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4/17/09 – MMBCWA Season Awards Announced

STANDISH, ME – The Maine Men's Basketball Coaches and Writers Association (MMBCWA) has announced its 2008-2009 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 junior forward **Adam Choice** (Newport, RI) was selected as the Player of the Year, University of New England freshman guard **Quentin Thompson** (Austin, TX) is the Rookie of the Year and Saint Joseph's College Head Coach Rob Sanicola is the Coach of the Year.

Choice has been named the Player of the Year for the second straight year after leading the Mules in scoring (15.7 PPG), rebounding (7.8 RPG) and blocked shots (.80 BPG). He led Colby in scoring, blocked shots, free throw percentage, and minutes played (32.9). Choice also was second in rebounding, field goal percentage, defensive rebounds, and was tied for second in steals. Was NESCAC Player of the Week and Maine State Player of the Week twice this year. Choice was the only Maine college player on the D3hoops.com All-Northeast Region Team after making the third team. Choice finished his junior season with 1,077 points and 486 rebounds in his career.

Thompson, a first-year guard from Austin, Texas, was voted state of Maine Rookie of the Year after averaging 11.8 points and 5.6 rebounds for the 24-5 Nor'easters. He shot 35.8 percent (39 of 109) from beyond the three-point and was second on the team in steals with 55. Thompson scored a game-high 20 points as UNE defeated Colby-Sawyer College, 90-79, in the TCCC championship game. Thompson was also voted The Commonwealth Coast Conference Rookie of the Year

Sanicola led the Monks to their first Great Northeast Athletic Conference Championship and earned the program's first NCAA tournament berth since 2003. Sanicola, a 1999 Saint Joseph's graduate, was voted GNAC Coach of the Year after leading the Monks to a 12-6 league record and 21-8 overall record. The sixth-year head coach notched his 100th career win during the season.

Player of the Year: Adam Choice, Colby College

Rookie of the Year: Quentin Thompson, University of New England

Coach of the Year: Rob Sanicola, Saint Joseph's College

First Team All-State:

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| Choice, Adam | Colby College |
| Jefferson, Johnnie | University of New England |
| Duncanson, Andrew | Thomas College |
| Eatmon, Ray | Saint Joseph's College |
| Jackson, Kyle | Bowdoin College |

Second Team All-State:

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| Simpson, Jaykryi | University of New England |
| MacKenzie, Matt | Husson University |
| Wilson, Chris | Bates College |
| Murphy, Elbie | Saint Joseph's College |
| Cutrone, Artie | Colby College |

All-Rookie Team:

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| Thompson, Quentin | University of New England |
| Rodgers, Shawn | Thomas College |
| Fox, Brandon | Me.-Fort Kent |
| Hanley, Will | Bowdoin College |
| O'Brien, Zach | Saint Joseph's College |