



PROSPECT REPORT

February 20 - February 26, 2026

Notable Performances

James Hagens recorded a hat trick in No. 10 ranked Boston College's 5-2 victory over No. 13 ranked Connecticut on Friday night. The forward tallied twice in the first period, before scoring his second power play goal of the game to complete the hat trick late in the second frame. Hagens leads the Eagles with 20 goals and 38 points through 28 games this season. The Hauppauge, New York, native was originally selected by Boston in the first round (7th overall) of the 2025 NHL Entry Draft.

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT



JAMES HAGENS

BOSTON COLLEGE | NCAA

28 GP, 20G, 18A, 38 PTS

Patrick Brown netted two goals in the 6-4 victory over the Lehigh Valley Phantoms on Wednesday. The Providence captain converted on a tic-tac-toe passing play in the second period to give the P-Bruins a 3-0 lead, before batting his second goal out of the air just 6:47 later. The Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, native leads Providence with 30 assists and 47 points, and ranks tied for second on the team with 17 goals through 50 games this season.

Leaders



Quinnipiac defenseman **Elliot Groenewold** leads the NCAA with a plus-38 rating.



Youngstown forward **Cooper Simpson** ranks tied for first in the USHL with 66 points through 50 games and is third in the league with 29 goals.

THIS WEEKS MATCHUPS



February 27

Youngstown at Green Bay Gamblers, 7:05 p.m. CT

February 28

Youngstown at Green Bay Gamblers, 6:05 p.m. CT

March 5

Youngstown vs. Madison Capitols, 7:05 p.m.

March 6

Youngstown at Madison Capitols, 7:05 p.m. CT

February 27

St. Lawrence at Cornell, 7 p.m.
Quinnipiac at Dartmouth, 7 p.m.
Princeton at Harvard, 7 p.m.
Boston College at Boston University, 7 p.m.

February 28

Miami at Omaha, 7 p.m. CT
North Dakota at Western Michigan, 7 p.m.
Clarkson at Cornell, 7 p.m.
Quinnipiac at Harvard, 7 p.m.

March 5

Michigan State at Minnesota, 7 p.m. CT
Boston College at Massachusetts, 7 p.m.

March 6

Michigan State at Minnesota, 7 p.m. CT

February 28

Shawinigan at Val-d'Or, 4 p.m.

March 1

Shawinigan at Rouyn-Noranda, 4 p.m.

March 4

Shawinigan vs. Gatineau, 7 p.m.

March 6

Shawinigan vs. Drummondville, 7 p.m.

February 28

Providence vs. Bridgeport, 7:05 p.m.

March 1

Providence vs. Bridgeport, 3:05 p.m.

March 4

Providence at Hartford, 7 p.m.

March 7

Providence at Bridgeport, 5 p.m.



PROVIDENCE BRUINS

39-10-1-0, 79 pts
1st place in Atlantic Division

PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	ACQUIRED
Patrick Brown	C	50	17	30	47	32	23	Free Agent, 2023
Georgii Merkulov	C	48	17	25	42	11	32	Free Agent, 2022
Riley Tufte	F	43	22	18	40	25	51	Free Agent, 2024
Fabian Lysell	F	46	15	22	37	13	32	BOS 1st rd. (21st overall) in 2021
Matej Blumel	F	36	11	23	34	15	14	Free Agent, 2025
Matt Poitras	F	47	9	21	30	-5	42	BOS 2nd rd. (54th overall) in 2022
Dans Lochemis	F	43	15	13	28	16	6	BOS 4th rd. (119th overall) in 2022
Frederic Brunet	D	50	10	17	27	11	22	BOS 5th rd. (132nd overall) in 2022
Christian Wolanin	D	35	6	16	22	10	6	Free Agent, 2025
Victor Soderstrom	D	38	5	15	20	4	27	Trade w/CHI in 2025
Brett Harrison	F	43	8	8	16	6	4	BOS 3rd rd. (85th overall) in 2021
John Farinacci	F	50	7	8	15	0	6	Free Agent, 2023
Jake Schmaltz	F	42	5	8	13	3	8	BOS 7th rd. (192nd overall) in 2019
Billy Sweezey	D	48	1	11	12	28	39	Free Agent, 2024
Riley Duran	F	50	1	10	11	9	18	BOS 6th rd. (182nd overall) in 2020
Joey Abate	F	45	3	6	9	3	79	Free Agent, 2024
Ty Gallagher	D	25	3	4	7	2	14	BOS 7th rd. (217th overall) in 2021
Michael Callahan	D	35	1	6	7	21	14	Trade w/ARI in 2022
Jacob Perreault	F	12	3	3	6	2	0	Free Agent, 2025
Dalton Bancroft	F	31	1	1	2	-3	25	Free Agent, 2025
Max Wanner	D	16	0	0	0	5	7	Trade w/EDM in 2025

PLAYER	GP	GAA	SV%	SO	W	L	OT	SVS	ACQUIRED
Michael DiPietro	30	1.76	.938	1	22	6	0	768	Trade w/ VAN in 2022
Simon Zajicek	15	2.19	.923	0	11	3	1	374	Free Agent, 2025
Luke Cavallin	7	2.25	.918	0	6	1	0	180	Free Agent, 2025

NOTES:

The Providence Bruins defeated the Lehigh Valley Phantoms 6-4 on Wednesday night at the PPL Center to snap their first two-game losing skid of the season. Five different forwards scored goals, while 12 skaters recorded a point. Goaltender Luke Cavallin earned his sixth win of the season in his seventh appearance.

Matej Blumel recorded a goal and two assists in the victory over the Phantoms on Wednesday. The forward scored the game's opening goal with a wrist shot from the top of the slot on the power play for his 100th career AHL goal, before assisting on both of Patrick Brown's tallies. Blumel has notched nine points in his last six games. The forward has amassed 11 goals and 23 assists through 36 games this season.

Georgii Merkulov posted a goal and an assist in Wednesday's 6-4 win over the Phantoms. The forward extended Providence's lead to 2-0 in the first period when he flipped a shot off the back bar that was initially ruled no goal on the ice, before video replay overturned it. The Ryazan, Russia, native totals 17 goals and 25 assists through 48 games this season.

PLAYER	TEAM	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Andre Gasseau	Boston College	C	17	6	14	20	4	6
Elliott Groenewold	Quinnipiac	D	34	6	13	19	38	18
James Hagens	Boston College	F	28	20	18	38	12	22
Beckett Hendrickson	U. of Minnesota	C	31	5	12	17	6	18
Oskar Jellvik	Boston College	F	3	0	1	1	-2	0
Kristian Kostadinski	Boston College	D	28	0	2	2	5	2
Mason Langenbrunner	Harvard	D	26	1	8	9	-6	12
Dean Letourneau	Boston College	F	30	18	15	33	14	22
William Moore	Boston College	F	27	4	6	10	-4	0
Jonathan Morello	Boston University	F	31	6	6	12	8	18
Casper Nassen	Miami University (Ohio)	F	32	5	12	17	-1	6
Christopher Pelosi	Quinnipiac	C	29	16	15	31	11	12
Ryan Walsh	Cornell	C	26	7	16	23	3	31
William Zellers	North Dakota	F	31	16	10	26	2	12

PLAYER	TEAM	GP	GAA	SV%	SO	W	L	OT	SVS
Philip Svedeback	Providence	17	2.32	.918	0	8	6	2	415

NOTES:

Will Zellers posted two goals and an assist in No. 3 ranked North Dakota's 4-4 tie against St. Cloud State on Friday night. The forward gave the Fighting Hawks a 2-1 lead in the first period before tying the game late in the third period with the goaltender pulled for an extra skater. His assist came on the first goal of the game. Zellers is second on the team with 16 goals and ranks fifth with 26 points through 31 games. The Maple Grove, Minnesota, native was originally selected by Colorado in the third round (76th overall) of the 2024 NHL Entry Draft and was acquired via trade along with Casey Middlestadt and a second round pick in the 2025 draft.



North American Juniors

PLAYER	TEAM	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Cole Chandler	Shawinigan (QMJHL)	F	53	18	27	45	15	44
Cooper Simpson	Youngstown (USHL)	F	50	26	37	66	1	66

NOTES:

Cooper Simpson scored two goals and added an assist in the Youngstown Phantoms' 5-1 victory over the Muskegon Lumberjacks on Wednesday. The forward netted the first two goals of the game, including a power play tally, before adding an assist on the third goal of the game. The Shakopee, Minnesota, native ranks tied for first in the USHL with 66 points, tied for second with 37 assists, and third with 29 goals. Simpson was originally selected by Boston in the third round (79th overall) of the 2025 NHL Entry Draft.

Europe

PLAYER	TEAM	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Vashek Blinar	HV71 Jr. (Swe-Jr)	D	26	4	10	14	-10	53
Liam Pettersson	Vaxjo Lakers Jr. (Swe-Jr)	D	19	5	6	11	4	8
Kirill Yemelyanov	Yaroslavl Loko Jr. (Rus-MHL)	F	49	28	23	51	34	42