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ECAC Announces 2008-09 Division III Upstate Men's Basketball All-Stars, Player of the Year, and Rookie of the Year

CAPE COD, Mass. – Scott Morton, senior guard from SUNY Geneseo, has been chosen as the 2008-09 ECAC Division III Upstate Men's Basketball Player of the Year, in a vote by the coaches at ECAC member institutions. Morton averaged 20.3 points, 7.1 rebounds and 4.5 assists per game, and earned the honor of State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) Player of the Year.

SUNY Oswego forward Chad Burrige has been chosen as the 2008-09 ECAC Division III Upstate Men's Basketball Rookie of the Year after a freshman campaign where he averaged 14.0 points and 9.9 boards. The SUNYAC Rookie of the Year also averaged 3.15 blocks per game.

Joining Morton on the first team are Mike Chmielowiec of the University of Rochester, Sam Simmons from RPI, Corey McAdam of Nazareth College, and last year's Rookie of the Year, David Golembiowski of SUNYIT.

Chmielowiec led the Yellow Jackets in scoring at 21.3 points per game, three pointers made (56), and free throws made (107) during the 16-9 season.

Senior forward, Simmons topped five offensive categories for the Engineers this year. He ranked tops in minutes played (31.2), field goal percentage (.571), rebounds (8.1), steals (42), and points with 18.3 per game.

Golden Flyers' McAdam ranked fifth in the country in assists per game at 7.6, while also leading Nazareth in scoring at 19.0, and steals with 2.48 per game. Nazareth claimed the Empire 8 title this year as the No. 4 seed, and lost in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

Golembiowski, the 2007-08 Rookie of the Year, guided the Wildcats to a 23-7 record and a trip to the second round of the NCAA tournament. He averaged 19.9 points and 8.4 rebounds per game, while also recording 71 blocks

Five players were selected to the ECAC Second Team: Tom Wopperer of St. Lawrence University, Tommy Downing from Oswego, Doug Herring of Utica College, Jan Coccoziello from Hartwick College, and Nazareth's Ryan McAdam.

About the ECAC

The Eastern College Athletic Conference is the nation's largest athletic conference and only multi-divisional conference, with 319 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 750 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 Upstate Men's Basketball All-Stars

Player of the Year

Scott Morton	Sr.	G	Geneseo
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Rookie of the Year

Chad Burrige	Fr.	F	Oswego
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First Team

Scott Morton	Sr.	G	Geneseo
Mike Chmielowiec	Sr.	G	Rochester
Sam Simmons	Sr.	F	RPI
Corey McAdam	Jr.	G	Nazareth
David Golembiowski	So.	F	SUNYIT

Second Team

Tom Wopperer	Sr.	G	St. Lawrence
Tommy Downing	Sr.	G	Oswego
Doug Herring	Sr.	G	Utica
Jan Coccoziello	Sr.	G	Hartwick
Ryan McAdam	Sr.	F	Nazareth