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Patriot League announces 2006 Men's Swimming and Diving All-League Teams

Champion Navy leads way with 13.

Center Valley, Pa. - The 2006 Patriot League Swimming and Diving Champion Navy placed a League-best 13 student-athletes on the All-Patriot League team, while runner-up Army posted eight on the First and Second-Teams. Bucknell followed with five, and American and Lehigh placed four. Rounding out this season's All-Patriot League team was Lafayette and Colgate with one each.

First-Team All-Patriot League status is automatically awarded to individual winners of each event. The First-Team is completed with the next highest point scores. Second-Team All-Patriot League automatically goes to runner-ups in each event. The Second-Team is completed with the highest remaining point scorers.

Navy's All-Patriot League representation was headlined by Male Swimmer of the Meet, **Joe Smutz** (Marriottsville, Md.). Individually the senior was named to the First-Team for winning the 50 and 200-yard freestyle and was named to the Second-Team for finishing second in the 100-yard free. During preliminary's he set the Patriot League record in the 100 free. The Mids also claimed the Outstanding Rookie of the Meet in **David Guthmann** (Waxhae, N.C.). The freshman joined the First-Team after winning the 1,650-yard freestyle. Fellow junior **Kevin Teague** (Lexington, Ky.) took Diver of the Meet and finished on the First-Team for winning both one and three-meter diving events.

Mike Linn (Newhall, Calif.) captured two golds and a silver at the Championship. He was named to the First-Team for winning the 100-yard freestyle and butterfly. Junior swimmer **Danny Flemming** (Loganville, Ga.) also received First-Team honoree for winning the 500-yard freestyle. Sophomore teammate **Tyler Hill** (Dunwoody, Ga.) earned First-Team honors for winning the 200 butterfly.

Navy junior **Kevin Mukri** (Silver Spring, Md.) earned Second-Team honors for his second-place finish in the 100-yard backstroke. Senior **Ian Getzler** (Naperville, Ill.) 39, senior **Christian Foschi** (Old Bookville, N.Y) 35, freshman **Preston Mihalko** (Chesapeake, Va.) 35, junior **Andy Bockus** (Oklahoma City, Okla.) 34, sophomore **Danny Mizelle** (Rockville, Va.) 31 and freshman **Alex Oldenkamp** (Coppell, Texas) 29 rounded out the Second-Team for the Mids.

Army was lead sophomore **Jake Mentele** (Sioux Falls, S.D.) who earned First-Team honors for accumulating 51 points at the Championship. Junior **Efri Ruthenberg** (Peoria, Ariz.) also joined the First-Team earning 49 points.

Senior diver **Doug Klein** (Red Wing, Minn.) garnered Second-Team honors for taking silver in both the one and three-meter diving events. Junior **Zach Disbrow** (Orinda, Calif.) earned Second-Team honors after finishing as the runner-up in the 200-yard butterfly, while fellow junior **David Michaelson** (Winter Park, Fla.) earned the honor taking second in the 1,650-yard freestyle. Junior **Mike Soderberg** (St. Paul, Minn.) 31, freshman **Nick Vandam** (Eagan, Minn.) 31, and sophomore **John Hutchison** (Springfield, Va.) 30 rounded out the Second-Team for the Black Knights.

Bucknell was led by senior **William Schilling** (Murrysville, Pa.) who earned First-Team honors after winning the 200-yard breaststroke. Schilling was joined on the First-Team by seniors **Todd Bauer** (Harleysville, Pa.) and **Mark Ketzer** (Northport, N.Y.) who earned spots on the First-Team for accumulating 44 and 43 points, respectively, at the meet.

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The Bison also placed two swimmers on the Second-Team with freshman **Mark Kawczenski** (Wilkes-Barre, Pa.) earning 38 points at the championship and sophomore **Joseph Metcalf** (Knoxville, Tenn.) scoring 32 points.

American was led by senior **Val Fomenko** (Jouy-En-Josas, France), who took First-Team honors for winning both the 100-yard backstroke and 200-yard backstroke. Junior **Steve Brennan** (Beavercreek, Ohio) earned First-Team recognition for capturing golds in both the 200 and 400-yard IM, and senior **Estebe Salgado** (San Sebastian, Spain) also earned First-Team honors for earning 41 points at the meet.

The Eagles lone Second-Team recipient was senior **Kevin Falkenstein** (Westmont, N.J.), who earned the honor for having 36 points at the championship.

Lehigh was led by senior **Grant Flothmeier** (Maple Glenn, Pa.), who earned First-Team honors for winning the 100-yard breaststroke. Junior **Tom Gilbert** (Robeson, Pa.) took first-team honors for having 46 points at the championship.

The Mountain Hawks also had senior **Sean Herman** (Allentown, Pa.) 32 and sophomore **Jon Kearney** (Wayne, Pa.) 30 earn Second-Team honors.

Rounding out the All-Patriot League team was Lafayette senior **Greg Van Volkenburg** (Erie, Pa.) 43 and Colgate senior **Marc Falkner** (Baskings Ridge, N.J.) 42, who each were placed on the first-team based on their point performance at the championship.

The Patriot League, which was founded on the principles of admitting athletes who are academically representative of their class, is in its second decade of academic and athletic excellence. Participation in athletics at Patriot League institutions is viewed as an important component of the undergraduate experience. The Patriot League, which began as a successful Division I-AA football conference in 1986 and became an all-sport conference in 1990, includes American, Army, Bucknell, Colgate, Holy Cross, Lafayette, Lehigh and Navy as full members and three associate members. These institutions are among the oldest and most prestigious in the nation and their alumni have played leadership roles in the shaping of our country. In the most recent NCAA Graduation Rate Report of student-athletes, the Patriot League ranked FIRST among NCAA Division I conferences.

2006 Men's Swimming and Diving First-Team All-Patriot League

Name	School	Cl.	Hometown	Event(s)
Steve Brennan	American	Jr.	Murrysville, Pa.	200 IM/400 IM
Danny Flemming	Navy	Jr.	Loganville, Ga.	500 Freestyle
Grant Flothmeier	Lehigh	Sr.	Maple Glenn, Pa.	100 Breaststroke
Val Fomenko	American	Sr.	Jouy-En-Josas, France	100 Backstroke/200 Backstroke
David Guthmann	Navy	Fr.	Waxhaw, N.C.	1,650 Freestyle
Tyler Hill	Navy	So.	Houston, Texas	200 Butterfly
Mike Linn	Navy	Sr.	Newhall, Calif.	100 Butterfly/100 Freestyle
William Schilling	Bucknell	Sr.	Murrysville, Pa.	200 Breaststroke
Joe Smutz	Navy	Sr.	Marriottsville, Md.	50 Freestyle/200 Freestyle
Kevin Tegaue	Navy	Jr.	Lexington, Ky.	One-meter dive/Three-meter dive

Name	School	Cl.	Hometown	Points.
Jake Mentele	Army	So.	Sioux Falls, S.D.	51
Efri Ruthenberg	Army	Jr.	Peoria, Ariz.	49
Tom Gilbert	Lehigh	Jr.	Robeson, Pa.	46
Todd Bauer	Bucknell	Sr.	Harleysville, Pa.	44
Greg Van Volkenburg	Lafayette	Sr.	Erie, Pa.	43
Mark Kretzer	Bucknell	Sr.	Northport, N.Y.	43
Marc Falkner	Colgate	Sr.	Baskings Ridge, N.J.	42
Estebe Salgado	American	Sr.	San Sebastian, Spain	41

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Zach Disbrow	Army	Jr.	Orinda, Calif.	200 Butterfly
Doug Klein	Army	Sr.	Red Wing, Minn.	One-meter dive/Three-meter dive
David Michelson	Army	So.	Winter Park, Fla.	1,650 Freestyle
Kevin Murki	Navy	Jr.	Silver Spring, Md.	100 Backstroke

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Ian Getzler	Navy	Sr.	Naperville, Ill.	39
Mark Kawczynski	Bucknell	Fr.	Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	38
Kevin Falkenstein	American	Sr.	Westmont, N.J.	36
Christian Foschi	Navy	Sr.	Old Bookville, N.Y.	35
Preston Mihalko	Navy	Fr.	Chesapeake, Va.	35
Andy Bockus	Navy	Jr.	Oklahoma City, Okla.	34
Sean Herman	Lehigh	Sr.	Allentown, Pa.	32
Joseph Metcalf	Bucknell	So.	Knoxville, Tenn.	32
Mike Soderberg	Army	Jr.	St. Paul, Minn.	31
Nick Vandam	Army	Fr.	Eagan, Minn.	31
Danny Mizelle	Navy	So.	Rockville, Va.	31
John Hutchison	Army	So.	Springfield, Va.	30
Jon Kearney	Lehigh	So.	Wayne, Pa.	30
Alex Oldenkamp	Navy	Fr.	Coppell, Texas	29