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Patriot League announces swimming & diving All-League teams

CENTER VALLEY, Pa. – The Patriot League Wednesday announced the 2004-05 All-League teams for men's and women's swimming & diving. Navy led the way on the men's side with eight first team selections, while the Bucknell women placed a League-high six on the first team list.

The 2005 Patriot League Swimming & Diving Championships took place from Thursday, Feb. 24-Saturday, Feb. 26 at the Kinney Natatorium on the campus of Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa. The Navy men claimed their second consecutive League title with 822.50 points, while Army placed second with 637 points. On the women's side, the Bison captured their third-straight crown with 810 points, and the Mids were the runners-up with 598 points.

Major awards were handed out at the conclusion of the three-day event. Navy's **Bill Roberts** was voted Men's Swimming Coach of the Year, and Bucknell's **Jerry Foley** Women's Swimming Coach of the Year. The Mids' **Joe Suriano** earned Diving Coach of the Year accolades. Rookie of the Meet honors went to Army's **Jake Mentele** and American's **Meghan Thiel**; Diver of the Meet was awarded to Navy sophomore **Kevin Teague** and Army junior **Chelsea Haviland**; and Swimmer of the Meet went to American junior **Val Fomenko** on the men's side and Thiel and Navy sophomore **Aubra Thomas** on the women's side.

The All-League teams are determined based on individual first- and second-place finishes at the Championship events, as well as individual point totals.

For the women, Thiel (1st place, 500-yard free/1st place, 200-yard free/1st place, 1,650-yard free), Thomas (1st place, 200-yard IM/1st place, 100-yard breast/1st place, 200-yard breast), Bucknell sophomore **Rebecca Scheffter** (1st place, 50-yard free/1st place, 100-yard free), Bucknell sophomore **Laura Goeller** (1st place, 400-yard IM), Navy sophomore **Tori Throckmorton** (1st place, 100-yard fly), Bucknell junior **Lectie Altman** (1st place, 100-yard back/1st place, 200-yard back), Haviland (1st place, 1-meter dive/1st place, 3-meter dive) and Bucknell sophomore **Katherine Munson** (1st place, 200-yard fly) all made the first team due to individual titles at the Championship.

Rounding out the first team based on point totals were: Navy junior **Jenn Windstein** (50), American sophomore **Kaitlin Moughty** (49), Lehigh junior **Linda Hendrixson** (48), Bucknell senior **Jamie Flick** (45), Lehigh sophomore **Betsy Balaguer** (44), Bucknell sophomore **Nikki Woodward** (43), Navy freshman **Kelly Freeburn** (43), Lafayette sophomore **Liz Helwig** (41), Lehigh sophomore **Julie Mitchell** (41) and Navy senior **Meakin Poor** (41).

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Second team All-League honors for the women went to Army sophomore **Page Carol Clark** (2nd place, 50-yard free), Bucknell junior **Mary Krakowski** (2nd place, 100-yard fly), Colgate senior **Jen Busby** (2nd place, 1-meter dive), Army freshman **Chelsey Freeman** (2nd place, 200-yard fly), Army freshman **Kim DeFiori** (40 points), Army freshman **Sarah Heine** (38), Navy freshman **Rachel Gray** (36), Lafayette freshman **Liz Geary** (35), Bucknell senior **Jackie Feintheil** (34), Colgate freshman **Kacy Reams** (34), Lafayette freshman **Julie Sauer** (33), Lafayette freshman **Katie Kaczka** (32), Navy freshman **Katie Griffin** (31), Colgate freshman **Colby Seamans** (29), Bucknell freshman **Erika Mannix** (29), Bucknell sophomore **Carlyn Donley** (29), American freshman **Alexandra Kinzler** (29), Colgate junior **Emily McAuliff** (29) and American senior **Cameron Miller** (29).

On the men's side, 18 student-athletes were recognized as first team All-League performers. That group included Army sophomore **Efri Ruthenberg** (1st place, 500-yard free/1st place, 200-yard free), Fomenko (1st place, 200-yard IM/1st place, 100-yard back), Navy junior **Mike Linn** (1st place, 50-yard free/1st place, 100-yard free), Teague (1st place, 3-meter dive/1st place, 1-meter dive), American sophomore **Steve Brennan** (1st place, 400-yard IM), Lehigh senior **William Green** (1st place, 100-yard fly), Mentele (1st place, 100-yard breast/1st place, 200-yard breast), Lehigh freshman **Jonathan Kearney** (1st place, 1,650-yard free), Navy sophomore **Kevin Mukri** (1st place, 200-yard back) and Army sophomore **Zach Disbrow** (1st place, 200-yard fly) – all individual gold medalists.

The remaining eight first team members were Navy junior **Joe Smutz** (47 points), Navy sophomore **Danny Flemming** (46), Bucknell sophomore **Ian Rawhauser** (44), Lehigh sophomore **Christopher Caywood** (42), Navy freshman **Andrew Thorn** (41), Navy freshman **Christopher Jenkins** (40), Navy freshman **Tyler Hill** (40) and Army sophomore **Cameron Rice** (39).

Army junior **Doug Klein** (2nd place, 3-meter dive), Army senior **Sebastian Rodriguez** (2nd place, 100-yard fly), Lehigh junior **Grant Flothmeier** (2nd place, 100-yard breast), Bucknell senior **Adam Freeman** (2nd place, 1-meter dive), Bucknell junior **William Schilling** (2nd-place, 200-yard breast), Lafayette junior **Greg VanVolkenburg** (36), Lehigh senior **Joseph Beagen** (36), Bucknell junior **Todd Bauer** (35), Army senior **Ricky Babbitt** (33), Army senior **Kevin Burke** (33), Lafayette freshman **J.B. Worster** (33), American junior **Kevin Falkenstein** (32), American junior **Estebe Salgado** (32), Navy senior **Chris Speicher** (32), Colgate junior **Mark Falkner** (31), Colgate senior **Ellis Lane** (31), Lehigh sophomore **Thomas Gilbert** (29) and Bucknell junior **Mark Kretzer** (29) all made the men's second team.

Bucknell senior **John Hoffman** and freshman **John Peterman**, along with Navy freshman **Danny Mizelle**, sophomore **John Kennedy** and senior **Jake Keefe**, all made the second team as well with 28 points apiece.

Next up on the swimming & diving calendar is the NCAA Championships, scheduled for Thursday, March 17-Saturday, March 19 for the women and Thursday, March 24-Saturday, March 26 for the men.

The Patriot League, an NCAA Division I athletics conference founded on the principle of admitting athletes who are academically representative of their class, is in its second decade of academic and athletic excellence. A successful Division I-AA football conference since 1986 and an all-sport conference since 1990, membership includes American, Army, Bucknell, Colgate, Holy Cross, Lafayette, Lehigh and Navy, while three additional institutions hold associate membership. Patriot League member institutions are among the oldest and most prestigious in the nation, graduating alumni who are well prepared for life with the ability to make meaningful contributions to their community and society in general. In the most recent NCAA Graduation Rate Report of student-athletes, the Patriot League ranked FIRST among NCAA Division I conferences.

2005 Patriot League Swimming & Diving All-League Teams

Men's First Team

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Val Fomenko, American
Mike Linn, Navy
Kevin Teague, Navy
Steve Brennan, American
William Green, Lehigh
Jake Mentele, Army
Jonathan Kearney, Lehigh
Kevin Mukri, Navy
Zach Disbrow, Army
Joe Smutz, Navy
Danny Flemming, Navy
Ian Rawhauser, Bucknell
Christopher Caywood, Lehigh
Andrew Thorn, Navy
Christopher Jenkins, Navy
Tyler Hill, Navy
Cameron Rice, Army

Men's Second Team

Doug Klein, Army
Sebastian Rodriguez, Army
Grant Flothmeier, Lehigh
Adam Freeman, Bucknell
William Schilling, Bucknell
Greg VanVolkenburg, Lafayette
Joseph Beagen, Lehigh
Ricky Babbitt, Army
Kevin Burke, Army
J.B. Worster, Lafayette
Kevin Falkenstein, American
Estebe Salgado, American
Chris Speicher, Navy
Mark Falkner, Colgate
Ellis Lane, Colgate
Thomas Gilbert, Lehigh
Mark Kretzer, Bucknell
John Hoffman, Bucknell
John Peterman, Bucknell
Danny Mizelle, Navy
John Kennedy, Navy
Jake Keefe, Navy
Todd Bauer, Bucknell

Women's First Team

Meghan Thiel, American
Aubra Thomas, Navy
Rebecca Scheffter, Bucknell
Laura Goeller, Bucknell
Lectie Altman, Bucknell
Chelsea Haviland, Army
Katherine Munson, Bucknell
Tori Throckmorton, Navy
Jenn Windstein, Navy
Kaitlin Moughty, American
Linda Hendrixson, Lehigh
Jamie Flick, Bucknell
Betsy Balaguer, Lehigh
Nikki Woodward, Bucknell
Kelly Freeburn, Navy
Liz Helwig, Lafayette
Julie Mitchell, Lehigh
Meakin Poor, Navy

Women's Second Team

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Mary Krakowski, Bucknell
Jen Busby, Colgate
Chelsey Freeman, Army
Kim DeFiori, Army
Sarah Heine, Army
Rachel Gray, Navy
Liz Geary, Lafayette
Jackie Feintheil, Bucknell
Kacy Reams, Colgate
Julie Sauer, Lafayette
Katie Kaczka, Lafayette
Katie Griffin, Navy
Colby Seamans, Colgate
Erika Mannix, Bucknell
Carlyn Donley, Bucknell
Alexandra Kinzler, American
Emily McAuliff, Colgate
Cameron Miller, American