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ECAC Announces 2009 Division III Northeast Football All-Stars

CAPE COD, Mass. -- Middlebury College junior quarterback Donald McKillop has been chosen as the 2009 ECAC Division III Northeast Football Player of the Year. McKillop led the Panthers to a 5-3 mark this season. The junior quarterback had a record-breaking season, ending the year with Middlebury and NESCAC single-season records for completions (262), attempts (405), yards (2873), touchdown passes (22), and total offense (2967 yards). He also holds all ten Middlebury single-season and career passing records as a junior. McKillop is currently ranked first in the nation in completions/game with 32.75, while ranking second with 359.1 passing yards/contest. The junior was second on the team with 94 rushing yards with a pair of touchdowns on the ground. He also holds Middlebury single-game records for completions (47), attempts (74) and yards (438). McKillop was the 2007 ECAC Division III Northeast Rookie of the Year.

Tom Pongia, freshman linebacker from Gallaudet, has been chosen as the 2009 ECAC Division III Northeast Rookie of the Year. An ECFC first team member, the freshman helped the Bison to the 11th best defense in Division III and the top defense in the conference. He is tied for the lead in the conference for tackles by a freshman with 66, which ranks 12th overall. Pongia is also ninth in the ECFC for tackles for loss (0.70 per game) with 15 yards. He made a season-high 13 tackles against Castleton State and Catholic and recorded two interceptions in ten starts.

Amherst and Westfield State both placed four players on the ECAC Northeast team, leading all schools in the region.

The ECAC will honor the players and rookies of the year in each division and region in February at the annual Eastern College Football Awards Banquet presented by FieldTurf, an event held in the Pegasus Restaurant at the Meadowlands Sports Complex in East Rutherford, N.J.

About the ECAC®

The Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) is the nation's largest athletic conference and only multi-divisional conference, with approximately 300 member institutions and over 122,000

student-athletes ranging across 16 states from Maine to North Carolina and westerly to Illinois. Established in 1938 with 58 charter members, the ECAC has since emerged as the nationwide leader in service. The ECAC honors more than 2,000 student-athletes during the academic year through its all-star and player of the week programs. Each week, the conference has recognized 14 football players of the week, including offensive and defensive, in the Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS), Football Championship Subdivision (FCS), Division II, and Division III (Northeast, Northwest, Southeast, and Southwest Regions).

To view other ECAC football all-star teams, the football news archive, or results from ECAC Football bowl games, please visit the ECAC's fan-friendly website at www.ecacsports.com/sports/fall/fball/index.

2009 ECAC Division III Northeast Football All-Stars

Player of the Year

Donald McKillop Jr. QB Middlebury

Rookie of the Year

Tom Pongia Fr. LB Gallaudet

Offense

Donald McKillop Jr. QB Middlebury

DeRon Brown Sr. RB MIT

Johrone Bunch So. RB Mount Ida

Patrick Noone So. WR Bowdoin

Carlos De La Rose Jr. WR Fitchburg

Sean Wirth Sr. TE Bates

Zac Duval Sr. OL Plymouth State

Jeff Smith Sr. OL Bridgewater St.

Justin Brooks Sr. OL Coast Guard

Wyatt Moss Sr. OL Amherst

Brandt Genga Sr. OL Nichols

Defense

Edwin Urey Sr. DL Amherst

Kevin Eagan So. DL Endicott

Reza Afsarmanesh Sr. DL Norwich

Mike Taylor Sr. LB Amherst

Scott Driscoll Sr. LB Curry

Tom Pongia Fr. LB Gallaudet

Travis Fergola Sr. LB Maine Maritime

Fred Argir Sr. DB Amherst

Donovan Brown Sr. DB Norwich

Josh Mathieu Sr. DB Westfield St.

Nick Leverone Sr. DB Westfield St.

Special Teams

Tim Costello So. K Trinity

Chris Stengel Jr. P Westfield St.

Anthony Kewley Sr. RS Framingham