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YALE'S ANDREW MILLER TABBED AS NATIONAL COLLEGE HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE MONTH WISCONSIN'S NIC KERDILES HONORED AS ROOKIE OF THE MONTH

WAKEFIELD, Mass. – Yale senior forward Andrew Miller, who led the Bulldogs to their first national championship, has been named the Hockey Commissioners' Association National Division 1 Player of the Month for March/April.

The 5'10", 180-pound forward was a standout in the recent 2013 NCAA Frozen Four Championship in Pittsburgh, PA. Miller scored the game-winning goal in overtime of the Semifinal contest against Massachusetts-Lowell to send Yale into the Championship Game against intra-state and ECAC Hockey rival Quinnipiac. He was also named the 2013 Most Outstanding Player in the NCAA Frozen Four Tournament.

Miller, the fourth ECAC Hockey student-athlete to earn HCA Player of the Month honors this season, netted six goals and added nine assists since March 1 ranking third in the nation in scoring during that stretch. He registered a team-high six points on two goals and four assists in the Bulldogs four-game run to the national title. The Bloomfield Hills, MI native averaged 1.50 points per game since March 1st and was a plus-8 during the timeframe. Known as a clutch performer during his tenure in New Haven, seven of his points during this timeframe came with the score tied and four came on the last goal of the game. Along the way he set Yale's all-time assist mark, recording his 114th of his career, breaking the previous record held by Bob Brooke, setting-up a third-period goal by teammate Jesse Root to seal the victory in the championship game.

In 2012-13, the Yale Bulldogs captain had a banner year. He led Yale with a career-high 18 goals and 41 points. Recently named as a first team CCM Hockey All-American selection Miller was one of the best passers in the program's history often directly generating goals with his puck prowess. In fact, 19 of his 23 assists this year were primary. The two-time, first-team All-ECAC Hockey forward finished his career 153 points (5th at Yale) in 141 games. Shortly after the conclusion of the season Miller agreed on a one-year entry level contract with the Edmonton Oilers.

Wisconsin forward Nic Kerdiles has been named the Hockey Commissioners' Association National Division 1 Rookie of the Month for March/April.

Kerdiles finished off the 2012-13 season on fire, leading the Badgers offense on its way to the 2013 WCHA playoff crown and the WCHA automatic bid to the NCAA tournament. The WCHA tournament MVP scored five goals and 16 points during 10 games in March to pace the Badgers to an 8-2-0 mark. In March and April, he ranked second in the nation in scoring, leading all rookies. He finished the season on a 12-game scoring streak (6g,13a), which included a five-game stretch in the WCHA playoffs during which he had two points in each contest. During the playoff run, he scored game-winning goals in the WCHA title game in a 3-2 victory over Colorado College and tallied the game-winning score in the quarterfinals of the WCHA Final Five against Minnesota State. He scored goals in UW's last four games of the season, and five of the last six contests, including in the NCAA tournament and the last three games of the WCHA playoffs. He posted two-point games in six of his 10 March contests.

The forward's late-season push brought him to second in the nation among rookies with a 1.03 points-per-game scoring average. He finished with 11 goals and 33 points in 32 games. A 2012 second-round draft pick of the NHL's Anaheim Ducks (36th overall), the 6-2 and 190 pound Kerdiles hails from Irvine, Calif. After missing the first 10 games of the season, Kerdiles' entry to the Badger lineup on Nov. 30 sparked a 21-6-5 record the rest of the season.

HCA Commissioners' Choice Awards March/April 2013

National Player of the Month

Andrew Miller, F, Yale, ECACH

National Rookie of the Month

Nic Kerdiles, F, Wisconsin, WCHA

Honorable Mention Player of the Month

Kyle Gibbons, F, Canisius, AHA

Alex Guptill, F, Michigan, CCHA

Connor Hellebuyck, G, UMass Lowell, HEA

Drew LeBlanc, F, St. Cloud State, WCHA

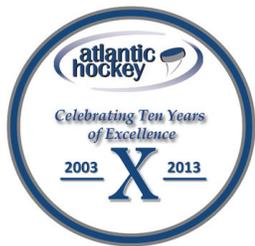
Honorable Mention Rookie of the Month

Ralph Cuddemi, F, Canisius, AHA

Steve Racine, G, Michigan, CCHA

Nick Lappin, F, Brown, ECACH

Danny O'Regan, F, Boston University, HEA



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