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NEBRASKA OMAHA'S RYAN WALTERS HONORED AS NATIONAL COLLEGE HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE MONTH MINNESOTA'S ADAM WILCOX TABBED AS ROOKIE OF THE MONTH

WAKEFIELD, Mass. – University of Nebraska Omaha forward Ryan Walters, who posted one of the finest months ever for a Mavericks player with 15 points to help his team to a perfect 7-0-0 record, has been named the Hockey Commissioners' Association National Division 1 Player of the Month for November.

A 6-0, 196-pound junior from Rosemount, Minn., Walters scored six goals and set up nine others for 15 points in just seven games, posted multiple-point games in six straight outings, fired 31 shots on goal and earned a +8 plus/minus rating as UNO built the second-longest winning streak in school history. After going pointless in the first game of the month, he scored points in his next six outings, including five straight with a goal. He scored a power-play goal and had two assists in a 5-3 win at Michigan Tech on Nov. 3 that gave UNO a sweep, had a goal and an assist in a 3-2 victory over Minnesota Duluth on Nov. 10 and then had another goal and two assists, including one on the game-winner, the following day as the Mavericks swept the visiting Bulldogs with a 6-3 win. Against Alabama-Huntsville on Nov. 23, he had the game's first goal and an assist in a 3-2 win and then helped UNO forge a 8-0 triumph on Nov. 24 with two tallies and an assist. Walters then finished the month with two assists, again contributing to the game-winning goal, as the Mavericks upset No. 3-ranked Minnesota, 3-2, in Minneapolis.

Through 14 games this season, Walters leads both Nebraska Omaha and the Western Collegiate Hockey Association in scoring with 20 points (6g, 14a), is tied for the league assist lead, and is ninth nationally with 1.43 points per game. He has played in 89 consecutive games during his collegiate career.

Named as the HCA National Division 1 Rookie of the Month for November was University of Minnesota goaltender Adam Wilcox, who went 5-2-2 with a 1.75 goals-against average and .925 save percentage, forged a six-game unbeaten streak, and allowed two or fewer goals in eight of his nine starts.

A 6-0, 186-pound freshman from South St. Paul, Minn., Wilcox emerged as the Golden Gophers' starting goaltender in the month of November. He went 4-0-2 over a six-game stretch between Nov. 9-24 that included a 4-0 shutout at Alaska Anchorage on Nov. 9, a 2-2 (ot) tie and 3-1 victory over Wisconsin on Nov. 16-17 and a 5-1, 3-1 non-conference road sweep at Vermont over the Thanksgiving weekend that saw him stop 48 of 50 shots on goal. He was named the WCHA Rookie of the Month on Nov. 13 and for the month, he turned aside 198 of 214 shots on goal.

Over 819:23 minutes of action in nets this season, Wilcox leads the WCHA overall with a 1.61 goals-against average, is third in save percentage at .925, and is first in victories at 9-2-2 and second in winning percentage at .769. He is a draft choice of the NHL's Tampa Bay Lightning.



HCA Commissioners' Choice Awards November 2012

National Player of the Month

Ryan Walters, F, Nebraska Omaha, WCHA

National Rookie of the Month

Adam Wilcox, G, Minnesota, WCHA

Honorable Mention Player of the Month

Carsen Chubak, G, Niagara, AHA
Johnny Gaudreau, F, Boston College, HEA
Eric Hartzell, G, Quinnipiac, ECACH
Brady Hjelle, G, Ohio State, CCHA

Honorable Mention Rookie of the Month

Riley Barber, F, Miami, CCHA
Matt Blomquist, D, Bentley, AHA
Matt Grzelcyk, D, Boston University, HEA
Jimmy Vesey, F, Harvard, ECACH

*Bob DeGregorio, Atlantic Hockey • Fred Pletsch, CCHA
Steve Hagwell, ECAC Hockey • Joe Bertagna, Hockey East
Bruce McLeod, WCHA*