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NATHAN GERBE OF BOSTON COLLEGE NAMED NATIONAL COLLEGE HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE MONTH
Eagles’ Teammate John Muse Honored as the Commissioners’ Choice Rookie of the Month

Wakefield, Mass.,—Boston College junior forward Nathan Gerbe, who led the Eagles to the third national championship in school history, has been named the Hockey Commissioners’ Association National Division I Player of the Month for the March/April period.

Gerbe, a 5-foot-5, 165-pound native of Oxford, Mich., produced 12 goals and 22 points during a nine-game winning streak that culminated with a 4-1 win over Notre Dame in the Frozen Four final at Denver.

The Buffalo Sabres’ fifth-round selection in the 2005 NHL Entry Draft earn Most Valuable Player honors at the Hockey East Tournament, was named to the NCAA Northeast Regional All-Tournament team and earned Frozen Four Most Valuable Player honors. He produced four goals and four assists at the Frozen Four, had two goals and three points in wins over Miami and Minnesota in the first two games of the NCAA Tournament at Worcester, Mass., and had a goal and four assists in victories over Vermont and New Hampshire at the Hockey East Tournament in Boston.

Gerbe, a ‘Hat Trick Finalist’ for the Hobey Baker Award, fired seven goals in the NCAA Tournament to tie three other players (the last being Boston University’s Tony Amonte in 1990) for the most goals in a single tournament. He’s also the first player to score five goals at the Frozen Four since Dave Silk of Boston University in 1977.

Boston College goalie John Muse, who backstopped the Eagles to a 9-1-1 record in 11 games in the March/April period is the HCA Rookie of the Month.

Muse, a 5-foot-11, 175-pound native of East Falmouth, Mass., made 30 (or more) saves on eight occasions, including a career-high 45 stops in the team’s triple-overtime victory over New Hampshire in the semifinals of the Hockey East Tournament.

The 19-year old Muse registered a 1.58 goals-against average and a .949 save percentage in 721:44 minutes of action. He captured Frozen Four All-Tournament team honors after allowing just one goal in each game.

Muse appeared in all 44 games for the Eagles in his freshman campaign and led the nation in saves (1,171) and minutes played (2725:06). He is the first rookie netminder to lead his team to a national championship since Denver’s Peter Mannino in 2005.

HCA Commissioners’ Choice Awards
March/April, 2008

National Player of the Month
Nathan Gerbe, F, Boston College, HEA

National Rookie of the Month
John Muse, G, Boston College, HEA

Honorable Mention Player of the Month
J.P. Lamoureux, G, North Dakota, WCHA
Matt Pierce, F, Mercyhurst, AHA
Kevin Porter, F, Michigan, CCHA
Mike Taylor, F, Harvard, ECAC

Honorable Mention Rookie of the Month
Derrick Burnett, F, Air Force, AHA
Ian Cole, D, Notre Dame, CCHA
Alex Kangas, G, Minnesota, WCHA
Kevin McNamara, D, Colgate, ECAC

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