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24 CCHA PLAYERS & RECRUITS TAKEN IN THE 2007 NHL ENTRY DRAFT

FARMINGTON HILLS, Mich. – The Central Collegiate Hockey Association placed 24 players from 10 different schools in the 2007 NHL Entry Draft in Columbus, Ohio, including two first-round draft picks. It marks the seventh straight season that at least a pair of players with CCHA ties have been taken in the first round and gives the conference 16 first-round selections during that period.

Notre Dame incoming defenseman Ian Cole of USA Hockey's NTDP Under-18 Team in Ann Arbor, Mich., became the first player with CCHA ties taken when St. Louis selected him 18th overall. Incoming Michigan freshman forward Max Pacioretty, the USHL Rookie of the Year with Sioux City, went four picks later, 22nd overall, to Montreal. Recruits for the same two teams were nabbed in the second round with Michigan-bound forward Aaron Palushaj taken by St. Louis and Notre Dame defenseman-to-be Ted Ruth becoming property of Washington.

Ryan Thang, a 2006 CCHA All-Rookie Team performer for Notre Dame, was selected in the third round, 81st overall, by Nashville with incoming Bowling Green goalie Josh Unice taken by Chicago with the 89th pick and Buffalo selecting forward Corey Tropp, who is headed to national champion Michigan State, with the 89th pick and Buffalo getting Michigan recruit Louie Caporusso one slot later.

Three of the top four picks from round four involved CCHA teams. Miami recruit Justin Vaive, whose father Rick scored 441 goals in the NHL, was taken by Stanley Cup champion Anaheim with the round's first pick and the Ducks, who also owned the next pick, grabbed Michigan defenseman Steven Kampfer. Miami sophomore defenseman Alec Martinez was drafted by Los Angeles, 95th overall and before the round concluded Michigan recruits Matt Rust and Ben Winnett went to Florida and Toronto, respectively, while Nashville opted for Irish incoming forward Ben Ryan.

Round five saw Alaska recruit Jamie Benn, a forward, selected by Dallas; Andrew Conboy, who has signed a national letter of intent with Nebraska-Omaha for 2008, was taken by Montreal with Western Michigan incoming forward Max Campbell drafted by the New York Rangers.

Four more players who will become CCHA freshmen this fall became the property of NHL teams in round six. Alain Goulet (Nebraska-Omaha) was drafted by Boston, Pat Maroon (Ferris State) was selected by Philadelphia, Sweden's Carl Hagelin (Michigan) was taken by the New York Rangers with John Albert (Ohio State) picked by Atlanta.

Proceedings came to a close in the seventh round with Philadelphia landing Notre Dame goalie recruit Brad Phillips, Calgary selecting Ohio State freshman-to-be C.J. Severyn and Florida opting for Western Michigan bound Ryan Watson.

Overall, Michigan led the way with seven players drafted followed by Notre Dame with five. Miami, Nebraska-Omaha, Ohio State and Western Michigan each had a pair to go with single picks for Alaska, Bowling Green, Ferris State and Michigan State.

The CCHA breakdown by round consisted of six in the fourth round, four in the third and sixth rounds, three in the fifth and seventh rounds along with a pair in the first and second rounds. The breakdown by position shows seventeen forwards, five defensemen and two goalies.

The CCHA breakdown by NHL teams consisted of two picks apiece by Anaheim, Florida, Montreal, Nashville, New York Rangers, Philadelphia and St. Louis with single choices made by Atlanta, Buffalo, Boston, Calgary, Chicago, Dallas, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Toronto and Washington.

A complete draft summary appears on the next page.

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2007 NHL Draft Selections--CCHA

Rd.	No.	Selected	Name, School	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.	DOB	Hometown
1st	18	St. Louis	Ian Cole, Notre Dame *	D	Fr.	6-1	211	2-21-89	Ann Arbor, MI
1st	22	Montreal	Max Pacioretty, Michigan *	F	Fr.	6-1	203	11-20-88	New Canaan, CT
2nd	44	St. Louis	Aaron Palushaj, Michigan *	F	Fr.	5-11	187	9-7-89	Livonia, MI
2nd	46	Washington	Ted Ruth, Notre Dame *	D	Fr.	6-1	199	2-14-89	Naperville, IL
3rd	81	Nashville	Ryan Thang, Notre Dame	F	So.	5-11	186	5-11-87	Chicago, IL
3rd	86	Chicago	Josh Unice, Bowling Green *	G	Fr.	5-11	175	6-24-89	Toledo, OH
3rd	89	Buffalo	Corey Tropp, Michigan State *	F	Fr.	5-11	183	7-25-89	Grosse Pointe, MI
3rd	90	Ottawa	Louie Caporusso, Michigan *	F	Fr.	5-9	185	6-21-89	Toronto, ON
4th	92	Anaheim	Justin Vaive Miami *	F	Fr.	6-4	210	7-8-89	Buffalo, NY
4th	93	Anaheim	Steven Kampfer, Michigan	D	So.	5-11	197	9-24-88	Ann Arbor, MI
4th	95	Los Angeles	Alec Martinez, Miami	D	So.	6-0	188	7-26-87	Rochester Hills, MI
4th	101	Florida	Matt Rust, Michigan *	f	Fr.	6-3	182	11-9-88	Madison, MI
4th	104	Toronto	Ben Winnett, Michigan *	F	Fr.	5-9	182	3-23-89	Bloomfield Hills, MI
4th	114	Nashville	Ben Ryan, Notre Dame *	F	Fr.	5-11	190	10-16-88	Detroit, MI
5th	129	Dallas	Jamie Benn, Alaska *	F	Fr.	6-2	186	7-18-89	Victoria, BC
5th	138	NY Rangers	Max Campbell, Western Michigan *	F	Fr.	6-0	170	12-21-88	Strathroy, ON
5th	142	Montreal	Andrew Conboy, Nebraska-Omaha **	F	Fr.	6-3	190	5-16-88	Burnsville, MN
6th	159	Boston	Alain Goulet, Nebraska-Omaha *	D	Fr.	6-1	186	9-22-88	Kapuskasing, ON
6th	161	Philadelphia	Pat Maroon, Ferris State *	F	Fr.	6-4	225	4-23-88	St. Louis, MO
6th	168	NY Rangers	Carl Hagelin, Michigan *	F	Fr.	5-11	186	8-23-88	Sodertalje, SWE
6th	175	Atlanta	John Albert, Ohio State *	F	Fr.	5-9	180	1-19-89	Cleveland, OH
7th	182	Philadelphia	Brad Phillips, Notre Dame *	G	Fr.	6-2	183	4-22-89	Allen Park, MI
7th	186	Calgary	C.J. Severyn, Ohio State *	F	Fr.	6-0	185	6-2-89	Beaver, PA
7th	191	Florida	Ryan Watson, Western Michigan *	F	Fr.	6-1	175	3-1-88	Cambridge, ON

Note - Yr. is the year in school as of the start of the 2007-2008 season; * - indicates incoming freshman; ** indicates player has signed letter of intent for 2008-09.