

SPORTS NEWS

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3 / 26 / 08 – MMBCWA Season Awards Announced

STANDISH, ME – The MMBCWA has announced its 2007-2008 men's basketball awards. The head coaches from the thirteen college programs in the State of Maine voted for the Player, Rookie and Coach of the Year awards as well as the All-State and Rookie Teams.

Colby College sophomore forward Adam Choice (Newport, RI) was selected as the Player of the Year, Thomas College freshman guard Andrew Duncanson (Portland, ME) is the Rookie of the Year and Bowdoin College head coach Tim Gilbride is the Coach of the Year.

Adam Choice was named the Player of the Year after leading the Mules in scoring (18.0 PPG), rebounding (7.8 RPG) and blocked shots (1.36 BPG). The sophomore also averaged 1.44 steals per game and shot 78.9% (146-185) from the free throw line this season. Choice finished in a tie for the second highest scoring average among Maine players, was second in blocks and 9th in free throw percentage. Choice was also named to the NESCAC All-Conference Second Team.

Andrew Duncanson is the Rookie of the year after leading Thomas College in scoring (18.0 PPG), assists (4.1 APG), steals (2.36 SPG) and free throw shooting (77.9%, 88-113). Duncanson was named as the MMBCWA Rookie of the Week four times during the season and was also honored as the North Atlantic Conference Rookie of the Year for his play.

Tim Gilbride led Bowdoin College to it's best-ever season in 2007-08, tallying a school-record 22 victories with only seven losses. The Polar Bears made their first appearance in the NESCAC Championship game and earned the program's first NCAA tournament berth since 1999. Coach Gilbride, the winningest coach in Bowdoin's history, also earned his 300th win during the season. Gilbride has been the head coach of the Polar Bears for 23 seasons.

Player of the Year: Adam Choice, Colby College
Rookie of the Year: Andrew Duncanson, Thomas College
Coach of the Year: Tim Gilbride, Bowdoin College

First Team All-State:

Choice, Adam	Colby College
Caterina, Jamaal	Southern Maine
Wholey, Bryan	Bates College
Murphy, Elbie	Saint Joseph's College
Hippert, Andrew	Bowdoin College

Second Team All-State:

Fliegel, Jordan	Bowdoin College
Jefferson, Johnnie	University of New England
Stewart, Neil	Maine Maritime
Jackson, Kyle	Bowdoin College
Bradford, Brock	Husson College

All-Rookie Team:

Duncanson, Andrew	Thomas College
Ellis, Brian	Bates College
Russell, Mike	Colby College
Davis, Chris	Saint Joseph's College
Dean, Andrew	Me.-Farmington