

Press Release:

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The National Association of Esports Coaches and Directors (NAECAD) Announces February Player of the Month Award

Des Moines, IA. – Dawson Lovell of St. Clair College, Windsor, Ontario has been named the college NAECAD Player of the Month for February 2020. Josh Staley of Saint Ansgar High School, Saint Ansgar, IA has been named the high school NAECAD Player of the Month for February 2020 the NAECAD national office announced Sunday.

Dawson Lovell, a first-year accounting student at St. Clair College, has displayed exceptional leadership, commitment and consistency. Dawson has been the driving factor behind the success of the college's Call of Duty team, which he founded this past January. Originally starting at the club level, Dawson and his Call of Duty teammates have blossomed into one of the college's most successful teams as they have amassed an 8-4 record in the College COD League. Their CCL success, in addition to their drive and determination, would not be denied as they were promoted to Junior Varsity status and have since found a place in the Tespa Invitational League where they currently sit with a 2-1 record. A leader in game and out, Dawson leads by example. He puts his team's schoolwork first while maintaining an active practice and game schedule. What began as a goal just to simply have a team has grown into wanting to achieve varsity status. With how much Dawson and his team push and strive for greatness, there is little doubt that they will achieve their goal in the near future.

Josh Staley has been a great leader for our new group as well as the strongest member of our team. He has done a great job of supporting and helping coach the new members of the team, and been very encouraging during our matches. Multiple coaches and competitors have commented on his performance during our matches. In our 15 games, he has 26 goals, 19 saves, 4 assists, and has a goal participation rate of 81%.

This coveted award recognizes individuals for a balance of athletic achievement, sportsmanship and citizenship. While elite performance in the game is important, this award is aimed at recognizing the overall impact the individual has made. Example characteristics include:

- Impactful or notable in-game performance.
- Evidence of good sportsmanship and teamwork.
- Community service.
- Superior academic achievement.
- Overcoming personal obstacles.

Each month, players are nominated and voted on by the NAECAD Advisory Committee member coaches or directors. One Player of the Month will be recognized each month (September – April).

The Player of the Month recipients are eligible for nomination of the Player of the Year award. The individual receiving the Player of the Year award will be recognized in person at the NAECAD National Convention each year. The individuals receiving the Player of the Month award will be recognized at the NAECAD National Convention each year. Student athletes nominated for the Player of the Month award will be eligible for nomination of All-American status. Student athletes receiving the top ten most votes will be recognized at both the high school and the university levels for All-American status. The individuals receiving All-American status will be recognized each year at the NAECAD National Convention.