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MEN'S TENNIS All-Conference - May 7, 2009

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MEN'S TENNIS ALL-CONFERENCE SELECTIONS RELEASED

Amherst's Lerner, Middlebury's Olson Share Top Honors

HADLEY, Mass. - Seniors Zack Lerner (Scarsdale, N.Y.) of Amherst and Conrad Olson (Waterloo, Belgium) of Middlebury have been chosen by the conference coaches as the 2009 NESCAC Players of the Year.

In addition to being named Co-Player of the Year, Lerner picked up All-Conference First Team Singles honors on the strength of a 12-4 dual match record at #1 singles.

The 2006 NESCAC Rookie of the Year, Olson received First Team Singles recognition for the first time ever after netting Second Team Singles in 2006 and again in 2007.

Returning at singles from the 2008 First Team was Bowdoin sophomore Stephen Sullivan (Coral Gables, Fla.). Sullivan, the NESCAC Rookie of the Year a season ago, has followed up a stellar 18-5 freshman campaign with an 11-5 record at #1 singles for the Polar Bears.

Juniors Spencer Feldman (Upper Brookville, N.Y.) of Trinity and Nick Lebedoff (Minneapolis, Minn.) of Williams earned All-NESCAC honors at singles for the second-straight year.

Rounding out the 2009 NESCAC All-Conference First Team was the Bates tandem of senior Ben Stein (Pelham, N.Y.) and junior Amrit Rupasinghe (Colombo, Sri Lanka), both of whom received Second Team recognition in 2008.

Rookie of the Year went to Amherst freshman Austin Chafetz (Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif.). At 15-1 in dual match play and 16-3 overall, Chafetz has spent a majority of his first season with the Lord Jeffs playing at #2 singles.

Colby senior Bryan Brown (Bangor, Maine) came away with the Clarence Chaffee Sportsmanship Award. The Clarence Chaffee Award is given annually to the individual who best combined and displayed a high standard of tennis coupled with the highest levels of sportsmanship.

Chris Garner of Amherst was selected as NESCAC Coach of the Year. Now in his second season with the Lord Jeffs, Garner's squad has gone 24-6 while reaching the final of the 2009 NESCAC Men's Tennis Championship and a berth in the NCAA Tournament.

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Table with 2 columns: First Team and Second Team. Lists player names, schools, and positions.

Co-Players of the Year: Zack Lerner, Amherst; Conrad Olson, Middlebury

Rookie of the Year: Austin Chafetz, Amherst

Clarence Chaffee Sportsmanship Award: Bryan Brown, Colby

Coach of the Year: Chris Garner, Amherst