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All-Patriot League Men's Lacrosse Team Announced

Five student-athletes earn All-League status for the third time in their careers.

Center Valley, Pa. – Navy led all Patriot League teams with nine selections to the 2008 All-Patriot League Team, including four first-team honorees. Army and Colgate each had five student-athletes earn All-Patriot League status. Rounding out the list of honorees were four from Bucknell, two from Lafayette and one from Lehigh.

Navy placed senior Nick Mirabito (attack), sophomore Patrick Moran (midfield), junior Geoff Leone (defensive midfield specialist) and senior Jordan DiNola (defense) on the First-Team All-Patriot League squad. Mirabito's 41 points (20 goals and 21 assists) pushed him to ninth place on the Patriot League's all-time scoring list with 153 career points. In Patriot League games he led the League in points (23) and assists (14), while adding nine goals. Mirabito put points up in all but one game this season and had 10 multi-point outings. Moran was Navy's third-leading scorer with 14 goals and three assists in 12 games. Two of his goals were game-winners, while four were man-up scores. Leone played in all 13 of Navy's games this season, picking up 26 ground balls and adding six points (two goals, four assists). DiNola is a member of the nation's top-ranking defense that has allowed just 5.71 goals per game and just 4.30 in Patriot League contests. DiNola was honored on the All-Patriot League Team for the third time in his career with all three appearances being on the first-team.

The Mids had five student-athletes honored on the All-Patriot League Second-Team, including sophomore attack Tim Paul, sophomore midfielder Basil Daratsos, senior face-off specialist Mikelis Visgauss, senior defenseman Brendan Teague and sophomore defensive midfield specialist Jaren Woepfel. Paul led the Mids in goals with 21 and added five assists for 26 points. Eleven of Paul's goals came in Patriot League play to tie for second in the League. Daratsos was able to play in all 13 of Navy's games this season after coming off an injury in the fall. He contributed five goals and two assists. Visgauss owned a .607 face-off percentage during the regular season, winning 102-of-168 chances overall and 45-of-71 in League play (.634). He ranked first in the Patriot League in ground balls with 68. Teague, a three-time All-Patriot League selection, was key on defense in limiting Patriot League opponents to just 26 goals, while Woepfel was a mainstay for the Mids as a defensive midfield specialist, playing in each game this season.

Patriot League Tournament host Army had three First-Team All-Patriot League honorees and two selected to the second-team. Senior Adam Fullerton, junior Kevin LoRusso and senior Jay Larson were all members of the first-team. Fullerton led all Patriot League goalkeepers in save percentage (.638) and goals against average (6.77) in overall games, ranking fourth and fifth nationally in those categories, respectively. In Patriot League games, Fullerton owned a 5.79 goals against average. LoRusso put up 16 points in 11 games this season on eight goals and eight assists. Larson was a key component to the Army defense that ranks fourth in the nation, allowing just 6.62 goals per game in a season where the Black Knights faced six nationally-ranked opponents.

Junior attack Jason Peyer and senior defenseman Craig Massie represented Army on the Second-Team All-Patriot League list. Peyer was second in scoring for the Black Knights this year with 26 points on 19 goals and seven assists. He netted three game-winning goals, including two in League competition. Massie was a strong member of the Army defense that gave up just 34 goals to Patriot League opponents and owned a 5.67 goals against average over the six-game League slate.

All three of Colgate's First-Team All-Patriot League honorees are earning a spot on the list for the third time in their careers – junior attack Brandon Corp, senior midfielder Matt Lalli and senior face-off specialist Chris Eck. Corp led the Patriot League in goals in both overall (30) and League games (14). His 41 overall points are a tie for second in the Patriot League this season. Corp recorded points in every game this year and is on an active 29-game scoring streak. Lalli collected 29 points on 14 goals and 15 assists. Lalli had 10 multi-point games this year, including a season-high four points three times in 2008. Eck posted a .624 face-off percentage in all games (146-of-234) and .619 in League games (66-of-106). Eck scooped up 61 ground balls for second in the Patriot League.

On the Second-Team All-Patriot League squad this year for Colgate were junior attack Kevin Collelouri and sophomore midfielder Ian Murphy. Collelouri was tied for second in the Patriot League with 27 goals and was fourth in points (36).

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Eight of his goals were in League contests and three were game winners. Murphy was third on the Raiders' roster in goals this year with 20, including 11 versus Patriot League teams. He added three assists for 23 points.

Sophomore attack Austin Winter was Bucknell's representative on the First-Team All-Patriot League list, while junior Perry Menzies (midfield), junior Billy Haire (defense) and junior Nick Sciubba (goalie) all earned second-team recognition. Winter paced the Patriot League in points with 44 on 17 goals and a League-best 27 assists. Winter's 2.08 assists per game rank sixth in the nation and his six assists on March 25 versus Towson rank second in the country for a single game this year. Menzies saw action in 11 games and came up with nine goals and one assist. Haire anchored Bucknell's defense that allowed just 5.46 goals per game in Patriot League competition. The Bison defense gave up the second fewest goals in Patriot League play (33). Sciubba was first in goals against average in League games at a 5.70 mark and owned a .600 save percentage. Sciubba's 85 goals allowed over the course of the 2008 campaign are the second fewest among Patriot League starting goalies.

Lafayette's Steve Serling and Jeff Canfield were both voted as Second-Team All-Patriot League members. Serling paced the Leopards in points with 32 on 23 goals and nine assists. In League games, the sophomore midfielder was first on the Lafayette squad in both goals (10) and points (13). Canfield made 134 saves in goal for the Leopards and posted nine double-digit save games this season. His overall save percentage (.578) was second in the Patriot League.

Lehigh's All-Patriot League selection, senior Dan Honeywell, was named to the first-team as a defenseman. Honeywell's defensive efforts helped Lehigh limit its opponents to eight points or less in all six of its victories this season. The veteran defender was second among his Mountain Hawk teammates with 42 ground balls. His efforts were key in leading Lehigh's man-down defense that ranks 10th in the nation (.787).

The announcement of the 2008 Patriot League Major Award winners will be on Thursday, April 24. The major awards include Patriot League Offensive Player, Defensive Player, Goalkeeper, Rookie and Coach of the Year.

"Today's Scholar-Athletes, Tomorrow's Leaders" – The Patriot League continually demonstrates that student-athletes can excel at both academics and athletics without sacrificing its high standards. The Patriot League's athletic success is achieved while its member institutions remain committed to its founding principle of admitting and graduating student-athletes that are academically representative of their class. Participation in athletics at Patriot League institutions is viewed as an important component of a well-rounded education.

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FIRST-TEAM

Attack

Austin Winter, Bucknell (So.)
Brandon Corp, Colgate (Jr.) ^
Nick Mirabito, Navy (Sr.)

Midfielders

Kevin LoRusso, Army (Jr.)
Matt Lalli, Colgate (Sr.) ^
Patrick Moran, Navy (So.)

Face-Off Specialist

Chris Eck, Colgate (Sr.) ^

Defensive Midfield Specialist

Geoff Leone, Navy (Jr.)

Defensemen

Jay Larson, Army (Sr.)
Dan Honeywell, Lehigh (Sr.)
Jordan DiNola, Navy (Sr.) ^

Goalkeeper

Adam Fullerton, Army (Sr.)

SECOND-TEAM

Attack

Jason Peyer, Army (Jr.)
Kevin Collelouri, Colgate (Jr.)
Tim Paul, Navy (So.)

Midfielders *

Perry Menzies, Bucknell (Jr.)
Ian Murphy, Colgate (So.)
Steve Serling, Lafayette (So.)
Basil Daratsos, Navy (So.)

Face-Off Specialist

Mikelis Visgauss, Navy (Sr.)

Defensive Midfield Specialist

Jaren Woeppel, Navy (So.)

Defensemen

Craig Massie, Army (Sr.)
Billy Haire, Bucknell (Jr.)
Brendan Teague, Navy (Sr.) ^

Goalkeeper *

Nick Sciubba, Bucknell (Jr.)
Jeff Canfield, Lafayette (Jr.)

* - Ties in voting.

^ - Three-time All-Patriot League selection