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PAUL RODRIGUES IS D-III ICE HOCKEY PLAYER of the YEAR Sid Watson Award Winner is First from SUNYAC

LAKE PLACID, NY — Senior forward Paul Rodrigues of SUNY Oswego has been chosen by the nation's ice hockey coaches as the 2013 winner of the Sid Watson Award, symbolic of the nation's best Division III men's ice hockey player. The 5-10, 170-pound native of Etobicoke, Ontario, has helped Oswego to a 24-4-0 record and a berth in this weekend's NCAA Division III Men's Ice Hockey Championship at Lake Placid, NY. Oswego advanced to the semifinals with a 3-2 overtime win over Adrian College last weekend. They face Norwich University on Friday.

Rodrigues led the nation in scoring for most of the season, and enters the weekend with 15 goals and 30 assists for 45 points. He has raked in conference recognition having been named the SUNYAC Herb Hammond Player of the Year and First Team All-SUNYAC after pacing the league with 25 points (5 goals, 20 assists).

According to Oswego coach Ed Gosek, Rodrigues' value to the Laker men's hockey program goes much deeper than what can be seen on a stats sheet.

"His speed has allowed him to wreak havoc on the fore-check, make goalies think twice about playing the puck behind the net and torment the opposition's defenders from the first puck drop to the final horn," says Gosek. "His unselfishness and skill set make him a top scoring option on one of the most lethal power-play units in Division III. Paul's determination and tenacity also makes him a critical member of the penalty-kill unit, as well as one of Oswego State's top face-off players in its defensive zone. He plays every shift with the intensity that it may be his last."

Off the ice, Rodrigues boasts a 3.37 GPA majoring in criminal justice and is a three-time SUNYAC All-Academic Team and a SUNYAC Commissioner's List honoree. He regularly works with Oswego Minor Hockey teams throughout the year teaching skills and drills; he also participates in the annual Laker Holiday Skate that raises funds for the local United Way Chapter and takes part in the annual athletic department leaf-raking initiative that cleans up yards of local senior citizens.

The award is named in honor of former Bowdoin College head coach Sid Watson, a three-time winner of the Edward Jeremiah Award as Division III Coach of the Year. Watson won 326 at Bowdoin in a career that spanned from 1959 to 1983. He was also the school's athletic director.

The runners-up for the 2013 Sid Watson Award were Brandon Stephenson, a senior goalie from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, and Colin Mulvey, a senior forward from Norwich University.



Winners of the Sid Watson Award Division III Men's Hockey Player of the Year

1993	Frank Cirrone, F, UW-Stevens Point	2004	Kevin Cooper, F, Middlebury
1994	Ray Alcindor, F, Middlebury	2005	Kurtis McLean, F, Norwich
1995	Charlie Gaffney, F, Bowdoin	2006	Adam Hanna, G, St. John's
1996	Ian Smith, D, Middlebury	2007	Andrew Gallant, G, Manhattanville
1997	Steve Toll, F, RIT	2008	Kyle Jones, G, St. Norbert
1998	Mark Spence, F, Middlebury	2009	Jeff Landers, D, Amherst
1999	Rob Smillie, F, St. Norbert	2010	David Martinson, F, Gustavus Adolphus
2000	Steve Aronson, F, St. Thomas	2011	Chris Berenguer, D, Hamline
2001	Keith Aucoin, F, Norwich	2012	Jonathan LaRose, G, Amherst
2002	Jerry Gallway, D, RIT	2013	Paul Rodrigues, F, Oswego
2003	Maris Ziedins, F, St. Norbert		

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