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FERRIS STATE AND MICHIGAN LEAD THE BAUER/CCHA ALL-ROOKIE TEAM PICKS

FARMINGTON HILLS, MI – Two players from both Ferris State and Michigan are among the seven freshmen from five schools named to the 2001-02 Bauer/Central Collegiate Hockey Association All-Rookie Team by vote of the conference head coaches. The team, which includes seven members for the third time in fifteen years because of a tie in balloting at the forward position, will be honored at the 2002 CCHA Awards, Thursday, March 14, at the Fox Theatre in Detroit.

2001-02 Bauer/CCHA All-Rookie Team

Pat Dwyer	Forward	Western Michigan	Great Falls, MT
Eric Nystrom	Forward	Michigan	Syosset, NY
Jim Slater	Forward	Michigan State	Lapeer, MI
Aaron Voros	Forward	Alaska Fairbanks	Whalley, BC
Eric Werner	Defenseman	Michigan	Grosse Pte. Woods, MI
Matt York	Defenseman	Ferris State	Woodhaven, MI
Mike Brown	Goaltender	Ferris State	Calgary, AB

Pat Dwyer, an 18-year old forward from Great Falls, MT and Western Michigan University was the CCHA's leading freshman scorer this season, recording 28 points on 13 goals and 15 assists. His 28 points tied him for ninth place in conference scoring while his 13 goals were also tied for ninth in the conference. Dwyer also led his team in scoring.

Eric Nystrom, a 19-year old forward from Syosset, NY, and the University of Michigan is the first of two Wolverines on the CCHA All-Rookie Team. His 21 points on 13 goals and 8 assists were tied for third in freshmen scoring. Nystrom, who is ranked 11th in the MidTerm Rankings by NHL Central Scouting, finished tied for second in the CCHA with four game-winning goals.

Jim Slater, a 19-year old forward from Lapeer, MI and Michigan State finished second behind Dwyer in freshmen scoring with 23 points on 67 goals and 16 assists. His 16 assists ranked first among rookies and tied for tenth in the conference. Slater, who is ranked seventh in the MidTerm Rankings by NHL Central Scouting, tied for second Spartans' team scoring and led the club in assists.

Aaron Voros, a 20-year old forward from Whalley, BC and the University of Alaska Fairbanks is just the second member of the Nanooks to receive All-Rookie honors. Voros finished tied with fellow All-Rookie member Eric Nystrom for third in rookie scoring with 21 points on 13 goals and 8 assists. The New Jersey Devils' 2001 draft pick led the Nanooks in goals and tied for second with two game-winners.

Eric Werner, a 19-year old defenseman from Grosse Pte. Woods, MI joins Nystrom as the second member of the Wolverines on the All-Rookie squad. Werner registered 15 points on 3 goals and 12 assists, which placed him tenth in freshmen scoring. Werner led the Wolverines 11-member freshmen class in assists and was second only to Nystrom with a +10 rating.

Matt York, a 21-year old defenseman from Woodhaven, MI and Ferris State University led all freshmen rearguards with 19 points on four goals and 15 assists. He was the fourth-leading pointgetter among all CCHA defenseman and he tied for first in the conference in assists by a defenseman. York is the first Bulldogs' defenseman to be named All-Rookie since Andy Roach in 1994.

Mike Brown, a 20-year old goalie from Calgary, AB and Ferris State University joins York in placing two Bulldogs on the All-Rookie team for the first time. Brown compiled an 8-9-0 record with a 2.62 goals-against average that was fifth best in the league. His save percentage of .915 was also the fifth-best figure in the CCHA and he recorded a pair of shutouts.

Honorable mentions

Forward — Dan Hacker, Nebraska-Omaha. Defense — Duncan Keith, Michigan State; Joe Pomaranski, Miami. Goal — Morgan Cey, Notre Dame; Matt Violin, Lake Superior.

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