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## **Adam Fox of Harvard is Winner of 67<sup>th</sup> Walter Brown Award for Best American-born Division One College Hockey Player in New England**

*High-scoring defenseman edges UMass forward Jacob Pritchard and Quinnipiac goalie Andrew Shortridge in final balloting for nation's oldest college hockey honor*

BOSTON – March 27, 2019 – [Gridiron Club of Greater Boston](http://www.gridclubofgreaterboston.com) president **Cheryl Schoenfeld** announced today that Harvard University junior defenseman **Adam Fox** (**Jericho, NY**) is the winner of the 67<sup>th</sup> [Walter Brown Award](#), presented annually to the best American-born college hockey player in New England.

Fox leads the Crimson in scoring with nine goals and 39 assists for 48 points in 32 games. A deft playmaker, puck carrier, and on-ice leader, he also topped all scorers in ECAC Hockey this year with 33 points in 22 games. Harvard finished fourth in the conference and will face the University of Massachusetts in the NCAA Tournament quarterfinal round on Saturday, March 30 in Manchester, NH.

The other finalists for the 2019 Walter Brown Award were UMass senior forward **Jacob Pritchard**, (Macomb, MI) and **Quinnipiac** junior goalie **Andrew Shortridge**, (Anchorage, AK). Pritchard was Hockey East's second-leading scorer with 16 goals and 29 assists overall. Shortridge was the top-rated goaltender in the country, with a 94.1 save percentage and 1.51 goals-against average.

Fox played for the Long Island Gulls and the United States National Development Program before matriculating at Harvard. He twice represented the United States in World Junior Tournament play. He was a semifinalist for the 2016 Walter Brown Award and is a finalist for the 2019 Hobey Baker Award.

"I think we're watching one of the best players that has worn the Harvard jersey," coach [Ted Donato](#) said. "Adam Fox has been tremendous. He makes others around him better, he's underrated defensively, and he never really gets down. Adam is a worthy recipient of the Walter Brown Award."

"This is the first time that we've had a forward, a defenseman and a goalie as our three finalists for the Walter Brown Award," commented committee chairman Tim Costello, "And for the second year in a row, our winner's name is Adam." Northeastern forward Adam Gaudette, the 2018 winner, now plays for the Vancouver Canucks of the National Hockey League.

The nation's oldest nationally-recognized college hockey honor, the Walter Brown 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, where the team defeated Canada 2-1 in overtime in the championship game. The formal presentation of the award will take place at the New England College Hockey Writers' Dinner in Saugus, MA on April 17.

**Walter Brown Award Winners**

1953	Ray Picard	Northeastern	1988	Mike McHugh	Maine
1954	Bob Babine	Boston College	1989	Lane MacDonald	Harvard
1955	Bill Cleary	Harvard	1990	Greg Brown	Boston College
1956	R.J. Cavanaugh	Northeastern	1991	Dave Emma	Boston College
1957	Bob Cleary	Harvard	1992	Rob Gaudreau	Providence
1958	Bob Cleary	Harvard	1993	Dave Sacco	Boston University
1959	Mike Karin	Middlebury	1994	Jacques Joubert	Boston University
1960	Art Chisholm	Northeastern	1995	Mike Grier	Boston University
1961	Tom Martin	Boston College	1996	Jay Pandolfo	Boston University
1962	Dave Grannis	Harvard	1997	Chris Drury	Boston University
1963	Bill Hogan	Boston College	1998	Chris Drury	Boston University
1964	Richie Green	Boston University	1999	Mike Mottau	Boston College
1965	Bob Gaudreau	Brown		Mike Omicioli	Providence
1966	John Cunniff	Boston College	2000	Mike Mottau	Boston College
1967	Jerry York	Boston College	2001	Ty Conklin	New Hampshire
1968	Tim Sheehy	Boston College		Brian Gionta	Boston College
1969	Paul Hurley	Boston College	2002	Jim Fahey	Northeastern
1970	Tim Sheehy	Boston College	2003	Mike Ayers	New Hampshire
1971	Joe Cavanagh	Harvard	2004	Steve Saviano	New Hampshire
1972	Bob McManama	Harvard	2005	Dov Grumet-Morris	Harvard
1973	Tom Mellor	Boston College	2006	Chris Collins	Boston College
1974	Ed Walsh	Boston University	2007	John Curry	Boston University
1975	Ron Wilson	Providence	2008	Kevin Regan	New Hampshire
1976	Richie Smith	Boston College	2009	Matt Gilroy	Boston University
1977	Bob Miller	New Hampshire	2010	Bobby Butler	New Hampshire
1978	Joe Mullen	Boston College	2011	John Muse	Boston College
1979	Ralph Cox	New Hampshire	2012	Brett Gensler	Bentley University
1980	Bill Army	Boston College	2013	Steve Whitney	Boston College
1981	Mark Switaj	Boston College	2014	Johnny Gaudreau	Boston College
1982	Chuck Marshall	Northeastern	2015	Jimmy Vesey	Harvard
1983	Mark Fusco	Harvard	2016	Jimmy Vesey	Harvard
1984	Cleon Daskalakis	Boston University	2017	Joe Gambardella	UMass-Lowell
1985	Tim Army	Providence	2018	Adam Gaudette	Northeastern
1986	Scott Fusco	Harvard	2019	Adam Fox	Harvard
	Scott Harlow	Boston College			
1987	Brian Leetch	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.

**2018-2019 Gridiron Club Hockey Awards Selection Committee and Advisory Board:** Tim Costello, Chairman; Joe Bertagna, Tom Burke, Jim Connelly, Ned Cully, Dick DeCaprio, Bob DeGregorio, Kevin Fleming, Steve Hagwell, Paul McNamara, John Powers, and William J. Stewart III.

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