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Northeastern’s Jeremy Davies Named National Player of the Month

Sacred Heart’s Magera Is Top Rookie, Minnesota State’s McKay Honored as Nation’s Top Goaltender

WAKEFIELD, Mass. – Northeastern University junior defenseman Jeremy Davies (Ste-Anne-de- Bellevue, Qué.) has been named National Player of the Month by the Hockey Commissioners Association for the month of February, it was announced today.

Among all skaters, Davies tied for second in the nation, tied for first in Hockey East, and led all defensemen nationally with 12 points on three goals and nine assists in February. His offensive output including two power play goals, a game-winning goal, a plus-nine rating and 15 blocks. Davies enjoyed a four-point night on February 23, netting two goals and adding two assists in a 6-0 win at New Hampshire.

Davies had at least one point in all but one of Northeastern’s games in February, helping the Huskies to a 6-2-0 record. The month was highlighted by the program’s second straight Beanpot title on February 11. He also became the first Northeastern defenseman since Dan McGillis (1994-95, 1995-96) to record 30 points in back-to-back-seasons after he collected his eighth goal and 24th assist of the year.

Sacred Heart’s Austin Magera (Suwanee, Ga.) earns HCA Rookie of the Month honors after ranking second nationally in points per game by rookie skaters. He had seven goals and two assists in eight games played while Sacred Heart went 7-1-1 and closed in on a first-round bye in the Atlantic Hockey playoffs.

Magera trailed only Niagara’s Ludwig Stenlund in Atlantic Hockey and NCAA rookie scoring, but only by 0.01 points per game. After going scoreless in the first game of February, Magera went on a four-game point streak, which included two of his three two-goal games of the month. All three of his two-goal games resulted in Sacred Heart victories (over Robert Morris, RIT, and AIC).

The Suwanee, Georgia native tied for the national lead in game-winning goals with two during the month. He now has six on the year and has quickly become known as a clutch performer for the Pioneers.

Minnesota State freshman Dryden McKay (Downers Grove, Ill.) has been named the National Goaltender of the Month after leading all NCAA goaltenders with a 0.98 goals against average for month of February. The rookie allowing just six goals on 133 shots faced for the WCHA regular season champion Mavericks.

The Downers Grove, Illinois native also ranked third in the country for the month with .954 save percentage.

He was the WCHA Goaltender of the Month and was named WCHA Goaltender of the Week twice during the month – following two-game sweeps vs. Alabama-Huntsville (Feb. 1-2) and at Michigan Tech (Feb. 8-9).

McKay turned away 23 shots at Alaska on February 22 to help MSU to a MacNaughton Cup-clinching 6-1 victory. He finished the month with a 4-1-1 record.

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HCA Commissioners’ Choice Awards

February 2019

National Player of the Month
Jeremy Davies, Northeastern, HEA

National Rookie of the Month
Austin Magera, Sacred Heart, AHA

National Goaltender of the Month
Dryden McKay, Minnesota State, WCHA

Honorable Mention Player of the Month
Ludwig Stenlund, Niagara, AHA
Nate Sucese, Penn State, Big Ten
Ryan Kuffner, Princeton, ECACH
Patrick Newell, St. Cloud State, NCHC
Adam Rockwood, Northern Michigan, WCHA

Honorable Mention Rookie of the Month
Aidan Pelino, Bentley, AHA
Nolan Moyle, Michigan, Big Ten
Wyatt Bongiovanni, Quinnipiac, ECACH
Ruslan Iskhakov, UConn, HEA
Ben Copeland, Colorado College, NCHC

Honorable Mention Goaltender of the Month
Tommy Nappier, Ohio State, Big Ten
Jeremy Swaiman, Maine, HEA
Matthew Galajda, Cornell, ECACH
David Hrenak, St. Cloud State, NCHC
Ashton Calder, Lake Superior State, WCHA