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Northeastern's Dylan Sikura Wins National College Hockey Player of the Month

Boston University's Clayton Keller Earns Rookie of the Month Honors

WAKEFIELD, Mass. - Northeastern junior forward **Dylan Sikura** (Aurora, Ont.) was named the Hockey Commissioners' Association National Division I Player of the Month for January 2017 after helping his Huskies end the first month of the new year on a five-game unbeaten streak and leading the nation over the month with a total of 15 points.

The six-foot, 166-pound Sikura scored six goals and chipped in with nine assists in his team's eight outings. He paced the NCAA in multiple offensive categories, including points per game (1.88) and power-play assists (5) and points (8). He also lead all of Hockey East with three power-play tallies, two game-winning goals, and one hat trick. His three-goal outing came on January 27 at UMass Lowell when he recorded a natural hat trick, completing the feat with just 16.2 seconds left to lift the Huskies to a 4-3 victory over the River Hawks. He ended the month riding a five-game multi-point streak, helping his team to a 4-0-1 record to close the month.

Sikura has factored in on each of the Huskies' last five game-winning goals, scoring three and setting up the decisive tally in two other contests. He ended the month riding a five-game point streak, racking up 13 points on five goals and eight assists to propel him into a tie for the NCAA overall scoring lead with 44 points on the season. He currently leads the NCAA in power-play assists (17) and points (25).

The Aurora, Ontario native was named the Warrior Hockey East Player of the Week in consecutive weeks to close the month of January after racking up six points (4g, 2a) across the final two weekends. On February 2, Sikura was named Warrior Hockey East Player of the Month for his efforts.

Hockey East made a clean sweep of the HCA awards, as the National Rookie of the Month for January is Boston University's **Clayton Keller** (Swansea, Ill.). The 5-10, 175-pound forward lead all Division I freshman two game-winning goals and 39 shots on goal in the month in just eight games, helping his team to a 7-2-0 record and the top ranking in the NCAA. Keller ranked second

among all first-year skaters in the NCAA with 11 points, five goals, and six assists, while also making his presence known on special teams units, scoring one power-play marker, adding three assists with the man advantage and also scoring a short-handed tally.

Keller led all Hockey East freshmen in nearly every offensive category during January. His five goals, six assists, 11 points, 0.62 goals per game, 1.38 points per game, four power-play points, and one short-handed goal were all tops in the conference among rookies.

He also extended his point streak to 13 games with at least one point in each January contest, including three multi-point outings. He has now recorded at least a point in all but two of the games in which he has appeared for the Terriers, despite missing seven games due to injury and one outing while he was with the U.S. National Junior Team, helping Team USA to a gold medal at the 2017 IIHF World Junior Championship.

HCA Commissioners' Choice Awards January 2017

National Player of the Month

Dylan Sikura, Northeastern, Hockey East

National Rookie of the Month

Clayton Keller, Boston University, Hockey East

Honorable Mention Player of the Month

Charles Williams, Canisius, Atlantic Hockey

Mason Jobst, Ohio State, Big 10

Troy Crema, Dartmouth, ECAC Hockey

Tanner Jaillet, Denver, NCHC

Dominik Shine, Northern Michigan, WCHA

Honorable Mention Rookie of the Month

Brett Orr, Bentley, Atlantic Hockey

Trent Frederic, Wisconsin, Big 10

Alex Gilmour, St. Lawrence, ECAC Hockey

Hunter Miska, Minnesota Duluth, NCHC

Max Humitz, Lake Superior State, WCHA



**Bob DeGregorio, Atlantic Hockey • Jim Delany, Big Ten
Steve Hagwell, ECAC Hockey • Joe Bertagna, Hockey East
Josh Fenton, NCHC • Bill Robertson, WCHA**