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2005 MPSF MEN'S SOCCER CO-COACHES OF THE YEAR

JEREMY FISHBEIN, 4th Year – New Mexico

MICHAEL LINENBERGER, 17th Year – Sacramento State

WOODLAND, Calif. – By a vote of their coaching peers, **Jeremy Fishbein** of NEW MEXICO and **Michael Linenberger** of SACRAMENTO STATE have been selected 2005 MPSF Co-Coaches of the Year. – *MPSF -*

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO Head Coach, **Jeremy Fishbein**, is in his fourth year at the helm of the Lobo men's program. With a 15-1-2 record this season, Fishbein led the Lobos to their second-straight Mountain Pacific Sports Federation title and are currently ranked No. 1 in three of the four final regular season polls. UNM also secured the No. 2 seed in the 2005 NCAA Tournament. Fishbein's success at UNM has been unprecedented, posting a 58-15-7 record and a .769 winning percentage in just under four years at New Mexico. The three winningest seasons in school history – 18-4 in 2002, 17-1-2 in 2004 and 15-1-2 in 2005 – have all been under Fishbein's watch. The Lobos have also been ranked No. 1 four times in Fishbein's tenure. He has also guided New Mexico to the NCAA Tournament in three of his four years and won three MPSF regular season titles. Fishbein's squad earned a 3.35 cumulative grade-point-average in the 2005 Spring semester, the highest ever for the men's soccer program. Fishbein was the MPSF Coach of the Year in 2002 and the Soccer America National Coach of the Year in 2004. He has a career record of 154-75-17 (.661) in almost 13 years as a collegiate head coach. His wife, Alicia Meraz, is a graduate of the University of New Mexico and was an all-conference tennis player for the Lobos from 1993-96. The couple has two daughters, Alisa (4) and Gabriela (2).

SACRAMENTO STATE's **Michael Linenberger**, just completed his 17th season as the Hornets' head coach. This season, he guided the Hornets to their best record since 1992 finishing with a 9-7-2 overall record. In 2005, Sac State lost only once at home where they notched a 7-1-1 Hornet Field advantage and a program record eight-match home unbeaten streak. The Hornets combination of experienced upperclassmen and key newcomers, regarded as the best recruiting class in program history, helped Sacramento State to the Long Island University Soccer Classic championship in September and a 1-1 tie with second-ranked New Mexico in November. The Hornets also put away 26 goals on the year, while allowing just 21 and posted four shutouts, the most since 1995. Linenberger began his coaching career with the Hornets as an assistant in 1988 and was co-head coach from 1989 to 1991, before going solo in 1992. He has led the team through each year as a member of the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation, beginning in 1992. During the 2001 season, Linenberger guided the Hornets to their first regular-season conference championship in their Division I era (1991-present). Sacramento State's 4-1-2 MPSF record also gave the Hornets their most conference wins in program history. Due to his efforts, Linenberger was named 2001 MPSF Men's Soccer Coach of the Year.

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