



As the Outcasts program approaches its 9th consecutive season, we continue to see the program blossom and grow. As the list of players involved in the program grows and the amount of teams expands, the coaching staff has decided that it's only right that we start recognizing our players at the end of every season. In that spirit, I present to you the first annual "Outcasts Awards"

Although some of these awards are done with cracked smile, most are meant to recognize the skill, talent, dedication, and hard work of players in the Outcasts program.

Here are the 2011 Award Winners:

The “Grindiest Grinder” Award

This award goes to the Outcasts player who spent the season banging in the boards, fighting for space in front of a net, or moving a competitor to a place they didn't necessarily want to be.

The nominees were:

Matt Tweten

Noble “The Mouth” Edmund

Matt Burke

Tanner Tuohy

Nick Bazso

The winner is:

Tanner Tuohy



The Mike Rivera (Most Memorable Goal of the Year Award)

Once upon a time there was a little Hispanic kid from El Paso who was in championship game and decided to score a game winning goal for the Outcasts 92's. He proceeded to pressure the other team's last man back, steal the puck from him, beat their back checker 1 on 1 by crossing him up and making him fall, tossing the puck around him, and jumping over him to get a breakaway and then make the tender look like Preibe. This award is given to the player with the filthiest and/or possibly most dramatic or impacted goal of the season that did it's best to emulate Mike Rivera's greatness.

The nominees were:

Kevin Mooney (OT Game Winner, Bronze game at NARCh finals)

Brett Robinson (Clapper for GW at NARCh finals)

Tyler Pullam (Blade heel on top of puck totally illegal goal at NARCh finals)

Christian Fidler (for goal that didn't get counted at Irvine qualifier quarter final game that would've won us the game)

Ryan Newens (for every goal he scored pretty much)

The winner is:

Brett Robinson



Rookie of the Year

Every year the Outcasts program grows and gains new members. Although all that wear the Outcasts uniform for the first time have earned the right to be counted alongside some of the best hockey players on the west coast, this award is given to a new player to the program that had the most impact on their team's success and chemistry while also embracing the spirit and traditions of Outcasts Hockey.

The nominees were:

Brandon Marr

Steven Rubio

Kyle Erwin

Jerid Marr

Danny Joyner

The winner is:

Kyle Erwin



Filthiest Sauce Award

This one is self explanatory; he who throws sauce that is indeed filthy. It could be to set up an unreal play; it could be a full rink dish that gives the cherry picker a perfect break away. Sometimes it can even be a break out pass from the tender. No matter what the occasion, it's an art form tried by many, accomplished by few.

The nominees were:

Chad Colwell

Tanner Tuohy

Robbie Goldsmith

Eric Brown

Drew Yeoman

The winner is:

Eric Brown



The Long Duong Memorial Trophy (Sportsmanship)

This award is named after Outcasts Alumni and possibly the nicest hockey player to ever play the game. There's nobody who's displayed Long Duong like sportsmanship on the rink since but these are the ones who did their best to get close.

The nominees were:

Kyle Land
Ryan Briody
Trey Decker
Jayne Haveman
Brennan Sowa

The winner is:

Kyle Land



The William Heinze Award (Biggest Pest)

Every team has one; that guy that manages to get under the other team's skin. Whether it is a timely chirp at the faceoff circle, a nice jab behind the play, a face wash in minor scrum. Although he's never been an Outcast, ASU Sun Devil Roller Hockey Captain Will Heinze is one of the best in the game. These are the players who one day might follow in his greatness.

The nominees are:

Chad Colwell
Noble "The Mouth" Edmund
Tanner Tuohy
Max Stamler
Garth Penman

The winner is:

Max Stamler



Most Improved Player

The award recognizes the player that made the largest improvement from the end of the previous season to the end of the last. Although there can only be one winner, the coaching staff would like to acknowledge that all players nominated should be proud of the progress they've made.

The nominees are:

Blake Sutton
Noble Edmunds
David Hamrick
Jimmy Curley
Brennan Sowa

The winner is:

Noble Edmund



Biggest Dill of the Season Award

"Dill" is best described as a likeable sort of guy who's just a tiny bit off and constantly saying or doing something that just makes you shake your head and say "what a dill".

The nominees are:

Chad Colwell
Ryan Briody
Cooper King
Zach Soucie
Kevin Smith

The winner is:

Zach Soucie AND Kevin Smith



Unsung Hero Award

A solid tender or unreal offense always gets the credit but sometimes it's that stay at home defensemen or selfless forward who always looks to dish just to get the puck to the net. He deserves more credit than just this award but sadly that's all we've got.

The nominees are:

Kevin Mooney
Nate Haveman
Justin Rice
Jayme Haveman
Tommy Tuohy

The winner is:

Jayme Haveman



The Tyler Marek (Most Valuable Player) Award

It's exactly what it sounds like. This award goes to the player who made the most impact in their position on their respective Outcasts team this season. Each nominee could walk away with this award as they not only stood out on their team this season, but they exemplify what it means to be the heart and soul of a team.

The nominees are:

Alex Macdonald
Anthony Ciorro
Kyle Erwin
Tanner Tuohy
Jesse Rooney

The winner is:

Alex Macdonald

