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MIKE RADJA OF NEW HAMPSHIRE NAMED NATIONAL COLLEGE HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE MONTH

Richard Bachman of Colorado College Honored as the Commissioners' Choice Rookie of the Month



Wakefield, Mass.,— New Hampshire senior forward Mike Radja has been named the Hockey Commissioners' Association National Division I Player of the Month for February. The Yorkville, Ill., native registered a point in all eight games, including five multi-point outings, in helping the Wildcats to a 7-0-1 record.

The 6-foot, 190-pound forward recorded three games with three points, including a hat trick in a 3-2 win at Maine on Feb. 8 and a goal and two assists in a 4-1 win the following night. On Feb. 16 he produced three points, including the winning goal for the first-place Wildcats in a 4-3 win over Providence.

Radja, who spent two seasons with the Waterloo Blackhawks of the USHL prior to joining New Hampshire, reached the 100-point and 50-goal milestones for his career with a 5-11-16 scoring line during February. He is fourth in Hockey East play in scoring with 13-16-29 and his 13 goals in conference play rank tied for second. Radja's 1.30 points-per game average ranks him ninth in the nation and his six game-winning goals stand second nationally.

Colorado College goalie Richard Bachman, who backstopped the Tigers to a 6-1-0 record in February and a shot at their third WCHA regular-season championship in the last six years, is the HCA Rookie of the Month for the second time this season.

The Highlands Ranch, Colo., native posted a 1.59 GAA and .940 save percentage in seven starts, allowing two or fewer goals in five of them.

Bachman became the first CC goalie in history to shut out the same opponent on consecutive nights on the road, making 60 saves (31 and 29) while blanking Minnesota Duluth, by scores of 3-0 and 4-0, on the weekend of Feb. 22-23.

The 5-foot-10, 172-pound netminder, who spent one season in the USHL with Cedar Rapids and Chicago, recorded 13 shutout periods out of a possible 21 for the month. He also assisted on his second game-winning goal of the season in a 5-3 home-ice victory over St. Cloud State on Feb. 8.

Bachman, a fourth-round NHL draft pick of Dallas in 2006, is part of a three-way tie for the nation's best save percentage at .934 and sports the third-best goals-against average with a mark of 1.76.



HCA Commissioners' Choice Awards February, 2008

National Player of the Month

Mike Radja, F, New Hampshire, HEA

National Rookie of the Month

Richard Bachman, G, Colorado College, WCHA

Honorable Mention Player of the Month

Jack Hillen, D, Colorado College, WCHA

Josh Kassel, G, Army, AHA

Stavros Paskaris, F, Wayne State, CHA

Kevin Porter, F, Michigan, CCHA

Doug Rogers, F, Harvard, ECAC

Honorable Mention Rookie of the Month

Matt McCollem, F, Harvard, ECAC

Mark Olver, F, Northern Michigan, CCHA

Adam Roy, G, Holy Cross, AHA

Colin Wilson, F, Boston University, HEA

Paul Zanette, F, Niagara, CHA

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