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Adam Gaudette of Northeastern Receives 66th Walter Brown Award from Gridiron Club of Greater Boston

First NU Player since 2002 and Sixth Husky Ever to be Named Best American-Born Player in New England; Tops Harvard's Ryan Donato and Providence's Erik Foley in Final Balloting

BOSTON – March 19, 2018 – [Gridiron Club of Greater Boston](http://www.gridclubofgreaterboston.com) president Chris Clemente announced today that junior forward [Adam Gaudette](#) of Northeastern University is winner of the 66th [Walter Brown Award](#), presented annually to the best American-born college hockey player in New England.

Gaudette, from Braintree, Massachusetts, is the first Northeastern player since **Jim Fahey** in 2002 to win the Walter Brown Award, the nation's oldest nationally-recognized college hockey honor. The award was established in 1953 by the members of the 1933 Massachusetts Rangers, the first American team ever to win the World Championship Tournament. Brown coached the Rangers to the title in Prague, Czechoslovakia, that year; the team defeated Canada 2-1 in overtime in the championship game.

Ray Picard of Northeastern was the first Walter Brown Award winner. Other Huskies besides Gaudette and Fahey to win it are **R.J. Cavanaugh** (1956); **Art Chisholm** (1960); and **Chuck Marshall** (1982).

Gaudette leads the nation in scoring with 30 goals and 30 assists for 60 points through 37 games. His goal total, which includes 11 power-play scores and five game-winning tallies, is also tops in the country. He and linemates **Dylan Sikura** and **Nolan Stevens** combined for 75 goals – including 35 on the power play – in leading the Huskies to an overall record of 23-9-5 and a second place finish in Hockey East's regular season standings.

Gaudette was named 2018 Player of the Year in Hockey East. He was also named Most Valuable Player in the 2018 Beanpot Tournament. NU defeated Boston College 3-0 and Boston University 5-2 to win its first Beanpot since 1988. Gaudette had one goal against BC and scored a hat trick against BU in that tournament.

“Adam Gaudette has been one of our offensive catalysts all season long, and we're thrilled that he has earned this prestigious award. Adam is a 200-foot player who outworks his opponent every time he touches the ice, and he has had an incredibly special season. We depend on him in all game situations and he has been one of the key reasons for our success as a team,” said Northeastern coach **Jim Madigan**.

In the final voting, Gaudette won over Harvard junior forward **Ryan Donato** of Scituate, MA and Providence College junior forward **Erik Foley** of Mansfield, MA.

“In this closely contested Eastern college season, we once again had an impressive field of semifinalists, a total of 16, for the Walter Brown Award. Down the stretch, though, the play of Adam, Ryan, and Erik made it clearly evident that they would be the finalists. We congratulate them all, and the other 13 semifinalists too, on their superb seasons. We thank them for being outstanding representatives for the game of college hockey,” said Gridiron Club Hockey Awards Committee chairman **Tim Costello**.

The 66th Walter Brown Award will be presented at the New England College Hockey Writers' Dinner on April 11 at the Prince Restaurant in Saugus, Massachusetts.

Walter Brown Award Winners

1953	Ray Picard	Northeastern	1987	Brian Leetch	Boston College
1954	Bob Babine	Boston College	1988	Mike McHugh	Maine
1955	Bill Cleary	Harvard	1989	Lane MacDonald	Harvard
1956	R.J. Cavanaugh	Northeastern	1990	Greg Brown	Boston College
1957	Bob Cleary	Harvard	1991	Dave Emma	Boston College
1958	Bob Cleary	Harvard	1992	Rob Gaudreau	Providence
1959	Mike Karin	Middlebury	1993	Dave Sacco	Boston University
1960	Art Chisholm	Northeastern	1994	Jacques Joubert	Boston University
1961	Tom Martin	Boston College	1995	Mike Grier	Boston University
1962	Dave Grannis	Harvard	1996	Jay Pandolfo	Boston University
1963	Bill Hogan	Boston College	1997	Chris Drury	Boston University
1964	Richie Green	Boston University	1998	Chris Drury	Boston University
1965	Bob Gaudreau	Brown	1999	Mike Mottau	Boston College
1966	John Cunniff	Boston College		Mike Omicioli	Providence
1967	Jerry York	Boston College	2000	Mike Mottau	Boston College
1968	Tim Sheehy	Boston College	2001	Ty Conklin	New Hampshire
1969	Paul Hurley	Boston College		Brian Gionta	Boston College
1970	Tim Sheehy	Boston College	2002	Jim Fahey	Northeastern
1971	Joe Cavanagh	Harvard	2003	Mike Ayers	New Hampshire
1972	Bob McManama	Harvard	2004	Steve Saviano	New Hampshire
1973	Tom Mellor	Boston College	2005	Dov Grumet-Morris	Harvard
1974	Ed Walsh	Boston University	2006	Chris Collins	Boston College
1975	Ron Wilson	Providence	2007	John Curry	Boston University
1976	Richie Smith	Boston College	2008	Kevin Regan	New Hampshire
1977	Bob Miller	New Hampshire	2009	Matt Gilroy	Boston University
1978	Joe Mullen	Boston College	2010	Bobby Butler	New Hampshire
1979	Ralph Cox	New Hampshire	2011	John Muse	Boston College
1980	Bill Army	Boston College	2012	Brett Gensler	Bentley University
1981	Mark Switaj	Boston College	2013	Steve Whitney	Boston College
1982	Chuck Marshall	Northeastern	2014	Johnny Gaudreau	Boston College
1983	Mark Fusco	Harvard	2015	Jimmy Vesey	Harvard
1984	Cleon Daskalakis	Boston University	2016	Jimmy Vesey	Harvard
1985	Tim Army	Providence	2017	Joe Gambardella	UMass-Lowell
1986	Scott Fusco	Harvard	2018	Adam Gaudette	Northeastern
	Scott Harlow	Boston College			

The Walter Brown Award

Commemorating the life and works of America's greatest sportsman, the Walter Brown Award is given annually to the outstanding American-born college hockey player in New England. The Walter Brown Award is the oldest nationally recognized honor accorded to individual players in the sport of American college hockey. Brown coached the United States to its first world hockey championship in 1933. The U.S. team, the Massachusetts Rangers, comprised players from Boston College, Boston University, Harvard, Yale, Dartmouth, Notre Dame, and Boston Commerce High School. The Americans defeated the Toronto National Sea Fleas, coached by Harold Ballard, 2-1 in overtime in the final game of the 1933 World Tournament at Prague, Czechoslovakia. It was also America's first win over a team from Canada and the first loss ever suffered by the Canadians in international play. The U.S. team members established the Walter Brown award at their 20th reunion in 1953. Criteria for the selection committee include leadership, character, sportsmanship, and ability as well as on-ice achievement. The Gridiron Club of Greater Boston has been the steward of the Walter Brown Award since 1977.

2017-2018 Gridiron Club Hockey Awards Selection Committee and Advisory Board: Tim Costello, Chairman; Joe Bertagna, Tom Burke, Jim Connelly, Bernie Corbett., Ned Cully, Dick DeCaprio, Bob DeGregorio, Kevin Fleming, Steve Hagwell, Paul McNamara, John Powers, and William J. Stewart III.

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