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Seven Programs Represented on 2017-18 NCHC All-Conference Teams Four Pioneers earn All-Conference honors, with Jaillet the lone repeat First-Team selection

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. – Following the announcement of the NCHC All-Rookie Team on Tuesday, the National Collegiate Hockey Conference (NCHC) revealed its 2017-18 All-Conference First and Second Teams on Wednesday, led by four players from Denver, while seven teams placed players on one of the two teams.

Earning First-Team All-NCHC are Denver sophomore forward Henrik Borgström, who was the lone unanimous selection after garnering Second-Team All-NCHC last year, Colorado College sophomore forward Nick Halloran and Omaha senior forward David Pope up front. On the back end, St. Cloud State junior Jimmy Schuldt and Minnesota Duluth freshman Scott Perunovich make up the First-Team blue line, while Denver senior Tanner Jaillet repeated as the All-NCHC First-Team goaltender. Schuldt was an All-NCHC Honorable Mention honoree last year, while Perunovich was also named to the NCHC All-Rookie Team Tuesday.

Landing on the All-NCHC Second Team at forward are SCSU junior Mikey Eyssimont and Denver juniors Troy Terry and Dylan Gambrell. Gambrell was also a Second-Team All-NCHC selection last season, while Eyssimont and Terry both garnered Honorable Mention a season ago. On the Second Team blue line are North Dakota junior Christian Wolanin and Miami senior Louie Belpedio, who is a two-time NCHC Honorable Mention recipient, while UMD sophomore Hunter Shepard rounds out the All-NCHC Second Team in goal.

Borgström, a Florida Panthers draft pick, captured the NCHC scoring title with 33 points in 24 conference games (1.38 ppg), while tying for second in conference play with 14 goals, including two game-winners, adding 19 assists and a +6 plus/minus. Halloran finished second in the NCHC scoring race with 31 points in 24 games, potting 13 goals and handing out 18 assists, while leading the NCHC with four game-winners. Pope, a Detroit Red Wings prospect, was fourth in NCHC scoring with 28 points in 23 games, also tying for second with 14 goals, including 11 on the power play, while he led all NCHC players with 84 shots on goal in conference play.

On the First-Team blue line, Schuldt led all NCHC skaters with a +19 plus/minus, while blocking 56 shots. He also compiled 23 points, including 20 assists, in 24 games, and put 73 shots on goal. Perunovich led all NCHC defensemen with 24 points in 24 conference games on eight goals, also tops among NCHC blue liners, and 16 assists, while he finished +12 and blocked 21 shots. In goal, Jaillet posted a 12-5-5 record in 23 conference games, while tying for the league lead with four shutouts. His 1.91 goals-against average led the NCHC in conference play, while his .928 save percentage was second.

Pacing the All-NCHC Second Team at forward is Gambrell, as the San Jose Sharks pick finished third in NCHC scoring with 30 points in 24 games, including an NCHC-leading 21 assists to go with a +15 plus/minus. Eyssimont finished sixth in NCHC scoring with 26 points, as the L.A. Kings prospect scored 11 goals, including three game-winners, and added 15 assists, with a +11 plus/minus. Terry, an Anaheim Ducks draft pick, compiled 25 points in 22 games, missing two while at the Winter Olympics, chipping in six goals and 19 assists, along with a +10 plus/minus.

On the back end, Wolanin tied with Schuldt for second in defenseman scoring with 23 points, scoring six goals and dishing out 17 assists, while the Ottawa Senators prospect also blocked 27 shots and put 65 on net. Belpedio, a Minnesota Wild draft pick, contributed 17 points in 24 games with five goals and 12 assists, while blocking 30 shots, firing 78 on net, which was tops among blue liners, and finishing +1. In net, Shepard led the NCHC with 13 wins in conference play, going 13-10-0 as he was the only goalie to start all 24 NCHC games. His four shutouts tied with Jaillet for the NCHC lead, while his .915 save percentage and 2.23 GAA both ranked third in the conference.

Among the voting, Borgström received the maximum seven first-place votes for 21 points, while Halloran earned 19 points and six first-place votes and Pope had 17 points and five first-place votes. Schuldt led all defensemen with 19 points and six first-place votes,

while Perunovich got 16 points and five first-place votes and Jaillet totaled 13 points with four first-place votes.

On the Second Team, Eyssimont picked up 11 points and three first-place votes, while Terry earned nine points and two first-place votes and Gambrell had five points and one first-place vote. Wolanin racked up 12 points and three first-place votes, Belpedio garnered eight points and one first-place vote and Shepard received 12 points and three first-place tallies.

Seven players also earned Honorable Mention All-NCHC, which is made up of the next three highest point totals at forward (plus a tie), next two at defensemen and the third overall point finisher at goaltender. Receiving Honorable Mention All-NCHC are Western Michigan sophomore forwards Wade Allison and Dawson DiPietro, Colorado College junior forward Mason Bergh, St. Cloud State junior forward Robby Jackson, SCSU junior defenseman Will Borgen, UND sophomore blue liner Colton Poolman and SCSU freshman goaltender Dávid Hrenák, who also earned NCHC All-Rookie team honors Tuesday.

Voting was conducted by the eight head coaches at each institution. Coaches voted for six forwards, four defensemen and two goaltenders, awarding first-place votes for six players (three forwards, two defensemen and one goaltender) and second-place votes for the other six selections. Three points were awarded for a first-place vote while one point was awarded for a second-place vote. Coaches were not allowed to vote for their own players.

The NCHC will announce its individual award finalists on Thursday. Individual award winners will be announced at the NCHC Awards Celebration in Saint Paul, Minn. on Thursday, March 15.

NCHC All-Conference First Team

F: %Henrik Borgström, So., Denver – 21 points (7 first-place votes) - unanimous
F: Nick Halloran, So., Colorado College – 19 (6)
F: David Pope, Sr., Omaha – 17 (5)
D: \$Jimmy Schuldt, Jr., St. Cloud State – 19 (6)
D: Scott Perunovich, Fr., Minnesota Duluth – 16 (5)
G: *Tanner Jaillet, Sr., Denver – 13 (4)

NCHC All-Conference Second Team

F: \$Mikey Eyssimont, Jr., St. Cloud State – 11 (3)
F: \$Troy Terry, Jr., Denver – 9 (2)
F: %Dylan Gambrell, Jr., Denver – 5 (1)
D: Christian Wolanin, Jr., North Dakota – 12 (3)
D: +Louie Belpedio, Sr., Miami – 8 (1)
G: Hunter Shepard, So., Minnesota Duluth – 12 (3)

NCHC Honorable Mention All-Conference

F: Wade Allison, So., Western Michigan – 4 (0)
F: Mason Bergh, Jr., Colorado College – 3 (0)
F: Dawson DiPietro, So., Western Michigan – 2 (0)
F: Robby Jackson, Jr., St. Cloud State – 2 (0)
D: Will Borgen, Jr., St. Cloud State – 4 (1)
D: Colton Poolman, So., North Dakota – 2 (0)
G: Dávid Hrenák, Fr., St. Cloud State – 7 (1)

* 2016-17 NCHC First-Team All-Conference

% 2016-17 NCHC Second-Team All-Conference

\$ 2016-17 NCHC Honorable Mention All-Conference

+ 2015-16 and 2016-17 NCHC Honorable Mention All-Conference

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