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### FINALISTS FOR 2007 FROZEN FOUR SKILLS CHALLENGE ANNOUNCED

INDIANAPOLIS---The NCAA has announced the 89 finalists for the 2007 NCAA Frozen Four Skills Challenge.

The finalists were pared down from an original list of 181 student-athletes, who were nominated by their head coaches. From this list, the selection committee, consisting of NCAA staff members, members of the NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Committee, representatives from the American Hockey Coaches Association, Nike Bauer Hockey and the six Division I men's ice hockey conferences, will select the 32 players that will compete in the event. All college players that will exhaust their eligibility this season were eligible to be nominated.

The Skills Challenge competition will once again be held in an East vs. West format with each team having six male position players, six female position players, two male goaltenders and two female goaltenders. The competitions will include puck control relay, fastest skater, hardest shot, rapid fire shooting, accuracy shooting and penalty shot.

The second annual Skills Challenge will be held April 6 at the Scottrade Center in St. Louis and will be shown live on ESPNU. The schedule of events for "Friday Night at the Frozen Four" will include the presentation of the Hobey Baker Memorial Award at 6 p.m., the presentation of the Hockey Humanitarian Award at 6:35 p.m. and the NCAA Frozen Four Skills Challenge at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the event will be available for purchase after the first of the year.

The full list of 89 finalists is attached.