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DAN CLARKE OF QUINNIPAC NAMED NATIONAL COLLEGE HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE MONTH

Andy Taranto of Alaska is the Commissioners’ Choice Rookie of the Month

Farmington Hills, Mich. -- Quinnipiac University sophomore goaltender Dan Clarke has been named the Hockey Commissioners’ Association National Division I Player of the Month for November.

Clarke posted a 7-0-0 record during November with a .935 save percentage and 2.00 goals-against average for the No. 4/6 Bobcats. He is the lone netminder in Division I hockey with a 1.000 winning percentage. Clarke allowed just 14 goals during seven games played, which included victories over then No. 5 Cornell and then No. 10 Massachusetts. Clarke’s save percentage for the season is .932 and his GAA is 2.24. Both figures lead ECAC Hockey and rank seventh and fifteenth in the nation, respectively. The 6-foot-1, 165-pound Clarke earned ECAC Hockey Goaltender of the Week honors twice in November.

The Belleville, Ontario, native, who played juniors for the Bowmanville (Ontario) Eagles, stopped 201 of the 215 shots he faced during the month, including 60 of 63 shots in a two-game weekend sweep of Harvard and Dartmouth. In addition, the Bobcats allowed just four power-play goals with Clarke in net, killing off 37 of 41 (90.24%) shorthanded situations during November.

Andy Taranto, a 6-foot, 213 pound forward at the University of Alaska, has been named the HCA National Rookie of the Month for November.

Taranto finished the month on a five-game scoring streak to rank first in CCHA rookie scoring with 18 points, including seven goals. He recorded five goals and seven assists in the month of November alone. Three of Taranto’s goals during November came with the man advantage. His 1.29 points-per game average puts him in second place in the nation among rookies who have appeared in more than one game.

The Woodridge, Ill. native, who led the USHL with 34 goals last season for the Fargo Force, was named CCHA Rookie of the Week on Nov. 30 and CCHA/CCM Rookie of the Month for November. Taranto notched the game-winning goal in a 3-1 victory over then No. 9 Notre Dame on Nov. 7. He earned at least a point in every game but one during the month. He also registered two goals on Nov. 27 in a 3-3 tie with Northern Michigan. Taranto’s play helped Alaska compile a 3-3-2 record in November, including a 2-1-2 mark during his current five-game point streak.