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## ATLANTIC 10 ANNOUNCES PRESEASON WOMEN'S AND MEN'S SOCCER ALL-CONFERENCE TEAMS

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**PHILADELPHIA, PA** - Seven members of the 2005 Atlantic 10 men's All-Conference team and eight members of last year's women's All-Conference team highlight the 2006 Atlantic 10 preseason soccer All-Conference teams, as selected by the league's head coaches.

Headlining the list of preseason women's honorees are Saint Louis senior midfielder Courtney Hulcer, the 2005 A-10 Defensive Player of the Year, and Charlotte sophomore forward Nikki Dumencich, the 2005 Rookie of the Year. Behind Hulcer, the Billikens won the Atlantic 10 regular season and tournament championships and an automatic berth to the NCAA Tournament, where they posted an opening round win over Stanford. A year ago, Hulcer netted two goals and dished out a school-record 15 assists (seventh-best in the nation) as Saint Louis posted a 16-5 regular season record and a perfect 8-0 mark in league play. Dumencich garnered second-team All-Conference laurels in addition to being named Rookie of the Year. Her nine goals were the third-highest freshman total in school history, while her 20 points tied for second on the 49ers.

Senior forward Maureen Hughes (10 goals, 6 assists, 26 points) and senior back Tara Gresco (1-1--3) of Saint Louis, Charlotte junior midfielder Lindsay Beam Ozimek (5-9--29), Duquesne junior back Emily Sedgwick (1-3--5), and goalkeeper Nikki Reed of Dayton (0.84 goals against average) join Hulcer as members of last year's All-Conference first-team who earned preseason honors this year. Dumencich is joined by Duquesne junior midfielder Audra Mathews (5-8--18) on this year's preseason All-Conference team after earning second-team acclaim last year.

Other preseason All-Conference selections include Fordham senior forward Haley Lenisch (9-4--22) and a pair of Dayton backs - junior Courtney Sirmans (1-2--4) and sophomore Stephanie Wurth (0-0--0).

The men's preseason All-Conference team is highlighted by Saint Louis senior midfielder John DiRaimondo and Duquesne senior keeper Zach Salsi, the Atlantic 10's 2005 Offensive and Defensive Players of the Year, respectively. DiRaimondo ranked second in the A-10 with 28 points on nine goals and a league-high 10 assists. Varga posted a league-best nine shutouts en route to an A-10-leading 0.71 goals against average.

DiRaimondo and Varga are joined on the preseason team by fellow first-team All-Conference honorees Jeffrey Gonsalves (13-9--35), a senior forward from Rhode Island, and Duquesne junior midfielder Travis MacKenzie (5-3--13).

Second-team all-league recipients on this year's preseason All-Conference team are La Salle junior midfielder Jeremy Ortiz (6-4--16) and junior backs Callum Bissett (3-1--7) of Rhode Island and Kenny Cook (5-1-11) of Massachusetts.

Rounding out the preseason men's soccer All-Conference team are Saint Louis sophomore forward Dado Hamzagic (4-7--15), Rhode Island junior forward Lukasz Tumicz (9-7--25), junior midfielder Dawid Badecki (6-2--14) of Rhode Island, and Duquesne senior back Noah Salsi (3-2--8), the 2005 A-10 men's soccer Student-Athlete of the Year.

The 2006 A-10 Women's Soccer Championship will take place Nov. 2-5 at Saint Louis, while the A-10 Men's Soccer Championship will be held Nov. 2-5 at Charlotte.

Following is a complete list of the Atlantic 10 men's and women's soccer preseason All-Conference teams.

### 2006 ATLANTIC 10 PRESEASON WOMEN'S SOCCER ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

	<i>School</i>	<i>Pos.</i>	<i>Cl.</i>	<i>Gms</i>	<i>Goals</i>	<i>Assts</i>	<i>Pts</i>
Nikki Dumencich	Charlotte	F	So.	20	9	2	20
Maureen Hughes	Saint Louis	F	Sr.	21	10	6	26
Haley Lenisch	Fordham	F	Sr.	18	9	4	22
Courtney Hulcer	Saint Louis	M	Sr.	21	2	15	19
Audra Mathews	Duquesne	M	Jr.	17	5	8	18
Lindsay Beam Ozimek	Charlotte	M	Jr.	20	5	19	29
Tara Gresco	Saint Louis	B	Sr.	21	1	1	3
Emily Sedgwick	Duquesne	B	Jr.	12	1	3	5
Courtney Sirmans	Dayton	B	Jr.	18	1	2	4
Stephanie Wurth	Dayton	B	So.	20	0	0	0
				<i>Gms</i>	<i>GAA</i>	<i>Sv%</i>	<i>Rec</i>
Nikki Reed	Dayton	G	Jr.	20	0.84	.835	10-7-3

<i>All-Rookie Team</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Pos.</i>	<i>Cl.</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Mandy Back	Dayton	F/M	Fr.	NSCAA/Adidas All-American
Hailey Beam	Charlotte	M	Fr.	Two-time NSCAA Region 2 Player of the Year
Julia Bradenberg	Saint Louis	F	Fr.	Two-time Missouri Player of the Year
Lauren Brown	Charlotte	G	Fr.	234 saves and seven shutouts last season
Lauren Buszos	Fordham	B	Fr.	<i>Glendale (CA) News</i> Player of the Year
Tasha Dittamore	Dayton	G	Fr.	NSCAA regional All-American
Jessie Knight	Richmond	F	Fr.	<i>Baltimore Sun</i> Metro Player of the Year
Nicole Mercer	Charlotte	G	Fr.	Canadian national team member last four years
Emily Miller	Dayton	M/B	Fr.	First-team all-Greater Miami (OH) Conference
Jenny Ruhe	Richmond	F	Fr.	First-team all-Maryland selection
Kristin Stalter	Richmond	F	Fr.	All-Ohio third-team selection

### 2006 ATLANTIC 10 PRESEASON MEN'S SOCCER ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

	<i>School</i>	<i>Pos.</i>	<i>Cl.</i>	<i>Gms</i>	<i>Goals</i>	<i>Assts</i>	<i>Pts</i>
Jeffrey Gonsalves	Rhode Island	F	Sr.	23	13	9	35
Dado Hamzagic	Saint Louis	F	So.	17	4	7	15
Lukasz Tumicz	Rhode Island	F	Jr.	19	9	7	25
Dawid Badecki	Rhode Island	M	Jr.	20	6	2	14
John DiRaimondo	Saint Louis	M	Sr.	19	9	10	28
Travis MacKenzie	Duquesne	M	Jr.	16	5	3	13
Jeremy Ortiz	La Salle	M	Jr.	10	6	4	16
Callum Bissett	Rhode Island	B	Jr.	22	3	1	7
Kenny Cook	Massachusetts	B	Jr.	20	5	1	11
Noah Salsi	Duquesne	B	Sr.	18	3	2	8
				<i>Gms</i>	<i>GAA</i>	<i>Sv%</i>	<i>Rec</i>
Zach Varga	Duquesne	G	Sr.	18	0.71	.806	13-5-0

<i>All-Rookie Team</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Pos.</i>	<i>Cl.</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Mike Briscoe	George Washington	M/B	Fr.	NSCAA regional All-American
Anthony Cicchini	Temple	F	Fr.	Three-time All-New Jersey honoree
Randy Dennis	Dayton	B	Fr.	Two-time all-district selection at center back
Andrew Hanycz	Xavier	F/M	Fr.	All-Ohio first-team
Jimmy Holmes	Saint Louis	F	Fr.	NSCAA All-American
Ben Murray	Dayton	M	Fr.	All-district and all-conference first-team
Jeff Popella	Dayton	F	Fr.	NSCAA All-American
Tim Ream	Saint Louis	M	Fr.	NSCAA all-Midwest Region selection
Andrew Stadler	George Washington	F	Fr.	NSCAA regional All-American
Slavisa Ubiparipovic	Xavier	F	Fr.	Ohio Player of the Year by <i>The News Herald</i>
Rob Viviano	Saint Louis	M	Fr.	Conference Player of the Year