Awards Handed Out At Men's Hockey Banquet

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EAU CLAIRE - Several players of the UW-Eau Claire men's hockey team took home hardware from the team's recent banquet.

Steffan Braunlich *(Sr.-Los Angeles, CA/Loyola)* was awarded the Jeff Jaraczewski Award for being the team's MVP. Braunlich earned an honorable mention to the All-Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) Team this season for his play. The goalie led the conference in saves with 691 through 23 games for a third straight season. He was sixth in the conference for goals against per game with 3.50 of all goalies playing over 15 games. Braunlich made an average of 30.04 saves a game in this MVP year.

Defenseman **Sean Clark** *(Sr.-Royal Oak, MI/Brother Rice)* was decorated with the Most Dedicated Player Award. In 23 games Clark totaled six points through one goal and five assists. He was also selected to his first Northern Collegiate Hockey Association (NCHA) All-Academic Team. To be selected, Clark had to maintain a 3.00 grade point average, have earned at least 50 semester or 75 quarter hours, and be nominated by his head coach.

The Wallace G. Akervik Memorial Award went to defenseman **Evan Byers** *(Fr.-Eagan, MN)* as the freshman of the year. Byers played in all 27 games this year. He had one goal and seven assists to garner eight points through his freshman year.

Jeremiah Weber *(So.-Hayward)* took home the Richard G. O?Brien Memorial Award for being a complete student-athlete and for showing excellent work ethic and hustle. Weber was selected to the NCHA All-Academic Team for the second time. The forward hustled his way to five points during the year on one goal and four assists.

The team went 2-21-4 overall and 0-12-2 in the NCHA this season.