

# No. 14/14 COLGATE

(0-0-0, 0-0-0 ECAC Hockey League)



## **Vermont** (0-0-0, 0-0-0 Hockey East)



Friday, October 6, 2006 4:35 p.m. ET

Goggin Ice Center (4,000) Oxford, Ohio

# No. 9/9 Denver (0-0-0, 0-0-0 WCHA)

Saturday, October 7, 2006
4:35 p.m. ET (possible opponent)

Goggin Ice Center (4,000) Oxford, Ohio

# No. 8/8 Miami (0-0-0, 0-0-0 CCHA)



Saturday, October 7, 2006 7:35 p.m. ET (possible opponent)

Goggin Ice Center (4,000) Oxford, Ohio

#### **Coaches**

Colgate Don Vau

**Don Vaughan** (St. Lawrence '84) 14th season at CU (224-196-42) 14th season overall (224-196-42)

Vermont

**Kevin Sneddon** (Harvard '93) 4th season at UVM (48-50-14) 9th season overall (98-149-32)

Denver

**George Gwozdecky** (Wisconsin '78) 13th season at DU (276-176-36) 21st season overall (426-300-57)

Miami

**Enrico Blasi** (Miami '94) 8th season at MU (130-116-23) 8th season overall (130-116-23)

#### **Officials**

Stephen McInchak, Kevin Hall, Brian Hill, Tony Molina

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# **2006-07 Colgate University Hockey**

Ice Breaker • Fri.-Sat., October 6-7, 2006 • Oxford, Ohio

After achieving its highest preseason rankings in the history of both major polls, Colgate is presented with the opportunity to make some noise on the national stage the first weekend of the season. In the first intercollegiate game played at the Goggin Ice Center, the Raiders will renew a long-standing rivalry with Vermont. The next day, Colgate will get a chance to knock off a top-10 team against either No. 8 Miami or No. 9 Denver.

This will be the second time that Colgate has participated in the Ice Breaker in the tournament's 10-year history. In 2000, the Raiders beat Michigan in a shootout to advance to the title game, where they lost to New Hampshire. In Colgate's tournament-opening game against Vermont, the Raiders will be fighting against history: the Hockey East representative has won five of the first nine Ice Breakers.

#### The Series with Vermont

Colgate has a rich history with Vermont, as the two teams were ECAC leaguemates for 32 seasons before the Catamounts left the conference to join Hockey East last year. The Raiders lead the all-time series, 36-24-4. In four all-time neutral-site meetings, each team has won two games. The last time the two teams met, Colgate earned its second neutral-site victory, 2-1, in the ECACHL third-place game at Albany's Pepsi Arena. The game was also Vermont's last as a member of the ECACHL.

## **Scouting the Catamounts**

Vermont lost two of its top three scorers from last season to graduation, but the team is still loaded with talent at both ends of the ice. The Catamounts return leading scorer Torrey Mitchell, who recorded 40 points and a team-best 28 assists in 38 games as a sophomore. They also bring back sophomores Dean Strong and Peter Lenes, who both netted 20 points or more during their rookie campaigns.

Senior Kenny Macaulay is the leader of the UVM defensive unit. As a junior, he finished second among the team's blueliners with 16 points, just two fewer than Jamie Sifers, who signed a contract with the Toronto Maple Leafs after graduation. In all, 10 players scored at least 10 points for Vermont last season, and seven of them returned to Burlington this fall.

But Vermont's biggest asset can be found between the pipes. Junior Joe Fallon compiled an impressive 2.02 goals against average and a .907 save percentage last season after being named the ECACHL Rookie of the Year and to the USCHO and Inside College Hockey national all-rookie teams.

After getting off to a hot start last year, the Catamounts fizzled toward the end of the season, settling for a sixth-place finish in Hockey East and losing in the quarterfinals of the conference playoffs. There's no doubt that Vermont will be looking to hit the ground running and get back to its early-season form of last winter.

# **2006-07 Schedule**

Date	Opponent Time	e/Result
Oct. 6	vs. Vermont!	4:35
Oct. 7	vs. Denver/Miami! 4	:35/7:35
Oct. 12	vs. Niagara @	7:00
Oct. 15	BENTLEY	2:00
Oct. 24	CANISIUS	7:00
Oct. 28	vs. Quinnipiac #	4:00
Oct. 29	vs. Rensselaer/Union #	2/5:00
Nov. 3	at Yale*	7:00
Nov. 4	at Brown*	7:00
Nov. 10	DARTMOUTH*	7:00
Nov. 11	HARVARD* (Silver Puck)	4:00
Nov. 17	at Quinnipiac*	7:00
Nov. 18	at Princeton*	7:00
Nov. 24	vs. Ohio State \$	4:00
Nov. 25	vs. Niagara/Rensselaer \$	4/7:00
Dec. 1	UNION*	7:00
Dec. 2	RENSSELAER*	7:00
Dec. 8	at St. Cloud State	8:05
Dec. 9	at St. Cloud State	8:05
Dec. 29	vs. Northeastern %	4:00
Dec. 30	vs. Holy Cross/UConn %	4/7:30
Jan. 5	NIAGARA	7:00
Jan. 12	at Clarkson*	7:00
Jan. 13	at St. Lawrence*	7:00
Jan. 19	BROWN*	7:00
Jan. 20	YALE*	7:00
Jan. 25	CORNELL*	7:00
Jan. 27	at Cornell*	7:00
Feb. 2	ST. LAWRENCE*	7:00
Feb. 3	CLARKSON*	7:00
Feb. 9	at Rensselaer*	7:00
Feb. 10	at Union*	7:00
Feb. 16	PRINCETON*	7:00
Feb. 17	QUINNIPIAC*	7:00
Feb. 23	at Harvard*	7:00
Feb. 24	at Dartmouth*	7:00
Mar. 2-4	ECACHL First Round	
	campus sites	
Mar. 9-11	ECACHL Quarterfinals	
	campus sites	
Mar. 16-17	ECACHL Championship	
	Times Union Center, Alb	oany, N.Y.
Mar. 23-25	NCAA Regionals	

## Home games in CAPS

- \* ECAC Hockey League game
- ! Ice Breaker Tournament, Oxford, Ohio
- @ Blue Cross Arena, Rochester, N.Y.
- # Capital District Classic, Pepsi Arena, Albany, N.Y.
- \$ Rensselaer/Bank of America Tourn., Troy, N.Y.
- % Toyota UConn Classic, Storrs, Conn.



#### The Series with Denver

Colgate and Denver have met just three times, with the last meeting taking place before all but one player on either team was born. That contest, which took place on Dec. 30, 1982 in Colorado Springs, Colo., marked the Raiders' first victory in the series, a 5-1 result. The Pioneers' two wins in the series both came during the 1968-69 season: Denver beat Colgate by scores of 9-1 and 13-3 at

#### **Scouting the Pioneers**

Denver boasted two 53-point scorers last season, including Hobey Baker Award-winner Matt Carle, but lost both to the NHL during the off-season. In all, the Pioneers lost just three players who produced points last year. However, those three players - Carle, Paul Stastny and Gabe Gauthier - scored 44 percent of Denver's points last

Junior Ryan Dingle is the only returning Pioneer who scored more than 30 points last season. He led the team with 27 goals and finished third on the squad with 43 points. In addition, Dingle was third

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in the nation with 15 power-play goals on the year.

Sophomore Chris Butler is Denver's top returning scorer on the blue line. He had 22 points, including 15 assists, during his rookie campaign.

The Pioneers return two experienced netminders in senior Glenn Fisher and junior Peter Mannino. The pair split goaltending duties fairly evenly last year, and they both put up similar numbers: Mannino finished with a 2.71 goals against average, while Fisher boasted a 2.72; Mannino recorded a .904 save percentage, and Fisher's was .898; Mannino earned a .595 winning percentage with a 12-8-1 record, while Fisher was 9-7-2 for a .556 winning percentage. Both will present challenges for the Raiders no matter who wins the starting role for the Ice Breaker.

#### The Series with Miami

Colgate and Miami have split lopsided games the only two times the teams have met. On Nov. 29, 1996, the RedHawks invaded Starr Rink and hung 14 goals on the board, marking the last time the Raiders allowed an opponent to score in double digits at home. Two years later, however, Colgate

exacted revenge with a 7-2 drubbing of Miami at the Syracuse Invitational Tournament.

#### Scouting the RedHawks

Miami returns three of its top four scorers from last year's CCHA regular-season championship team. Junior Nathan Davis is the top returning scorer after netting 40 points on 20 goals and 20 assists as a sophomore. Junior Ryan Jones led the team with 22 goals and finished with 35 points.

Junior Mitch Ganzak was one of two high-scoring defensemen on last year's RedHawks squad. Both he and graduated player Andy Green recorded 31 points last season, while Ganzak led the team with 29 assists.

Like Denver, Miami also returns an experienced goaltending tandem. Junior Charlie Effinger and sophomore Jeff Zatkoff, like the Pioneer pair, also had similar statistics: Effinger was the leader with a miniscule 1.83 goals against average and .931 save percentage, while Zatkoff posted a 2.02 goals against average and .928 save percentage. Zatkoff boasted the better winning percentage of the two, .725, with a 14-5-1 record; Effinger's record was 12-4-3 for a .711 winning percentage.

#### Raiders Receive Preseason Praise



Dekanich

Junior All-America candidates Mark Dekanich and Tyler Burton have been receiving

organizations this preseason. Both players earned spots on the ECACHL preseason media

plenty of praise from the league and from national hockey news

and coaches teams (see sidebar on page 3). They were also both recognized by

College Hockey News as "players to watch" in the website's preseason All-America announcement.

# **Colgate's Awards & Honors**

#### **TYLER BURTON**

Coaches Preseason All-ECACHL Team Media Preseason All-ECACHL Team College Hockey News Preseason "Player to Watch" INCH Preseason All-American (third team)

#### MARK DEKANICH

Coaches Preseason All-ECACHL Team (unanimous selection) Media Preseason All-ECACHL Team College Hockey News Preseason "Player to Watch"

	VERMONT	DENVER	MIAMI
Mark Anderson	first meeting	first meeting	first meeting
Peter Bogdanich	first meeting	first meeting	first meeting
Tyler Burton	3 GP, 1-2-3	first meeting	first meeting
Mike Campaner	5 GP, 2-5-7	first meeting	first meeting
Ben Camper	1 GP, 0-0-0	first meeting	first meeting
Sean Carty	first meeting	first meeting	first meeting
Ethan Cox	first meeting	first meeting	first meeting
Joe DeBello	first meeting	first meeting	first meeting
Jason Fredricks	first meeting	first meeting	first meeting
Marc Fulton	3 GP, 0-1-1	first meeting	first meeting
Dustin Gillanders	5 GP, 0-1-1	first meeting	first meeting
Alex Greig	5 GP, 0-0-0	first meeting	first meeting
Liam Huculak	3 GP, 1-0-1	first meeting	first meeting
David McIntyre	first meeting	first meeting	first meeting
Tom Riley	first meeting	first meeting	first meeting
Nick St. Pierre	first meeting	first meeting	first meeting
David Sloane	first meeting	first meeting	first meeting
Matt Torti	2 GP, 0-0-0	first meeting	first meeting
Mike Werner	first meeting	first meeting	first meeting
Jason Williams	first meeting	first meeting	first meeting
Jesse Winchester	2 GP, 0-1-1	first meeting	first meeting
Mark Dekanich	first meeting	first meeting	first meeting
Justin Kowalkoski	first meeting	first meeting	first meeting
Charles Long	first meeting	first meeting	first meeting

Colgate	Head-to-Head*	Vermont	Denver	Miami
20-13-6	Overall Record	18-14-6	21-15-3	26-9-4
lost last two games	Current Streak	winless last six games	lost last game	lost last two games
13-4-3	Home Record	9-5-4	10-8-2	14-2-2
7-7-2	Away Record	8-9-2	11-7-1	9-4-2
0-2-1	Neutral Site Record	1-0-0	0-0-0	3-3-0
14-6-2/T-1st	League Record/Place	10-11-6/6th	17-8-3/T-2nd	20-6-2/1st
3-0-6	Overtime Record	3-1-6	1-1-3	2-0-4
2-3-0	Last Five Games	0-4-1	2-2-1	3-2-0
5-4-1	Last 10 Games	1-6-3	4-5-1	6-4-0
113/2.90 (31st)	Goals For/Average (NCAA Rank)	97/2.55 (42nd)	125/3.21 (20th)	122/3.13 (24th)
93/2.38 (13th)	Goals Against/Average (NCAA Rank)	82/2.16 (3rd)	110/2.82 (T-28th)	79/2.03 (2nd)
+0.51 (T-19th)	Average Scoring Margin (NCAA Rank)	+0.39 (22nd)	+0.38 (23rd)	+1.10 (6th)
37-204/18.1% (21st)	Power Play/Pct. (NCAA Rank)	43-214/20.1% (8th)	55-246/22.4% (4th)	35-237/14.8% (47th)
196-237/82.7% (33rd)	Penalty Kill/Pct. (NCAA Rank)	146-169/86.4% (8th)	179-216/82.9% (29th)	214-245/87.3% (4th)
5/3	Shorthanded Goals For/Against	1/2	7/2	9/6
630/16.2 (50th) * 2005-06 final statistics	Penalty Minutes/Average (NCAA Rank)	543/14.3 (55th)	693/17.8 (36th)	810/20.8 (20th)

## The Last Time...

#### **SERIES SWEEP IN STARR RINK**

CU - 1/27-28/06 vs. Yale (2-1 0T) and Brown (5-2) same team: 11/26-27/04 vs. Mercyhurst (3-1, 3-2)
 Opp. - 1/26-27/01, St. Lawrence (0-4) and Clarkson (2-4) same team: 10/19-20/01, Neb.-Omaha (4-5, 3-5)

#### **SERIES SWEEP ON THE ROAD**

CU - 2/24-25/06 at Union (2-0) and Rensselaer (2-1) same team: 10/8-9/04 at Ferris State (5-4, 4-2)
 Opp. - 2/14-15/03 at Harvard (0-7) and Brown (2-5) same team: 10/26-27/01 at Minnesota (0-8, 0-9)

#### **COLGATE WON IN OVERTIME**

**Starr Rink** - 1/27/06 vs. Yale (2-1) **On the Road** - 11/7/03 at Princeton (3-2) **Neutral Site** - 12/27/97 vs. Niagara (4-3)

#### COLGATE LOST IN OVERTIME

**Starr Rink** - 10/23/04 vs. Northeastern (3-4) **On the Road** - 11/8/03 at Yale (2-3) **Neutral Site** - 3/18/05 vs. Harvard (3-4, 20T)

#### **COLGATE PLAYED AN OVERTIME GAME**

**Starr Rink** - 1/27/06 vs. Yale (W, 2-1) **On the Road** - 2/11/06 at Clarkson (T, 1-1) **Neutral Site** - 12/22/05 vs. Brown (T, 3-3)

#### COLGATE REGISTERED AN OVERTIME TIE

**Starr Rink** - 1/7/06 vs. St. Cloud State (5-5) **On the Road** - 2/11/06 at Clarkson (1-1) **Neutral Site** - 12/22/05 vs. Brown (3-3) **Scoreless** - 2/12/05 at Yale (0-0)

## **COLGATE RECORDED A SHUTOUT**

**Starr Rink** - 3/12/06 vs. Quinnipiac (4-0) Mark Dekanich, 30 saves

On the Road - 2/24/06 at Union (2-0)

Mark Dekanich, 29 saves

**Neutral Site** - 1/2/05 vs. Air Force (3-0) Steve Silverthorn, 13 saves

#### **OPPONENT RECORDED A SHUTOUT**

**Starr Rink** - 3/10/06, Quinnipiac (0-3) Bud Fisher, 28 saves

On the Road - 1/3/06, Bowling Green (0-4)

Jon Horrell, 22 saves

Neutral Site - 3/17/06, Cornell (0-2)

David McKee. 20 saves

# TEAM SCORED 10 OR MORE GOALS

**CU** - 1/11/98 vs. Merrimack (W, 10-7) **Opp.** - 11/29/96, Miami (L, 2-14)

#### **TEAM RECORDED 40 SHOTS**

**CU** - 3/18/05, 49 shots vs. Harvard (L, 3-4, 20T) **Opp.** - 3/18/06, 42 shots, Dartmouth (L, 2-3)

#### TEAM RECORDED 50 SHOTS

**CU** - 3/14/03, 70 shots at Dartmouth (W, 4-3, 40T) **Opp.** - 3/18/05, 51 shots, Harvard (L, 3-4 0T)

# PLAYER RECORDED A HAT TRICK

**CU** - 11/19/05, Tyler Burton vs. Union (W, 5-0) **Opp.** - 1/22/05, Eric Przepiorka, Dartmouth (L, 3-6)

#### PLAYER SCORED A SHORT-HANDED GOAL

**CU** - 1/28/06, Kyle Wilson vs. Brown (W, 5-2) **Opp.** - 3/17/06, Daniel Pegoraro, Cornell (L, 0-2)

#### PLAYER SCORED AN OVERTIME GOAL

**CU** - 1/27/06, Jon Smyth vs. Yale (2-1) **Opp.** - 3/18/05, Kevin Du, Harvard (3-4, 20T)

#### **PLAYER SCORED AN EMPTY-NET GOAL**

**CU** - 1/20/06, Ryan Smyth vs. Clarkson (W, 4-2) **Opp.** - 3/17/06, Daniel Pegoraro, Cornell (L, 0-2)

#### PLAYER SCORED WITH AN EXTRA ATTACKER

**CU** - 10/15/05, Jon Smyth vs. Lake Superior State (L, 2-3) **Opp.** - 2/25/05, Jay Latulippe, Clarkson (T, 3-3)

## **GOALIE HAD 40 OR MORE SAVES**

**CU** - 2/10/06, 41, Mark Dekanich at St. Lawrence (L, 2-3) **Opp.** - 11/8/03, 41, Matt Modelski, Yale (L, 2-3, OT)

On Tuesday, Inside College Hockey released its preseason All-America teams. Burton received recognition as a forward on the third team.

## Mike Milbury '74 Gets Hall Call

Former Colgate hockey player Mike Milbury '74 will be inducted into the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame on Saturday, Oct. 7, in St. Paul, Minn. Milbury is the first Colgate player to ever be inducted into the Hall.

Milbury spent the last 35 years in the sport as a player, coach and general manager. He lettered three times as a Raider, and finished his college career with 61 points, including 55 assists, in 76 games. After graduation, Milbury became the first player in school history to sign a free-agent contract with a National Hockey League team when he inked a deal with the Boston Bruins.

Milbury spent his entire NHL career in Boston, where he played in 754 games and racked up 238 points. He went on to become the head coach of the Bruins, where he coached such hockey legends as Cam Neely and Ray Bourque. Milbury led Boston to the Stanley Cup finals during the 1989-90 season, and later became an assistant general manager for the club.

In 1995, Milbury joined the New York Islanders as head coach and general manager. He continued as the Islanders' GM through 2006, when he stepped aside to become a senior vice president for team owner Charles Wong's sports properties.

Gary Gambucci, who played for the University of Minnesota, four U.S. national teams, and the NHL's Minnesota North Stars, as well as the late Milton "Curly" Brink, a Minnesota hockey legend who died in 1999 at age 88, will also be inducted.

The 33rd U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame induction ceremony will take place at 11:00 a.m., on Saturday, Oct. 7, at the Minnesota Wild offices in St. Paul. Tickets are \$115. Additional information can be found at www.ushockeyhall.com or by calling (763) 428-1477.

#### **Colgate Draft Picks Get Chance to Shine**



Two Raiders will get their first chance to shine this weekend after they were selected in the 2006 NHL Draft.

Junior All-America candidate **Mark Dekanich**, the reigning ECACHL Goaltender of the Year, was selected by the Nashville Predators with the 146th overall

pick in the fifth round.

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Freshman forward **David McIntyre** will see his first collegiate action after being drafted by the Dallas Stars with the 138th overall pick in the fifth round.

Colgate's two draft picks were the most the Raiders have had selected in any NHL Draft since Bruce Gardiner and Chris MacKenzie were both selected by the St. Louis Blues in the 1991 draft. The pair of fifth-round picks mark the highest any Colgate player has ever been selected in terms of round, and the highest in terms of overall pick since 1988, when Craig Woodcroft was chosen by the Chicago Blackhawks with the 134th selection.

#### **Bumps and Bruises**

Colgate is injury-free to start the 2006-07 season.

# **Head Coach Don Vaughan**

Colgate head coach
Don Vaughan is in his
14th season behind the
Raider bench. During his
tenure, he has guided
Colgate to a 224-196-42
overall record, including
a 144-112-28 mark in
ECAC Hockey League
games. Vaughan has
coached the Raiders to



two NCAA tournament berths, the 2006 ECACHL regular-season title, and four appearances in the ECACHL final four.

## Winningest Active Coaches by Percentage

Rk. Coach, School	Yrs.	Record	Pct.
1. Jeff Jackson, Notre Dame	7	195-71-29	.710
2. Red Berenson, Michigan	22	585-278-63	.666
3. Don Lucia, Minnesota	19	468-241-55	.649
4. Jack Parker, Boston Univ.	33	739-382-84	.648
5. Richard Umile, UNH	16	371-188-61	.648
6. Scott Owens, Colo. Coll.	7	177-92-19	.648
7. Mike Schafer, Cornell	11	221-112-38	.647
8. Doug Ross, UAH	28	497-284-42	.629
9. Rick Gotkin, Mercyhurst	18	338-198-33	.623
10. Rand Pecknold, QU	12	222-136-32	.610
11. Jerry York, Boston Coll.	34	738-491-75	.595
12. Tim Whitehead, Maine	10	207-149-35	.574
13. George Gwozdecky, Denver	17	359-270-55	.565
14. Rick Comley, Michigan St.	33	688-535-87	.558
15. Joe Marsh, St. Lawrence	21	390-315-48	.550
16. Tom Serratore, Bemidji St	. 5	89-72-20	.547
17. Paul Pearl, Holy Cross	11	181-148-31	.540
18. Blaise McDonald, UML	10	173-141-38	.545
19. DON VAUGHAN, COLGATE	13	224-196-42	.530
20. John Markell, Ohio St.	12	215-192-37	.526
21. Enrico Blasi, Miami	7	130-116-23	.526
22. David Burkholder, Niagara	a 5	88-83-12	.514
23. Bruce Marshall, Conn.	18	256-244-50	.511

# Winningest Active Coaches by Victories

Rk. Coach, School	Yrs.	Wins
<ol> <li>Jack Parker, Boston Univ.</li> </ol>	33	739
<ol><li>Jerry York, Boston College</li></ol>	34	738
<ol><li>Rick Comley, Michigan St.</li></ol>	33	688
4. Red Berenson, Michigan	22	585
<ol><li>Doug Ross, AlaHuntsville</li></ol>	28	497
6. Don Lucia, Minnesota	19	468
<ol><li>Bill Wilkinson, Wayne St.</li></ol>	24	417
8. Joe Marsh, St. Lawrence	21	390
<ol><li>Richard Umile, New Hampshire</li></ol>	16	371
<ol><li>George Gwozdecky, Denver</li></ol>	17	359
11. Rick Gotkin, Mercyhurst	18	338
12. Don Cahoon, UMass-Amherst	19	258
13. Bruce Marshall, Connecticut	18	256
14. Gary Wright, American International	22	237
15. Bob Gaudet, Dartmouth	18	226
16. Bob Daniels, Ferris St.	14	225
17. DON VAUGHAN, COLGATE	13	224
18. Rand Pecknold, Quinnipiac	12	222
19. Mike Schafer, Cornell	11	221
20. John Markell, Ohio State	12	215
21. Tim Whitehead, Maine	10	207
22. Jeff Jackson, Notre Dame	7	195
23. Paul Pearl, Holy Cross	11	181
24. Frank Serratore, Air Force	13	179
25. Scott Owens, Colorado College	7	177
26. Blaise MacDonald, UMass-Lowell	10	173
27. Shaun Hannah, Sacred Heart	10	143
Mike Kemp, Nebraska-Omaha	9	143
29. Enrico Blasi, Miami (Ohio)	7	130
30. Jim Culhane, Western Michigan	8	110

As of start of 2006-07 season. **Bold** indicates ECACHL team. *Italics* indicates 2006-07 Colgate opponent.

## **Poll Position**

High expectations surround the Raiders as they enter the first weekend of the season, as is evidenced by their No. 14 ranking in both of college hockey's major Division I polls.

The USCHO.com/CSTV poll, which was released a week before the USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine poll, placed Colgate higher than it has ever been in USCHO's preseason rankings, and also handed the Raiders a first-place vote. After finishing last season receiving no votes in the USA Today poll, Colgate also earned the No. 14 ranking from that organization.

As a league, the ECACHL was well represented in both polls. Five ECACHL teams made the USCHO.com top 20, including Harvard at No. 12 and Cornell at No. 13, both ahead of Colgate. St. Lawrence and Quinnipiac also received votes in the USCHO rankings, giving more than half of the ECACHL teams at least one point in the USCHO poll. *USA Today* included three ECACHL teams in its top 15, and two more were among those teams also receiving votes.

All four teams in this weekend's Ice Breaker Tournament are represented in the preseason polls. Colgate's first-round opponent, Vermont, received votes in both polls, while Miami earned the No. 8 ranking and Denver the No. 9 spot in both polls.

In addition to the two major polls, Colgate has been ranked 12th in Inside College Hockey's annual "Great 58+1" preseason rankings.

COLGATE IN THE POLLS, WEEK BY WEEK USCHO USA Today

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## **USCHO.com/CSTV Poll**

September 25, 2006

	I	Last Year's		Last
Rk.	Team*	Record	Pts.	Year
1.	Wisconsin (17)	30-10-3	688	2
	Boston College (10)	26-13-3	688	9
3.	Minnesota (5)	27- 9-5	666	3
4.	Boston University (3	) 26-10-4	595	1
5.	Michigan State (1)	25-12-8	587	4
6.	North Dakota (1)	29-16-1	581	6
7.	Michigan (2)	21-15-5	539	11
8.	Miami (Ohio)	26- 9-4	520	5
9.	Denver	21-15-3	407	16
10.	New Hampshire	20-13-7	397	13
11.	Maine	28-12-2	395	10
12.	Harvard	21-12-2	346	7
13.	Cornell	22- 9-4	317	8
14.	COLGATE (1)	20-13-6	271	20
15.	Colorado College	24-16-2	257	12
16.	St. Cloud State	22-16-4	205	14
17.	Ohio State	15-19-5	169	-
18.	Dartmouth	19-12-2	151	17
19.	Northern Michigan	22-16-2	110	18
20.	Clarkson	18-17-3	98	-

Others Receiving Votes: Nebraska-Omaha 83, Providence 61, Minnesota-Duluth 59, Vermont 45, Bemidji State 34, St. Lawrence 31, Holy Cross 28, Notre Dame 18, Lake Superior State 11, Niagara 11, Mercyhurst 7, Quinnipiac 7, UMass-Amherst 5, Ferris State 4, Alaska-Fairbanks 3, Sacred Heart 3, Alaska-Anchorage 2, UMass-Lowell 1.

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# **USA Today/USA Hockey Mag. Poll**

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Last Year's				Last
Rk.	Team*	Record	Pts.	Year
1.	Boston College (19)	26-13-3	478	2
2.	Minnesota (2)	27- 9-5	438	8
3.	Wisconsin (11)	30-10-3	430	1
4.	Michigan State	25-12-8	387	6
5.	Boston University (2)	26-10-4	367	5
6.	Michigan	21-15-5	349	12
7.	North Dakota	29-16-1	332	3
8.	Miami (Ohio)	26- 9-4	272	9
9.	Denver	21-15-3	226	
10.	New Hampshire	20-13-7	162	13
11.	Maine	28-12-2	140	4
12.	Harvard	21-12-2	110	10
13.	Colorado College	24-16-2	77	11
14.	COLGATE	20-13-6	73	-
15.	Cornell	22- 9-4	55	7

Others Receiving Votes: Ohio State 51, St. Cloud State 35, Dartmouth 15, Bemidji State 12, Minnesota-Duluth 12, Nebraska-Omaha 12, Northern Michigan 12, Mercyhurst 11, Clarkson 7, Providence 7, Vermont 4, Ferris State 4, Holy Cross 2.

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# Inside the ECACHL

Colgate was picked to win its second-straight ECACHL regular-season title in both the preseason media and coaches polls, the league announced at its annual media day.

In addition, two Raiders were named to the preseason all-league teams. The 2006 ECACHL Goaltender of the Year, **Mark Dekanich** was unanimously selected to the coaches' preseason team as well as to the media's team. Classmate **Tyler Burton** also earned a spot on both teams. This marks the first time in school history that two Raiders have been named to the same preseason all-league team.

In the coaches poll, Colgate finished with fewer first-place votes (three) than both Clarkson (five) and Harvard (four), but still received more total votes than either team with 108. Clarkson and Harvard tied for second place in the voting.

After being predicted to finish second in the media poll last season, the Raiders claim the top spot for the first time in the poll's eight-year history. Colgate led the way in the media poll with more than half of the first-place votes (11) and 222 points, 14 more than Harvard who claimed second place with 208 points and two first-place votes. Dartmouth picked up third place with 195 points and five first-place votes.

## **ECACHL Preseason Coaches Poll**

1.	COLGATE (3)	108
2.	Clarkson (5)	101
	Harvard (4)	101
4.	Cornell	95
	Dartmouth	95
6.	St. Lawrence	67
7.	Quinnipiac	60
8.	Union	54
9.	Rensselaer	41
10.	Princeton	34
11.	Brown	18
	Vale	18

## **Coaches Preseason All-ECACHL Team**

- G Mark Dekanich, Colgate\*
- D Reid Cashman, Quinnipiac\*
- D Grant Lewis, Dartmouth
- Tyler Burton, Colgate
- F David Jones, Dartmouth
- F Nick Dodge, Clarkson
- \* unanimous selection

## **ECACHL Preseason Media Poll**

1.	COLGATE (11)	222
2.	Harvard (2)	208
3.	Dartmouth (5)	195
4.	Cornell (1)	178
5.	Clarkson (1)	173
6.	Quinnipiac	139
7.	St. Lawrence	123
8.	Union	93
9.	Rensselaer	71
10.	Princeton	69
11.	Yale	54
12.	Brown	35

## Media Preseason All-ECACHL Team

- G Mark Dekanich, Colgate
- D Reid Cashman, Quinnipiac
- D Dylan Reese, Harvard
- F **Tyler Burton**, Colgate
- F David Jones, Dartmouth
- F Nick Dodge, Clarkson

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