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## CANUCKS' HUGHES NAMED NHL 'ROOKIE OF THE MONTH' FOR FEBRUARY

**NEW YORK (March 1, 2020)** – Vancouver Canucks defenseman **Quinn Hughes**, who led all rookies for the month with 15 points (2-13—15 in 13 GP) and shared the overall NHL lead with 13 assists, has been named the NHL's "Rookie of the Month" for February.

Hughes edged New Jersey Devils goaltender **Mackenzie Blackwood** (6-0-1, 1.27 GAA, .967 SV%, 2 SO), New York Rangers goaltender **Igor Shesterkin** (6-0-0, 2.03 GAA, .948 SV%), Chicago Blackhawks left wing **Dominik Kubalik** (8-4—12 in 14 GP), Dallas Stars right wing **Denis Gurianov** (7-3—10 in 15 GP), Montreal Canadiens center **Ryan Suzuki** (4-6—10 in 15 GP) and Colorado Avalanche defenseman **Cale Makar** (1-9—10 in 15 GP) for the award.

Hughes scored each of his two goals in February in a 4-3 overtime win against the New York Islanders Feb. 1, capping his first career multi-goal game with the overtime tally. He became the [sixth different rookie defenseman in franchise history](#) to record a multi-goal game.

Hughes posted three assists in a 6-2 victory Feb. 10 against the Nashville Predators to become the second rookie defenseman in NHL history to record four three-assist games in a season, joining **Ray Bourque** who also had four in 1979-80. Hughes notched his 50th point of the season Feb. 25 in Montreal, joining **Nicklas Lidstrom** (1991-92) as the only defensemen in NHL history to be the *first rookie* to reach the 50-point mark in a season. On Feb. 27 in Ottawa, Hughes posted his 43rd assist of the season to pass **Dale Tallon** (42 in 1970-71) for the most in a single campaign by any Canucks rookie.

Hughes' 13 assists in February were the second-most in a calendar month by a Canucks rookie (regardless of position) behind Tallon (15 in March 1971). It was the highest assist total in any calendar month by a Vancouver defenseman in 25 years (**Jeff Brown** 13 in February 1995).

Hughes, 20, a native of Orlando, Fla., was selected seventh overall in the 2018 NHL Draft. In 2018-19, he had 5-28—33 in 31 games with the University of Michigan prior to joining the Canucks for five contests (0-3—3). He joins **Victor Olofsson** (October, December), **Makar** (November) and **Kubalik** (January) as 2019-20 winners of the "Rookie of the Month" award.

### Quinn Hughes in February

Date	Opponent	G	A	Pts.	Result
Feb. 1	at NY Islanders	2	0	2	4-3 OT W
Feb. 2	at Carolina	0	1	1	4-3 S/O L
Feb. 4	at Boston	0	0	0	4-0 L
Feb. 6	at Minnesota	0	1	1	4-2 L
Feb. 8	CALGARY	0	1	1	6-2 L
Feb. 10	NASHVILLE	0	3	3	6-2 W
Feb. 12	CHICAGO	0	0	0	3-0 W
Feb. 16	ANAHEIM	0	1	1	5-1 L
Feb. 19	MINNESOTA	0	2	2	4-3 S/O L
Feb. 22	BOSTON	0	2	2	9-3 W
Feb. 25	at Montreal	0	1	1	4-3 OT W
Feb. 27	at Ottawa	0	1	1	5-2 L
Feb. 29	at Toronto	0	0	0	4-2 L
<b>Totals</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5-6-2</b>

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