



PROSPECT REPORT

January 9 - January 15, 2026

Notable Performances

Ryan Walsh posted a four-point weekend in No. 14 ranked Cornell's two victories over Alaska-Fairbanks. The forward found the back of the net in Friday's 7-1 victory in Ithaca, New York, before recording two goals and an assist in Saturday's 5-2 win. Walsh leads the Big Red with 18 points and his six goals are tied for second on the squad through 15 games this season. The Rochester, New York, native was originally selected by Boston in the sixth round (188th overall) of the 2023 NHL Entry Draft.

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT



RYAN WALSH

CORNELL | NCAA

15 GP, 6G, 12A, 18 PTS

Cooper Simpson has posted five points in his last three USHL games with the Youngstown Phantoms. The forward scored two goals in a 4-3 victory over Des Moines last Friday, before recording one assist on Saturday in another win over Des Moines (4-1) and two assists in a 8-3 win over the USA Hockey NTDP on Wednesday. Simpson ranks first in the USHL with 48 points through 35 games, while his 29 assists rank tied for third in the league. The Shakopee, Minnesota, native was originally selected by Boston in the third round (79th overall) of the 2025 NHL Entry Draft.

Leaders



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THIS WEEK'S MATCHUPS



January 16

Youngstown vs. Muskegon
Lumberjacks, 7:05 p.m.

January 17

Youngstown at Muskegon
Lumberjacks, 6:10 p.m.

January 18

Youngstown at Muskegon
Lumberjacks, 3:05 p.m.

January 23

Youngstown vs. USA NTDP U17,
7:05 p.m.



January 16

Boston College vs. Providence, 7 p.m.
Quinnipiac at Colgate, 7 p.m.
Boston University vs. UMass-Lowell, 7 p.m.
North Dakota vs. Denver, 7:07 p.m. CT

January 17

Cornell vs. Quinnipiac, 7 p.m.
Boston College at Providence, 7 p.m.
Minnesota vs. Michigan, 7 p.m.
Boston University at UMass-Lowell, 6:05 p.m.
North Dakota vs. Denver, 6:07 p.m. CT

January 19

Union at Harvard, 4 p.m.



January 16

Shawinigan vs. Sherbrooke, 7 p.m.

January 18

Shawinigan at Sherbrooke, 3 p.m.

January 21

Shawinigan vs. Quebec, 7 p.m.

January 23

Shawinigan at Victoriaville, 7 p.m.



January 17

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

January 18

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

January 23

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

January 24

Providence at Bridgeport, 5 p.m.



PROVIDENCE BRUINS

25-8-1-0, 51 pts
2nd place in Atlantic Division

PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	ACQUIRED
Patrick Brown	C	34	13	22	35	21	17	Free Agent, 2023
Fabian Lysell	F	30	11	18	29	7	24	BOS 1st rd. (21st overall) in 2021
Georgii Merkulov	C	32	13	15	28	7	20	Free Agent, 2022
Riley Tufte	F	27	13	12	25	15	36	Free Agent, 2024
Dans Locmelis	F	34	13	10	23	9	4	BOS 4th rd. (119th overall) in 2022
Matthew Poitras	F	34	6	14	20	-5	31	BOS 2nd rd. (54th overall) in 2022
Frederic Brunet	D	34	6	11	17	10	16	BOS 5th rd. (132nd overall) in 2022
Matej Blumel	F	20	4	13	17	4	10	Free Agent, 2025
Victor Soderstrom	D	26	3	9	12	0	8	Trade w/CHI in 2025
Jake Schmaltz	F	26	5	6	11	4	8	BOS 7th rd. (192nd overall) in 2019
Brett Harrison	F	29	4	7	11	5	4	BOS 3rd rd. (85th overall) in 2021
Billy Sweezey	D	34	1	10	11	22	33	Free Agent, 2024
Christian Wolanin	D	19	2	8	10	4	4	Free Agent, 2025
John Farinacci	F	34	3	5	8	-1	4	Free Agent, 2023
Riley Duran	F	34	1	6	7	4	6	BOS 6th rd. (182nd overall) in 2020
Ty Gallagher	D	18	3	3	6	-1	4	BOS 7th rd. (217th overall) in 2021
Joey Abate	F	29	1	4	5	4	63	Free Agent, 2024
Michael Callahan	D	19	1	3	4	11	8	Trade w/ARI in 2022
Colin Felix	D	20	0	3	3	2	61	Free Agent, 2025
Dalton Bancroft	F	21	0	1	1	1	18	Free Agent, 2025
Max Wanner	D	7	0	0	0	2	0	Trade w/EDM in 2025

PLAYER	GP	GAA	SV%	SO	W	L	OT	SVS	ACQUIRED
Michael DiPietro	20	1.83	.935	0	14	5	0	507	Trade w/ VAN in 2022
Simon Zajicek	14	2.24	.922	0	10	3	1	367	Free Agent, 2025

NOTES:

Frederic Brunet was selected to represent the Providence Bruins at the 2026 AHL All-Star Classic in Rockford, Illinois. The defenseman has skated in 34 games with Providence this season, tallying a career-best six goals along with 11 assists. Brunet netted the game-winning goal in the middle frame of Sunday's 4-2 victory over the Phantoms. The Gatineau, Quebec native ranks first among Providence defensemen in goals (6), assists (11), and points (17).

Michael DiPietro was also chosen to represent the Providence Bruins at the 2026 AHL All-Star Classic. The goaltender ranks first in the AHL with a 1.83 goals against average and a .935 save percentage. His 14 wins are the third most in the league. DiPietro has allowed two goals or less in eight straight appearances. The Windsor, Ontario, native stopped 52 of 55 shots faced in the two victories over the Islanders and Phantoms.

Brunet and DiPietro will join **Patrick Brown**, who was selected as a playing captain, and **Ryan Mougengel**, who was named the Atlantic Division Head Coach, at the All-Star Classic.

PLAYER	TEAM	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Andre Gasseau	Boston College	C	5	1	3	4	-4	2
Elliott Groenewold	Quinnipiac	D	22	2	9	11	23	12
James Hagens	Boston College	F	16	10	8	18	3	8
Beckett Hendrickson	U. of Minnesota	C	21	4	10	14	10	8
Oskar Jellvik	Boston College	F	3	0	1	1	-2	0
Kristian Kostadinski	Boston College	D	16	0	1	1	2	1
Mason Langenbrunner	Harvard	D	14	0	6	6	-3	8
Dean Letourneau	Boston College	F	18	11	8	19	10	16
William Moore	Boston College	F	18	3	5	8	-3	0
Jonathan Morello	Boston University	F	21	4	6	10	7	12
Casper Nassen	Miami University (Ohio)	F	22	5	9	14	-2	6
Christopher Pelosi	Quinnipiac	C	22	12	11	23	8	10
Ryan Walsh	Cornell	C	15	6	12	18	5	8
William Zellers	North Dakota	F	21	10	7	17	0	10

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

NOTES:

Jonathan Morello posted a goal and an assist in No. 20 ranked Boston University's 4-1 victory at Harvard on Monday. The forward's tally extended the Terriers' lead to 2-1 in the middle frame. Morello totals four goals and six assists through 21 games of his first NCAA season. The Toronto, Ontario, native was originally selected by Boston in the fifth round (154th overall) of the 2024 NHL Entry Draft.



North American Juniors

PLAYER	TEAM	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Cole Chandler	Shawinigan (QMJHL)	F	39	12	21	33	10	33
Cooper Simpson	Youngstown (USHL)	F	35	19	29	48	5	46

NOTES:

Cole Chandler recorded an assist in the Shawinigan Cataractes 4-1 win over the Rouyn-Noranda Huskies on Sunday. The forward totals 12 goals and 21 assists through 39 QMJHL games this season. The Bedford, Nova Scotia, native was originally selected by Boston in the fifth round (133rd overall) of the 2025 NHL Entry Draft.

Europe

PLAYER	TEAM	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Vashek Blunar	HV71 Jr. (Swe-Jr)	D	19	3	8	11	-1	22
Liam Pettersson	Vaxjo Lakers Jr. (Swe-Jr)	D	9	2	1	3	-1	8
Kirill Yemelyanov	Yaroslavl Loko Jr. (Rus-MHL)	F	35	18	15	33	20	36