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Patriot League announces BRINE men's soccer postseason awards
Lafayette and Lehigh each placed five on the All-League teams

CENTER VALLEY, Pa. – With the 2005 Patriot League Men's Soccer Championship just two days away, the League office announced the BRINE postseason awards, including the All-League teams and major award winners, as voted on by the head coaches. Lafayette and Lehigh each placed five on the All-League teams, while Bucknell took home two of the five major awards.

To get an understanding of the level of parity in the Patriot League, consider the following: all eight teams were represented on the All-League teams and four teams were represented among the major award winners; there were 10 seniors, eight juniors and four sophomores chosen to the All-League teams; and of the 22 All-League recipients, 10 have received previous accolades, while 12 are being honored for the first time.

The Offensive Player of the Year is Lehigh senior midfielder **Adam Williamson** (Petersburg, N.J./Ocean City), who helped the Mountain Hawks become the only Patriot League team to enter the national rankings this year, with LU ranked No. 18 according to the National Soccer Coaches Association on Oct. 4. Williamson was third in overall scoring during the regular season, tallying six goals and five assists for 17 points, while two of his goals were game-winners. One of his game-winners came in a 1-0 victory over nationally-ranked Binghamton. He fired 56 shots, the second-highest total in the PL. In League games, Williamson accumulated six total points. His Mountain Hawks are the No. 3 seed for the upcoming championship.

For the third consecutive year, the Defensive Player of the Year comes from Bucknell, and this time it is senior defender **Tim Faneck** (Shavertown, Pa./Dallas). BU's **Michael Lookingland**, currently in the MLS, was the Defensive Player of the Year in 2004 and 2003. Faneck started all 18 games for a defense that allowed just six goals in PL competition, and shut out three of its seven League opponents. He also contributed seven points on the year, which was tied for the team lead.

Senior goalkeeper **Adam Edwards** (Downingtown, Pa./Downingtown) anchored Bucknell's defense, and as a result, he was rewarded with the second-ever Goalkeeper of the Year award. Edwards, a former Patriot League Rookie of the Year, posted a 0.93 goals against average to lead Bucknell to an 8-6-4 overall record and a 3-3-1 League mark that fell just two points shy of a postseason berth. But the defining moment in Edwards' season came with a 1-0 shutout of Princeton on Nov. 2, the 27th shutout of his career, breaking the Patriot League's all-time record of 26, held by Lehigh's **Ryan Grzeszczak**. Edwards also wrapped up his career sixth on the all-time saves list with 283.

American, the League's defending champion, preseason favorite, and top seed for this year's tournament, picked up one major award, the Rookie of the Year for defender **Phil Purdy** (Woodbridge, Va./Osborn Park). While playing in 11 of American's games, Purdy totaled seven points and also contributed to a defense that had lost three All-Patriot League performers from 2004 to graduation. The host Eagles were 4-1 in Patriot League games in which Purdy started. He was named Rookie of the Week once this season, on Oct. 11.

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American * Army * Bucknell * Colgate * Holy Cross * Lafayette * Lehigh * Navy

There were two first-year head coaches in the Patriot League this season, and while Colgate's **Erik Ronning** guided the Raiders to the playoffs for the first time since 1999, **Rich Miranda** led an even more dramatic turnaround at Navy. As a result, Miranda was the choice of his peers as Coach of the Year. The Midshipmen, picked to finish eighth in the League's preseason poll, finished tied for fifth. The 1985 William & Mary graduate increased the Mids' overall win total from three to eight in his first season, and upped their Patriot League points total from four to 10. In addition, Miranda's Navy squad had eight players score at least six points for the first time since 1995, and 85.2 percent of the scoring will be back in 2006.

Eight student-athletes joined Williamson, Faneck and Edwards on the 2005 All-Patriot League first team. At forward, the recipients were Holy Cross junior **Josh Trott** (Glen Cove, N.Y./Friends Academy), Lehigh senior **Jim Stevens** (Clifton, Va./Centreville) and Lafayette sophomore **Scott Hawkins** (Whippany, N.J./Whippany Park).

Trott has received Patriot League honors in each of his three seasons in Worcester. This year he tied for the overall regular season scoring lead with 20 points on nine goals and two assists. Stevens matched Trott at the top of the leaderboard, while Hawkins, last year's Co-Rookie of the Year, tied for the League lead with four game-winning goals.

In the midfield, American junior **Sal Caccavale** (West Islip, N.Y./West Islip), Bucknell senior **Eric Brunton** (McLean, Va./Carmel) and Lafayette junior **Thomas Harju** (Richardson, Texas/J.J. Pearce) stand alongside Williamson.

Caccavale is one of three repeat first team selections following a balanced offensive season that saw him register four goals and four assists. Brunton tied for the Bucknell lead with seven points on the year, while Harju's 10 assists not only led the Patriot League, but helped him place ninth in the nation in assists per game.

Harju's teammate, Lafayette sophomore **Luke Sullivan** (Slingerlands, N.Y./Bethlehem Central), teamed with Lehigh junior **John O'Reilly** (Arlington, Mass./Buckingham Browne and Nichols) and Faneck to form the first team defensive unit. Both the Leopards and Mountain Hawks boast stingy defenses, with LC allowing five goals in League play this season, and LU surrendering eight. Sullivan played in 15 of Lafayette's 17 games and contributed four points, while O'Reilly appeared in 14 of Lehigh's 15 matches, scoring 12 points.

The Leopards and Mountain Hawks placed two players apiece on the All-League second team. Lafayette's representatives were senior midfielder **Ryan McCaughey** (Medford, N.J./Shawnee) and senior goalkeeper **Mike Tortora** (Willington, Conn./E.O. Smith). The latter posted a goals against average of 0.90, the second-best number in the League, while pitching five shutouts.

Lehigh's second teamers were senior midfielder **Peter Classi** (Valley Stream, N.Y./Valley Stream South) and junior defender **Joe Verdi** (Ivyland, Pa./Germantown Academy). Classi scored six points for the Mountain Hawks while Verdi played all 15 games for LU's defense, which allowed the fewest goals in the League this year.

The remaining two teams that qualified for the playoffs, American and Colgate, each placed two players on the second team. Junior midfielder **Garth Juckem** (Tampa, Fla./Tampa Jesuit), the 2004 Patriot League Tournament MVP, and senior defender **Gordon Templeman** (Virginia Beach, Va./First Colonial) represented the Eagles.

For Colgate, sophomore forward **Eric Anton** (Tacoma, Wash./Charles Wright Academy) and junior forward **Devin Deane** (Oswego, N.Y./Oswego) were voted onto the second team. The pair combined to score 30 of Colgate's 59 points on the year.

Holy Cross' second postseason award winner was named to the second team in the presence of senior defender **Kevin Leonard** (Unionville, Conn./Farmington), who earned similar recognition following his junior season.

Rounding out the list of postseason award winners were the representatives from Navy and Army. Junior midfielder **Addy Strasdas** (Tampa, Fla./Paul R. Wharton) kept the Midshipmen in contention for a postseason berth up until the last day of the regular season. Among his 10 points was a pair of game-winning goals.

For Army, 2004 Co-Rookie of the Year **Daniel Newell** (Scottsdale, Ariz./Horizon) was placed on the second team defense.

The Patriot League will hand out its 2005 Tournament MVP following the League championship game on Sunday, Nov. 13. The Scholar-Athlete of the Year will be announced in early February. Last year's recipient was Bucknell's **Jonathan Hemmert**.

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.

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2005 Patriot League Men's Soccer All-League Teams

BRINE Offensive Player of the Year – Adam Williamson, Lehigh

BRINE Defensive Player of the Year – Tim Faneck, Bucknell

BRINE Goalkeeper of the Year – Adam Edwards, Bucknell

BRINE Rookie of the Year – Phil Purdy, D, American

BRINE Coach of the Year – Rich Miranda, Navy

First Team

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Name, School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/Last School</u>	<u>Previous Honors</u>
F	Josh Trott, Holy Cross	Jr.	Glen Cove, N.Y./Friends Academy	'04 ROY; '04 1 st ; '03 2 nd
F	Jim Stevens, Lehigh	Sr.	Clifton, Va./Centreville	'04 2 nd
F	Scott Hawkins, Lafayette	So.	Whippany, N.J./Whippany Park	'04 ROY
M	Adam Williamson, Lehigh	Sr.	Petersburg, N.J./Ocean City	'04 1 st
M	Sal Caccavale, American	Jr.	West Islip, N.Y./West Islip	'04 1 st
M	Eric Brunton, Bucknell	Sr.	McLean, Va./Carmel	'03 2 nd
M	Thomas Harju, Lafayette	Jr.	Richardson, Texas/J.J. Pearce	--
D	Luke Sullivan, Lafayette	So.	Slingerlands, N.Y./Bethlehem Central	--
D	John O'Reilly, Lehigh	Jr.	Arlington, Mass./Buckingham Browne and Nichols	--
D	Tim Faneck, Bucknell	Sr.	Shavertown, Pa./Dallas	--
GK	Adam Edwards, Bucknell	Sr.	Downingtown, Pa./Downingtown	'03 1 st ; '02 ROY; '02 2 nd

Second Team

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Name, School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/Last School</u>	<u>Previous Honors</u>
F	Eric Anton, Colgate	So.	Tacoma, Wash./Charles Wright Academy	--
F	Devin Deane, Colgate	Jr.	Oswego, N.Y./Oswego	--
M	Ryan McCaughey, Lafayette	Sr.	Medford, N.J./Shawnee	--
M	Peter Classi, Lehigh	Sr.	Valley Stream, N.Y./Valley Stream South	'03 2 nd
M	Addy Strasdas, Navy	Jr.	Tampa, Fla./Paul R. Wharton	--
M	Garth Juckem, American	Jr.	Tampa, Fla./Tampa Jesuit	--
D	Gordon Templeman, American	Sr.	Virginia Beach, Va./First Colonial	--
D	Joe Verdi, Lehigh	Jr.	Ivyland, Pa./Germantown Academy	--
D	Kevin Leonard, Holy Cross	Sr.	Unionville, Conn./Farmington	'04 2 nd
D	Daniel Newell, Army	So.	Scottsdale, Ariz./Horizon	'04 ROY
GK	Mike Tortora, Lafayette	Sr.	Willington, Conn./E.O. Smith	--