



USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine Men's College Hockey Poll

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Boston College Selected as Preseason No. 1 in USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine Men's College Hockey Poll

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. – Defending national champion Boston College will enter the 2008-09 season with the preseason No. 1 ranking in the USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine Men's College Hockey Poll. The Eagles collected 490 points and 27-of-34 first-place votes to top the chart.

The University of Michigan, which finished with 432 points and four first-place votes, is No. 2 in the poll. Last year's national runner-up, the University of Notre Dame (376), sits in the No. 3 spot, while the University of North Dakota (371) and Colorado College (355) round out the top five.

Action for the 2008-09 season begins on Thursday (September 25), as the University of Alaska Anchorage hosts the U.S. National Under-18 Team for an exhibition game.

NOTES: The Western Collegiate Hockey Association leads all conferences with six teams on the poll. The Central Collegiate Hockey Association has five teams ranked, while Hockey East has three teams and ECAC Hockey claims one team on the poll ... A total of 26 teams received votes ... This marks the fifth time Boston College has been ranked No. 1 (1998-99, 1999-2000, 2004-05 and 2006-07) on the first USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine Men's College Hockey Poll of the season.

ABOUT THE POLL: The 14th annual USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine Men's College Hockey Poll is conducted each week in conjunction with the American Hockey Coaches Association. The poll includes input from coaches and journalists representing each of the six NCAA Division I ice hockey conferences, as well as composite votes from officers of the AHCA and USA Hockey Magazine, the most widely distributed hockey magazine in the world.

USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine Men's College Hockey Poll -- #1 (Preseason) (first-place votes in parentheses)

	2007-08 Final Ranking	2007-08 Final Record
1. □□ Boston College, 490 (27) □□	1 □□□□	25-11-8 □□□□
2. □□ University of Michigan, 432 (4) □□	2 □□□□	33-6-4 □□□□
3. □□ University of Notre Dame, 376 □□	3 □□□□	27-16-4 □□□□
4. □□ University of North Dakota, 371 (1) □□	4 □□□□	28-11-4 □□□□
5. □□ Colorado College, 355 (2) □□	8 □□□□	28-12-1 □□□□
6. □□ University of Denver, 299 □□	9 □□□□	26-14-1 □□□□
7. □□ University of New Hampshire, 287 □□	6 □□□□	25-10-3 □□□□
8. □□ Miami (Ohio) University, 263 □□	5 □□□□	33-8-1 □□□□
9. □□ University of Minnesota, 223 □□	12 □□□□	19-17-9 □□□□
10. □□ Boston University, 203 □□	NR □□□□	19-17-4 □□
11. □□ Clarkson University, 173 □□	10 □□□□	22-13-4 □□
12. □□ Michigan State University, 159 □□	7 □□□□	25-12-5 □□
13. □□ University of Wisconsin, 103 □□	13 □□□□	16-17-7 □□
14. □ Northern Michigan University, 75 □□	NR □□□□	20-20-4 □□
15. □□ St. Cloud State University, 69 □□	14 □□□□	19-16-5 □□□□

Others receiving votes: Princeton University, 51; Cornell University, 30; Harvard University, 30; Minnesota State University Mankato, 28; U.S. Air Force Academy, 24; University of Massachusetts, 9; University of Massachusetts Lowell, 9; Niagara University, 9; University of Vermont, 6; University of Maine, 3; Northeastern University, 3.

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