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## TWO REDHAWKS, TWO WOLVERINES AND TWO BUCKEYES NAMED TO ALL-ROOKIE TEAM

Voting deadlock results in three defensemen being honored.



**FARMINGTON HILLS, Mich.** – Miami University, the University of Michigan and Ohio State University each had two players named to the 2009 CCHA All-Rookie Team. Notre Dame University was the only other school to have a player selected to the team. This marks the 21st year that the conference has named an all-rookie team and, because of a tie in voting at the defenseman position, there are seven members on the squad for the sixth time.

Determined by a vote of the conference's head coaches, the team will be honored at the 2009 CCHA Awards on Thursday, March 19, at the Fox Theatre in Detroit.

### 2008-09 Rookie Team

Zac Dalpe	Forward	Ohio State University	Paris, Ont.
Billy Maday	Forward	Notre Dame University	Burr Ridge, Ill.
David Wohlberg	Forward	University of Michigan	South Lyon, Mich.
Chris Wideman	Defenseman	Miami University	St. Louis, Mo.
Matt Bartkowski	Defenseman	Ohio State University	Pittsburgh, Penn.
Brandon Burlon	Defenseman	University of Michigan	Nobleton, Ont.
Connor Knapp	Goalie	Miami University	York, N.Y.

**Zac Dalpe**, a 19-year-old forward from Paris, Ontario, and Ohio State University, was chosen as CCHA Rookie of the Week three times and finished the season with a line of 9-9-18. The Carolina Hurricanes draft pick finished the CCHA season fourth in scoring among rookies and his nine goals were third among freshmen and ranked 20th overall.

**Billy Maday**, a 21-year-old forward from Burr Ridge, Illinois, and Notre Dame University, tied for the lead in CCHA rookie scoring (11-12-23), was first in power-play points (16) - third among all CCHA players - and tied for first in rookie goals (11), ninth overall, in 27 conference games. Maday was the CCHA Rookie of the Month for the month for November and was the only unanimous All-Rookie Team selection.

**David Wohlberg**, a 18-year-old forward from South Lyon, Michigan, and the University of Michigan, finished tied for first in CCHA scoring among rookies with 11-12-23. The New Jersey Devils draft pick tied for first in rookie goal scoring (11), ninth overall and tied for first among freshmen with three game-winning goals, fifth overall in the CCHA. Wohlberg was named CCHA Rookie of the Month for the month of December.

**Chris Wideman**, a 19-year-old defenseman from St. Louis, Missouri, and Miami University led all CCHA rookie rearguards with 22 points, finishing third among all rookies and third among all CCHA defensemen. Wideman's 22 assists in 27 conference games was best among rookies and tied for second place overall. He finished second among rookies with 14 power-play points, sixth overall, and was named CCHA Rookie of the Week once.

**Matt Bartkowski**, a 20-year-old defenseman from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Ohio State University, placed third among rookie defensemen with 11 points, tenth among all CCHA freshmen. The Florida Panthers draft pick posted a +9 rating in 28 conference games, tied for second among all rookies and fifth among all rearguards.

**Brandon Burlon**, a 19-year-old defenseman from Nobleton, Ontario, and the University of Michigan, finished tied for second among rookies and defensemen with two power-play goals. The New Jersey Devils draft pick finished the season +11, best among all rookies and fourth among all rearguards.

**Connor Knapp**, a 18-year-old goaltender from York, New York, and Miami University, posted a 12-3-2 record in conference games, third among CCHA netminders and first among rookies with a .765 winning percentage. Knapp's 2.02 goals-against average was second among rookies, fifth overall and he placed third among freshmen netminders with a .908 save percentage.

### Honorable mentions

Forward — Fred Cassiani, LSSU; Daulton Leveille, MSU; Ian Boots, OSU; Greg Squires, WMU; Defense — Kevin Connauton, WMU; Goaltender — Taylor Nelson, FSU.

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