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BOSTON COLLEGE'S JOHNNY GAUDREAU CHOSEN AS NATIONAL COLLEGE HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE MONTH TEAMMATE THATCHER DEMKO NAMED ROOKIE OF THE MONTH

WAKEFIELD, Mass. – Boston College forward Johnny Gaudreau, who led the nation in scoring in January, has been named the Hockey Commissioners' Association National Division I Player of the Month for January.

The 5-8, 159-pound native of Carneys Point, N.J. tallied eight goals and ten assists for 18 points in eight games in the month of January, while BC went 7-0-1 during the stretch. He recorded three two-goal games, including against Notre Dame at Fenway Park, and had multiple points in five of his eight games played. In a 7-2 win over Maine on Jan. 18, Gaudreau notched a career-high five assists, with three of those helpers coming on the power play.

He currently leads all of Division I in scoring with 24 goals and 29 assists for 53 points, an average of 1.96 points per game, and has amassed 148 points (66 goals, 82 assists) in just 106 games played in his college career. This season, he has recorded at least a point in 26 of 27 games played, and he is currently on a 22-game point streak, with 21 goals and 24 assists for 45 points dating back to Nov. 1.

Jerry York's Boston College Eagles haven't lost a game since Gaudreau joined a line with Kevin Hayes (Dorchester, Mass.) and Bill Arnold (Needham, Mass.), as they are currently 12-0-1 in their last 13 games. That line alone has scored 29 goals during the current stretch, while BC's opponents have been held to just 23 goals combined.

BC is ranked second nationally in both the USCHO and USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine Polls, and they are currently 20-4-3 on the year. With approximately a month remaining in the regular season, the Eagles' 12-1-1 Hockey East record has them eight points clear of second-place teams UMass Lowell and Northeastern.

Another reason for the Eagles' success in the month of January was the emergence of goaltender Thatcher Demko, a 6-3, 192-pound freshman hailing from San Diego, Calif. The former US National Team Development Program netminder went 4-0-1 in the month of January, with four of those five starts coming on the road. During the month, he stopped 134 of 142 shots faced for a save percentage of .944, to go along with a goals-against average of 1.57.

Demko started and won four straight games to close out the month, capping it off with a 30-save shutout on the road at Providence, the first shutout of his college career. He has been stellar so far in Hockey East play, holding a record of 6-0-0 with a 1.17 GAA and .953 save percentage through his first six league games.

With an overall record of 9-1-2, Demko has the best winning percentage (.833) of any qualifying goalie in Division I. He is fifth nationally in goals-against average with a mark of 1.90, and his .930 save percentage is good for 11th.

HCA Commissioners' Choice Awards February 2014

National Player of the Month

Johnny Gaudreau, F, Boston College, HEA

National Rookie of the Month

Thatcher Demko, G, Boston College, HEA

Honorable Mention Player of the Month

Brett Gensler, F, Bentley, AHA

Alex Wilcox, G, Minnesota, Big Ten

Matt Naclerio, F, Brown, ECACH

Jonny Brodzinski, F, St. Cloud State, NCHC

Jean-Paul LaFontaine, F, Minnesota St., WCHA

Honorable Mention Rookie of the Month

David Norris, F, AIC, AHA

Christian Frey, G, Ohio State, Big Ten

Charlie Finn, G, Colgate, ECACH

Alex Iafallo, F, Minn.-Duluth, NCHC

Marcus Basara, F, Alaska, WCHA



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Steve Hagwell, ECAC Hockey • Joe Bertagna, Hockey East
Josh Fenton, NCHC • Bruce McLeod, WCHA*