

# News from the Hockey Commissioners Association

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## Abby Hustler and Rutger McGroarty Top HCA Monthly Honors

A pair of talented forwards — Abby Hustler of St. Lawrence and Rutger McGroarty of Michigan — are the top indiviuals honored this month by the Hockey Commissioners Association. It is the second such honor for McGroarty, who was Co-Player of the Month in October.

#### Women's Player of the Month Abby Hustler, St. Lawrence JR Forward (St. Louis, PEI)

Hustler led a resurgence for SLU Hockey as the Saints won six in a row in a 6-3 month. Hustler led the nation with 6-13-19. SLU has kept it going with wins over highly ranked Cornell and Colgate to start February.

Runners-Up: Casey O'Brien, SR F, Wisconsin (Milton, MA) (8 GP, 5-12-17) Tessa Janecke, SO F, Penn State (Orangeville, IL) (8 GP, 5-11-16)



### Men's Player of the Month Rutger McGroarty, Michigan SO Forward (Lincoln, NE)

McGroarty scored in all six games as Michigan went 4-2-0 on the month and he had multiple points in five of the games. His complete line for January: 3-13-16. He had eight assists in four games against nationally ranked Michigan State and Wisconsin.

Runners-Up: Will Gavin, SR F, Air Force (Durham, CT) (8 GP, 7-6-13) Joe Miller, SO F, Harvard (Minneapolis, MN) (8 GP, 5-7-12)



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## Women's Rookie of the Month **Emma Pais, Colgate**

FR Forward (London, ON)

Put together 6-5-11 in a great 8-1-0 month for nationally ranked Colgate. Her goals: three when even, two on PP, one SHG.

Runner-Up: Cassie Hall, FR F. Wisconsin (South Lyon, MI) (8 GP, 8-2-10)

## Men's Rookie of the Month Will Smith, Boston College

FR Forward (Lexington, MA)

Fresh off his stint with Team USA's gold medal junior team, Smith returned to go 6-6-12 in six games for the Eagles, including a pair of big wins against previously #1 in the nation Boston University.

Runners-Up: Jack Stark, FR G, Yale (Chaska, MN) (4-3-0, .948, 1.58) Oliver Moore, FR F, Minnesota (Mounds View, MN) (8 GP, 4-9-13)



SR Goalie (Ste. Anne, MB)

Kirk played just four games but all against WCHA iron: 4-0-0, 0.75 and .957 - vs. Minnesota, UMD and SCSU. She only allowed one goal in a sweep at Minnesota.

#### Hannah Murphy, Colgate JR Goalie (Bradford, ON)

Murphy enjoyed a 5-0-0 month in which she had a 0.64 GAA and a save percentage of .970. She had three shutouts, two against nationally-ranked opponents.

Runner-Up: Gwyneth Philips, GR G, Northeastern (Athens, OH) (5-1-1, .968, 0.85)

## Men's Goaltender of the Month Tommy Scarfone, RIT

SR Goalie (Montreal, PQ)

Scarfone went 4-2-1 in January with a 1.55 GAA and a save percentage of .950. His 209 saves were near the top of the nominated netminders.

Runners-Up: Kaidan Mbereko, SO G, Colorado College (Aspen, CO) (8 GP, 2.52 GAA, 6-2-0, .921, 234 saves) Alex Tracy, SO G, Minnesota State (Chicago, IL) (3-0-2, 947, 1.16 and 2 ShO)









