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TYLER JOHNSON OF COLORADO COLLEGE NAMED NATIONAL COLLEGE HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE MONTH

Anders Lee of Notre Dame is the
Commissioners' Choice Rookie of the Month

FARMINGTON HILLS, Mich. – Colorado College senior forward Tyler Johnson is the Hockey Commissioners' Association National Division I Player of the Month for December.

The 5-foot-9, 170-pound forward helped lead the Tigers to a 6-2-0 run during December by scoring seven goals and adding seven assists, while boasting a +6 rating. He has also recorded the game-winning goal in Colorado College's last four victories.

Johnson added two power-play goals in the month of December, which upped his nation-leading total to nine goals scored with the man advantage. At the midway point of the season, Johnson has already tied his career-high totals which he set in the 2009-10 campaign, posting a 14-9-23 line. He sits in a tie for second place in the WCHA with 14 goals this season.

The Cloquet, Minn., native recorded three points (1g, 2a) in a 5-4 victory over Michigan State in the semifinals of the Great Lakes Invitational, his sixth multi-point game out of a possible eight in December. The Tigers dropped a 6-5 decision to No. 10 Michigan in the GLI championship contest, but Johnson tallied a power-play goal and an assist.

Anders Lee, a freshman forward at the University of Notre Dame, has been named the HCA National Rookie of the Month for December.

The Edina, Minn., native, who was selected by the New York Islanders in the sixth round, 152nd overall, of the 2009 NHL Entry Draft, had points in four of the team's five games, including three outings with two or more points. Lee, formerly of the USHL's Green Bay Gamblers, finished second among Notre Dame scorers in December with eight points on two goals and six assists.

Lee's offensive totals in December put him second among all CCHA rookie scorers. He is third on the Irish in scoring this season and is second in scoring among all CCHA rookies behind teammate T.J. Tynan, who was the HCA National Rookie of the Month for November. The 6-foot-3, 218-pound forward has earned CCHA Rookie of the Month accolades twice this season. In October, he helped Notre Dame to a 5-1-1 overall record in the opening month of the season and led the Irish with six goals.



HCA Commissioners' Choice Awards December, 2010

National Player of the Month

Tyler Johnson, F, Colorado College, WCHA

National Rookie of the Month

Anders Lee, F, Notre Dame, CCHA

Honorable Mention Player of the Month

Shane Madolara, G, RIT, AHA

Brandon DeFazio, F, Clarkson, ECAC

T.J. Tynan, F, Notre Dame, CCHA

Brian Gibbons, F, Boston College, HEA

Honorable Mention Rookie of the Month

Nic Dowd, F, St. Cloud State, WCHA

Matt Zarbo, F, Clarkson, ECAC

Billy Latta, F, Connecticut, AHA

Martin Ouellette, G, Maine, HEA

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