

Hayward having fantastic year

ITHACA, N.Y. — The average freshman hockey player just isn't supposed to become a great success in his first season in college hockey.

But then Cornell goaltender Brian Hayward of Georgetown is not your average freshman hockey player.

Hayward has had an outstanding rookie season thus far for the Big Red. He has been named to the ECAC All-Star weekly team five times this season, three times as Goalie of the Week and twice as Rookie of the Week. He was named the Male Athlete of the Month for January by the Cornell Red Key Society. And in less than one season, he has established himself as one of the top goalies in the East.

The reason for Hayward's immediate success this season? He has the qualities and skills that are characteristic of great goaltenders — skills that your typical freshman goalie just isn't supposed to have.

"Brian is the best fundamental goaltender I've ever seen, including juniors and seniors," said Cornell hockey coach Dick Bertrand. "He has amazing technique for a freshman. He has the best glove in the East, he owns the crease, and he has his teammates' confidence. He's like a quarterback there, directing and helping our defensemen. These things just aren't supposed to be done by a freshman".

Hayward has proven his abilities time and again this season. He has recorded shutouts against St. Lawrence and Vermont. Against Dartmouth, he made 42 saves in Cornell's 4-1 victory, he was spectacular against Boston University, making several amazing stops to lead the Big Red to a 5-1 victory.

But if you had told Hayward at the beginning of the season that he would start 18 games this season, allow 3.72 goals game, compile an .889 save percentage and be a major reason for Cornell's 17-7 record and third-place standing in the ECAC, he would have thought you were crazy.

"When I came here I was just hoping for a chance to play," said Hayward. "I knew that since two goalies had graduated last year, things would be wide open, but I was just hoping for a chance to show what I could do. I never thought I would have this kind of season".

While growing up in Georgetown and playing hockey in the Provincial Junior A League, Hayward had aspirations of playing hockey in the Ivy League. But interestingly enough, he came to Cornell almost by accident.

"I was all set to go to Princeton last year," said Hayward. "but then in the spring, the Princeton coach turned me down for another freshman goalie. I was really down and I thought I was

going to have to go to school in Canada. But Coach Bertrand was recruiting a guy on my team, Paul Kistner, and Paul told him all about what happened to me. Bertrand contacted me and I became interested in going to Cornell".

And Hayward hasn't regretted his decision to come here. "I've never played anywhere that's better than Cornell," he said. "The fans are great and they really support us".

Hayward hasn't let the fans down at Lynah Rink either. He has a knack of coming up with the big saves, exciting the crowd and switching the momentum over to Cornell.

"Brian has been making the crucial saves for us all year," said Bertrand. "He's a pressure goalie. When the going gets tough, he gets tougher. He challenges people".

"I think I respond to pres-

sure positively," said Hayward. "I like playing goal because of the pressure. You're always in the center of things. The recognition you get as an individual is entirely left up to you".

Hayward has been a pleasant surprise for the Big Red and a thorn in the backs of opponents all season long. And Bertrand has some more discouraging news for opponents — Hayward will be even tougher in years to come.

"I just know Brian is going to get even better," said Bertrand. "You can see it in the way he concentrates and the way he is willing to learn. He is confident in his abilities and that's important".

"I knew Brian would be good. But I also knew he had to make the adjustment to college hockey. Brian has made that adjustment quicker than anyone had thought. He's proven his abilities to me. He's proven that he's no flash in the pan".



Curling News

By MARG AND STEW FEETZEL

The Intermediate men's rink, skipped by Mike Makovnyk with Wayne Taylor as vice, Lloyd Trimble second, (sparing for Rick Eastwood) and Al Dean lead, travelled to Tillsonburg, Sunday to compete in the inter-divisional competition as District 9 champions.

They lost their first game to a District 11 rink and went on to play a Niagara Falls rink in what turned out to be their final game as they tied and then lost in an extra end, a closely fought and exciting game.

Two Business Girls rinks travelled to the Boulevard Club last week and curled extremely well.

Peggy Fischer's rink of

Sharon Wood, Mary Black and Patti MacLaren won both their games placing first and winning the Tacelle Trophy. Karen Henderson's rink of Jean Chappel, Jane Burrows and Liz McNeilly won both their games and placed 3rd. Congratulations girls!

Two ladies' rinks travelled to Acton Saturday to compete in their Business Girls Spiel. Ann Hartford with Lena Burns, Mary Ellen Bridge and Joan Trimble had a split decision winning one and losing one, placing fourth in the first draw. Peggy Crichton, Marg O'Flaherty, Ellen Burns and Sandra Lovelace made up the second rink and they had a great day but lost both games.

See you on the ice!

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