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Northeastern's Kevin Roy Named National College Hockey Player of the Month Denver's Danton Heinen Claims Rookie of the Month

WAKEFIELD, Mass. – Northeastern men's ice hockey junior **Kevin Roy**, who led the nation with 17 points during the month of February, was named the Hockey Commissioners' Association National Division I Player of the Month for February Thursday.

This marks the second career HCA Player of the Month honor for the Lac-Beauport, Quebec native, who also picked up national accolades in October 2013. Roy potted eight goals during February, tops in the nation, and added nine assists to lead Northeastern to a 6-3-0 mark during the month, including a 5-2-0 record in conference play that helped the Huskies finish sixth overall in the final Hockey East standings.

The 5-10, 170-pound winger logged points in all but one of his nine games in February, including multi-point efforts in six contests. Roy did most of his damage during a weekend set with UC, scoring four goals in a 9-0 victory at Matthews Arena Feb. 13, marking the first time a Husky accomplished the feat since the 2012-13 season. The following afternoon, he added three assists in a 6-1 win at UConn.

Roy leads the team with 43 points (19 goals, 24 assists) in 33 games this season. He currently ranks tied for seventh in the nation in total points, tied for 10th in total goals and tied for 16th in assists. He is also 25th all-time on the Northeastern career scoring list with 123 points (55 goals, 68 assists), and became the 34th player in team history to record 50 career goals.

Garnering HCA National Rookie of the Month for February is Denver freshman **Danton Heinen**. The 6-foot, 180-pound forward racked up five goals and 10 assists for 15 points in just seven games while helping the Pioneers to a 4-2-1 record. His 15 points tied for the national rookie lead in scoring during the month, while his 2.14 points per game in February ranked second among all NCAA players behind only his teammate, Trevor Moore. Heinen's 15 points also tied for second nationally among all NCAA players during the month, as did his 10 assists. The Langley, British Columbia native posted a plus-12 rating in February, which was two better than any other NCAA player during the month.

Heinen recorded points in all seven games in February, while he notched four multi-point games and two multi-goal games. The Boston Bruins draft pick opened the month with a three-point outing in a shutout of rival Colorado College Feb. 6 as he had a hand in all three markers, scoring the game-winning goal while adding assists on the final two tallies. The next weekend, Feb. 13-14, Heinen dished out an assist in each game at then-No. 2 North Dakota. A weekend later, again against CC, Heinen compiled a four-point weekend with two goals and an assist in a 6-4 win Feb. 20 to earn first star of the game. He chipped in another assist the following night as he garnered NCHC Offensive Player of the Week honors.

To close the month, Heinen amassed six points in a split with No. 5 Miami to earn NCHC Rookie of the Week for the fourth time this season. On Feb. 27, Heinen doled out two assists, while he tied a career high with four points the following night in a 6-2 victory. In that game on Feb. 28, he scored two power-play goals and handed out two assists, including one on the game-winning tally, as he was named the game's second star. Heinen put 19 shots on goal in February and leads the NCHC in overall scoring with 41 points (14g, 27a) this season.

HCA Commissioners' Choice Awards February 2015

National Player of the Month
Kevin Roy, F, Northeastern, HEA

National Rookie of the Month
Danton Heinen, F, Denver, NCHC

Honorable Mention Player of the Month
Travis Boyd, F, Minnesota, Big Ten
Tim Ernst, G, Brown, ECACH
Joey LaLeggia, D, Denver, NCHC
Brad McGowan, F, RIT, AHA
Tyler Morley, F, Alaska, WCHA

Honorable Mention Rookie of the Month
Erik Baskin, F, Air Force, AHA
Michael Bitzer, G, Bemidji State, WCHA
Dylan Larkin, F, Michigan, Big Ten
Drew Melanson, F, RPL, ECACH
Cal Petersen, G, Notre Dame, HEA



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Steve Hagwell, ECAC Hockey • Joe Bertagna, Hockey East
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