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## **Lehigh Wins Three PL Women's Soccer Post-Season Awards**

*Jr. Erin Iwaskiewicz, Fr. Gina Lewandowski And Coach Manny Oudin Honored By League Coaches  
Colgate Forward Kate Barrett Claims Offensive Player Of The Year Trophy*

CENTER VALLEY, Pa. – The Lehigh Mountain Hawks, who set a team record for most wins in a season with a 9-9-1 overall mark (2-4-1 PL), were rewarded by the Patriot League coaches by winning three of the four major post-season awards.

The coaches selected Jr. keeper **Erin Iwaskiewicz** (Nashua, N.H.) as the League's Defensive Player of the Year, midfielder **Gina Lewandowski** (Coopersburg, Pa.) as the Freshman of the Year and second-year mentor **Manny Oudin** as the Coach of the Year.

The Offensive Player of the Year award was presented to Colgate senior midfielder **Kate Barrett** (Troy, N.Y.), who ranks in the Top 10 nationally for goals (17) and points (43) this season.

American, Colgate, Lehigh and Navy each placed five players on the 2003 23-player All-League squad, while Army, Bucknell and Lafayette each gained one berth on the post-season team. American, Army, Colgate and Navy are the four teams that will participate in the 2003 PL Tournament at AU's Reeves Field in Washington, D.C., this weekend.

Lehigh is the surprise in the mix, considering the Mountain Hawks haven't advanced to post-season play since 1994. However, all five LU players honored are underclassmen and appear to have impressed the coaches by breaking the team record for wins in a season. The 1994 team is the only LU squad to have gained more than two wins and a tie in one PL season.

Iwaskiewicz earned Defensive Player of the Year honors and her second-straight first-team All-League berth after posting a 1.18 goals against average and sharing the League lead with six shutouts this season. She has nine shutouts in the last two years. Iwaskiewicz joins keeper **Jami Bisetti** (2000) as the only Lehigh players to win the PL Defensive Player of the Year award.

Lewandowski, one of a handful of newcomers who started or served as top reserves for the Mountain Hawks, was selected as the Freshman of the Year after leading the team in scoring (12 goals, 2 assists, 26 points). She finished second in the League in goals and fifth in points. Lewandowski is the first LU player to ever be named Freshman of the Year (formerly known as Rookie of the Year).

Oudin is the first Lehigh boss to be named PL Coach of the Year after LU's record-setting season. The Mountain Hawks were strong early in the season, jumping out to a 7-3 record with four shutouts before October 1. Two of LU's early losses were overtime setbacks in a season-opening match at regionally-ranked Villanova (1-0) and a PL decision at Army (3-2). It only took four matches for this year's team to score more goals (10) than the Mountain Hawks scored during the 2002 campaign (7).

Barrett broke the Colgate single-season records for goals and points, led the League and was nationally-ranked all season on the way to becoming the sixth Raider to win Offensive Player of the Year recognition in the 14-year history of the Patriot League. She was an All-League choice for the third-straight year, including a pair of first-team honors (2001 & '03). Her 43 points this season is the sixth-highest and her 17 goals ties for seventh-highest in PL history. Barrett recorded back-to-back hat tricks in wins against Youngstown State and Canisius this season. She also ranks fifth at CU in career goals (35), third in assists (25) and third in points (95).

Other Raiders on the All-League team include first-team sophomore midfielder **Carolyn Warhaftig** (Wyckoff, N.J.), first-team freshman defender **Kellen Kroll** (Chatham, N.J.), second-team sophomore forward **Kelly Kuss** (Warners, N.Y.) and second-team junior defender **Kyle Koch** (Niskayuna, N.Y.). Kuss, a second-team All-PL pick in 2002, is the only one to join Barrett as CU returning all-stars.

Warhaftig controlled the play in the midfield for the Raiders and contributed seven goals, three assists and 17 points. She finished third on the team and among the Top 10 in the PL in goals and points. Kuss scored all three goals in a 3-1 victory at Lafayette Sunday to end the regular-season with 11 goals, seven assists and 29 points, which all rank second on the team. Kuss, who was third in points and tied for third in goals in the PL, has two-year career totals of 19 goals, 10 assists and 48 points. Kroll and Koch solidified a CU defense that surrendered just 18 goals in 19 matches this season. Koch also contributed two assists on the offensive end.

They combined to lead Colgate (11-7-1, 5-1-1 PL) to its 12th appearance in the 13-year history of the Patriot League Tournament. The third-seeded Raiders, who rank second in the PL and 51st nationally in scoring offense (2.16 gpg.) will face second-seeded Navy (15-4-1, 6-0-1) in Friday's semifinal matchup at American University. The Midshipmen, the League's offensive powerhouse and ranked 44th nationally in scoring offense (2.20 gpg.), are led by three-time first-team All-League and two-time PL Offensive Player of the Year (2001-02) **Stacy Finley** (Alamo, Calif.).

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Finley has been a scoring machine in her four years in Annapolis. She tallied 11 goals, nine assists and 31 points this season, raising her career totals to 50 goals, 22 assists and 122 points. This season, she shared the PL lead in assists, finished third in goals and second in points. For her career, owns the team records in goals and points and moved into fourth place on the PL charts in goals and sixth place in points. She had one hat trick this season (vs. American) and a five-point outing (vs. Drexel).

Navy has three other players who have previously earned All-League recognition, including first-team junior defender **Xochitl Piedra** (Wheaton, Ill.), second-team senior forward **Amelia Sheveland** (Farmers Branch, Texas) and second-team junior keeper **Kim Bonafede** (Burke, Va.). The fifth Navy representative on the All-Patriot League squad this year is junior first-team midfielder **Stephanie Parker** (Carmichael, Calif.).

Piedra, Parker and Bonafede combined to lead a Navy defense that surrendered just 22 goals in 20 matches this season and posted eight shutouts, including four in PL play. Bonafede, making her second-straight appearance on the second team, posted a 1.02 goals against average this season, which ranked second in the PL, and shared the League lead with six shutouts. Her two-year career stats include a 0.69 GAA and 17 shutouts.

Sheveland is one of a handful of Navy attackers who keep opposing defenses from concentrating too much on Finley. The senior forward earned her second-straight second-team All-League berth. Sheveland tied for second on the team with freshman **Meggie Curren** (Silver Spring, Md.) and ranked sixth in the PL in goals (9) and points (21) this season. Sheveland has 35 career goals, 18 assists and 88 points.

Navy's All-League players were starters throughout the team's 36-game unbeaten streak that began late in the 2001 season, included the first nine matches of the 2003 campaign and ended with an excellent effort in a 1-0 loss to top-ranked North Carolina. The Mids and Tar Heels combined to break the NCAA single-game attendance record (6,527) at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium on Sept. 26.

The host of the PL Tournament, top-seeded and regular-season co-champ American, also earned five post-season berths, including first-team senior forward **Anabel Jimenez** (Kensington, Md.), first-team sophomore midfielder **Simone Konig** (Gartringen, Germany), second-team sophomore forward **Marcella Ricupero** (Las Violetas, Monteserrin), second-team freshman midfielder **Christina Gonzalez** (Valley Stream, N.Y.) and second-team sophomore defender **Lena Winkler** (Denver, Colo.). Konig is the only AU returnee from the 2002 All-PL team, moving up from her second-team position a year ago.

Jimenez, who finished fourth in the League in points (28) and fifth in goals (10), knocked home three tallies, including the game-winner in overtime of AU's 5-4 PL triumph at Navy, which was the tiebreaker used to determine the top seed and host of this year's PL Tournament after the Eagles and Mids finished the season with 6-1-0 records. She ranks third on AU's career lists for goals (23), assists (16) and points (62).

Konig, who joins Jimenez as the midfield playmakers, and Ricupero provided the offensive balance for the Eagles. Konig, who set the team record and had the sixth-highest assist total in PL history a year ago, chipped in three goals, seven assists and 13 points in 2003. Her biggest goal of the season was in overtime Sunday against Army, when she curled in a corner kick to lift AU to a 2-1 triumph. Ricupero was second on the team with seven goals and 16 points, which ranked among the Top 12 in both PL categories.

Gonzales, who contributed four goals and one assist on the offensive end, plays a strong two-way game and joined with Winkler to lead the AU defense, which allowed 1.66 goals per outing this season. Winkler also had a goal and two assists this year.

American's opposition in the PL Tournament will be fourth-seeded Army (9-9-0, 3-4-0 PL), which will be led by first-team All-PL senior defender **Donielle Taylor** (Wallkill, N.Y.). The Black Knights jumped out to eight wins in their first 10 matches of the season. But midseason injuries decimated the Black Knights' attack, putting pressure on Taylor and sophomore keeper **Morgan Bennett** (Boca Raton, Fla.) to hold the fort. In 18 matches, Army surrendered just 23 goals (1.27 gpg.), and a late-season win over Lafayette clinched a playoff berth. Taylor's defense keyed the Black Knights' bid for a playoff berth.

Rounding out the lineup on the 2003 PL All-League women's soccer second-team squad are Bucknell sophomore defender **Meaghan Ferris** (Boxford, Mass.) and Lafayette senior midfielder **Meghan Ramsey** (Lakeville, Minn.). The Bison finished with a 7-6-3 overall record (2-3-2 PL) while Lafayette was 4-10-4 (1-5-1 PL).

Ferris, earned All-League honors for the first time, contributed one goal this season and was the linchpin to the BU defensive effort that recorded four shutouts. Ramsey, who was named to the PL second-team for the second-straight year, led the Leopards with five goals and seven assists for 17 points this season. Her seven assists tied for seventh in the League stats leaders.

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. Participation in intercollegiate athletics at Patriot League institutions is viewed as an important component of the undergraduate experience. 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 six 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 for the fifth-straight year.

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## 2003 Patriot League Women's Soccer All-League Team

### First Team

<u>Name, School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Previous PL Honors</u>
Anabel Jimenez, American	Sr.	For.	Kensington, Md.	'02 PL Tourn. MVP
Kate Barrett, Colgate	Sr.	Mid.	Troy, N.Y.	2nd in '02; 1st in '00
Jocelyn Helwig, Lehigh	Jr.	Mid.	Wescovesville, Pa.	
Stacy Finley, Navy	Sr.	For.	Alamo, Calif.	1st & OPOY in '02; 1st & OPOY in '01
Simone Konig, American	So.	Mid.	Gartringen, Germany	2nd in '02
Carolyn Warhaftig, Colgate	So.	Mid.	Wyckoff, N.J.	
Gina Lewandowski, Lehigh	Fr.	Mid.	Coopersburg, Pa.	
Stephanie Parker, Navy	Jr.	Mid.	Carmichael, Calif.	
Donielle Taylor, Army	Sr.	Def.	Wallkill, N.Y.	
Kellen Kroll, Colgate	Fr.	Def.	Chatham, N.J.	
Xochitl Piedra, Navy	Jr.	Def.	Wheaton, Ill.	1st in '02; 2nd in '01
Erin Iwaskiewicz, Lehigh	Jr.	GK	Nashua, N.H.	1st in '02

### Second Team

<u>Name, School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Previous PL Honors</u>
Marcela Ricupero, American	So.	For.	Las Violetas, Montserrat	
Kelly Kuss, Colgate	So.	For.	Warners, N.Y.	2nd in '02
Amelia Sheveland, Navy	Sr.	For.	Farmers Branch, Texas	2nd in '02
Christina Gonzalez, American	Fr.	Mid.	Valley Stream, N.Y.	
Meghan Ramsey, Lafayette	Sr.	Mid.	Lakeville, Minn.	2nd in '02
Lauren Calabrese, Lehigh	Fr.	Mid.	Bethlehem, Pa.	
Lena Winkler, American	So.	Def.	Denver, Colo.	
Meaghan Ferris, Bucknell	So.	Def.	Boxford, Mass.	
Kyle Koch, Colgate	Jr.	Def.	Niskayuna, N.Y.	
Tara Stottlemeyer, Lehigh	Fr.	Def.	Charleroi, Pa.	
Kim Bonafede, Navy	Jr.	GK	Burke, Va.	2nd in '02

**OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR:**

Kate Barrett, Colgate, Sr., forward (Rookie of the Year in 2000)

**DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR:**

Erin Iwaskiewicz, Lehigh, Jr., keeper

**FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR:**

Gina Lewandowski, Lehigh, midfielder

**COACH OF THE YEAR:**

Manny Oudin, Lehigh (first time)