three-year term set to begin March, 2017. The agreement will keep the elite ECAC Hockey conference postseason tournament in the heart of the Adirondacks after three recent successful seasons.

## April 2, 2016

Former ECAC Commissioner Robert "Scotty" Whitelaw passed away peacefully in Sarasota, Florida at the age of 88. He served as commissioner of the ECAC from 1971-89 and was involved with the league for over seven decades as a student-athlete, coach, administrator, and confidante to generations of administrators and coaches.

## April 6, 2016

For his efforts in leading Quinnipiac to both the ECAC Hockey regular-season and tournament titles, as well as the No. 1 seed in the 2016 NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championships, Rand Pecknold was chosen winner of the Spencer Penrose Award as Division I Men's Ice Hockey Coach of the Year.

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## **April 8, 2016**

The Hobey Baker Memorial Award announced the 2016 recipient as Jimmy Vesey from Harvard University. The announcement came during the NCAA Frozen Four championship in a live ceremony held at historic Tampa Theatre in Tampa, Florida and aired nationally on NHL network. For Vesey, the second time is a charm as he was a Hobey Hat Trick Finalist in 2015 when he led the nation in goal scoring.

## **April 9, 2016**

Quinnipiac loses to North Dakota, 5-1 in the 2016 National Championship Game. With the loss, Quinnipiac completes a historic season with a record of 32-4-7.

## **October 1, 2016**

The \$37.8 million dollar project that has been years in the making becomes reality as Colgate plays its inaugural game in the Class of 1965 Arena. The Raiders skated to a 2-2 overtime tie with the Army West Point Black Knights on the historic night with many alumni and distinguished guests in the building.

## **January 6, 2017**

ECAC Hockey's Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Clarkson University, Yale University, and Union College, and Hockey East's Providence College, University of Maine, Boston University, and University of Connecticut are slated to compete in the next two iterations of the annual Northern Irish Connections Friendship Four Tournament to be held in Belfast, Northern Ireland. The 2017 and 2018 versions of the tournament will be held over the respective American Thanksgiving weekends.

## **February 4, 2017**

In partnership with the Headway Foundation, a successful Concussion Awareness weekend during the February 3 and 4 league games took place. The weekend was dedicated to promoting a safer sports culture surrounding concussions and supporting teammates during recovery. Over 600 student-athletes from all 24 teams participated in the weekend to raise awareness and funds on behalf of the Headway Foundation.

## **February 13, 2017**

No. 3/3 Harvard men's hockey earned its first Beanpot Championship in 24 years with a 6-3 win over No.4/4 Boston University at the TD Garden on Monday night. The Crimson won the 65th annual edition, marking the first title for Harvard since 1993.

## **March 30, 2017**

Union College senior captain Mike Vecchione has been named one of three finalists for the 2017 Hobey Baker Memorial Award. Vecchione's selection marks the first time that a Union player has been named a top finalist for the award.

## **April 6, 2017**

RPI names Dave Smith as head coach of the Division I Engineers hockey program. Smith recently led the Canisius College men's ice hockey team for 12 seasons. At Canisius, he built the men's hockey program to a number 25 ranking among Division I NCAA men's ice hockey teams.

## **April 6, 2017**

No. 2/2 Harvard had its national title hopes dashed in the final minute of its Frozen Four semifinal matchup against No. 3/3 Minnesota Duluth, 2-1 at the United Center. The Crimson concluded one of the greatest seasons in program history, reaching its first Frozen Four since 1994 after winning two NCAA Championship games to go along with another ECAC Hockey Championship.

## **March 17, 2017**

Princeton earns the Scotty Whitelaw Cup as ECAC Hockey Tournament Champions, winning its way through the tournament as the No. 7 seed before defeating Clarkson in the Championship game in Lake Placid, N.Y.

## **March 29, 2017**

A week after signing his first NHL contract with the Boston Bruins, Harvard's Ryan Donato is named a Hobey Baker Hat Trick Finalist, joining a long list of former Crimson players to be named a finalist for this award, including Jimmy Vesey, who won the award in 2016.

## **October 1, 2018**

ECAC Hockey announces a multi-year partnership with ESPN, which will become the official streaming provider for ECAC Hockey men's and women's programs. The deal comes on the heels of a similar agreement between the Ivy League and ESPN, and will mean that 11 of the 12 ECAC Hockey institutions will now stream all home ice hockey contests on ESPN+.

## **December 29, 2018**

Quinnipiac head coach Rand Pecknold earns his 500th career win in a 6-0 shut-out of Colgate. Pecknold becomes the 17th NCAA Division I coach to record 500 career victories, and is one of just three active coaches to have accomplished this feat.

## **March 23, 2019**

Clarkson defeats Cornell in overtime of the ECAC Hockey Championship game in Lake Placid, N.Y. to earn the automatic berth into the NCAA Championship. It was their first league championship since the 2006-07 season, and sixth in program history.

## **March 24, 2019**

The NCAA announces the 2019 tournament field, and four ECAC Hockey teams earned bids into the 16-team field. It marks the first time since the split with Hockey East in 1984 that four league teams will skate in the national tournament.

## **January 3, 2020**

Dartmouth head coach Bob Gaudet coaches in his 1,000th career game at Princeton, becoming the first ever ECAC Hockey coach to reach the 1,000-game mark.

## **February 28, 2020**

Cornell defeats St. Lawrence 5-0 on its home ice to clinch its third consecutive Cleary Cup. It marks the first time in program history that the team has been regular-season champions for three straight years.

# ECAC Hockey Chronology

## **March 12, 2020**

ECAC Hockey announces the cancellation of the remainder of its men's championship (quarterfinal, semifinal, championship rounds) due to growing concern of the COVID-19 pandemic. It marked the first time in league history that the championship was canceled. The NCAA followed suit shortly thereafter with the announcement of the cancellation of all winter and spring championships.

## **April 7, 2020**

The AHCA announced its men's national award winners, and Cornell Head Coach Mike Schafer earns Co-Division I Coach of the Year honors for the first time in his career. He shares the honor with North Dakota's Brad Berry.