Hadley, Mass. – Hamilton junior Kena Gilmour has been selected as the NESCAC Men’s Basketball Player of the Year as voted by the league’s coaches and is the first Continental to garner the award. Gilmour was also named to the All-NESCAC First Team for the second straight season. The 2017 NESCAC Rookie of the Year, he helped the Continentals earn the No. 2 seed in the NESCAC Tournament and advance to the championship game for the first time in program history. Gilmour ranks second in the conference in scoring (19.1 ppg) while grabbing 5.9 rebounds and handing out 3.1 assists per game. Hamilton earned an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament and will host first and second round games.

Wesleyan’s Jordan Bonner is the NESCAC Defensive Player of the Year. He is the second straight Cardinal to garner the award as former teammate Jordan Sears became the first Wesleyan player to be named the Defensive Player of the Year last season. Bonner, a senior, grabbed 22 steals in 25 starts and added 11 blocks. He chipped in 14.6 points per game while ranking second in the NESCAC on the boards with 9.6 rebounds per game. Bonner helped Wesleyan earn a spot in the NESCAC Tournament field for the fifth year in a row.

Colby first-year Noah Tyson is the first Mule to garner NESCAC Rookie of the Year honors. He nearly averaged a double-double with 10.9 points and 8.2 rebounds per game. He started all 25 contests for Colby and made 63 3-pointers while handing out 2.6 assists per game. He helped the Mules earn a spot in the NESCAC Championship for the first time since 2016.

Amherst head coach David Hixon was named the NESCAC Coach of the Year for the fifth time in his 42-year career at the helm of the Mammoths. Hixon guided Amherst to a record eighth NESCAC title as the No. 3 seed. The Mammoths earned an automatic berth to the NCAA Tournament field and are making their 20th NCAA appearance.

Sophomore Grant Robinson represented Amherst on the All-NESCAC First Team. He is the leading scorer for the Mammoths, averaging 16.0 points per game while starting all 27 games. A guard, Robinson is handing out 3.1 assists per game and has totaled 40 steals.

Middlebury sophomore guard Jack Farrell earns his first conference accolade with a spot on the First Team. He is averaging a team-high 16.2 points per game, to go along with 4.7 rebounds and 3.8 assists per game for the NCAA-bound Panthers. Middlebury earned the top seed in the NESCAC Championship and was an at-large selection to the NCAA Tournament.

Wesleyan’s Austin Hutcherson, the 2018 NESCAC Rookie of the Year, led the league in scoring, averaging 20.0 points per game. He also dished out 3.2 assists and grabbed 5.6 rebounds per game, while also recording 18 blocks for the Cardinals.

Bobby Casey of Williams is the lone senior on the All-NESCAC First Team. The NESCAC leader in assists (4.4 pg), he earns First Team honors for the second straight season. Casey has drained 74 3-pointers and ranks third in the league in scoring at 18.5 points per game. Williams was the No. 4 seed in the NESCAC Championship and received an at-large berth to the NCAA Tournament. The Ephs will host first and second round games.

First Team

Bobby Casey @ Sr. Williams G Scranton, Pa.
Jack Farrell So. Middlebury G Verona, N.J.
Kena Gilmour % Jr. Hamilton G New Paltz, N.Y.
Austin Hutcherson # So. Wesleyan G New York, N.Y.
Grant Robinson So. Amherst G McLean, Va.

Second Team

James Heskett @ Sr. Williams G Cincinnati, Ohio
Peter Hoffmann = Sr. Hamilton G/F Putnam Valley, N.Y.
Jack Simonds ^ Sr. Bowdoin F Falmouth, Maine

Player of the Year: Kena Gilmour, Hamilton
Defensive Player of the Year: Jordan Bonner, Wesleyan $
Rookie of the Year: Noah Tyson, Colby
Coach of the Year: David Hixon, Amherst

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