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ECAC Announces 2009 Division II Men's Soccer All-Stars

CAPE COD, Mass. - The 2009 ECAC Division II men's soccer Offensive Player of the Year earns this title after accumulating 54 points during the 2009 season. Wilmington University senior forward Sargbah Tarpeh tallied 21 goals, 12 assists and seven game-winning goals for the Wildcats this season. While leading Wilmington to a 19-3-1 record, Tarpeh was also honored as CACC Player of the Year and East Regional Player of the Year.

Juan Vargas of Dowling College receives the honor of 2009 ECAC Division II Defensive Player of the Year. The senior defender has helped the Golden Lions to a 13-5 overall record. He helped anchor a defense that allowed only 18 goals, while posting seven shutouts this season.

Earning the ECAC Division II Rookie of the Year honor is Yoni Feldman from Southern Connecticut State University. Feldman scored four goals, three of which were gamewinners. During his freshman campaign, he tallied eight points.

Four forwards are representing the ECAC first All-Star team. Joining Tarpeh is Angelo Reina from Le Moyne. He had 42 points this season, netting 18 goals, eight of which were gamewinners, and 12 assists. Senior Joe Wright of Dominican posted 38 points for the season. He scored 16 goals, five being game-winners, and earned six assist, helping Dominican to a 13-4-2 season. Lastly, Billy Colton from Mercyhurst scored 14 goals this year, five game-winners. He also added one assist, earning 29 points on the season.

In the midfield for ECAC first All-Star team is sophomore Nickalus McDonald from Wilmington. McDonald has 30 points on the season, scoring 12 goals, three gamewinners, and six assists. Also, Nick Thompson from Mercyhurst is receiving honors after earning 27 points this season, with ten goals and seven assists, and four game-winning goals. Sophomore Paul Templeton from Southern Connecticut finishes out the group. He earns the nod after recording seven goals, one assist, and 18 points.

Mercyhurst's Christopher Hampel and Le Moyne's Sean Lawlor are joining Vargas as defenders on the ECAC first All-Star team. Hampel, a junior, has five goals and two assist this season. Lawlor has been solid in the back, along with being helpful in the offensive side this season. The junior has two goals, one gamewinner, and one assist.

Closing up the defensive unit for ECAC first All-Star team is Brandon Heembrock from Dominican. The sophomore posted a 0.82 goals against average this season. He has a save percentage of .869 and recorded seven shutouts.

2009 ECAC Division II Men's Soccer All-Stars

Offensive Player of the Year

Sargbah Tarpeh, Senior, Wilmington

Defensive Player of the Year

Juan Vargas, Junior, Dowling

Rookie of the Year

Yoni Feldman, Freshman,
So. Connecticut State

First Team All-Stars

Sargbah Tarpeh, Senior, Forward, Wilmington
Angelo Reina, Junior, Forward, Le Moyne
Joe Wright, Senior, Forward, Dominican
Billy Colton, Junior, Forward, Mercyhurst
Nikalus McDonald, Sophomore, Midfielder, Wilmington
Nick Thompson, Senior, Midfielder, Mercyhurst
Paul Templeton, Sophomore, Midfielder, So. Connecticut State
Christoph Hampel, Junior, Defender, Mercyhurst
Sean Lawlor, Junior, Defender, Le Moyne
Juan Vargas, Junior, Defender, Dowling
Brandon Heembrock, Sophomore, Goalkeeper, Dominican

Second Team All-Stars

Lamine Traore, Junior, Forward, Dowling
Steven Schneider, Junior, Forward, Dowling
Rick Williamson, Junior, Forward, West Chester
Fatoma Turay, Senior, Midfielder, Wilmington
Moussa Keita, Junior, Midfielder, Dowling
Arash Fahandezh, Junior, Midfielder, Mercyhurst
Carl Rydin, Junior, Midfielder, Dowling
Dave Dease, Senior, Defender, Wilmington
Jamal Wiggins, Junior, Defender, Wilmington
Clifton Huxtable, Junior, Defender, Dominican
Chris Kucera, Sophomore, Goalkeeper, Dowling

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