

# ***Women's Hockey Commissioners' Association***

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## ***Minnesota's Dani Cameranesi Is Chosen First Women's National Rookie of the Year***

In a vote of assistant coaches at all 35 NCAA Division I ice hockey programs, University of Minnesota freshman forward Dani Cameranesi has been named the 2013-2014 National Rookie of the Year in women's ice hockey. Cameranesi, a native of Plymouth, Minnesota, is the first recipient of this award which was established this year by the Women's Hockey Commissioners Association.

"Dani had an incredible year for us," said Minnesota head coach Brad Frost. "She is an extremely hard worker with great speed. Dani is relentless both in her offensive pursuit and defensive back pressure. She scored big goals for us all year. More importantly, Dani is a great student and wonderful person."

Cameranesi had a productive year for a Minnesota team that went 38-2-1 and won both the regular season and tournament championships in the WCHA, eventually finishing as NCAA runners-up to Clarkson. In 41 games, she scored 19 goals and added 17 assists for 36 points. She was the leading scorer among WCHA freshmen and finished tied for ninth among all league scorers.

The ballot for this award is made up of the conference Rookie of the Year selections. Each program playing NCAA Division I women's ice hockey receives a ballot, with assistant coaches at each school submitting one ballot per school. Each school was asked to vote for three players in order (first, second, third). The runner-up for this year's award was Yale freshman forward Phoebe Staenz.

The final vote totals (first place votes in parentheses):

- Dani Cameranesi, University of Minnesota Forward, 103 points (13)
- Phoebe Staenz, Yale University Forward, 91 points (12)
- Jessica Dodds, Robert Morris University Goaltender, 66 points (6)
- Andie Anastos, Boston College Forward, 55 points (4)

The Women's National Rookie of the Year was established this season by the members of the newly created Women's Hockey Commissioners Association. A similar award, the Tim Taylor National Rookie of the Year Award, is presented by the men's commissioners.



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