McGroarty, Rizzo and Curl Highlight First HCA Monthly Honors

Here are the first men’s and women’s monthly honorees and runners-up as chosen by the Hockey Commissioners Association. The men cover October while the women include September as well.

Men’s Co-Players of the Month

Rutger McGroarty
SO Forward, Michigan (Lincoln, NE)
McGroarty led the nation in scoring for the month of October. In eight games, he had a line of 5-10-15, leading Michigan to a 5-2-1 start. He had a point in seven of eight games.

Massimo Rizzo
JR Forward, Denver (Burnaby, BC)
Had one fewer assist than McGroarty (5-9-14) but played two fewer games. Had at least one point in each game and began the season with 0-7-7 in first two contests.

Women’s Player of the Month

Britta Curl
Grad Forward, Wisconsin (Bismarck, ND)
With 10-16-26 in 10 games, she led the NCAA in points per game (2.6). Led the Badgers to a 10-0-0 start, tied the school record with a goal in nine straight games. She had a point in every game.

Runners-Up: Izzy Daniel, GR, F, Cornell (Minneapolis, MN) (7 GP, 7-10-17, 2.43 PPG)
Kirsten Simms, SO, F, Wisconsin (Plymouth, MI) (10 GP, 11-13-24, 2.40 PPG)
Natalie Tulchinsky, SR, F, Saint Anselm (Clifton Park, NY) (10 GP, 8-4-12, 1.2 PPG)

Remaining Honorees are on Page Two.
Men’s Rookie of the Month
Macklin Celebrini
FR Forward, Boston University (Vancouver, BC)
This 17-year old led the nation with eight goals and led all rookies with 11 points. He recorded at least two points in five of the six Terriers’ games and scored a goal in all but one of those games.

Runners-Up: Boston Buckberger, FR D, Denver (Saskatoon, SK) (6 GP, 2-5-7, 1.2 PPG)
Tanner Latsch, FR F, Northern Michigan (Twin Lake, MI) (5 GP, 7-1-8, 1.4 PPG)

Women’s Rookie of the Month
Alaina Giampietro
FR Forward, Robert Morris (Strongsville, OH)
Her 6-6-12 led all rookies in scoring and her goals and assists were T-2 and T-3, respectively, among all players. She has registered at least one point in eight of RMU’s ten games played.

Runners-Up: Maddie Leaney, FR F, Union (Maple Ridge, BC) (12 GP, 5-3-8, 0.7 PPG)
Jenna Chaplain, FR F, Assumption (Peabody, MA) (8 GP, 3-3-6, 0.75 PPG)
Julia Pellerin, FR F, Boston College (Windham, NH) (10 GP, 3-4-7, 0.7 PPG)

Men’s Goaltender of the Month
Tommy Scarfone
JR Goalie, RIT (Montreal, PQ)
Had 1.98/.941 numbers in a 4-1-0 month. Averaged 32 saves/game over five games in October. Highlights: a 36-save 3-0 shutout over Notre Dame and a sweep of previously undefeated Holy Cross (3-2 OT and 3-2).

Runners-Up: Ludvig Persson, SR G, North Dakota (Hindås, Sweden) (6 GP, 1.65 GAA, 4-1-1, .933); Kyle McClellan, SR G, Wisconsin (Manchester, MO) (8 GP, 1.62, 7-1-0, .933)

Women’s Goaltender of the Month
Sanni Ahola
SR Goalie, St. Cloud State (Helsinki, Finland)
Ahola was almost perfect, stopping 99 of 100 shots in five games for the Huskies. Three of the opponents received votes in the weekly Top 15 Poll during October. The stats: 5-0-0, 0.20 GAA, .990 Pct. and four shutouts.

Runners-Up: Michelle Pasiechnyk, SR G, Clarkson (Ottawa, ON) (7 GP, 0.96 GAA, 7-0-0, .944); Gwyneth Philips, GR G, Northeastern (Brampton, ON) (11 GP, 0.87, 7-4-0, .961)