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Kuoppala Named Hockey East Player of the Month

Taber, Morphy, Bachetti Get The Nod As Rookie, Defender, Goalie of the Month

HOCKEY EAST PLAYER OF THE MONTH


Ida Kuoppala - Maine
 (Gr., F; Pendersore, Finland)

No one scored more game-winning goals than Ida Kuoppala in December, netting two decisive strikes in a 5-1-0 month for the Black Bears, bringing her season total to an NCAA-best five. Her six assists were third-best in the NCAA and tied for the Hockey East lead. The graduate student didn't take a single penalty in her six appearances and posted a pair of three-point nights.

Runner-Up - Sammy Taber, Boston College

Dec.	Opponent	Result	G-A-P
1	VERMONT	W, 3-2	0-0-0
2	HOLY CROSS	W, 6-0	1-2-3
9	vs. Dartmouth	W, 6-3	0-1-1
29	vs. Colgate	L, 2-8	0-1-1
30	vs. RMU	W, 6-2	1-2-3
Total		5-1-0	2-6-8

PRO AMBITIONS ROOKIE OF THE MONTH


Sammy Taber - Boston College
 (Fr., F; Tewksbury, Mass.)

Taber tied for the national lead among freshmen in December with eight points, the third-best total of any skater, and led all NCAA first-years with six assists. Her 2.67 points per game was the best among all NCAA rookies who skated in more than two games. After dishing out four assists in her first two outings, she posted a two-goal, two-assist line in a 5-1 on Dec. 30. Her plus-eight rating was also the best of all rookies in the country.

Runner-Up - Alex Law, Boston University

Dec.	Opponent	Result	G-A-P
1	at Providence	W, 5-1	0-3-3
2	at UConn	T, 2-2	0-1-1
30	ST ANSELM	W, 5-1	2-2-4
Total		2-0-1	2-6-8

ARMY ROTC DEFENDER OF THE MONTH


Elise Morphy - Maine
 (Sr., D; Regina, Sask.)

Morphy came on strong to end the 2023 calendar as the top-scoring defender in Hockey East in December. She racked up four assists in her final two outings and was named Army ROTC Defender of the Week on January 2. She finished December with a plus-six rating, the second-best mark among league defenders.

Runner-Up - Krista Parkkonen, Vermont

Dec.	Opponent	Result	G-A-P
1	VERMONT	W, 3-2	0-0-0
2	HOLY CROSS	W, 6-0	0-0-0
9	vs. Dartmouth	W, 6-3	0-0-0
29	vs. Colgate	L, 2-8	0-1-1
30	vs. RMU	W, 6-2	0-3-3
Total		5-1-0	0-4-4

STOP IT GOALTENDING GOALTENDER OF THE MONTH


Julia Bachetti - Maine
 (Fr., G; Tecumseh, Ont.)

Bachetti was second in the country with three wins in December, going 3-1-0 including a 29-save shutout on Dec. 2. She made at least 24 saves in each outing, including a season-high 37 against No. 4 Colgate. Her 119 saves were the most of any Hockey East goaltender and she was named Hockey East Pro Ambitions Rookie of the Week on Dec. 4 following a two-win, 58 save weekend. Her 239:44 of work was the sixth-most in the NCAA

Runner Up - Grace Campbell - Boston College

Dec.	Opponent	Result	MIN	SVS	GA
1	VERMONT	W, 3-2	59:54	29	2
2	HOLY CROSS	W, 6-0	59:50	29	0
9	vs. Dartmouth	W, 6-3		DNP	
29	vs. Colgate	L, 2-8	60:00	37	8
30	vs. RMU	W, 6-2	60:00	24	2
Total		3-1-0	239:44	119	12
			3.00 GAA, .908 SV%		

