



Hockey Commissioners Association

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North Dakota's Jordan Kawaguchi Named National Player of the Month

Boston College's Knight Is Top Rookie, Minnesota State's McKay Best Goaltender

WAKEFIELD, Mass. – After scoring or assisting on seven game-winning goals during the month, North Dakota junior forward **Jordan Kawaguchi** (Abbotsford, B.C.) has been selected the Hockey Commissioners' Association National Division I Men's Player of the Month for November. He ranked third nationally in November with 16 points, leading the Fighting Hawks to an unbeaten month (8-0-1).

Kawaguchi averaged 1.78 points per game in November, which was second in the NCAA, with at least a point in eight of the nine games, including five multi-point outings. UND's assistant captain scored six goals to tie for ninth nationally, four of which were game-winners to lead the NCAA in November. He also dished out 10 assists, including three primary helpers on game-winning goals, which tied for sixth in the NCAA.

Kawaguchi was twice named NCHC Forward of the Week in November and NCAA Third Star of the Week once after a six-point weekend in a sweep of Miami on Nov. 8-9. His other NCHC weekly honor came after a three-goal, four-point series to close November, guiding UND to its first road sweep of Minnesota since 2006-07 by tallying both game-winners. He also notched four points in UND's sweep of St. Cloud State a weekend earlier (Nov. 22-23) to finish the month on a four-game point streak. Kawaguchi completed November with a +9 plus/minus and 20 shots on goal.

Boston College freshman goaltender **Spencer Knight** (Darien, Conn.) has been named the National Rookie of the Month by the Hockey Commissioners Association, collecting his first career national honor.

Knight went 7-1-0 in November with a 1.12 goals against average and a .959 save percentage, including a 5-1-0 mark on the road. He posted two shutouts in league play against UConn and Vermont and didn't allow more than two goals in any of his eight starts.

The freshman backstop closed the month on a personal seven-game winning streak. He led Hockey East in wins (7), save percentage (.959), goals against average (1.12), and shutouts (2), while he ranked tied for first nationally in wins and shutouts, and second in all other categories. He allowed just nine goals on 218 shots against.

Minnesota State sophomore **Dryden McKay** (Downers Grove, Ill.) backstopped the Mavericks to 7-1-1 mark for month of November. The Downers Grove, Ill., native led all NCAA goaltenders with a goals against average of 0.99 and a .962 save percentage during the season's second month.

McKay was named WCHA Goaltender of the Week three times in November, picking up two shutouts in eight games – 31 saves in 3-0 win at Michigan Tech Nov. 8 and 20 saves in 3-0 home win over Alaska Anchorage Nov. 23. He registered a career-high 37 saves in a 3-1 non-conference road win at two-time defending national champion Minnesota Duluth Nov. 30 to close out the month.

In November, McKay also earned his fourth career WCHA Goaltender of the Month award and second this season.

HCA Commissioners' Choice Awards November 2019

National Player of the Month

Jordan Kawaguchi, North Dakota, NCHC

National Rookie of the Month

Spencer Knight, Boston College, HEA

National Goaltender of the Month

Dyden McKay, Minnesota State, WCHA

Honorable Mention Player of the Month

Austin McIlmurray, Sacred Heart, AHA
Evan Barratt, Penn State, Big Ten
Casey Dornbach, Harvard, ECACH
Tyler Madden, Northeastern, HEA
Adam Brady, Bemidji State, WCHA

Honorable Mention Rookie of the Month

Braeden Tuck, Sacred Heart, AHA
Trevor Janicke, Notre Dame, Big Ten
Sam Malinski, Cornell, ECACH
Ryan Savage, Miami, NCHC
Jake Willets, Ferris State, WCHA

Honorable Mention Goaltender of the Month

Trevin Kozlowski, Army West Point, AHA
John Lethemon, Michigan State, Big Ten
Matthew Galajda, Cornell, ECACH
Tyler Wall, UMass Lowell, HEA
Adam Scheel, North Dakota, NCHC

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