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## **BC'S CLEMMENSEN TABBED AS HOCKEY EAST'S ALL-TIME UNSUNG PLAYER**

**WAKEFIELD, Mass.** - The Hockey East Association is pleased to announce that Boston College's Scott Clemmensen has been named Hockey East's Unsung Player, as the league continues its 25th Anniversary celebration. Clemmensen was chosen in a vote comprised of Hockey East fans and members of the league's 25th Anniversary Committee.

"Scott was an integral part of so many great Boston College teams and moments," said Hockey East commissioner Joe Bertagna. "Playing at a time when the league was deep in talented netminders, he didn't get all the attention he deserved back then. I'm happy to see the fans have put the spotlight on him with this honor," said Hockey East Commissioner Joe Bertagna.

Despite outstanding career numbers while with the Eagles, Clemmensen was never selected as a First or Second Team Hockey East All-Star. He was inside the Top-5 league goaltenders in goals against average in each of his four seasons at the Heights, including a league-leading 1.98 GAA during his junior season of 1999-2000. He holds the Hockey East record for most league wins with 52 victories.

Clemmensen, a native of Urbandale, Iowa, was the winning netminder in three Hockey East title games (1998, 1999 and 2001) and backstopped his team into four consecutive Frozen Four appearances. Appropriately enough, his final appearance in an Eagle uniform was a 35-save performance in BC's 3-2 overtime victory against North Dakota in the 2001 national championship game.

"Scott Clemmensen enjoyed four outstanding years here at Boston College, but he played his best when the stage was the biggest and when the lights shined the brightest. Scott had a remarkable 26-1-1 career record in the month of March. He was always very focused and well prepared. While I'm very pleased to see Scott receive this great recognition, I can assure you that he was never an unsung player in our program. He was an integral member of a class that experienced unparalleled success throughout its four years both within Hockey East and on the national level. That Scott is now having great success with the New Jersey Devils comes as no surprise to me or anyone else who had the chance to see him wearing the maroon and gold," says Boston College head coach Jerry York.

Clemmensen was drafted by the New Jersey Devils in the 1997 NHL Entry Draft and has spent most of his professional career in the Devils organization. He spent the 2007-08 season within the Toronto Maple Leafs system, before returning to the Devils last summer.

Expected to be in a back-up role when he was recalled early in the season, Clemmensen captured the starting position when starter Martin Brodeur went down due to injury and has been stellar for the Devils. Clemmensen has appeared in 31 games this year, while posting 20 victories. He currently sits sixth in the NHL with a 2.25 GAA and eighth in the league with a save percentage of .923. His Devils currently reside at the top of the NHL's Atlantic Division.

Here is a list of the remaining players that finished in the Top Five voting for Hockey East's Unsung Player, in alphabetical order: Joe Fallon (UVM), Cal Ingraham (ME), Fernando Pisani (PC) and Joe Sacco (BU).

Hockey East's Unsung Player was chosen by a fan vote through the league's official website – [HockeyEastOnline.com](http://HockeyEastOnline.com) - and votes from Hockey East's 25th Anniversary Committee, which includes representatives from each Hockey East school.

Throughout the season, fans can cast their ballots for Hockey East's All-Time Team, Top 25 Forwards, and Top 25 Defenders. In addition to these major categories, the conference will unfold a number of other ballot questions at regular intervals throughout the year. The next short-term ballot will begin on January 29 and run through February 8. At that time, fans will be able to cast their votes for "Hockey East's Most Memorable Moment."

The league has already announced five award winners during the 25th anniversary celebration, including: Top Goalie (Chris Terreri - PC), Best Goal Scorer (Brian Gionta - BC), Best Playmaker (Paul Kariya - Maine), Best Defensive Defenseman (Brian Leetch - BC) and Best Defensive Forward (Chris Drury - BU).

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