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Ten semifinalists announced for 2019 Mike Richter Award

Sixth annual award to be presented at 2019 NCAA Men's Frozen Four in Buffalo, N.Y.

CHANHASSEN, MINN. — *Let's Play Hockey* announced today the 10 semifinalists for the 2019 Mike Richter Award, which honors the most outstanding goaltender in NCAA men's hockey. The five finalists for the sixth annual award will be announced on Thursday, March 28, with the winner presented on Friday, April 12 at the 2019 NCAA Men's Frozen Four in Buffalo, N.Y. In alphabetical order, following are the semifinalists for the 2019 Mike Richter Award:

Name	School	Year	MIN	W-L-T	GAA	SV%	SO	SVS
Joey Daccord	Arizona State	Junior	2032:51	21-12-1	2.36	.926	7	994
Hayden Hawkey	Providence	Senior	2103:52	21-9-5	1.77	.923	7	745
Jake Kielly	Clarkson	Junior	1996:32	22-10-2	1.92	.928	5	821
Stefanos Lekkas	Vermont	Junior	2061:56	12-19-3	2.27	.930	0	1040
Dryden McKay	Minnesota State	Freshman	1774:36	21-6-2	1.72	.928	3	659
Cale Morris	Notre Dame	Junior	1832:20	16-12-3	2.23	.929	4	890
Tommy Nappier	Ohio State	Sophomore	1046:39	12-2-3	1.78	.937	4	464
Cayden Primeau	Northeastern	Sophomore	1809:19	21-9-1	2.12	.932	4	871
Hunter Shepard	Minnesota Duluth	Junior	2024:26	21-11-2	2.02	.911	5	695
Andrew Shortridge	Quinnipiac	Junior	1293:41	17-4-2	1.39	.944	4	509

The semifinalists combine for a 1.96 goals-against average, a .929 save percentage and a grade-point average of 3.34.

Candidates for the Mike Richter Award were determined by nominations from all 60 NCAA Division I men's hockey head coaches. The semifinalists, finalists and winner are selected by a committee of coaches, scouts and members of the media.

Criteria for the Mike Richter Award:

- Candidates must display outstanding skills on the ice
- Candidates should be in good academic standing at an NCAA college or university
- Consideration should be given to academic achievement and sportsmanship
- Candidates must comply with all NCAA rules; be full-time students at an NCAA college or university; and complete 50 percent or more of the season
- Consideration should be given to the candidate's activities in the community

Past winners: 2018 Cale Morris (Notre Dame), 2017 Tanner Jaillet (Denver), 2016 Thatcher Demko (Boston College), 2015 Zane McIntyre (North Dakota), 2014 Connor Hellebuyck (UMass Lowell)

NOTES: All 10 semifinalists are Americans • The 10 semifinalists represent eight different U.S. states – Minnesota, Colorado and Illinois lead with two, followed by Alaska, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri and New Jersey with one each • Conference breakdown – Hockey East 3, Big Ten 2, ECAC 2, NCHC 1, WCHA 1, Independent 1 • The semifinalists include one senior, six juniors, two sophomores and one freshman • Eight of the semifinalists played in the USHL prior to college, followed by one each in the BCHL and NAHL.

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