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## Harvard University's Jimmy Vesey Named National College Hockey Player of the Month 2015 Hobey Baker Winner Eichel Wins Top Rookie Honors

**WAKEFIELD, Mass.** – Harvard junior forward **Jimmy Vesey** has been selected as the Hockey Commissioners' Association National Division I Player of the Month for March/April 2015 after leading the Crimson to the ECAC Hockey Tournament Championship and a trip to the NCAA Tournament, both feats last reached during the 2005-06 campaign for the Crimson.

A native of North Reading, Massachusetts, Vesey led the nation with 10 goals over an eight game span during March/April while sparking one of the nation's top ten offenses. His 14 points led all ECAC Hockey players and were good enough for second in the nation. Vesey tied for second in the NCAA averaging 1.25 goals per contest and chipped in with four assists to guide the Crimson to a 6-2-0 mark over the final stretch.

A Hobey Hat Trick finalist, he led the country in goals with 32 over the course of 2014-15 and closed out the year with 58 points, good for third. In addition, Vesey was named the Walter Brown Award recipient, Player of the Year in the ECAC Hockey, both First Team All-Conference and All-American selections, as well as the Most Outstanding Player of the ECAC Hockey Tournament where he scored nine goals to set a new playoff record.

The 6'1" forward registered three game-winning goals during the final months. For his efforts, he was voted ECAC Hockey Player of the Month for the second time on the season. His clutch instincts were on full display as he scored the double-overtime game-winner in a decisive Game 3 against Yale to send Harvard to the conference championship weekend. Vesey went on to score twice in both the semifinal against Quinnipiac and final versus Colgate.

Netting at least one point in his first 20 games this season, he found his name on the score sheet in 34 of 37 of the Crimson's contests. Vesey was recently selected to the U.S. Men's National Team that will compete at the 2015 IIHF Men's Ice Hockey World Championship, as announced by USA Hockey. The 2015 IIHF World Championship will be held in Prague and Ostrava, Czech Republic from May 1 – 17, 2015.

Boston University men's ice hockey freshman **Jack Eichel**, tied for second in the nation with eight goals and eight assists for an NCAA-leading 16 points in eight games since the beginning of March, was named the Hockey Commissioners' Association National Division I Rookie of the Month for March/April.

Eichel, the 2015 Hobey Baker Award winner, helped the Terriers reach the NCAA National Championship game in Boston on April 11. His 2.00 points per game since March 1 led the country during that time frame, as did his plus-15 rating and 40 shots on goal. Within Hockey East, Eichel led nearly every offensive category, including goals (8), assists (8), points (8), goals per game (1.00), points per game (2.00), game-winning goals (1), plus-minus (plus-15), shots on goal (40), and faceoffs won (107). Eichel's 71 points this year (26g, 45a) is the highest total for an NCAA rookie since Paul Kariya registered 100 for Maine in 1992-93.

He scored the game-winning goal in BU's post-season opener against Merrimack on March 13 in a game that saw him register a 2-1—3 point line. He factored in on two other postseason game-winning goals, including the overtime strike against Yale in the Northeast Regional Semifinal. In the Frozen Four, Eichel picked up four points (2g, 2a) in two games.

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 after becoming just the third player to be named Hockey East Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year in the same season. Earlier this week, he was tabbed New England MVP. Eichel was also unanimously named to the Hockey East All-Rookie Team and the Hockey East First Team All-Star squad. He was also named the recipient of the Tim Taylor Award, given to the nation's top rookie.

Eichel lead the NCAA in nearly every offensive category in 2014-15, pacing the nation in assists (45), points (71), assists per game (1.12), points per game (1.77), power-play points (23), and plus-minus (plus-51) in 40 games played.

### HCA Commissioners' Choice Awards March-April 2015

**National Player of the Month**  
Jimmy Vesey, F, Harvard, ECAC

**National Rookie of the Month**  
Jack Eichel, F, Boston University, HEA

**Honorable Mention Player of the Month**  
Jake Hildebrand, G, Michigan State, Big Ten  
Jack Eichel, F, Boston University, HEA  
Blake Coleman, F, Miami, NCHC  
Josh Mitchell, F, RIT, AHA  
Jamie Phillips, G, Michigan Tech, WCHA

**Honorable Mention Rookie of the Month**  
Dylan Larkin, F, Michigan, Big Ten  
Spencer Foo, F, Union, ECAC  
Tucker Poolman, D/F, North Dakota, NCHC  
Brady Norrish, D, RIT, AHA  
Brad McClure, F, Minnesota State, WCHA



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Steve Hagwell, ECAC Hockey • Joe Bertagna, Hockey East  
Josh Fenton, NCHC • Bill Robertson, WCHA*