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BOSTON COLLEGE'S ALEX NEWHOOK IS 2020 TIM TAYLOR NATIONAL ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Boston College freshman forward **Alex Newhook** has been named the recipient of the **2020 Tim Taylor Award**, bestowed annually upon the best first-year player in NCAA Division I men's ice hockey, the Hockey Commissioners' Association announced today. He is the first BC player to win this award and the seventh from the Hockey East Association in the 14 years of the award. The award is voted on by the nation's assistant coaches and is named for the former Yale University and U.S. Olympic Team head coach.

Newhook finished second among all league players in conference scoring with 15 goals and 18 assists for 33 points in 24 games, while leading the league with a plus-25 on-ice rating. His 15 goals were second among all skaters, including four game-winning strikes that helped the Eagles to a 17-6-1 record in Hockey East play and the program's 17th regular season crown. The St. John's, Newfoundland native paced all Hockey East freshmen in goals (15), points (33), points per game (1.38), shorthanded goals (1), game-winning goals (4), and on-ice rating (+25.) He was also second in faceoff percentage, going 122-105 at the dot for a 53.7% efficiency.

Newhook finished the regular season riding a 12-game point streak, picking up 10 goals and 13 assists over the span. Overall, Newhook led the Eagles in scoring with 42 points on 19 goals and 23 assists, including a league-best three shorthanded markers. His 42 points were seventh in the NCAA among all skaters. Among his freshman peers, Newhook's 19 goals, three shorthanded markers, four game-winning goals, and plus-28 rating were tops nationally. The 5-11, 193-pound forward was named both Hockey East and National Player of the Month and Pro Ambitions and National Rookie of the Month for a February run where he led NCAA players with 20 points, 11 assists, two shorthanded goals, and a plus-14 on ice rating.

Tim Taylor, for whom the award is named, spent 28 seasons at Yale and became the school's winningest head coach as he collected 337 victories. His tenure spanned from 1976-2006, while taking two years on leave to coach the U.S. Men's Olympic Ice Hockey Team as an assistant coach in 1984 and as the head coach in 1994. Taylor was captain of the Harvard University men's ice hockey team before he graduated in 1963. He began his coaching career at his alma mater, serving as an assistant coach on the Crimson staff under Ralph "Cooney" Weiland and Bill Cleary before beginning his time with the Bulldogs in New Haven, Connecticut.

The Hockey Commissioners Association sponsors this award which results from a ballot containing each NCAA Division I ice hockey conference's Rookie of the Year. The runner-up for this year's Tim Taylor Rookie of the Year Award was Harvard Freshman forward Nick Abruzzese of Slate Hill, NY.



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Recipients of the Tim Taylor National Rookie of the Year Award

2007	Andreas Nodl, F, St. Cloud State University
2008	Richard Bachman, G, Colorado College
2009	Kieran Millan, G, Boston University
2010	Stephane Da Costa, F, Merrimack College
2011	T.J. Tynan, F, Notre Dame University
2012	Joey LaLeggia, D, University of Denver
2013	Jon Gillies, G, Providence College
2014	Sam Anas, F, Quinnipiac University
2015	Jack Eichel, F, Boston University
2016	Kyle Connor, F, University of Michigan
2017	Clayton Keller, F, Boston University
2018	Scott Perunovich, D, Minnesota Duluth
2019	Joel Farabee, F, Boston University
2020	Alex Newhook, Boston College

