



MEN'S MONTHLY

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Frank Vatrano of UMass Wins Warrior Hockey Player of the Month BU's Eichel Relains Top Rookie Honors; Providence's Gillies Selected as Best Netminder



Warrior Hockey Player of the Month **Frank Vatrano - Massachusetts**

Sophomore Forward; East Longmeadow, Massachusetts

Vatrano tied for the national lead in scoring during the month of December, putting up nine points (6g, 3a) in five games. His 1.80 points per game was the highest in the NCAA and Vatrano finished just one marker short of the NCAA lead in goals. The East Longmeadow, Massachusetts native recorded three multi-point games in December and was successful on 24% of his shot attempts. His nine-point month has placed Vatrano into a tie for first in Hockey East in overall goals (12) and third in points (19).

Runner-up:

Dylan Zink, UML (So., D; Madison, Wisconsin) 4 GP, 3 pts. (3g, 0a), MVP of two holiday tournaments, both of which were won by UML.

Dec.	Opponent	Result	G-A-P
5	NOTRE DAME	L, 5-7	2-1-3
6	NOTRE DAME	L, 0-5	0-0-0
16	NORTHEASTERN	L, 3-8	2-0-2
28	vs. Providence	W, 5-1	1-0-1
29	vs. Air Force	L, 3-4	1-2-3
Totals		1-4-0	6-3-9



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Pro Ambitions Rookie of the Month **Jack Eichel - Boston University**

Forward; North Chelmsford, Massachusetts

Eichel continued the torrid start to his collegiate career, racking up six points on six assists in just three games in the month of December. His 2.00 points per game helped lead the No. 2 Terriers to an undefeated 2-0-1 record on the month. In a 4-2 win over Merrimack Dec. 6, Eichel assisted on all four BU goals and added two more helpers at RPI Dec. 13, including setting up the game-winning tally. Eichel was also named captain of Team USA at the 2015 IIHF World Junior Championship, scoring one goal and adding three assists in five games.

Runner-up:

Cal Petersen, (G; Waterloo, Iowa) 2-1-0, 1.32 GAA, .926 SV%

Dec.	Opponent	Result	G-A-P
5	at Merrimack	T, 1-1 (OT)	0-0-0
6	MERRIMACK	W, 4-2	0-4-4
13	at RPI	W, 5-1	0-2-2
Totals		2-0-1	0-6-6



Stop It Goaltender of the Month **Jon Gillies - Providence**

Junior; South Portland, Maine

Gillies started all five Providence contests in December, backstopping the No. 13 Friars to a 4-1-0 record. The third-year netminder turned aside 130 shots, racking up a .949 save percentage and 1.41 goals against average. Gillies helped his team to the 2014 Catamount Cup title, posting his fourth shutout of the year over No. 9 Vermont to claim the tournament victory.

Runner-up:

Matt O'Connor, BU (Jr; Toronto, Ontario) 2-0-1, 1.30 GAA, .958 SV%

Dec.	Opponent	Result	Min	Svs	GA
3	at Northeastern	W, 5-1	59:49	26	1
6	NORTHEASTERN	L, 1-2	58:33	24	2
9	COLGATE	W, 4-3	59:48	29	3
28	vs UMass	W, 4-1	59:42	22	1
29	at Vermont	W, 3-0	59:45	29	0
Totals		4-1-0	297:37	130	7
			1.41 GAA, .949 SV%		

