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ECAC Announces 2007-08 Division III New England Men's Basketball All-Stars, Player of the Year, and Rookie of the Year

CAPE COD, Mass. – Amherst College senior guard Andrew Olson has been chosen as the 2007-08 ECAC Division III New England Men's Basketball Player of the Year, in a vote by the coaches at ECAC member institutions. Olson, who was also the ECAC Player of the Year in New England as a junior, helped the Lord Jeffs advance to the NCAA Championship game and finish with a 27-4 record. The New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) Player of the Year ranked in a tie for sixth in Division III with 7.2 assists per outing, scored 12.4 points per game, and shot 46.3 percent from three-point range (50-for-108) on the year.

Anthony Coppola of Wheaton College has been chosen as the 2007-08 ECAC Division III New England Men's Basketball Rookie of the Year, after garnering the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (NEWMAC) Rookie of the Year award. The freshman guard averaged 20.0 points per game and went 85-of-180 from behind the arc (47 percent) this season.

Olson is joined on the ECAC first team by two other conference 'Player of the Year' recipients. Dan Holbrook of the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth was honored with the Little East Conference top award. The senior center averaged a double-double on the year, with 16.2 points and 10.9 rebounds per contest, as the Corsairs (25-4) earned a first-round bye in the NCAA tournament. The NEWMAC's best player, Antoine Coleman of Worcester Polytechnic Institute, posted figures of 14.5 points and 6.0 boards per game as the Engineers won the conference title to earn a bid to the NCAA tournament.

Filling out the final spots on the ECAC first team are Massachusetts Institute of Technology junior guard Jimmy Bartolotta and Joe Coppens from Brandeis University. Bartolotta ranked eighth in Division III in points per game (23.9). Coppens, a senior guard, averaged 15.1 points and 5.2 rebounds per contest while shooting 87.9 percent from the charity stripe - a number that ranks him in a tie for 21st in the nation. The senior led the Judges into the Elite Eight before losing to Amherst.

The ECAC second team consists of: Craig Johnson from the Coast Guard Academy, Amherst's Fletcher Walters, Nick Harrington of Southern Vermont College, Dylan Holmes of Salem State College, and Arch Mitchell from Newbury College.

About the ECAC

The Eastern College Athletic Conference is the nation's largest athletic conference and only multi-divisional conference, with 321 member institutions and over 122,000 student-athletes ranging from Maine to North Carolina and westerly to Illinois. The ECAC publicizes the achievements of over 1,100 student-athletes annually through the postseason all-stars. In men's basketball, the ECAC awards one Division II all-star team and four regional Division III all-star teams (New England, Upstate, Metro, and South).

2007-08 ECAC Division III New England Men's Basketball All-Stars

Player of the Year

Andrew Olson	Sr.	G	Amherst
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Rookie of the Year

Anthony Coppola	Fr.	G	Wheaton
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First Team

Andrew Olson	Sr.	G	Amherst
Dan Holbrook	Sr.	C	Mass-Dartmouth
Antoine Coleman	Sr.	F	WPI
Jimmy Bartolotta	Jr.	G	MIT
Joe Coppens	Sr.	G	Brandeis

Second Team

Craig Johnson	Jr.	F	Coast Guard
Fletcher Walters	Sr.	F	Amherst
Nick Harrington	Sr.	F	Southern Vermont
Dylan Holmes	Jr.	C	Salem State
Arch Mitchell	Sr.	G	Newbury