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Atlantic Hockey All-Academic Team Announced *(A Quartet Earn Top-Scholar Honors)*

HAVERHILL, Mass. -- For a seventh straight year a new standard has been set in the classroom for the student-athletes of Atlantic Hockey as 140 have earned a spot on the All-Academic Team. The 140 student-athletes eclipses the mark of 135 that were honored after the 2008-09 season. In the seventh year of existence, 16 players earned their fourth appearance on the All-Academic squad. In addition, 24 are appearing for the third time, while 38 are being honored for the second time.

This season a quartet of student-athletes from three Atlantic Hockey institutions have garnered Top-Scholar Athlete. Two-time Top Scholar, senior Dean Yakura of American International, heads the list, while fellow senior, David Cianfrini of Canisius will also be honored. A pair of Army cadets, sophomore Kyle Maggard and freshman Ryan Leets are also named as the Top-Scholar Athletes. This is the first time in Atlantic Hockey history that four players have been named the Top-Scholar Athlete. Atlantic Hockey's Top Scholar Athlete is an award given annually to the player or players who achieves the highest grade point average over the course of the academic semesters of competition.

Yakura and Maggard are also named to the Atlantic Hockey Academic All-Star Team at the forward position. The Academic All-Star Team contains the highest GPA's at each position. There are three forwards, two defensemen and a goalie on the Academic All-Star Squad. Joining them along the frontline is sophomore Michael Penney from American International. Joining Cianfrini on the blueline is American International freshman, Chris Markiewicz. Leets is the Academic All-Star Team netminder. Yakura is the only returning member for the 2008-09 Academic All-Star Team.

Of the 140 student-athletes that were recognized as member of the All-Academic Team this season, 79 were members of the 2008-09 squad, and 33 are freshman. American International had a high of 24 members on the All-Academic Team with RIT following with 18. RIT had the most returning members on the All-Academic Team with 15, while AIC followed with 13 players that appeared on last year's squad.

Of the 25 players that earned All-Conference and All-Rookie honors this past season, 16 of them were also named to the All-Academic Team. All six members of the Third Team All-Conference lead the way on the All-Academic Team, while four members of the First Team All-Conference were named to both. Three out of the six members of the Second Team All-Conference were named All-Academic, with three of the All-Rookie Squad garnering All-Academic honors.

To qualify for the Atlantic Hockey All-Academic Team an individual must post a 3.0 grade point average or higher in all of the academic periods during which his team was actively competing and overall for the for the entire school year.

The Atlantic Hockey Association was formed when nine institutions joined together in 2003, to found a new Division-I men's ice hockey conference. The league currently consists of ten members: Air Force Academy, American International College, Army, Bentley College, Canisius College, the University of Connecticut, the College of the Holy Cross, Mercyhurst College, Rochester Institute of Technology, and Sacred Heart University. The addition of Niagara University and Robert Morris University for the 2010-11 season will bring the membership up to 12 teams.

2009-10 Atlantic Hockey All-Academic Team

Air Force (10/6): David Bosner (Fr, G, Chesterfield, Mo.); Stephen Caple @ (So, G, Rice Lake, Wisc.); Matt Fairchild \$ (Sr, F, Ashburn, Va.); Brandon Johnson (Sr, D, Duluth, Minn.); Jacques Lamoureux (Jr, F, Grand Forks, N.D.); Brett Nylander (Sr, F, Baudette, Minn.); Scott Mathis @ (So, D, Crystal Lake, Ill.); Andrew Volkening @ (Sr, G, Genoa, Ill.); Paul Weisgarber @ (So, D, Fargo, N.D.); Mark Williams @ (So, D, Potsdam, N.Y.).

American International (24/13): Jacob Anderson (Jr, G, Faribault, Minn.); Nielsson Arcibal @ (So, Fr, Vista, Calif.); Tomas Benovic # (Jr, D, Trencin, Slovakia); Rob Blanchette (Fr, D, South Boston, Mass.); Chris Campanale \$ (Sr, F, Chester Springs, Pa.); Jeff Ceccacci (Fr, D, Pacentia, Calif.); Jason Cohen (Fr, D, Anchorage, Alaska); Josh Froese # (Sr, F, Winkler, MAN); Nick Grasso (Fr, F, Smithtown, N.Y.); Charles LaChance (Fr, F, Quebec City, QUE); Richard Leitner (Fr, F, Los Alamitos, Calif.); Mike Little # (Jr, D, Enfield, Conn.); Chris Markiewicz (Fr, D, Calgary, ALB); Steve McLeod # (Jr, F, Atikokan, ONT); Mike McMillan # (Sr, F, Sault Ste Marie, ONT); Ben Meisner (Fr, G, Halifax, NS); Steve Mele (Fr, F, Bronx, N.Y.); Tom Mele @ (Jr, F, Bronx, N.Y.); Michael Penny @ (So, F, Calgary, ALB); Adam Pleskach (Fr, F, Beausejour, MAN); Luciano Primiani @ (So, D, Montreal, QUE); Dan Ramirez # (Jr, G, Rochester, N.Y.); Greg Vatrano @ (Jr, F, East Longmeadow, Mass.); Dean Yakura \$ (Sr, F, West Vancouver, BC).

Army (16/5): Marcel Alvarez (So, D, Cleveland, Ohio); Jay Clark # (Jr, G, Baudette, Minn.); John Clark (Fr, D, Baudette, Minn.); Danny Colvin (So, F, Vernon, N.J.); Pat Copeland @ (Jr, D, Dexter, Ore.); Bill Day (So, D, Vienna, Va.); Mark Dube (So, F, Billerica, Mass.); Mike Hull (So, F, Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich.); Cody Ikkala (Fr, D, Philadelphia, Pa.); Ryan Leets (Fr, G, Kentwood, Mich.); Kyle Maggard @ (So, F, Cleveland, Ohio); Alex McRae (So, F, Mindoro, Wisc.); Cheyne Rocha (Fr, D, Rye, N.H.); Pat Ryan (So, D, Bloomfield Hills, Mich.); Eric Sefchik \$ (Sr, F, Brooklyn, Ohio); Chris Spracklen (Jr, F, Kennewick, Wash.).

Bentley (15/8): Joe Calvi @ (Jr, G, New Lenox, Ill.); Dustin Cloutier (Jr, F, Berkley, Mich.); Brandon Graffunder # (Jr, F, Brooklyn Park, Minn.); Brett Hartung (Fr, F, Tallahassee, Fla.); Ryan Kayfes (So, D, Maple Grove, Minn.); Herbie Kent (So, F, Amesbury, Mass.); Marc Menzione @ (Sr, F, Darien, Ill.); Anders Olson \$ (Sr, F, Edina, Minn.); Erik Peterson (Jr, F, Shorewood, Minn.); Tyler Quartuccio (So, F, Aurora, Colo.); Kyle Rank @ (So, G, Islip, N.Y.); Jeremy Robert # (Jr, F, Maplewood, Minn.); Aaron Stonacek @ (So, D, Basehor, Kan.); Mike Switzer @ (So, D, Calgary, ALB); Jordy Trottier (Fr, F, Bozeman, Mont.).

Canisius (15/11): Taylor Anderson @ (Jr, G, Wetumpka, Ala.); Dave Cianfrini \$ (Sr, D, Dundas, ONT); Carl Hudson @ (Sr, D, Smooth Rock Falls, ONT); Scott Jenks (Jr, D, Bathurst, NB); Pat Kenney # (Jr, F, Amherst, N.Y.); Ryan Klusendorf @ (Sr, F, Peoria, Ill.); Andrew Loewen \$ (Sr, G, Winnipeg, MAN); Peter MacDougall # (Sr, F, Lumsden, SASK); Scott Moser @ (So, F, Tonawanda, N.Y.); Ben Parker (Fr, D, Port Perry, ONT); Phil Rauch # (Jr, D, Lambertville, Mich.); Eric Rex @ (Jr, F, Fairview, Pa.); Preston Shupe (Fr, F, Weyburn, SASK); Matt Zuke # (Jr, D, St. Louis, Mo.).

Connecticut (4/1): Sean Ambrosie (Fr, F, Moorhead, Minn.); James Gallagher (Fr, F, Marquette, Mich.); Matthew Miller (Jr, D, Bayonne, N.J.); Brendan Olynyk \$ (Sr, D, Wisconsin Rapids, Wisc.).

Holy Cross (13/9): Matt Celin # (Jr, F, Gibsonia, Pa.); Matt Clune (So, D, Toronto, ONT); Andrew Cox @ (So, F, Lombardy, ONT); Jordan Cyr @ (Sr, F, Winnipeg, MAN); Mike Daly @ (So, D, South Burlington, Vt.); Rob Forshner (Sr, F, Sundre, ALB); Jamie Jelinek # (Jr, F, Great Falls, Va.); Peter Lorinser \$ (Sr, F, Marquette, Mich.); Luke Miller @ (So, F, Andover, Mass.); Brandon Nunn (Fr, F, Fairport, N.Y.); Adam Roy # (Jr, G, Feeding Hills, Mass.); Thomas Tysowsky (Fr, F, Amherst, N.Y.); Mark Znutas # (Jr, D, Emerson, N.J.).

Mercyhurst (13/7): Grant Blakey (Fr, F, Canton, Mich.); Dan Bremner @ (Jr, F, Sarnia, ONT); Steve Cameron # (Jr, F, Mission, BC); Cody Collins @ (Sr, F, Winfield, BC); Cullen Eddy (Sr, D, Hidden Valley, Pa.); Matt Fennell \$ (Sr, D, Melfort, SASK); Derek Fisher \$ (Sr, D, International Falls, Minn.); Phil Ginand (So, F, Milford, Mass.); Patrick Goebel (So, D, Parma, Ohio); Neil Graham \$ (Sr, F, Calgary, ALB); Kevin Noble (So, D, Sparwood, BC); Chris Risi \$ (Sr, F, Thorold, ONT); Max Strang (So, G, Gilbertsville, Pa.).

Rochester Institute of Technology (18/14): Brent Alexin \$ (Sr, F, West Seneca, N.Y.); Mark Conracchia @ (So, F, Unionville, ONT); Jared DeMichiel @ (Sr, G, Avon, Conn.); Trevor Eckenswiler @ (So, D, Lions Head, ONT); Andrew Favot # (Jr, F, King City, ONT); Chris Haltigin @ (So, D, Oakville, ONT); Mike Janda @ (Jr, F, Winfield, Ill.); Scott Knowles @ (So, F, Riverside, ONT); Stevan Matic # (Sr, F, Burnaby, BC); Al Mazur \$ (Sr, D, Burnaby, BC); Taylor McReynolds (So, F, Sherwood Park, Minn.); Sean Murphy # (Jr, F, Owatoon, Minn.); Dan Ringwald \$ (Sr, D, Oakville, ONT); Jan Ropponen # (Jr, G, Espoo, Finland); Dan Spivak @ (So, D, Thornhill, ONT); Chris Tanev (Fr, D, Toronto, ONT); Jeff Smith (Fr, F, Spokane, Wash.); Chris Saracino (Fr, D, St. Louis, Mo.).

Sacred Heart (12/5): Chris Bailer @ (So, D, Wetaskiwin, ALB); Tommy Castonguay (Fr, F, Rimouski, QUE); Eric Delong (Oakville, MAN); Matt Gingera @ (So, F, Winnipeg, MAN); Matt Gordon # (Sr, D, Lynnfield, Mass.); Dave Jarman # (Sr, F, Toronto, ONT); Steve Legatto (Fr, G, Kelowna, BC); Neil McKenney (Fr, F, Buffalo, N.Y.); Ryan Miniaci (So, D, Monroe, Conn.); Mitchell Stretch (Fr, D, Saskatoon, SASK); Alex Stuart (Fr, D, Sauk Rapids, Minn.); Angelo Tsaganeas @ (Sr, G, Dumont, N.J.).

Top Scholar Athlete

Dean Yakura, American Int'l
Ryan Leets, Army
Kyle Maggard, Army
Dave Cianfrini, Canisius

Academic All-Star Team

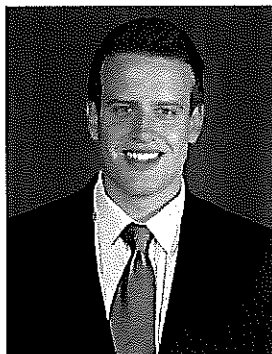
Ryan Leets, G, Army
Chris Markiewicz, D, American Int'l
Dave Cianfrini, D, Canisius
Michael Penny, F, American Int'l
Dean Yakura, F, American Int'l
Kyle Maggard, F, Army

@ -- Two-Time Honoree
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\$ -- Four-Time Honoree

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2009-10 Men's Ice Hockey Roster



#24 Chris Markiewicz



Position: Defenseman
 Height: 6-0
 Weight: 195
 Class: Freshman
 Hometown: Calgary, Alb.
 High School: Brooks Bandits (AJHL)

2009-10: Played in 31 games on defense as a freshman ... recorded two goals and five assists for seven points ... tallied his first collegiate points with an assist in a 3-0 win over Holy Cross (10/30/09) ... dished out two assists against RIT (01/22/10) ... handed out an assist against Sacred Heart (01/26/10) ... registered an assist at Canisius (02/21/10) ... buried his first career goal against Army (02/26/10) ... found the back of the net in the first round of the AHA Championship Tournament at Holy Cross (03/05/10).

Before AIC: 2006 graduate of the Edge School ... spent the last to seasons with the Brooks Bandits (AJHL) ... finished second on the team in scoring in 2008-09 with seven goals and a team-best 45 assists for 52 points over 56 games played, ranking him second among the league's defensemen 2009 all-league selection ... played in the 2009 league all-star game ... named the Bandits' Defenseman of the Year and served as an alternate captain.

Personal: Son of Les and Glenda Markiewicz ... general business major.

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