

# Women's Hockey Commissioners Association



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### Northeastern's Alina Mueller Wins National Player of the Month Award

*St. Lawrence's Morgan Claims National Rookie; Cornell's Browning Is Top Goaltender*

**WAKEFIELD, Mass.** - Northeastern sophomore **Alina Mueller** (Winterthur, Switzerland) has been named the Women's Hockey Commissioners Association National Player of the Month after leading the Huskies to a 8-1-1 record in January with her explosive offensive skill.

Mueller led all players nationally during the month of January with 15 points and two shorthanded goals. The sophomore posted seven goals and eight assists through 10 contests in the month. Her eight assists were the best in Hockey East, while she also led the league in points per game (1.50) and shots on goal (48).

The native of Winterthur, Switzerland factored in on four game-winning goals, scoring one and settling up three others. She ended the month on a four-game point streak (4g, 7a) that included three game-winning assists and a career-best five-point (1g, 4a) outing on Jan. 25 at Vermont.

Mueller has twice been named Hockey East Player of the Month this season, including January and September/October.

St. Lawrence goaltender **Lucy Morgan** (Mandan, N.D.) earns WHCA Rookie of the Month honors after a strong month between the pipes for the Saints. The freshman led all NCAA rookies in save percentage (.958), and GAA (1.04), allowing just eight goals on 189 shots in her nine game played.

Morgan finished the month with a 4-3-1 record, which included a pair of shutouts. She made 25 saves in a 1-0 win over No. 7 Clarkson on January 18, and sent aside all 17 shots she faced against Union on January 28. She never allowed more than two goals in a game, as two of her three losses this month came in 2-1 decisions against nationally-ranked opponents.

She now ranks first among all rookie goaltenders in the nation in GAA (1.47), save percentage (.942), and shutouts (4).

**Lindsay Browning** (Penfield, N.Y.) continued her breakout 2019-20 campaign during the month of January, and as a result has been named WHCA Goaltender of the Month. The junior went 7-0-2 in January, helping Cornell extend its nation-leading unbeaten streak to 13 straight.

Browning's first season starting in net for the Big Red has been nothing short of spectacular, as she currently ranks in the top two nationally in nearly every statistical category, including GAA (1st - 0.79), save percentage (T-1st - .959), shutouts (T-1st - 8), and winning percentage (2nd - .891). She's currently on pace to top Cornell records in several statistical categories, including wins, save percentage, and GAA.

The month of January was no different, as Browning allowed just six goals nine starts, including four more shutouts. Three of those shutouts came in consecutive games, and each came against a team that was either ranked (Harvard - No. 10), or receiving votes (Colgate).

#### Women's Commissioners' Choice Awards January 2020

##### National Player of the Month

Alina Mueller, Northeastern, HEA

##### National Rookie of the Month

Lucy Morgan, St. Lawrence, ECACH

##### National Goaltender of the Month

Lindsay Browning, Cornell, ECACH

##### Honorable Mention Player of the Month

Jaycee Gebhard, Robert Morris, CHA  
Elizabeth Giguere, Clarkson, ECACH  
Emma Maltais, Ohio State, WCHA

##### Honorable Mention Rookie of the Month

Raygan Kirk, Robert Morris, CHA  
Ida Kuoppala, Maine, HEA  
Olivia Cvar, St. Cloud State, WCHA

##### Honorable Mention Goaltender of the Month

Chantal Buke, Robert Morris, CHA  
Aerin Frankel, Northeastern, HEA  
Sydney Scobee, Minnesota, WCHA

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