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**CONFERENCE USA MEN'S SOCCER ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM ANNOUNCED**

***Twelve Student-Athletes Recognized for Excellence on Field and in Classroom***

IRVING, Texas – Twelve men's soccer student-athletes were named to the 2007 Conference USA All-Academic Team. SMU led the selections with three members on the team, while Memphis and South Carolina both placed two on the all-academic team. Eight schools total were represented. The all-academic team consists of 12 student-athletes that have earned a 3.2 cumulative grade point average or better and are a starter or key reserve on the men's soccer team.

Five seniors, five juniors and two sophomores make up the 2007 All-Academic Team. Memphis' two selections, senior **Jared Britcher** and junior **Robert Sausaman**, were both repeat choices as was Tulsa senior **Eric Burkholder**. Forwards Britcher and Burkholder were All-Conference second- and third-team selections, respectively, and both are *ESPN The Magazine* CoSIDA Academic All-District first-team selections. Britcher is a two-time Academic All-American as an exercise and sport science major. Burkholder, a finance major with a 3.96 GPA, was also named the All-America second team last season.

SMU senior classmates **Ben Shuleva** and goalkeeper **Steve Sandbo** were named to the all-academic team one day after receiving All-Conference USA honors. They were joined by teammate **Scott Geppert**, a junior who maintains a 3.81 GPA as a financial consulting. Shuleva and Geppert were also named to the *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-District VI first-team and are eligible for Academic All-America honors.

South Carolina placed a pair on the academic squad, with the selection of senior **Daniel Upchurch** and sophomore **Cory Lewis**. Britcher was an Academic All-America Third Team selection in 2005, with a perfect 4.0 GPA in the spring 2005 semester.

Kentucky junior **Chad Hagerty** maintains a 4.00 GPA as an exercise science major. He scored the game-winning goal in the Wildcats' 2-1 non-conference win over Western Kentucky.

UAB sophomore **Wes Johnson** and juniors **Phillip Fisher** of Florida International and **Ryan Roushanel** of UCF round out the 2007 All-Academic Team. Roushanel was selected to the All-Conference USA second-team at forward after scoring eight goals this season (ranks second in the conference). He carries a 3.75 GPA as a Spanish major. Fisher was a key member of the FIU defense, while Johnson played 1440 minutes in goal for the Blazers with a 1.15 goals against average.

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<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>GPA</b>	<b>Major</b>
Phillip Fisher	Florida International	Junior	3.74	Journalism
Chad Hagerty	Kentucky	Junior	4.00	Exercise Science
*Jared Britcher	Memphis	Senior	3.68	Exercise & Sport Science
*Robert Sausaman	Memphis	Junior	3.82	Business
Scott Geppert	SMU	Junior	3.81	Financial Consulting
Steve Sandbo	SMU	Senior	3.38	Finance
Ben Shuleva	SMU	Senior	3.38	Finance
Cory Lewis	South Carolina	Sophomore	3.94	Business Administration
Daniel Upchurch	South Carolina	Senior	3.76	Civil Engineering
*Eric Burkholder	Tulsa	Senior	3.96	Finance
Wes Johnson	UAB	Sophomore	3.47	Biology
Ryan Roushanel	UCF	Junior	3.75	Spanish