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WCHA LANDS SIX ON MIKE RICHTER AWARD WATCH LIST

Driscoll, Dop, Rose, Mitens, Pietila and McKay among 35 goaltenders selected

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. – Feb. 2, 2021 – Six Western Collegiate Hockey Association netminders are among the 35 goaltenders named to the Hockey Commissioners Association’s Mike Richter Award watch list released Tuesday.

Since 2014, the Mike Richter Award has been presented annually to the top goalie in men’s NCAA Division I hockey. The award was previously administered by “Let’s Play Hockey” magazine.

Named to the watch list from the WCHA are **Zach Driscoll** of Bemidji State, **Eric Dop** and **Zack Rose** of Bowling Green, **Mareks Mitens** of Lake Superior State, **Blake Pietila** of Michigan Tech and **Dryden McKay** of Minnesota State.

McKay was a finalist for the award in 2020 while Driscoll was among the semifinalists.

A committee of voters — made up of a cross section of coaches, administrators, scouts and media — will pare this list down to approximately 15 names within the next two weeks and then ultimately choose the winner who will be announced in April during the NCAA Frozen Four.

About the Western Collegiate Hockey Association Men’s League

The Western Collegiate Hockey Association, among the most historic, tradition-rich and successful conferences in all of collegiate athletics, is marking its 69th season of men’s competition in 2020-21. The 10-team NCAA Division I 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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