MEN’S SQUASH All-Conference - March 10, 2011

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MEN’S SQUASH ALL-CONFERENCE TEAMS RELEASED

Trinity’s Lim Captures Player of the Year

HADLEY, Mass. – Senior Randy Lim (Penang, Malaysia) of Trinity College has been named the 2011 NESCAC Player of the Year, as determined by the conference coaches. Lim enjoyed the finest season of his career with the Bantams, posting a 16-1 record in match play as Trinity won its fifth-straight NESCAC Men’s Squash Championship along with the program’s 13th consecutive College Squash Association national crown.

In addition to being named NESCAC Player of the Year, Lim also earned a spot on the All-NESCAC First Team after being selected to the Second Team in each of the past two years. Joining Lim from Trinity on the First Team were classmate Parth Sharma (Jaipur, India) and junior Vikram Malhotra (Mumbai, India). Sharma, one of four returners from last season’s First Team, earned All-Conference honors for the third time in his career as he went 16-2 in match play for the Bantams. Malhotra was promoted from the 2010 Second Team this season with an 11-3 record. He also reached the Pool Division semifinals at the CSA Individual National Championships this past weekend at Dartmouth.

Of the 10 individuals honored on the First Team, eight earned All-NESCAC in some form last winter. Tufts senior Alex Gross (Washington, D.C.) wrapped up his career with the Jumbos with his third consecutive appointment to the All-Conference First Team. Gross posted a 14-12 mark while playing atop the Jumbos’ ladder this season.

Representing Williams on the All-NESCAC First Team were the duo of senior Will Gruner (Portland, Ore.) and junior Will Morris (Bronxville, N.Y.). Gruner, who was chosen as part of the Second Team in 2009, went 13-10 in match play. Back for a second tour on the First Team this year, Morris recorded an 11-13 mark as the Ephs primary player in the number one spot.

Valentin Quan (San Salvador, El Salvador) of Middlebury came away with All-Conference honors for the third consecutive year. Named to the Second Team as a freshman before moving up to the First Team as a sophomore, Quan garnered First Team recognition as a junior this winter with a 10-12 record while playing nearly the entire year at the number one position for the Panthers.

A pair of players from the 2010 Second Team earned First Team honors for the first time in their careers. Colby junior Harry Smith (Locust Valley, N.Y.), a two-time All-NESCAC selection, had an impressive showing in 2010-11 for the Mules, going 20-8 at the number-one position. Bates senior William Katz (Bronxville, N.Y.) went 14-8 as he played at the top of the Bobcats ladder this season.

Rounding out the 2011 All-NESCAC First Team was Wesleyan freshman John Steele (Merion Station, Pa.), who was also named as the conference’s Rookie of the Year. In his first season with the Cardinals, Steele recorded a 19-6 mark in match play at the top spot in his team’s ladder.

NESCAC Coach of the Year went to Wesleyan’s Shona Kerr. Now in her sixth season leading the Cardinals, Kerr’s squad went 14-12 overall this winter and earned the seventh seed in the 2011 NESCAC Men’s Squash Championship - the program’s highest placement in the five-year history of the tournament.

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First Team

Alex Gross * | Tufts | Sr. | Washington, D.C. | Martin Bawden | Hamilton | Fr. | Short Hills, N.J.
Randy Lim ^ | Trinity | Sr. | Penang, Malaysia | Stephan Danylyk | Bowdoin | Fr. | Williamstown, Mass.
Vikram Malhotra ^ | Trinity | Jr. | Mumbai, India | Antonio Diaz-Gonzalez ^ | Trinity | Jr. | Mexico City, Mexico
Valentin Quan * | Middlebury | Jr. | San Salvador, El Salvador | Caleb Garza ^ | Connecticut College | So. | Seaville, N.J.
Parth Sharma * | Trinity | Jr. | Jaipur, India | Andrew Kriete | Amherst | Sr. | Chatham, N.J.
Harry Smith ^ | Colby | Jr. | Locust Valley, N.Y. | Rahul Madan-Mohan | Bowdoin | Sr. | Cleveland, Ohio
John Steele Wesleyan | Fr. | Merion Station, Pa. | Andres Vargas | Trinity | Sr. | Bogota, Colombia

Second Team

Player of the Year: Randy Lim, Trinity
Rookie of the Year: John Steele, Wesleyan

Coach of the Year: Shona Kerr, Wesleyan

* - 2009-10 All-Conference First Team; ^ - 2009-10 All-Conference Second Team