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LEAGUE ANNOUNCES ANNUAL AWARDS

Several Teams with Multiple Recipients

ALBANY, N.Y. -- Princeton junior forward Lee Jubinville was named the ECAC Hockey's Player of the Year, it was announced earlier this evening (March 20) at the league's annual banquet. The junior was one of several individuals to earn recognition at the annual event, which marks the start of the 2008 Bank of America ECAC Hockey Championship weekend.

Harvard sophomore Kyle Richter won the the league's Ken Dryden Award presented annually to the top goaltender, after being named a first-team all-league selection. Farrell Sports Rookie of the Year honors went to newcomer Cornell's forward Riley Nash, who was also selected to the league's all-rookie team. Senior Mike Moore of Princeton was named Reality Check's Best Defensive Defenseman and Clarkson's senior Nick Dodge was named Best Defensive Forward. Clarkson senior teammates defenseman Grant Clitsom and forward Steve Zalewski and Dartmouth senior forward Nick Johnson, joined Jubinville, Richter, and Moore, as each also earned first-teams honors.

Princeton head coach Guy Gadowsky was recipient of the Tim Taylor Award (Coach of the Year), while his Tigers earned the Turfer Athletic Trophy, which is given to the team that the coaches believe best fits the ideals of both Turfer Athletic and the ECAC Hockey: Sportsmanship, Commitment, Tenacity and Innovation.

Jubinville was the ECAC Hockey leader in points (10-21-31), and ranked in the top 10 in goals (10), assists (21), and power-play points (3-7-10). The junior forward has recorded points in 24 of 32 games played and 13 of his last 16 games.

Richter anchored a Crimson defense that allowed a league-low 41 goals this season. The sophomore led league with a .935 save percentage and a 1.82 Goals-Against Average with 1.82. Richter posted three shutouts in league play and became the first Harvard netminder to score a goal netted a second period goal versus rival Yale in a 6-1 victory.

Riley took home the league's top rookie honor after leading his counterparts in scoring eight goals and 12 assists in 22 contests. The freshman also tied for second in game-winning goals with five and led league in power-play points with five goals and seven assists in league action.

Moore ranked second among league defensemen in overall points (4-12-16) in 22 games. He was also the second highest goal scoring defenseman in the league and posted a plus-17 rating over the last 19 games.

Clitsome boasted the best plus/minus overall among all ECAC Hockey players at +23 for the regular season. He led the Clarkson defensemen in scoring with 15 points (4-11) in league play. He was a pivot part of Clarkson's stingy defensive effort which ranked 3rd in the league.

Zalewski was the leading goal scorer in ECAC Hockey play with 16 and second in conference play with five power play goals. The Golden Knights were 11-2-3 when he found the back of the net. He also reached the century mark this season standing at 108 points (58-50) through 149 career games.

Johnson finished second in scoring during league action scoring nine goals and adding 17 assists. Johnson finished 10th all-time at Dartmouth in scoring with 125 points and 3rd in games played with 133.

Earning Coach of the Year honors for the first time, Gadowsky guided the Tigers to its fourth consecutive improved season. Behind the bench Gadowsky guided Princeton to 14 league wins were the most in team history.

The league also recognized its top rookies, with Riley leading the way on the six-man list. Union's Adam Presizniuk and Chase Polacek, from Rensselaer joined Riley as all-rookie team forwards, while Cornell's Mike Devine and Dartmouth's Evan Stephens, were the defensive picks. Union's Corey Milan was name the top rookie netminder.

Twelve other student-athletes were also recognized at the banquet with second- and third-team honors.

2008 ECAC HOCKEY ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

Player of the Year - Lee Jubinville, Princeton
Goaltender of the Year - Kyle Richter, Harvard
Rookie of the Year - Riley Nash, Cornell

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(Individual Awards Continued)

Best Defensive Forward - Nick Dodge, Clarkson
Best Defensive Defenseman - Mike Moore, Princeton
Coach of the Year - Guy Gadowsky, Princeton
Turfer Athletic Trophy - Princeton

FIRST TEAM ALL-LEAGUE

G Kyle Richter, Harvard
D Grant Clitsome, Clarkson
D Mike Moore, Princeton
F Nick Johnson, Dartmouth
F Lee Jubinville, Princeton
F Steve Zalewski, Clarkson

SECOND TEAM ALL-LEAGUE

G David Leggio, Clarkson
D Lane Caffaro, Union
D Sean Hurley, Brown
F Tyler Burton, Colgate
F Colin Greening, Cornell
F Brett Wilson, Princeton

THIRD TEAM ALL-LEAGUE

G Mark Dekanich, Colgate
D Alex Biega, Harvard
D Zach Miskovic, St. Lawrence
D Evan Stephens, Dartmouth
F Sean Backman, Yale
F Matt Beca, Clarkson
F Jesse Winchester, Colgate

ALL-ROOKIE TEAM

G Corey Milan, Union
D Mike Devin, Cornell
D Evan Stephens, Dartmouth
F Riley Nash, Cornell
F Chase Polacek, Rensselaer
F Adam Presizniuk, Union

ABOUT ECAC HOCKEY

ECAC Hockey boasts elite student-athletes and teams from 12 of the nation's most prestigious institutions - Brown University, Clarkson University, Colgate University, Cornell University, Dartmouth College, Harvard University, Princeton University, Quinnipiac University, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, St. Lawrence University, Union College, and Yale University.