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MICHIGAN'S SHAWN HUNWICK TABBED AS NATIONAL COLLEGE HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE MONTH DENVER'S JOEY LaLEGGIA NAMED ROOKIE OF THE MONTH

WAKEFIELD, Mass. – University of Michigan fifth-year senior goaltender Shawn Hunwick is the Hockey Commissioners' Association National Division I Player of the Month for January.

Hunwick appeared in five games for Michigan during the month of January, posting a 4-1 record with one shutout, a 1.09 goals-against average and a .971 save percentage. Hunwick earned wins in his first three appearances, allowing just two goals total in those games.



The 5-foot-7, 166-pound goaltender set a career-high with 46 saves, for his third shutout of the season, in Michigan's 4-0 win at Ohio State on Jan. 13 and stopped 31 shots to help the Wolverines to a 4-1 win over Ohio State in the Frozen Diamond Faceoff on Jan. 15 at Progressive Field in Cleveland, Ohio. He also made 38 saves in a 2-1 win on Jan. 20, as Michigan salvaged a road split with Notre Dame.

He allowed one goal or fewer in four of his five starts and registered 30+ saves in four of his starts. He averaged 33.4 saves per start in the month with 167 total saves in January for the Wolverines.



The Sterling Heights, Mich., native currently ranks second in the CCHA with a 2.07 goals-against average and is tied for ninth nationally in save percentage at .928.

Joey LaLeggia, a freshman defenseman at the University of Denver, has been selected as the HCA National Rookie of the Month for January.



A 5-foot-10, 180-pounder from Burnaby, B.C., LaLeggia led Denver to a 5-1 record in the month of January by contributing 12 scoring points, earning a +4 plus/minus rating, recording 11 hits and 11 blocked shots. Named the WCHA Defensive Player of the Week on Jan. 17, he tallied at least one point in all six games with two goals and 10 assists, had five consecutive multiple-point games from Jan. 7-28, and finished the month as the Pioneers' top point and assist man. He had a career-high three assists in a 3-2 league win over Bemidji State on Jan. 14 and is currently in the midst of a career-best eight-game point streak with four goals, 11 assists and 15 points.

Playing in all 26 of Denver's games this season, LaLeggia leads all NCAA Div. 1 rookies with 28 points. He leads all NCAA Div. 1 rookie blueliners in points (28), goals (10) and assists (18). He also ranks second among Div. 1 defensemen with 10 goals and is third in scoring among his Pioneer teammates as a freshman.

HCA Commissioners' Choice Awards January 2012

National Player of the Month
Shawn Hunwick, G, Michigan, CCHA

National Rookie of the Month
Joey LaLeggia, D, Denver, WCHA

Honorable Mention Player of the Month
Brett Gensler, F, Bentley, AHA
Troy Grosenick, G, Union, ECACH
Joey Diamond, F, Maine, HEA
Brock Nelson, F, North Dakota, WCHA

Honorable Mention Rookie of the Month
Alex Grieve, F, Bentley, AHA
Alex Guptill, F, Michigan, CCHA
Joe Wilson, F, Colgate, ECACH
Kyle Reynolds, F, Vermont, HEA



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