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JOHNNY GAUDREAU REPEATS AS WARRIOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR ~ UVM's Puskarich Named Top Rookie; BC's Jerry York Wins Coach of the Year ~

Wakefield, Mass. - The Hockey East Association announced its 2013-2014 Player, Rookie and Coach of the Year on Thursday night at the Hockey East Championship banquet at the Royal Sonesta Hotel in Cambridge, Mass.

For the second straight season, Boston College junior forward Johnny Gaudreau (Carneys Point, N.J.) was tabbed the Warrior Player of the Year. Gaudreau, the nation's leading scorer, has 32 goals and 37 assists for 69 points in 37 games, with 61 of those points coming on his 31-game point streak that ran from November 1 to March 15. The streak tied the overall Hockey East record, set in 1992-93 by Maine's Paul Kariya. Gaudreau became the first player in league history to record at least a point in every league contest his team played this season. Gaudreau was selected as Warrior Player of the Month three times this season, and he is taking home Player of the Year honors for the second straight year. He is the third-ever back-to-back winner of the league's most prestigious individual award, joining Boston University's Chris Drury (1997, 1998) and Boston College's Greg Brown (1989, 1990). With 116 collegiate games under his belt, he has racked up 74 goals and 90 assists for 164 points, including 17 game-winning goals.

Vermont forward Mario Puskarich (Fort Walton Beach, Fla.) was selected as the 2013-14 Pro Ambitions Rookie of the Year. Puskarich has 35 points this season (19g, 16a), a team rookie record for their nine years in Hockey East, and he is the first Catamount to win Rookie of the Year since the team joined HEA in 2005-06. He took home Pro Ambitions Rookie of the Month in December and February, and he took home weekly rookie honors five times. Puskarich's 19 goals this year are four more than any other freshman in Hockey East, and he ranks tied for fourth in the nation in rookie scoring at 0.97 points per game. In conference play, he averaged 5.05 shots on goal per game, a full 1.1 shots per game more than any other skater in Hockey East. Puskarich is currently tied for first in the nation in game-winning goals, with seven on the season.

Boston College Head Coach Jerry York was chosen as the recipient of the Bob Kullen Coach of the Year Award sponsored by Bauer for the third time, after taking home the award in 2003-04 and 2010-11. York, college hockey's all-time winningest coach with 961 wins, has already won his seventh league regular season crown with BC and led his Eagles to their fifth-straight Beanpot title. The Eagles didn't lose a game in December, January or February, stringing together a 19-game unbeaten streak (17-0-2). Though the Eagles are missing the Hockey East Semifinals for the first time since 2004, they are a lock to be selected for their fifth consecutive NCAA Tournament.

Northeastern had the runner-up on all three major awards, with redshirt-junior goalie Clay Witt (Brandon, Fla.) finishing second for Player of the Year, freshman forward Mike Szmatala (Commerce, Mich.) finishing second for Rookie of the Year, and Head Coach Jim Madigan was the runner-up for Coach of the Year.

2013-14 Hockey East Warrior Player of the Year

Johnny Gaudreau, Boston College
Runner-up: Clay Witt, Northeastern



2013-14 Hockey East Pro Ambitions Rookie of the Year

Mario Puskarich, Vermont
Runner-up: Mike Szmatala, Northeastern



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2013-14 Bob Kullen Coach of the Year sponsored by Bauer

Jerry York, Boston College
Runner-up: Jim Madigan, Northeastern

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