



Player Bios – Team East

2015 USHL/NHL Top Prospects Game
January 13th, 2015



*stats as of January 11th, 2015



#1 Ryan Larkin, Cedar Rapids RoughRiders

Goaltender 6-0, 193 6/9/1997 Catches: Left
Clarkston, Michigan Youth team: Honeybaked
Committed to Miami University

Won each of his first eight appearances in the USHL...Ranks third in USHL with 2.23 GAA and tied for fourth with .923 SV%...Notched first USHL shutout on 11/21/14 vs. Team USA, making 27 saves...Selected to CCM/USA Hockey All-American Prospects Game in September...“C” rated goaltender by NHL Central Scouting



#3 Joe Cecconi, Muskegon Lumberjacks

Defenseman 6-2, 205 5/23/1997 Shoots: Right
Youngstown, New York Youth team: Buffalo Jr. Sabres
Committed to University of Michigan

“B” rated skater by NHL Central Scouting, the highest-rated USHL defenseman...Has appeared in all 32 games this season for Muskegon...Second USHL season after recording six points (2g, 4a) in 28 games for Muskegon in 2013-14...Selected to compete in CCM/USA Hockey All-American Prospects Game in September



#4 Dennis Gilbert, Chicago Steel

Defenseman 6-2, 195 10/30/1996 Shoots: Left
Williamsville, New York Youth team: Buffalo Jr. Sabres
Committed to University of Notre Dame

Tied for ninth in scoring among USHL defensemen with 17 points (3g, 14a) through 31 games...Netted first USHL goal on 11/22/14 in 5-4 win over Fargo...Has scored two goals over his last three games...“C” rated skater by NHL Central Scouting... USHL career high three assists in 7-2 win over Des Moines on 11/1/14



#5 Brent Gates, Jr., Green Bay Gamblers

Forward 6-2, 196 8/12/1997 Shoots: Left
Grand Rapids, Michigan Youth team: Compuware
Committed to University of Minnesota

Second on the Gamblers in scoring with 27 points (10g, 17a) through 30 games, which is tied for 26th overall in USHL scoring...Career high five-point game (2g, 3a) in 8-4 win over Madison on 12/30/14...Had 15 points (11g, 4a) in 50 games with Green Bay in 2013-14...“B” rated skater by NHL Central Scouting



#6 Christian Wolanin, Muskegon Lumberjacks
Defenseman 6-2, 183 3/17/1995 Shoots: Left
Rochester, Michigan Youth team: Little Caesars
Committed to University of North Dakota

Eighth in scoring among USHL defensemen with 18 points (8g, 10a) through 29 games... Tied for third among defensemen with eight goals... Put together six-game point streak in November (2g, 5a)... Netted two goals in 3-2 win over Youngstown on 11/29/14... Third USHL season and has reached 50 points for his USHL career



#7 Dylan Gambrell, Dubuque Fighting Saints
Forward 6-0, 182 8/26/1996 Shoots: Right
Bonney Lake, Washington Youth team: Colorado Thunderbirds
Committed to University of Denver

Third on Dubuque in scoring with 26 points (11g, 15a) through 28 games... Has posted a plus-13 rating this season... Put together a four-game goal streak earlier this season, all wins for the Saints... Helped U.S. win gold at 2014 World Junior A Challenge... Part of Dubuque team that won bronze at 2013 Junior Club World Cup in Russia



#8 Blake Hillman, Dubuque Fighting Saints
Defenseman 6-1, 182 1/26/1996 Shoots: Left
Elk River, Minnesota Youth team: Elk River High School
Committed to University of Denver

Recorded nine points (3g, 6a) and a plus-12 rating through 28 games this season... Second USHL season after scoring 13 points (3g, 10a) in 57 games in 2013-14 for Dubuque... Helped U.S. win gold at 2014 World Junior A Challenge... Part of Dubuque team that won bronze at 2013 Junior Club World Cup in Russia



#9 Seamus Malone, Dubuque Fighting Saints
Forward 5-9, 165 5/6/1996 Shoots: Left
Naperville, Illinois Youth team: Chicago Mission
Committed to University of Wisconsin

Tied for seventh in the USHL with 23 assists through 28 games... Dished out 10 assists over seven-game point streak in November (2g, 10a)... Helped U.S. win gold at World Junior A Challenge in 2013 and 2014... Part of Dubuque team that won bronze at 2013 Junior Club World Cup in Russia... Reached 100 points for his USHL career on 1/3/15



#10 Tanner Laczynski, Chicago Steel
Forward 6-0, 182 6/1/1997 Shoots: Right
Shorewood, Illinois Youth team: Chicago Mission
Committed to Ohio State University

Third on the Steel in scoring with 24 points (6g, 18a) over 28 games... Put together a seven-game point streak (4g, 5a) earlier this season... Has eight points (2g, 6a) during his current five-game point streak... Selected to compete in CCM/USA Hockey All-American Prospects Game in September... "C" rated skater by NHL Central Scouting



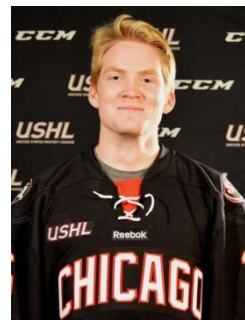
#11 Cal Burke, Cedar Rapids RoughRiders
Forward 5-11, 175 3/19/1997 Shoots: Right
Boxborough, Massachusetts Youth team: Noble & Greenough School
Committed to University of Notre Dame

Has played in all 32 games for the RoughRiders this season and is third on the team with 11 goals, 10 of which have been scored at even strength...Netted his first USHL goal in just the second game of the season (10/3/14 vs. Muskegon)... Selected by the RoughRiders in Phase One of the 2013 USHL Draft..."C" rated skater by NHL Central Scouting



#12 Kevin Conley, Youngstown Phantoms
Forward 6-0, 191 2/17/1997 Shoots: Left
Wausau, Wisconsin Youth team: Wausau West High School
Committed to University of Denver

"C" rated skater by NHL Central Scouting...Scored his first USHL goal in just the second game of the season, which proved to be the game-winner in the 5-2 victory over Team USA on 10/3/14...Phantoms are 3-0-1 in games that he has scored a goal...Selected by the Phantoms in Phase One of the 2013 USHL Draft



#15 Mason Bergh, Chicago Steel
Forward 6-0, 173 3/6/1995 Shoots: Left
Eden Prairie, Minnesota Youth team: Eden Prairie High School
Committed to Colorado College

Second in USHL scoring with 38 points (16g, 22a) through 25 games...Second full season in USHL after scoring 25 points (11g, 14a) in 58 games for Chicago in 13-14...Opened the season with a six-game point streak (1g, 5a)...Tied for ninth in the USHL with a plus-15 rating...Has three multi-goal games over last six contests, including hat trick on 11/26/14



#16 Jiri Fronk, Cedar Rapids RoughRiders
Forward 6-2, 181 2/7/1994 Shoots: Right
Louny, Czech Republic Youth team: KLH Chomutov
Uncommitted

Tied for USHL lead with 20 goals and tied for fourth in scoring with 36 points (20g, 16a) through 32 games...Scored two goals in first USHL game (9/27/14 vs. Dubuque)...Notched a hat trick in 7-2 win vs. Tri-City on 11/14/14...Put together a five-game goal streak (6g) in November...First season playing in North America



#18 Kyle Connor, Youngstown Phantoms
Forward 6-1, 182 12/9/1996 Shoots: Left
Shelby Township, Michigan Youth team: Belle Tire
Committed to University of Michigan

Eighth in USHL scoring with 34 points (12g, 22a) through 27 games this season...Currently riding a five-game point streak (1g, 6a)...All-USHL First Team in 2013-14 after finishing second in USHL scoring with 74 points (31g, 43a) over 56 games..."A" rated skater by NHL Central Scouting...All-time leader in goals and points for Youngstown Phantoms



#19 Adam Gaudette, Cedar Rapids RoughRiders
Forward 6-1, 172 10/3/1996 Shoots: Right
Braintree, Massachusetts Youth team: Thayer Academy
Committed to Northeastern University

Scored two goals in his USHL Debut on September 27th...Has 13 points (6g, 7a) through 24 games while posting a plus-13 rating...Cedar Rapids is 5-0-0 in games that he has scored a goal...Helped U.S. win gold medal at 2014 World Junior A Challenge...“C” rated skater by NHL Central Scouting



#20 Vili Saarijarvi, Green Bay Gamblers
Defenseman 5-9, 161 5/15/1997 Shoots: Right
Rovaniemi, Finland Youth team: Karpat
Uncommitted

Tied for 14th among USHL defensemen in with 15 points (4g, 11a) while playing in all 32 games for Green Bay this season...His first USHL goal was the OT-winner in just his second game (10/4/14 vs. Chicago)...Also had a season high plus-three rating in that contest...“C” rated skater by NHL Central Scouting



#21 Tyler Sheehy, Waterloo Black Hawks
Forward 5-9, 185 11/20/1995 Shoots: Right
Burnsville, Minnesota Youth team: Burnsville High School
Committed to University of Minnesota

Tied for 18th in USHL scoring with 29 points (11g, 18a) through 27 games...Part of the U.S. Team that won gold at the 2014 World Junior A Challenge...Recorded first USHL hat trick and had a five-point game (3g, 2a) in 7-4 win vs. Chicago on 11/6/14...Named to 2013-14 USHL All-Rookie Team after scoring 49 points (21g, 28a) in 49 games



#22 Chase Pearson, Youngstown Phantoms
Forward 6-2, 190 8/23/1997 Shoots: Left
Alpharetta, Georgia Youth team: Atlanta Fire, Cornwall Colts (CCHL)
Uncommitted

Has 15 points (5g, 10a) through 30 games...Netted first USHL goal in 3-1 win vs. Bloomington on 10/4/14...USHL career high three points (2g, 1a), including GWG, in 9-3 win vs. Bloomington on 11/5/14...“C” rated skater by NHL Central Scouting...Selected for CCM/USA Hockey All-American Prospects Game last September



#23 Robby Jackson, Chicago Steel
Forward 5-10, 183 8/22/1997 Shoots: Left
Alameda, California Youth team: Los Angeles Jr. Kings
Committed to St. Cloud State University

Has scored 15 points (7g, 8a) in 17 games this season...2013-14 USHL Rookie of the Year and his 28 goals were the most-ever by a 16-year-old...“C” rated skater by NHL Central Scouting...Eight of his 35 USHL career goals have been game-winners...Selected for U.S. Team for the 2014 World Junior A Challenge (did not play due to injury)



#26 Kris Myllari, Youngstown Phantoms

Defenseman 6-2, 193 2/5/1997 Shoots: Left
Kanata, Ontario Youth team: Ottawa Senators AAA, Kanata Stallions (CCHL)
Committed to Penn State University

Four points (1g, 3a) through 30 games this season while posting a plus-three rating... Scored first USHL goal on 11/5/14 in 9-3 win against Bloomington... Four times this season he has finished a game with a plus-two rating... Selected by Youngstown in Phase One of the 2013 USHL Draft



#27 Erik Foley, Cedar Rapids RoughRiders

Forward 6-0, 185 6/30/1997 Shoots: Left
Mansfield, Massachusetts Youth team: Tabor Academy
Committed to Providence College

Tied for 16th in USHL scoring with 30 points (16g, 14a) in 30 games... Has sixth multi-goal games and is tied for eighth in the USHL with 16 total goals... Three of his goals have been game-winners... Tallied six goals over his last six games... Has posted a plus-13 rating... "B" rated skater by NHL Central Scouting



#28 Sam Miletic, Green Bay Gamblers

Forward 6-0, 187 5/4/1997 Shoots: Left
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan Youth team: Cranbrook-Kingswood High School
Committed to University of Michigan

Has 14 points (6g, 8a) through 30 games this season... Scored a goal in his USHL debut on September 27th... Began season on four-game point streak (2g, 2a)... Netted the overtime-winner in 5-4 victory vs. Madison on 10/11/14... Has twice finished a game with a plus-three rating this season... "C" rated skater by NHL Central Scouting



#29 Eric Schierhorn, Muskegon Lumberjacks

Goaltender 6-0, 185 2/9/1996 Catches: Left
Anchorage, Alaska Youth team: Russell Stover
Uncommitted

Second among USHL goaltenders with a .927 SV%... Fourth in the League with 13 wins... Eighth in the USHL with a 2.41 GAA... Has posted two shutouts this season... Second full USHL season after winning 20 games for Muskegon in 2013-14... Helped U.S. capture gold at 2014 World Junior A Challenge and named to All-Tournament Team



Mark Carlson, Cedar Rapids RoughRiders
Head Coach

In his 16th USHL season with the RoughRiders, the only coach in team history... Earned his 500th USHL coaching victory on October 25th, 2014, becoming just the fifth coach in League history to reach that total and just the second to do with one team... His team currently leads the entire USHL with a 24-8-0 record... The RoughRiders opened the season winning each of their first 12 road games, setting a new USHL record for best road start



Matt Shaw, Dubuque Fighting Saints
Assistant Coach

In his second season with the Dubuque Fighting Saints...Team currently has the second-best record overall in the USHL at 20-8-2...Led the Saints to a bronze medal at the 2013 Junior Club World Cup in Russia...Played two seasons in the USHL during the early 1980's for the Sioux City Musketeers...His son, Hayden Shaw, is a defenseman for the Waterloo Black Hawks