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NESCAC FOOTBALL ALL-CONFERENCE TEAMS ANNOUNCED

Player of the Year Honors Bestowed Upon Williams' Lucey, Middlebury's Woodring

HADLEY, Mass. - Williams senior quarterback Patrick Lucey (Plymouth, Mass.) and Middlebury senior linebacker Erik Woodring (Cos Cob, Conn.) have been named as the 2007 NESCAC Offensive and Defensive Players of the Year, respectively, as determined by the conference coaches. It is the second year in a row that Lucey has been named the Offensive Player of the Year, while Woodring is the first Panther defensive player to earn top honors since Andy Steele received the honor in 2000. Middlebury head coach Bob Ritter was the choice among the coaches, coming away with Coach of the Year honors for the first time in his career. In his seventh season with the Panthers, Ritter guided Middlebury to a 7-1 record and the 2007 NESCAC Football title, the first outright NESCAC championship after sharing the conference crown in 2000.

After a rocky start to the season, Lucey, who also received First Team All-Conference recognition for the second year in a row, recovered to repeat as the highest rated quarterback in the NESCAC, recording an efficiency rating of 132.5. Lucey completed a league-best 61.4 percent of his passes, going 167-for-272 for 1,959 passing yards to average a NESCAC-leading 244.9 yards per game while tossing a career-high 16 touchdowns. Lucey also finished his final season for the Ephs second in the conference in total offense with an average of 252.1 yards per game.

Woodring capped his career at Middlebury as the all-time leader in tackles, as his league-leading 106 total tackles this season brought him to 307 through his four years with the Panthers. In addition to being named the Defensive Player of the Year, Woodring was also selected as a member of the All-Conference First Team Defense for the second-straight season. Woodring compiled a conference-high 55 solo tackles and assisted on 51 others, averaging 13.2 per game to distance himself from the rest of the NESCAC. The list of Woodring's accomplishments in 2007 is long and impressive, as he recorded 14.5 tackles for a loss of 27 yards, two sacks, intercepted a pass, forced and recovered two fumbles, broke up five passes, blocked a point after attempt, and tallied a safety.

The 2007 NESCAC All-Conference First Team Offense included a quarterback, two running backs, a fullback, five offensive linemen, three wide receivers and a tight end. In the backfield were Middlebury senior running back David Randolph, Williams junior running back Brian Morrissey, and Tufts fullback Kevin Anderson. Morrissey, a Second Team Offense representative a year ago, led the NESCAC in rushing this season by averaging 117.4 yards per game, gaining 4.4 yards per touch and reaching the end zone 13 times on the ground, more than any other conference player. Morrissey was also second in all-purpose yards and ninth in total offense among all league players this season. Randolph finished third among conference running backs, averaging an even 75 yards per game and 3.7 per carry while scoring a team-high seven touchdowns. Anderson, a two-time First Team Offense honoree, had 91 receiving yards for the Jumbos with one touchdown.

The NESCAC All-Conference First Team offensive line consisted of seniors John Mihalko and Mike Robinson of Trinity, Rogan Donelly of Bowdoin, Nick Welch of Middlebury, and Williams junior John Szawlowski. Mihalko and Robinson both received First Team Offense recognition for the second-straight year as they were part of a Bantam offensive line that was second in the NESCAC in scoring offense and third in rushing. Szawlowski helped the Ephs offense rank first in scoring and rushing this fall and contributed to a line that allowed only three sacks over the final five games of the season. Donelly rounds out the five returning players from last year's First Team Offense, while Welch earned All-NESCAC honors for the first time in his career.

At wide receiver, Trinity senior Joe Clark was joined on the First Team by juniors Andrew Matson of Middlebury and Ryan Powell of Williams. Powell led the league in both receptions and receiving yards, posting averages of 13.7 yards per catch, 6.75 receptions per game, and 92.8 yards per game while scoring four touchdowns. Clark was third in the NESCAC in receiving yards, averaging 63.4 per game and 19.5 per reception as he caught eight touchdowns and had a long reception of 99 yards. Matson finished seventh among conference receivers in yards per game at 52.9 and had seven touchdowns to place behind only Clark in touchdown receptions. Tufts Kevin Gleason complemented the First Team receiving corps at tight end. Gleason was second on the Jumbos' squad in receiving with 28 receptions, gaining on average 9.4 yards per catch and scoring three touchdowns.

On defense, Trinity senior linemen D.J. Lanz and Jeff Carpenter both earned All-NESCAC honors for the second year in a row, as Lanz returned from the 2006 First Team while Carpenter moved up from the 2006 Second Team. Lanz had 41 tackles this season for the Bantams, including 12.5 for a combined loss of 56 yards and 5.5 sacks, along with forcing and recovering two fumbles while Carpenter contributed 19 tackles for Trinity and had five sacks. Lanz and Carpenter were both among the top five players in the NESCAC in sacks. Along with the tandem from Trinity were Williams senior Andrew DeSalvo and Amherst senior Jon Attridge. DeSalvo had 24 tackles and an interception for the Ephs and Attridge contributed 25 tackles, two sacks and two forced fumbles for the Lord Jeffs.

Joining Woodring at linebacker on the First Team Defense were Trinity senior Nile Lundgren and juniors Guy Matisis of Amherst and Trevor Powers of Williams. Lundgren, a Second Team Defense member last year, was third for the Bantams in tackles with 49 and had an interception for 39 yards along with three pass break-ups. Matisis was second on the Lord Jeffs defense in tackles with 55, along with recording

9.5 tackles for a loss of 38 yards and four sacks. Powers ranked fifth in the NESCAC in tackles, making 73 total stops to average 9.1 per game, and had 8.5 tackles for a loss of 25 yards, two sacks, and a fumble recovery.

Trinity senior Jared Boyd was the only holdover from last year's First Team defensive backfield. Earning All-NESCAC honors for the first time in their careers were seniors Lamont White of Bowdoin and Brian Young of Middlebury along with Tufts sophomore Tom Tassinari. All four were among the league leaders in interceptions this season, with Tassinari hauling down five interceptions to rank second among all NESCAC players. White was close behind with four picks, returning two for touchdowns, and Young had three interceptions for the Panthers. Boyd had 25 tackles for the Bantams along with an interception, a recovered fumble, and a blocked kick.

The specialists on the 2007 NESCAC All-Conference First Team included Trinity junior kicker Adam Cox, Middlebury senior punter Jack Britton, and Williams senior Kevin Flynn as a return specialist. Cox was a league-best 22-for-24 on point after attempts (.917) and went 8-for-9 on field goal tries. Britton led the conference in punting, averaging 39.5 yards per punt with a long of 63 yards. Flynn racked up 134.9 all-purpose yards per game for the Ephs to pace the conference, averaging 21.4 yards on kick returns and 8.5 yards on punts while contributing 336 rushing yards and two touchdowns for the offense.

NESCAC Rookie of the Year was awarded to Middlebury quarterback Donald McKillop (Poway, Calif.). McKillop had a stellar first year leading the Panther offense, going 129-for-228 for 1,379 yards in passing, an average of 172.4 per game and a completion rate of 56.6 percent, along with an efficiency rating of 114.5. In addition to throwing 11 touchdowns, McKillop also contributed 187 yards and two touchdowns on the ground for Middlebury.

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First Team Offense				Second Team Offense			
QB	Patrick Lucey *	Williams	Sr. Plymouth, Mass.	QB	Zach Librizzi	Wesleyan	Sr. Essex Junction, Vt.
RB	Brian Morrissey ^	Williams	Jr. Winchester, Mass.	RB	Kevin Flynn	Williams	Sr. Concord, Mass.
RB	David Randolph	Middlebury	Sr. Madison, Conn.	RB	Jordan Quinones	Trinity	Sr. Pottstown, Pa.
FB	Kevin Anderson *	Tufts	Sr. Hopkinton, Mass.	FB	Chris Gillyard	Amherst	Sr. Baltimore, Md.
OL	Rogan Donnelly *	Bowdoin	Sr. Osprey, Fla.	OL	Tom Ames	Tufts	Sr. Cotuit, Mass.
OL	John Mihalko *	Trinity	Sr. Shelton, Conn.	OL	Dan Guariglia	Amherst	Sr. Glen Rock, N.J.
OL	Mike Robinson *	Trinity	Sr. Drexel Hill, Pa.	OL	Erik Jefferson	Trinity	Sr. Leominster, Mass.
OL	John Szawlowski	Williams	Jr. Hatfield, Mass.	OL	Henry Szawlowski ^	Williams	Jr. Hatfield, Mass.
OL	Nick Welch	Middlebury	Sr. Cape Elizabeth, Maine	OL	Justin Wiley	Amherst	Jr. Baltimore, Md.
WR	Joe Clark	Trinity	Sr. Agawam, Mass.	OL	Ryan Wimberly	Bates	Sr. Sudbury, Mass.
WR	Andrew Matson	Middlebury	Jr. Coventry, R.I.	WR	Justin Candon	Colby	Sr. Rutland, Vt.
WR	Ryan Powell	Williams	Jr. Fairfax, Va.	WR	David Halas	Tufts	Jr. Southbury, Conn.
TE	Kevin Gleason	Tufts	Sr. Holden, Mass.	WR	Ryan Walsh ^	Wesleyan	Jr. Milton, Mass.
				TE	Ross Van Horn	Bates	Sr. Highland Park, N.J.
First Team Defense				Second Team Defense			
DL	Jon Attridge	Amherst	Sr. South Boston, Mass.	DL	Anthony Begon	Bates	Sr. Peabody, Mass.
DL	Jeff Carpenter ^	Trinity	Sr. Pottstown, Pa.	DL	Chad Guerrero	Middlebury	Sr. Essex, Vt.
DL	Andrew DeSalvo	Williams	Sr. Boxford, Mass.	DL	Greg Smith	Amherst	Jr. Rockville, Md.
DL	D.J. Lanz *	Trinity	Sr. Oakville, Conn.	DL	Taylor Soobitsky *	Hamilton	Jr. Simsbury, Conn.
LB	Nile Lundgren ^	Trinity	Sr. Brooklyn, N.Y.	LB	Nathan Clancy	Middlebury	Sr. Elmhurst, Ill.
LB	Guy Matisis	Amherst	Jr. Hingham, Mass.	LB	Matt Rettig ^	Trinity	Sr. Branford, Conn.
LB	Trevor Powers	Williams	Jr. Danvers, Mass.	LB	Tyson Reynoso	Tufts	Jr. Bellevue, Idaho
LB	Erik Woodring *	Middlebury	Sr. Cos Cob, Conn.	LB	Kevin Zikaras	Bowdoin	So. Milford, Conn.
DB	Jared Boyd *	Trinity	Sr. Hackettstown, N.J.	DB	Tim Batty	Williams	Jr. Chenango Bridge, N.Y.
DB	Tom Tassinari	Tufts	So. Andover, Mass.	DB	Chris Mottau	Amherst	Sr. Holliston, Mass.
DB	Lamont White	Bowdoin	Sr. Boston, Mass.	DB	Matt Pitarresi ^	Hamilton	Sr. New Hartford, N.Y.
DB	Brian Young	Middlebury	Sr. West Bloomfield, Mich.	DB	A.J. Scola	Amherst	Jr. Holden, Mass.
First Team Specialists				Second Team Specialists			
PK	Adam Cox	Trinity	Jr. Garden City, N.Y.	PK	Matt Eberhart	Amherst	So. Plano, Texas
P	Jack Britton	Middlebury	Sr. Carmel, Calif.	P	A.J. Taucher	Wesleyan	Sr. Long Beach, Calif.
RS	Kevin Flynn	Williams	Sr. Concord, Mass.	RS	James Millard	Middlebury	So. Greenwich, Conn.

Offensive Player of the Year: Patrick Lucey Williams
Defensive Player of the Year: Erik Woodring Middlebury
Rookie of the Year: Donald McKillop Middlebury
Coach of the Year: Bob Ritter Middlebury

* - 2006 All-Conference First Team; ^ - 2006 All-Conference Second Team