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NORTH EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE STUDENT-ATHLETE OF THE WEEK SELECTIONS

GANSEVOORT, NY – The North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC) announces student-athlete of the week selections for the week ending April 4, 2010 in the sports of men's baseball, women's softball, men's lacrosse, women's lacrosse, men's tennis and women's tennis.

TYLER FLEISCHUT (Pottstown, PA) was selected as the NEAC West Division Baseball Student-Athlete of the Week. Fleischut, a senior shortstop for the **Penn State-Berks Nittany Lions** was selected for his outstanding performance at the plate this week in leading his team to a 4-0 record in the NEAC West and a 10-0 record overall. Fleischut averaged .690 at the plate over the ten games, going 20-for-29 with 16 runs, 15 RBI, 2 doubles and 2 triples. He had a slugging % of .862, 9 walks, 7 stolen bases and an on base percentage of .750. In the field, Fleischut had 16 putouts, 26 assists and only one error, which was good for a .977 fielding percentage. His efforts keep Penn State-Berks undefeated in conference play and kept alive a 12 game winning streak. Fleischut receives this award for the second time this season.

JULEAH VEDDER (Dolgeville, NY) was selected as the NEAC Softball Student-Athlete of the Week. Vedder, a sophomore pitcher/first baseman for the **SUNY Institute of Technology Wildcats** was selected for her performance at the plate and on the mound this week in leading her team to a 4-0 record in NEAC play. Vedder averaged .688 at the plate going 11-for-16 with 7 runs, 8 RBI, 2 doubles, a triple and a home run. She had a slugging % of 1.125, 2 walks and an on base percentage of .722. On the mound, Vedder went 3-0, striking out 12 over 15 innings and held her opponents to a .246 batting average. Vedder's homerun was her fifth of the season, which breaks the school record for home runs in a season and also set a new school record for most RBI in a season. In a come-from-behind victory over Penn State-Berks, Vedder hit for the cycle, going 4-for-4 with a single, a double, a triple, a home run, 2 RBI and a stolen base. Vedder receives this award for the second time this season.

SHANE FRANCIS (Akwesasne Territory) was selected as the NEAC Men's Lacrosse Student-Athlete of the Week. Francis, a freshman attackman for the **SUNY Cobleskill Fighting Tigers** was selected for his outstanding offensive effort this week, helping the Tigers to a 1-0 record in NEAC play and a 1-1 overall record. Francis had 9 goals on 17 shots, 3 assists and 10 individual ground balls for the week. In a 17-7 victory over Wells College, Francis had a team-high 6 goals and handed out 3 assists. Francis is currently ranked 6th in Division III in goals with 30 and 12th in points with 44.

LAURA DOUGHERTY (Geneva, NY) was selected as the NAC West Division Women's Lacrosse Student-Athlete of the Week. Dougherty, a junior attackman for the **Keuka College Storm** was selected for her outstanding offensive effort in leading the Storm to 2-0 record for the week in NEAC play. Dougherty had 9 goals on 11 shots, 6 assists and 6 individual ground balls for the week. In a win over Wilson College, Dougherty netted 5 goals and dished out 4 assists and then had 4 goals and 2 assists in a win over SUNY-Morrisville as the Storm remained undefeated in conference action.

STEVEN CAREY (Norwalk, CT) was selected as the NAC West Division Men's Tennis Student-Athlete of the Week for his performance for the **SUNY Cobleskill Fighting Tigers**. Carey, a freshman had a perfect week, going 2-0 at #1 singles and 2-0 at #1 doubles, helping SUNY Cobleskill to their first victory of the season over Sage College. In going 4-0 during the week, Carey surrendered only two games in his two singles matches, winning each match 6-0, 6-1.

ANA LUCIA RILEY (Syracuse, NY) was selected as the NEAC West Division Women's Tennis Student-Athlete of the week for her performance for the **Wells College Express**. Riley, a junior went 1-1 in singles action and 1-1 in doubles in leading Wells to 1-0 record in NEAC play and 1-1 record overall for the week. In their victory over the College of St. Elizabeth, Riley won her #4 singles match 6-2, 6-1 and then teamed up with Paula Goodnough in #2 doubles for an 8-5 victory.

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The North Eastern Athletic Conference has nine NCAA Division III member institutions which include: Cazenovia College, College of St. Elizabeth, Keuka College, Pennsylvania State University - Abington, Pennsylvania State University - Berks, Pennsylvania State University - Harrisburg, SUNY Cobleskill, SUNY Institute of Technology, SUNY Morrisville State College, Wells College, and Wilson College. Associate members are: Medaille College, Rutgers University - Camden, SUNY Oneonta, and University of Dallas.

BASEBALL: Beginning with the 2010 season, North Atlantic Conference (NAC) members Castleton, Husson, Lyndon St., Maine-Farmington and Thomas will play in the North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC) as associate members in the East Division. Each division will hold a championship and the two divisional champions will meet for a three game series to determine the conference champion. The conference winner will earn an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Championship.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE: Beginning with the 2010 season, North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC) members Cazenovia, College of St. Elizabeth, Keuka, Medaille, Penn State - Abington, SUNY Morrisville, Wells, and Wilson will play as associate members of the North Atlantic Conference (NAC) in a West Division. Each division will hold a championship and the two divisional champions will meet to determine the conference champion.

WOMEN'S TENNIS: Beginning with the 2010 season, North Atlantic Conference (NAC) members Castleton, Johnson St., Lyndon St., and Thomas will play in the North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC) as associate members in the East Division. Each division will hold a championship and the two divisional champions will meet to determine the conference champion. The conference winner will earn an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Championship.

MEN'S TENNIS: Beginning with the 2010 season, North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC) members Keuka, Penn State - Abington, Penn State - Berks, Penn State - Harrisburg, SUNY Cobleskill and SUNY Oneonta will play as associate members of the North Atlantic Conference in a West Division. Each division will hold a championship and the two divisional champions will meet for to determine the conference champion.

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