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Patriot League Men's Soccer Weekly Awards – 8.28.06

American takes three of the top honors.

Center Valley, Pa. – American's Sal Caccavale, Nigel White and Chris Sedlak along with Navy's Andrew Garcia were selected as the Patriot League weekly award winners in men's soccer. Caccavale earned the Patriot League's BRINE Offensive Player of the Week while White picked up the Patriot League's BRINE Defensive Player of the Week. Sedlak was named the Patriot League's BRINE Goalkeeper of the Week and the Patriot League's BRINE Rookie of the Week honors go to Garcia.

Senior-Eagle Caccavale (West Islip, N.Y.) scored two game-winning goals, helping American beat Howard and Georgetown in the D.C. College Cup in Washington, D.C. His goal against Georgetown came with 2:07 left in regulation. This marks American's fourth victory in the six-year history of the tournament. Caccavale scored his 14th and 15th career goals and is six shy of American's all-time top ten for career goals.

White (Kensington, Md.) led the Eagles' defensive effort that only gave up one goal in two games. American allowed ten shots in their 2-0 shutout over Howard and nine shots with one goal in the Georgetown final.

Making 12 saves on the weekend, Sedlak (Valrico, Fla.) grabbed his sixth career shutout against Howard. He allowed a single goal tying his career-high for saves, with nine. The Eagle made several key stops, including a one-on-one save in the 69th minute.

Midshipman Garcia (Garland, Texas) scored his first career goal in the 34th minute against Saint Joseph's. His goal was the eventual game-winning goal as Navy won 3-1. Garcia is the first Navy freshman to score a goal since 2004.

Honorable mentions this week include Army's Bill Watts, Colgate's David Cappuccio and Lehigh's Joe Verdi. Watts (Wilmington, N.C.) knocked the ball in for the game-tying goal with two seconds left in regulation. The Air Force-Army game ended in a 1-1 tie, which broke the Black Knights' two-game losing streak to Air Force and marked the first point earned by Army in Colorado Springs, Colo. since 1977.

Cappuccio (Pittsford, N.Y.) faced St. Bonaventure in his second career start and made two saves to help Colgate in its 2-0 shutout victory. He has posted a shutout in both of his starts.

Verdi (Ivyland, Pa.) earned accolades this week due to his assist in the Lehigh victory over Fairleigh Dickinson, 1-0. The Mountain Hawk set up his teammate Jim Taranto for the game's only goal.

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