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Jack Eichel Named Hobey Hat Trick Finalist Winner to be Named Friday, April 10 at Matthews Arena in Boston

WAKEFIELD, Mass. - Boston University freshman forward **Jack Eichel** was named as one of three Hobey Hat Trick finalists Thursday by the Hobey Baker Memorial Award Foundation. The award is given annually to the top player in men's college hockey and Eichel seeks to become the first freshman to win the honor since Maine's **Paul Kariya** captured the award in 1992-93. The winner will be announced Friday, April 10, at Matthews Arena in Boston as part of the 2015 Frozen Four festivities.

Eichel leads the NCAA in in nearly every offensive category, pacing the nation in assists (43), points (67), assists per game (1.13), points per game (1.76), power-play points (22), and plus-minus (plus-49) in 38 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 North Chelmsford, Massachusetts native 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.

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.

Joining Eichel as finalists are North Dakota junior goaltender **Zane McIntyre** and Harvard junior forward **Jimmy Vesey**. The three finalists were selected from the initial list of Top Ten candidates by the 27-member Selection Committee and an additional round of online fan balloting to determine this year's Hobey Baker winner. Criteria for the award includes: displaying outstanding skills in all phases of the game, strength of character on and off the ice, sportsmanship and scholastic achievements.

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