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Jack Eichel Wins Hobey Baker Award BU Freshman Receives Honor Ahead of Saturday's National Championship Game

WAKEFIELD, Mass. - Boston University freshman forward **Jack Eichel** (North Chelmsford, Massachusetts) has been named the winner of the 2015 Hobey Baker Memorial Award, given annually to the best player in NCAA Division I men's ice hockey it was announced tonight. The award was given out at Matthews Arena in Boston in conjunction with the Frozen Four weekend. He is the second consecutive Hobey winner from Hockey East, as Boston College's Johnny Gaudreau claimed the prize in 2014.

Eichel becomes the first freshman winner of the Hobey Baker since Maine's **Paul Kariya** won the award in 1993 after scoring 100 points (25g, 75a) in his rookie campaign for the Black Bears. Eichel's 70 points this year (26g, 44a) is the highest total for an NCAA rookie since Kariya. He has helped lead the Boston University Terriers to the NCAA National Championship game for the first time since 2009, scoring two goals and adding an assist in Thursday night's national semifinal, a 5-3 win over North Dakota at TD Garden in Boston.

Eichel leads the NCAA in nearly every offensive category, pacing the nation in assists (44), points (70), assists per game (1.13), points per game (1.79), power-play points (23), and plus-minus (plus-51) in 39 games played. He was named both Hockey East Rookie of the Year and Hockey East Player of the Year on March 19. It marked the first time both awards have gone to the same player since the 1992-93 season when Kariya took home the honors and just the third time one skater has won the top accolades in league history (Brian Leetch/Boston College/1986-87). Eichel was also unanimously named to the Hockey East All-Rookie Team and the Hockey East First Team All-Star squad.

The rookie center also earned HCA National Rookie of the Month in October and was honored as Hockey East Player of the Month in November and was selected as Hockey East Rookie of the Month in October, December, February and March. He was also named the recipient of the Tim Taylor Award, given to the nation's top rookie. Further, Eichel was named the winner of three New England Hockey Writers awards, including the Leonard Fowle Award as the Most Valuable Player, the Herb Gallagher Award as the Forward of the Year, and the George C. Carens Award as Rookie of the Year.

Eichel led Hockey East in scoring over his freshman campaign, turning in 14 goals and 30 assists for 44 points in 22 Hockey East games to earn the title of Squad Locker Scoring Champion. His 2.00 points per game tied for ninth on the all-time single-season scoring list and is second all-time among rookies, while his 1.36 assists per game ranks sixth all-time in league history and second among freshman. With 44 total points, Eichel ranks sixth all-time on the rookie scoring list while his 30 assists tied for fourth in a single season. His 0.64 goals per game also tied him for eighth on the single-season rookie list.

In March, Eichel was the leading scorer in the Hockey East Tournament, notching four goals and six assists for 11 points and finishing a plus-10 in four games played. For his efforts in helping Boston University capture the eighth Hockey East Tournament title in school history, Eichel was named to the All-Tournament Team and Tournament MVP.

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