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Tim Doherty Named Hockey East Player of the Month

UConn's Firstov Wins Top Rookie; Abel Is Best Goaltender



Hockey East Player of the Month

Tim Doherty - Maine

Senior Forward; Portsmouth, R.I.

Doherty was fifth nationally in January with 12 points on six goals and six assists in just six games played, recording at least one point in each contest. The senior forward led all of Hockey East with 12 points, 1.00 goals per game, 2.00 points per game, and 4.33 shots on goal per game. He factored in on three of Maine's five game-winning goals, scoring one and setting up two others, and also added the game-winning goal in a 2-0 exhibition contest on Jan. 11. He racked up five points (2g, 3a) in a weekend sweep at then-#5 Boston College Jan. 24-25 and ended the month of a six-game point streak.

Runner-up: Logan Hutsko, Boston College

Jan.	Opponent	Result	G-A-P
3	OMAHA	T, 2-2 (OT)	2-0-2
4	OMAHA	W, 3-2	0-2-2
11	U.S. NTDP (ex)	W, 2-0	1-0-1
15	at UConn	L, 2-3	1-0-1
24	at Boston College	W, 4-3 (OT)	2-1-3
25	at Boston College	W, 3-2 (OT)	0-2-2
31	MERRIMACK	W, 6-2	1-1-2
Totals		4-1-1	6-6-12



Pro Ambitions Rookie of the Month

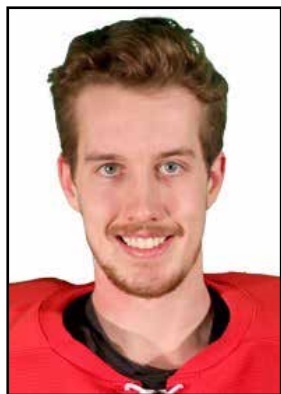
Vladislav Firstov - UConn

Forward; Yaroslavl, Russia

Among rookies, Firstov tied for second in the nation and first in Hockey East with nine points in the month of December. No freshman had more goals (5) than Firstov in the opening month of 2020 or was on the ice for more team goals (13). The forward finished with a nation-best plus-11 rating and 0.62 goals per game. Among his classmates in Hockey East, Firstov also led with two game-winning goals. The native of Yaroslavl, Russia, also scored two goals in UConn's 3-2 win at then-#12 Northeastern on Jan. 18 and enjoyed a four-point (1g, 3a) outing on Jan. 31.

Runner-up: Trevor Zegras, Boston University

Jan.	Opponent	Result	G-A-P
3	NORTHEASTERN	L, 2-5	1-1-2
7	MERRIMACK	L, 2-6	0-0-0
11	at Providence	L, 1-2	0-0-0
15	MAINE	W, 3-2	1-0-1
18	at Northeastern	W, 3-2 (OT)	2-0-2
25	vs. Quinnipiac	L, 2-3	0-0-0
26	vs. Yale	L, 2-3	0-0-0
31	at New Hampshire	W, 7-4	1-3-4
Totals		3-5-0	5-4-9



Stop It Goaltending

Goaltender of the Month

Ashton Abel - Boston University

Freshman; Fort McMurray, Alta.

Abel led all Hockey East goaltenders with a 1.68 goals against average, a .936 save percentage and one shutout in the month of January after joining the Terriers for the second semester. Abel was undefeated in his four starts, going 3-0-1 in games in which he was the starting net-minder, and earned a 17-save shutout against then-#12 UMass Lowell in his first-ever home start on Jan. 24. He allowed two goals or fewer in each of his appearances.

Runner-up: Michael Lackey, Providence

Jan.	Opponent	Result	Min	Svs	GA
8	BROWN	W, 3-2	DNP		
11	at Dartmouth	L, 4-5	42:17	20	2
17	at Merrimack	W, 3-2	60:00	27	2
18	at Boston College	L, 3-4	DNP		
24	UMASS LOWELL	W, 5-0	59:51	17	0
25	at UMass Lowell	T, 2-2 (OT)	65:00	25	2
31	at Vermont	W, 4-2	58:35	28	2
Totals		3-1-1	284:43	117	8
1.68 GAA, .936 save percentage					

