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Maureen Murphy Named Hockey East Player of the Month

Newhook tabbed as Top Rookie, Fontaine is Best Defender, Abstreiter Top Goaltender

Maureen Murphy - Northeastern

Murphy helped the Huskies to a 7-1-1 record in February with an NCAA-best 12 goals and 20 points per game in nine outings. The graduate student notched three hat tricks in the month, including just the ninth-ever hat trick in a Hockey East playoff game and first since 2017 with three goals in an 8-0 quarterfinal win. Six of Murphy’s goals came on the power play and she currently leads the country with 12 power-play goals on the year. She was also named to the All-Hockey East First Team and was named Player of the Week three times in February.

Runner-up: Theresa Schafzahl, Vermont

Pro Ambitions Rookie of the Month

Abby Newhook - Boston College

Newhook, unanimously named to the Pro Ambitions All-Rookie Team, once again led Hockey East freshmen in goals (4), assists (4), and points (8) in nine games. She began the month by scoring goals in four straight outings, running her scoring-streak to eight total games, dating back to Jan. 21. Her 0.89 points per game led all league rookies while she added 20 shots on net and finished with a plus-three rating.

Runner-up: Megan Warrener, UConn

Hockey East Defender of the Month

Skylar Fontaine - Northeastern

Named to the All-Hockey East First Team and Hockey East Best Defenseman for the third straight year, Fontaine led all NCAA defenders with 14 assists and 17 points in nine February contests that included five multi-point games. All three of her goals were game-winning strikes and she finished with a plus-seven rating and 13 blocked shots. She leads the nation with 38 assists, a new career-high and has set new career marks for career goals (35), assists (82), and points (117) by a defender in Hockey East play.

Runner-up: Teghan Inglis, MC

Hockey East Goaltender of the Month

Sandra Abstreiter - Providence

Abstreiter led the NCAA in February with eight wins, 328 saves and 671:11 of work. She turned out an 8-2-1 overall record, while her .953 save percentage ranked fifth overall in the nation and her 1.43 goals against average is 11th. She had six outings of at least 30 saves, including a 32-save road shutout on Feb. 15. The graduate student backboned the Friars a 4-0-1 mark in one-goal games, including a 3-0-1 record in overtime contests and allowed one goal or fewer in seven of her 11 starts, including six consecutive games.

Runner-up: Aerin Frankel, NU

1 BOSTON COLLEGE L, 1-3 59:53 59 53 37 1
5 HOLY CROSS W, 3-2 (OT) 64:32 64 32 27 2
6 at Holy Cross W, 3-2 (OT) 61:22 61 22 38 2
8 MERRIMACK W, 4-3 59:39 59 39 19 3
11 at UConn W, 2-1 59:44 59 44 29 1
12 at Merrimack W, 3-0 59:00 59 00 35 1
15 at New Hampshire W, 1-0 60:00 60 00 32 0
18 at UConn L, 0-2 60:00 60 00 35 1
19 at Vermont L, 0-3 60:00 60 00 32 0
23 at Boston Univ. W, 2-1 (OT) 63:36 63 36 30 1
25 at Holy Cross W, 3-1 60:00 60 00 22 1
26 at Vermont L, 1-4 58:25 58 25 23 3

Totals 8-2-1 671:11 328 16 1.43 GAA, .953 SV%