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MICHIGAN TECH'S JAMIE PHILLIPS NAMED 2015 MIKE RICHTER AWARD FINALIST
Huskies' junior among five in the running for nation's most outstanding goaltender

EDINA, Minn. – March 18, 2015 – Michigan Tech junior goaltender Jamie Phillips is one of five finalists for the 2015 Mike Richter Award, which honors the most outstanding goaltender in NCAA men's hockey, as announced today by Let's Play Hockey and the Herb Brooks Foundation.

Entering this weekend's WCHA Final Five, Phillips ranks among the top-five nationally for wins (t-1st with 27), goals against average (2nd at 1.61), save percentage (3rd at .938), shutouts (t-3rd with 6) and winning percentage (4th at .778). The All-WCHA First Team netminder has played in every game this season for the nationally fourth-ranked Huskies, allowing two goals or less 29 times. He has stopped 30 or more shots in 12 games this season, and is currently riding a career-long 180:39 shutout streak. A seventh-round pick (190th overall) of the Winnipeg Jets in the 2012 NHL Entry Draft, Phillips is an exercise science major at Michigan Tech with a GPA of 3.36.

Phillips joins St. Lawrence freshman Kyle Hayton, Michigan State junior Jake Hildebrand, Yale sophomore Alex Lyon and North Dakota junior Zane McIntyre among the finalists. The second annual award will be presented by Mike Richter at the 2015 NCAA Men's Frozen Four in Boston.

Candidates for the Mike Richter Award were determined by nominations from all 59 NCAA Division I men's hockey head coaches. The finalists and winner are selected by a committee of coaches, scouts and members of the media.

- Criteria for the Mike Richter Award:
- Candidates must display outstanding skills on the ice
- Candidates should be in good academic standing at an NCAA college or university
- Consideration should be given to academic achievement and sportsmanship
- Candidates must comply with all NCAA rules; be full-time students at an NCAA college or university; and complete 50 percent or more of the season
- Consideration should be given to the candidate's activities in the community

Connor Hellebuyck of UMass Lowell won the inaugural Mike Richter Award.

About Let's Play Hockey

In its 43rd season and based in the Twin Cities, Let's Play Hockey is the longest-running hockey newspaper in the U.S., serving the largest hockey market in the nation. Let's Play Hockey is published 29 times a year – weekly during the hockey season and monthly during the offseason.

About the Herb Brooks Foundation

The Herb Brooks Foundation is dedicated to growing the game of hockey and giving the game back to the kids. Founded in 2003 by Dan Brooks and Kelly Brooks Paradise, Herb's family and friends created the foundation to preserve his legacy by continuing his life's work by growing the game by "making hockey fun for kids and letting them learn to love the game the way we did."

About Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA)

The Western Collegiate Hockey Association, among the most historic, tradition-rich and successful conferences in all of collegiate athletics, proudly marks its 63rd season of men's competition in 2014-15. Covering five time zones and more than 4,200 miles, the 10-team Division 1 conference consists of the University of Alabama in Huntsville (Chargers), the University of Alaska Anchorage (Seawolves), the University of Alaska (Nanooks), Bemidji State University (Beavers), Bowling Green State University (Falcons), Ferris State University (Bulldogs), Lake Superior State University (Lakers), Michigan Technological University (Huskies), Minnesota State University (Mavericks) and Northern Michigan University (Wildcats). For more information, visit wcha.com.

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