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MAVERICK DUO LEADS CCHA ALL-ROOKIE TEAM

UAF, BGSU, NMU and OSU Freshmen also Honored

FARMINGTON HILLS, Mich. – The University of Nebraska-Omaha, with two picks, and four other schools have student-athletes recognized among the six freshmen named to the 2004-05 Central Collegiate Hockey Association All-Rookie Team. Determined by a vote of the conference head coaches, the team will be honored at the 2005 CCHA Awards on Wednesday, March 16, at the Fox Theatre in Detroit.

2004-05 CCHA All-Rookie Team

Tom Fritsche	Forward	Ohio State	Parma, OH
Mike Santorelli	Forward	Northern Michigan	Burnaby, BC
Bill Thomas	Forward	Nebraska-Omaha	Pittsburgh, PA
Joe Grimaldi	Defenseman	Nebraska-Omaha	Ronkonkoma, NY
Mike Hodgson	Defenseman	Bowling Green	Surfside, CA
Wylie Rogers	Goaltender	Alaska Fairbanks	Fairbanks, AK

Tom Fritsche, an 18-year-old forward from Parma, Ohio, and Ohio State University, is tied for second in the CCHA and ranks in the top 10 of the nation with 29 assists in 36 games played. He is the league's fourth-highest freshman points producer and tied for second on his team in overall and conference scoring.

Mike Santorelli, a 19-year-old forward from Burnaby, B.C., and Northern Michigan University, owns the freshman goal-scoring title with 14 in conference play. Santorelli's three conference game-winning goals rank in the top 10 of the CCHA. He finished third in team scoring.

Bill Thomas, a 21-year-old forward from Pittsburgh, Penn., and the University of Nebraska-Omaha, ranked second on his team in both conference and overall scoring with 33 and 42 points, respectively. Thomas is the nation's leading rookie scorer and the lone freshman to appear in the top 20 of the national scoring race.

Joe Grimaldi, an 18-year-old defenseman from Ronkonkoma, N.Y., and the University of Nebraska-Omaha, leads the CCHA with a +26 rating through all games. Grimaldi finished in 10th in team scoring; he had three goals and 12 assists in 35 games.

Mike Hodgson, a 20-year-old defenseman from Surfside, Calif., and Bowling Green State University, is the first Falcon to be named to the All-Rookie team since forward Adam Edinger was honored in 1997. Hodgson scored two goals and added 13 assists while his plus/minus ranking of +4 is among the top five on his team.

Wylie Rogers, a 19-year-old goalie from Fairbanks, Alaska, and the University of Alaska Fairbanks, recorded three shutouts in 27 games on the season, tying him for second position among CCHA goaltenders. Rogers led his team to an 11-11-4 record and sported the conference's ninth-best goals-against average at 2.90.

Honorable mentions

Forward — Kyle Greentree, UAF; Chad Kolarik, UM; Domenic Maiani, OSU; Bryan Marshall, UNO; Jonathan Matsumoto, BGSU; Matt Stefanishion, FSU. Defense — Mitch Ganzak, MIA; Kyle Hood, OSU; Adam Welch, FSU. Goaltender — Derek MacIntyre, FSU.

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