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Gridiron Club of Greater Boston Announces 16 Semi-Finalists for 58th Walter Brown Award

Outstanding field of American-born Division One hockey players in New England includes three repeat nominees

BOSTON – February 1, 2010 – Gridiron Club of Greater Boston president **Steve Grogan** announced today that sixteen NCAA Division One players are semi-finalists for the fifty-eighth Walter Brown Award, presented annually to the best American-born college hockey player in New England.

The candidates include **eleven players from Hockey East, three from the ECAC Hockey League, and two from Atlantic Hockey.** The slate comprises 11 forwards, one goalie, and four defensemen. Five teams – Yale, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Boston University, and Boston College – each have two nominees.

Massachusetts junior **James Marcou**, (Kings Park, NY); UMass-Lowell senior **Kory Falite** (Billerica, MA); and Yale senior **Sean Backman** (Cos Cob, CT), all forwards, were semifinalists for last year's award, which was won by Boston University's Matt Gilroy. Marcou, who currently leads the nation in scoring with 40 points in 28 games, was also in the running two years ago as a freshman.

The only goaltender on the 2010 semifinalists' list is Vermont sophomore **Rob Madore** (Pittsburgh, PA). Defensemen are Boston College senior **Carl Sneepe** (Nisswa, MN); Boston University sophomore **David Warsofsky** (Marshfield, MA); New Hampshire sophomore **Blake Kessel** (Verona, WI); and Providence senior **Mark Favne** (Sagamore Beach, MA.)

The remaining forwards from Hockey East schools are Boston College junior **Brian Gibbons** (Braintree, MA); Boston University junior **Nick Bonino** (Unionville, CT); Massachusetts sophomore **Casey Wellman** (Brentwood, CA); and New Hampshire senior **Bobby Butler** (Marlborough, MA).

Additional ECAC Hockey League forwards are Yale junior **Broc Little** (Rindge, NH); and Quinnipiac senior **Eric Lampe** (Madison, WI.)

Semifinalists from Atlantic Hockey are Sacred Heart senior **Nick Johnson** (Windsor, CT) and Bentley University senior **Marc Menzione** (Darien, IL.).

“The balance and competitiveness we’ve seen throughout college hockey in the East this year has been superb, and that balance was especially evident during the process of nomination and evaluation for the Walter Brown Award,” remarked Gridiron Club Hockey Awards Committee chairman **Tim Costello**.

“Once again, not every player who received serious consideration was able to make the cut. We will be tracking all of these excellent semifinalists closely through the stretch run and playoffs.”

The Gridiron Club will announce the finalists and winner of the 58th Walter Brown Award in March, following league playoffs and before the start of NCAA Tournament play.

Walter Brown Award Winners

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

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.

2009-2010 Gridiron Club of Greater Boston Officers: Steve Grogan, *President*; Ray Gallant, *First Vice President*; Paul Stewart, *Second Vice President*; John Ingoldsby, *Third Vice President*; Dick Lawrence, *Secretary*; Paul Costello, *Treasurer*.

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