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Gridiron Club of Greater Boston Announces 16 Semi-Finalists for 66th Walter Brown Award

Slate of American-born Division One hockey players in New England includes nine from Hockey East, four from ECAC, three from Atlantic Hockey

BOSTON – February 5, 2018 – [Gridiron Club of Greater Boston](http://www.gridclubofgreaterboston.com) president Chris Clemente announced today that 16 NCAA Division One players are semifinalists for the 66th [Walter Brown Award](#), presented annually to the best American-born college hockey player in New England.

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, that year; the team defeated Canada 2-1 in overtime in the championship game.

Ten teams are represented in the slate of candidates that includes six forwards, one defenseman, and one goalie from [Hockey East](#); three forwards and one defenseman from [ECAC Hockey](#); and one forward, one defenseman, and one goalie from [Atlantic Hockey](#). Northeastern University has three nominees. Boston University, Harvard, Holy Cross, and Providence College all have two.

Two of the 2018 nominees were semifinalists a year ago: Northeastern forward [Adam Gaudette](#) and Harvard defenseman [Adam Fox](#).

The following is the complete list of semifinalists, by team, with statistics through February 3:

Northeastern: Junior forward [Adam Gaudette](#), Braintree, MA (19-20-39); senior forward [Nolan Stevens](#), Sea Isle City, NJ, (17-10-27); and freshman goalie [Cayden Primeau](#), Voorhees, NJ, (2.01 GAA, 9.21 save pct.).

Boston University: Junior forward [Bobo Carpenter](#), North Reading, MA (16-22-27); junior forward [Jordan Greenway](#), Canton, NY, (9-15-24).

Harvard: Junior forward [Ryan Donato](#), Scituate, MA, (21-9-30); sophomore defenseman [Adam Fox](#), Jericho, NY (0-12-12).

Holy Cross: Senior forward [Scott Pooley](#), Grainger, IN, (18-15-33); senior goalie [Paul Berrafato](#), Williamsville, NY, (2.47 GAA, .922 save pct.)

Providence: Junior forward [Erik Foley](#), Mansfield, MA, (13-18-31); senior forward [Brian Pinho](#), North Andover, MA (11-15-26).

American International College: Freshman defenseman [Brennan Kapcheck](#), Mount Prospect, IL, (6-15-21).

Maine: Freshman Goalie [Jeremy Swayman](#), Anchorage, AK, (2.52. GAA,.926 save pct.)

New Hampshire: Freshman defenseman [Max Gildon](#), Plano, TX, (8-14-22).

Quinnipiac: Freshman forward [Odeen Tufto](#), Chaska, MN (7-24-31).

Yale: Junior forward [Joe Snively](#), Herndon, VA (12-10-22).

“This number of semifinalists is not quite as large as last year’s when there were 23 candidates in the running for the Walter Brown Award. This year we have a superb field that’s very selective and closely matched top-to-bottom,” said Gridiron Club Hockey Awards Chairman **Tim Costello**.

“As of press time, the field includes the leading point-getter in the country in Adam Gaudette and the leading goal scorer in Ryan Donato. Ryan and Jordan Greenway are the Eastern collegians selected to play on this year’s U.S. Olympic team. Several other candidates are not far from Adam and Ryan in the national scoring race, and there’s a month yet to play in the season.”

The Gridiron Club will announce the finalists and winner of the 66th Walter Brown Award in March, following league playoffs and before the start of NCAA Tournament play. The award will be presented to the winner at the New England College Hockey Writers’ Dinner in April.

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			
	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, Bernie Corbett, 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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