



# News Release

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## **ECAC Announces 2009 Division III New England Men's Soccer All-Stars**

CAPE COD, Mass. - The 2009 ECAC Division III New England men's soccer Offensive Player of the Year earns this title after accumulating 40 points during the 2009 season. Eastern Connecticut State University senior forward, Maxim Fantl, tallied 17 goals, six assists and four game-winning goals this session. Fantl helped his team to a 16-5-1 record during the 2009 campaign and was also named Little East Offensive Player of the Year.

Conor Smith of Williams College receives the honor of 2009 ECAC Division III New England Defensive Player of the Year. While helping lead the defensive unit, he also has scored seven goals this season, including three gamewinners, giving him 14 points this season.

This year there are two individuals earning ECAC Division III New England Rookie of the Year honors. First, Eric Anderson from Babson has recorded 32 points during his first season. Anderson scored 13 goals, six of which were gamewinners. He also tallied six assists. Also receiving the award is Adam Purdy from Wesleyan. During his freshman campaign, he had a 0.43 goals against average, a .906 saves percentage, ten shutouts and a 12-1-5 record.

Four forwards are representing the ECAC first All-Star team. Joining Fantl is Nick Haggerty from Southern Vermont. He had 41 points this season, netting 14 goals, four of which were gamewinners, and 13 assists. Senior Semir Mehmedovic of Plymouth State posted 39 points for the season. He scored 18 goals, four being gamewinners, and had three assists. Lastly, Yuri Moreria from Wheaton earns honors after scoring 16 goals this year, including seven gamewinners. He also added two assists, earning 34 points on the season.

In the midfield for the ECAC first All-Star team is junior Eric Dabdoub from Emerson. Dabdoub has 32 points on the season, scoring 14 goals, including two gamewinners, and four assists. Also, Scott Faria from Framingham State is receiving honors after earning 24 points this season, with nine goals and six assists, and three game-winning goals. Junior Mark Capitanio from Nichols finishes out the group. Capitanio earns the nod after recording eight goals, seven assists, four gamewinners and 23 points this season.

Roger Williams' Justin Plourde and Amherst's Matt Lewis are joining Smith as defenders on the ECAC first All-Star team. Plourde, a senior, has six goals, three gamewinners and five assists this season. Lewis has been solid in the back and helped the offense this season. The senior has five goals, two gamewinners, and one assist. Closing up the defensive unit for ECAC first All-Star team is Adam Purdy from Wesleyan.

### **2009 ECAC Division III New England Men's Soccer All-Stars**

<b>Offensive Player of the Year</b>	<b>Defensive Player of the Year</b>	<b>Co-Rookies of the Year</b>
Maxim Fantl, Senior, Eastern Connecticut	Conor Smith, Senior, Williams	Eric Anderson, Freshman, Babson Adam Purdy, Freshman, Wesleyan

#### **First Team All-Stars**

Nick Haggerty, Sophomore, Forward, So. Vermont  
Maxim Fantl, Senior, Forward, Eastern Connecticut  
Semir Mehmedovic, Senior, Forward, Plymouth State  
Yuri Moreria, Junior, Forward, Wheaton  
Eric Dabdoub, Junior, Midfielder, Emerson  
Scott Faria, Junior, Midfielder, Framingham State  
Mark Capitanio, Junior, Midfielder, Nichols  
Justin Plourde, Senior, Defender, Roger Williams  
Conor Smith, Senior, Defender, Williams  
Matt Lewis, Senior, Defender, Amherst  
Adam Purdy, Freshman, Goalkeeper, Wesleyan

#### **Second Team All-Stars**

Zachary Kabelac, Sophomore, Forward, MIT  
George Markopoulos, Senior, Forward, Anna Maria  
Eric Anderson, Freshman, Forward, Babson  
Charlie Romero, Junior, Forward, Williams  
Ari Sinanis, Freshman, Midfielder, Lesley  
Dan Fogarty, Senior, Midfielder, Babson  
Sean McAllister, Sophomore, Midfielder, Salve Regina  
Chris Rivet, Senior, Defender, Norwich  
Harrison Watkins, Junior, Defender, Middlebury  
Colin Nagle, Senior, Defender, Middlebury  
Kyle Bak, Senior, Goalkeeper, Western New England

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