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NESCAC SOFTBALL ALL-CONFERENCE TEAMS ANNOUNCED

Trinity's Dougherty Garners Top Honors as Both Player and Pitcher of the Year

HADLEY, Mass. - Trinity senior pitcher/first baseman Sara Dougherty (Long Valley, N.J.) has been named both the 2007 NESCAC Player of the Year and the NESCAC Pitcher of the Year, as determined by the conference coaches.

Dougherty once again split her time between the circle and first base this season, seeing action in 32 of Trinity's 33 games this year. At the plate this spring, Dougherty ranked among the leaders in the NESCAC in multiple statistical categories, including batting average (4th), on-base percentage (2nd), runs batted in (5th), home runs (tied 5th), and walks (1st).

Joining Dougherty from the Bantams on the All-Conference First Team were a pair of outfielders, junior Beth Gostanian (Windham, N.H.) and first year Jessica Tait (North Salem, N.Y.). Gostanian, a Second Team selection a year ago, averaged .367 in the batters box through 32 games this season, belting a team-leading seven home runs while failing to commit an error in 37 opportunities in the outfield.

Tufts had four players earn All-NESCAC First Team honors this year, as the 2007 NESCAC Softball Champion Jumbos had the most members from any one squad on the First Team. Junior Erica Bailey (Scottsdale, Ariz.) was joined by sophomores Samantha Kuhles (Somerville, N.J.) and Lauren Gelmetti (Westfield, N.J.) along with first year Casey Sullivan (Berlin, Conn.) on the First Team.

Williams sophomore shortstop Joey Lye (Scarborough, Ont.) earned First Team accolades for the second year in a row. Starting all 36 games this season, Lye paced her team offensively this season, batting .404 with 46 hits, six doubles, an on-base percentage of .460 and 16 steals.

Rounding out the 2007 NESCAC All-Conference First Team were a pair of first year players, Amherst's Jacqueline Tyler (Ridgewood, N.J.) and Wesleyan's Meaghan Dendy (Swansea, Mass.). Tyler led the NESCAC in multiple offensive categories this year with a .513 batting average, a .562 on-base percentage, a .744 slugging percentage, and 19 steals through 25 games for the Jeffs.

Tufts head coach Cheryl Milligan was the choice among the coaches, coming away with NESCAC Coach of the Year honors for the second time in the last three years. In her fourth season at the helm of the Jumbos, Milligan has guided her team to a 28-11 record entering this week's NCAA Tournament action, just three wins shy of a program-best 31 set in 1995.

2007 NESCAC SOFTBALL ALL-CONFERENCE

First Team

P/1B/DP Erica Bailey ^
P/OF Meaghan Dendy
P/1B Sara Dougherty \*
P Lauren Gelmetti
OF Beth Gostanian ^
OF/C Katelyn Knox
3B Samantha Kuhles \*
SS Joey Lye ^
2B/SS Casey Sullivan
OF Jessica Tait
OF Jacqueline Tyler

Tufts
Wesleyan
Trinity
Tufts
Trinity
Williams
Tufts
Williams
Tufts
Trinity
Amherst
Jr. Scottsdale, Ariz.
Fy. Swansea, Mass.
Sr. Long Valley, N.J.
So. Westfield, N.J.
Jr. Windham, N.H.
Sr. Great Falls, Va.
So. Somerville, N.J.
So. Scarborough, Ont.
Fy. Berlin, Conn.
Fy. North Salem, N.Y.
Fy. Ridgewood, N.J.

Second Team

Middlebury
Tufts
Bates
Trinity
Bowdoin
Trinity
Williams
Middlebury
Bates
Wesleyan
Bowdoin
Jr. Pleasantville, N.Y.
Jr. Albany, N.Y.
Sr. New Preston, Conn.
Sr. Menlo Park, Calif.
Fy. Ridgewood, N.J.
So. Woodbridge, Conn.
Jr. North Reading, Mass.
Sr. St. Albans, Vt.
So. Sharon, Mass.
Jr. Cambridge, Mass.
Sr. Seattle, Wash.

Player of the Year: Sara Dougherty, Trinity
Pitcher of the Year: Sara Dougherty, Trinity
Rookie of the Year: Casey Sullivan, Tufts

Coach of the Year: Cheryl Milligan, Tufts
\* - 2006 All-Conference First Team ^ - 2006 All-Conference Second Team