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Merrimack's Liam Walsh Named Hockey East Player of the Month

Morrow, Huard, Commesso Tabbed as Top Rookie, Defender, and Goaltender


Hockey East Player of the Month

Liam Walsh - Merrimack

Junior Forward; Bridgeville, Pa.

Walsh was on an absolute tear in the month of January, leading all Hockey East players with 10 points. He had at least a point in seven of the Warriors' eight games and ended the month on a five-game point streak that included four goals and three assists for seven points. He was also named Hockey East Player of the Week on Jan. 24 after a four-point weekend sweep of then-#10/9 UMass Lowell. He scored his four goals on just nine shots and helped lead Merrimack into the national rankings.

Runner-up: Jay O'Brien, BU

Jan.	Opponent	Result	G-A-P
2	at Brown	W, 7-1	0-1-1
3	at UMass	L, 3-4	0-1-1
8	BENTLEY	W, 4-1	0-0-0
14	PROVIDENCE	W, 3-2	1-1-2
15	at Providence	W, 2-1	0-1-1
21	UMASS LOWELL	W, 3-1	0-2-2
22	at UMass Lowell	W, 3-2	2-0-2
25	at UConn	L, 2-3	1-0-1
Totals		6-2-0	4-6-10



Pro Ambitions Rookie of the Month

Scott Morrow - Massachusetts

Defenseman; Darien, Conn.

Morrow currently sits second among all Hockey East skaters with 18 points in league play off 8 goals and 10 assists after posting a 4-5--9 overall stat line in eight games in January. His nine points tied for fifth nationally among all rookies and second of first-year defenders. He scored one game-winning goal and ended the month on a five-game point streak with two tallies and four helpers in that span. He enjoyed two multi-point outings, including a two-goal, one-assist performance against Merrimack on Jan. 3 in a non-conference match up. His 1.1250 points per game was seventh among all NCAA rookies in January.

Runner-up: Justin Hryckowian, NU

Jan.	Opponent	Result	G-A-P
3	MERRIMACK (NC)	W, 4-3	2-1-3
8	at Michigan	L, 1-4	0-0-0
9	at Michigan	L, 2-4	0-0-0
21	NORTHEASTERN	W, 3-2	0-1-1
22	at Northeastern	W, 6-0	0-1-1
25	BOSTON UNIV.	L, 4-6	1-0-1
28	PROVIDENCE	L, 1-2	0-1-1
30	at UMass Lowell	W, 4-2	1-1-2
Totals		4-4-0	4-5-9



Hockey East Defender of the Month

Colton Huard - New Hampshire

Freshman; Welland, Ont.

Huard posted four goals and five assists for nine points over five games during the month of January as the Wildcats went 4-1-0. His nine points ranked fourth among all NCAA defenders, while his 1.66 points per game was first nationally among all freshmen skaters. He was also second on the team with six blocks. He recorded at least one point in every game in the month. Huard was named the Hockey East Defensive Player of the Week on the Jan. 10 and the Hockey East Pro Ambitions Rookie of the Week on Jan. 17. On Jan. 8 in the 5-1 win over Clarkson, Huard tallied one goal and three assists for four points. Huard is currently on a six-game point streak with four goals and six assists for 10 points during that span.

Runner-up: Scott Morrow, UMass

Jan.	Opponent	Result	G-A-P
8	CLARKSON	W, 5-1	1-3-4
14	BOSTON COLLEGE	W, 3-2	1-0-1
15	at Boston College	W, 5-2	1-1-2
21	at UConn	W, 3-1	1-0-1
22	at UConn	L, 2-3	0-1-1
Totals		4-1-0	4-6-10



Stop It Goaltending

Goaltender of the Month

Drew Commesso - Boston University

Sophomore; Norwell, Mass.

Commesso earns his second consecutive nod as Stop It Goaltender of the Month. In seven January starts before leaving for Beijing as a goaltender for the U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team, the sophomore went 6-1-0 with a .946 save percentage and a 1.70 goals-against average. His save percentage was tops among all Hockey East netminders and seventh in the nation. He recorded his first NCAA shutout with a 35-save performance against Vermont on Jan. 22. Commesso also recorded a pair of 36-save victories as well as a 32-save performance at then-No. 9/8 UMass.

Runner-up: Hugo Ollas, MC

Jan.	Opponent	Result	Min	Svs	GA
7	ARIZONA ST.	W,	60:00	26	1
8	ARIZONA ST.	W,	60:00	36	2
14	at UConn	W,	60:08	35	1
21	VERMONT	L,	62:29	19	2
22	VERMONT	W,	60:00	35	0
25	at UMass	W,	60:00	32	4
30	PROVIDENCE	W,	60:00	36	2
Totals		6-1-0	422:37	209	12
			1.70 GAA,	.946 SV%	

