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YALE IS COACHES' CHOICE IN 2013-14

Six Teams Receive First-Place Votes in Preseason Poll

ALBANY, N.Y. -- For the first time in league history six schools received at least one first-place vote in the coaches' preseason poll as Yale, Rensselaer, Quinnipiac, Union, Cornell and Dartmouth each earned a top vote in the annual league coaches' poll. Garnering the most first-place votes with five was Yale which was selected atop in the 2013-14 ECAC Hockey Men's Coaches' Preseason Poll with 103 points.

The Bulldogs are coming off story-book season after claiming their first-ever NCAA Championship title are led by Keith Allain who took a team that was seeded 15th overall in the NCAA Tournament to a 2013 Frozen Four title after wins over three top seeds and a No. 2 seed. His Bulldogs won twice in OT (Minnesota, UMass Lowell), came from behind to beat North Dakota, and beat No. 1 Quinnipiac 4-0 at Pittsburgh for the national title. They will be returning 19-letterwinners from last season, including 12 forwards who accounted for 71 goals in 2012-13.

Recognized by coaches in its highest spot since the 1997-98 poll, when it was selected in the top spot, Rensselaer claimed two first-place votes in finishing second in the poll. The Engineers led by head coach Seth Appert, who enters his 8th-season behind the bench, return nine of their top 10 scorers from last season, amassed 102 total points.

Two teams which spent much of last season in the top ten, Quinnipiac and Union finished tied for third in the coaches' vote each compiling 93 points and two first-place votes. Under Rand Pecknold's direction Quinnipiac will look to defend the Cleary Cup, while Union, coming off its fourth straight 20-plus win season, will look to capture its third straight ECAC Men's Hockey Championship. Cornell, which earned on first-place vote, occupies the fifth slot with 89 points, followed by Harvard, guided by Ted Donato with 67 points.

Dartmouth sits in the No. 7 spot with 64 points, earning one first-place vote, while Brown under head coach Brendan Whittet comes in the No. 8 position with 46 points. Colgate was selected in the No. 9 position in the preseason coaches' poll under veteran head coach Don Vaughan with 44 points and St. Lawrence was in the tenth spot with 43 points.

Princeton, led by third-year head coach Bob Prier is the No. 11 team in the poll, while Clarkson, under Casey Jones' direction comes in at No. 12 in the poll.

The men's season opens Saturday, October 5 with two non-conference games when Colgate hosts Ferris State and Clarkson travels to Niagara. Three other ECAC Hockey schools will face-off in exhibition affairs on the weekend of October 5-6 as well with Rensselaer taking on St. Mary's at Houston Field House; St. Lawrence welcoming Carleton to Appleton Arena; and Quinnipiac skating against St. Mary's in Hamden.

1.		YALE (5)	103	7.		DARTMOUTH (1)	64
2.		RENSSELAER (2)	102	8.		BROWN	46
3.		QUINNIPIAC (2)	93	9.		COLGATE	44
		UNION (2)	93	10.		ST. LAWRENCE	43
5.		CORNELL (1)	89	11.		PRINCETON	26
6.		HARVARD	67	12.		CLARKSON	22

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ECAC Hockey Media Association picks Rensselaer to win ECAC Hockey Title

ALBANY, N.Y. -- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute was picked to win the ECAC Hockey regular-season title in the 15th annual ECAC Hockey Media Association's 2013-14 preseason poll, it was announced Tuesday.

The Engineers, who finished second in the league last season, received 18 of 33 first-place votes and earned 367 points in the poll conducted by Schenectady Daily Gazette college hockey writer Ken Schott.

It's the first time the Engineers have been picked first in the media poll. Their previous highest finish was second in the first media poll in 1999-2000.

Defending NCAA champion Yale finished second. The Bulldogs got five first-place votes and 334 points. Quinnipiac, the defending ECACH Cleary Cup regular-season champions and NCAA runner-up, is third. The Bobcats got six first-place votes and 292 points.

Two-time defending ECACH tournament Whitelaw Cup-champion Union is fourth. The Dutchmen earned three first-place votes and 287 points.

There was a tie for fifth between Cornell and Dartmouth with 238 points each. Cornell got the other first-place vote.

Rounding out the poll are St. Lawrence (seventh with 212 points), Brown (eighth with 188 points, Colgate (ninth with 125 points), Harvard (10th with 108 points), Princeton (11th with 102 points) and Clarkson (12th with 83 points).

Heading the ECACH Media Association's preseason all-conference team is St. Lawrence senior forward Greg Carey, who got 31 votes. He is joined by Yale senior Kenny Agostino (25 votes) and Brown junior Matt Lorito (18 votes).

The defensive end is dominated by the New York state's Capital Region teams.













RPI sophomore goalie Jason Kasdorf, who was the conference's Rookie of the Year last season. Kasdorf earned 29 votes.

The defensemen are both from Union. Junior Shayne Gostisbehere got 29 votes, while senior Mat Bodie got 10.

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1.		RENSSELAER (18)	367	7.		ST. LAWRENCE	212
2.		YALE (5)	334	8.		BROWN	188
3.		QUINNIPIAC (6)	292	9.		COLGATE	125
4.		UNION (3)	287	10.		HARVARD	108
5.		CORNELL (1)	238	11.		PRINCETON	102
		DARTMOUTH	238	12.		CLARKSON	83

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PRESEASON ALL-LEAGUE TEAM FEATURES TEAM LEADERS

UPPERCLASSMEN HIGHLIGHT COACHES' SELECTIONS

ALBANY, N.Y. -- The 2013-14 coaches' preseason all-league team is made up of five positional student-athletes who ranked near the top of scoring leaders among their teams last season and a goaltender that was at the top of nearly every league statistical category last season. As voted on by the league's 12 head coaches, players from six different teams - Cornell, Princeton, Rensselaer, St. Lawrence, Union and Yale make-up the preseason all-league team.



JASON KASDORF
RENSSELAER
GOALTENDER

Recorded .935 save percentage and 1.62 GAA ... School record for goals-against average last season ... Posted 14-5-2 record ... Three shutouts ... Had .945 save percentage and 1.39 GAA against league opponents ... ECAC Hockey Goaltender of the Week 2x and Rookie of the Week 3x ... ECAC Goaltender of the Month 1x ... HCA National Rookie of the Month for February ... ECAC Hockey Rookie of the Year ... All-League Second Team.



SHAYNE GOSTIBEHRE
UNION
DEFENSE

Earned ECAC Second-Team All-League honors in 2012-13 ... Earned Second-Team CCM Hockey All-America honors, becoming the fifth Dutchmen in the last three seasons to earn All-America honors ... Recorded a season-high four assists versus RPI on 11/3 ... Finished the season with eight goals and 18 assists in 36 games ... Was voted by the fans as the Garnet Blades 7th Player Award winner ... Helped the U.S. team win gold in the World Junior Championships.



JOAKIM RYAN
CORNELL
DEFENSE

Led the team with 20 assists and power-play scoring with 11 points in 2012-13 ... Tacked on three late-season goals to bump his point total to a career-best 23, which was highest among the team's defensemen ... Noticeable presence in defensive zone, leading the Big Red with 60 blocked shots last season ... Set a program record for goals scored by a freshman defenseman with seven in 2011-12 season ... Selected in the seventh round of the 2012 NHL Entry Draft by San Jose.



KENNY AGOSTINO
YALE
FORWARD

Returning leading scorer for the Bulldogs from last season ... Ranked second on the team with 17 goals and first with 24 assists in 37 overall games ... Ranked tied for second in point scoring in conference play averaging 1.14 points per game on 11 goals and 14 assists in 22 league contests ... Named as a Second Team All-League selection last season ... Has averaged nearly a point per game in career scoring 42 goals and adding 58 assists in 101 games.



GREG CAREY
ST. LAWRENCE
FORWARD

Led the nation in goals scored with 28 and in power-play goals with 14 last season ... First junior in program history to be named a Hobey Baker Award finalist after stellar 2012-13 campaign ... Has led the team in scoring in three straight seasons ... First-team All-League selection after scoring 28 goals and 23 assists for 51 points including a league leading 30 points on 18 goals and 12 assists ... Scored six game-winning goals last season ... Recorded 128 points in 114 games.



ANDREW CALOF
PRINCETON
FORWARD

Second-Team All-League in 2012-13 ... Team's leading scorer with 13 goals and 23 assists for 36 points ... Two-time ECAC Hockey Player of the Week (Nov. 13 and Jan. 9) last season ... Earned both HCA National and league's Player of the Month for January, 2013 ... Recorded 102 points in 95 career games on 40 goals and 62 assists ... Has led team in scoring in each of last three seasons ... Honored with the team's Blackwell Trophy last two seasons.

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