Field Hockey All-NESCAC Selections Announced

FIELD HOCKEY All-Conference Teams - November 7, 2018

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HADLEY, Mass. – Middlebury sophomore Erin Nicholas is the NESCAC Player of the Year as voted on by the league’s coaches. Nicholas also earned a spot on the All-NESCAC First Team, after being named the NESCAC Rookie of the Year last season. A defender who contributes on the penalty corner units at both ends of the field for the Panthers, Nicholas is tied for third in the conference in points (33), scoring 12 goals and handing out nine assists. She anchors a Middlebury defense that owns a 0.94 goals against average.

Nicholas is the first player to earn Rookie of the Year and Player of the Year honors in back-to-back seasons since Meighan McGowan of Williams (2005 & 2006). Nicholas is also the fifth Middlebury player to garner Player of the Year honors and the fourth Panther since 2011. She joins Char Clessner (2001), Janie Mackey (2004), Lauren Greer (2011 & 2012), and Catherine Fowler (2013).

First Team

F Libby Dolan * Williams Sr. Barrington, R.I.
F Michaela Giuttari *@ Hamilton Jr. Warwick, R.I.
F Grace Jennings +* Middlebury Sr. Ghent, N.Y.
F Chandler Solimine ** Trinity Sr. Pelham, N.Y.
M Marissa Baker Middlebury Jr. Darien, Conn.
M Shannon Tierney Amherst Sr. Garden City, N.Y.
D Kendall Codey * Amherst Sr. Summit, N.J.
D Issy Del Priore + Tufts Sr. Dallas, Pa.
D Erin Nicholas = Middlebury So. Scarsdale, N.Y.
GK Lori Berger ^ Trinity Sr. Scottsdale, Ariz.

Second Team

F Georgia Cassidy ^ Colby Jr. Darien, Conn.
F Taylor Lough ¦ Bates Sr. Little Compton, R.I.
F Emma Stevens Bowdoin Jr. Darien, Conn.
F Gigi Tutoni Tufts Sr. Newton, Pa.
M Lizzie Clarke Hamilton Jr. Larchmont, N.Y.
M Fallon Shaughnessy Tufts Sr. Acton, Mass.
D Elizabeth Bennnewitz ** Bowdoin Sr. Westport, Conn.
D Ally Corbett Colby So. Oakland, Maine
GK Riley Whitmyer Colby Sr. Bentleyville, Ohio

Player of the Year: Erin Nicholas, Middlebury
Offensive Player of the Year: Chandler Solimine, Trinity
Rookie of the Year: Manveer Sandhu, Bowdoin
Coach of the Year: Katharine De Lorenzo, Middlebury

~ 2017 NESCAC Defensive Player of the Year
= 2017 NESCAC Rookie of the Year
+ 2017 All-NESCAC First Team
* 2017 All-NESCAC Second Team
^ 2016 NESCAC Rookie of the Year
@ 2016 NESCAC Rookie of the Year
* 2016 All-NESCAC Second Team
! 2015 NESCAC Rookie of the Year

Erin Nicholas, Middlebury
Chandler Solimine, Trinity
Trinity’s Chandler Solimine is the NESCAC Offensive Player of the Year and garnered a spot on the All-NESCAC First Team. This season marks the third straight year a Bantam has garnered a major NESCAC award as Kelcie Finn was the NESCAC Player of the Year in 2016 and 2017. The senior forward moves up to the First Team after earning Second Team honors in 2016 and 2017. Solimine ranked fifth in the conference in scoring with 32 points on 12 goals and eight assists. She netted five game-winning goals for the NESCAC Semifinalists.

Trinity senior Lori Berger is the All-NESCAC First Team goalkeeper this season after earning Second Team honors last year. She started all 17 games for the Bantams, and led the league in save percentage (.878). She registered 12 wins in the cage, 10 of which were shutouts. Berger backstopped a Trinity defense that posted the best goals against average in the league (0.53) and surrendered a league-low nine goals.

Amherst seniors Kendall Codey and Shannon Tierney were All-NESCAC First Team selections. Codey was a Second Team selection last year, while Tierney is being honored for the first time in her career. Codey tied for second on the team in scoring with 21 points to go along with 10 goals, while starting all 16 games. Tierney chipped in five points (1 goal, 3 assists) from her midfield position.

Senior Grace Jennings and junior Marissa Baker from Middlebury, join Nicholas on the All-NESCAC First Team. Jennings, the 2015 NESCAC Rookie of the Year, earns her third All-NESCAC accolade. She was a First Team selection in 2017 and was named to the Second Team in 2016. Jennings ranks second among the Panthers in scoring with 27 points on 11 goals and five assists. Baker makes her first appearance on an All-NESCAC team with 18 points in 13 games for the defending national champions.

Issy Del Priore, the NESCAC Defensive Player of the Year and an All-NESCAC First Team honoree a year ago, has led a Tufts defensive unit that has allowed 10 goals and owns a 0.55 goals against average. The senior, who has five defensive saves this season, helped the Jumbos advance to the NESCAC Championship game for the second time in three years. Tufts is headed to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2016, the same year it reached the national title game.

Williams senior Libby Dolan moves up to the First Team after garnering All-NESCAC Second Team honors last year. Dolan started all 17 games and totaled 28 points and 13 goals for the Ephs who advanced to the NESCAC Semifinals for the first time since 2005.

Junior Kara Finnerty of Bowdoin is another Second Team selection from last year who was elevated to the First Team this season. She ranked tied for third in the league in assists with 10 helpers, and was second among the Polar Bears in points (28). She was one of five Bowdoin players to start all 16 games.

Hamilton junior Michaela Giuttari repeats as a First Team selection after being named the NESCAC Rookie of the Year in 2016. Giuttari scored 16 goals in 16 games and ranked second in the league in scoring with 39 points. She tallied five game-winning goals for the Continentals.

Bowdoin’s Manveer Sandhu is the sixth Polar Bear to garner NESCAC Rookie of the Year honors. She joins Marissa O’Neil (2001), Taryn King (2003), Ingrid Oelschlager (2007), Rachel Kennedy (2012), and Mettler Grownemey (2013). Sandhu started all 16 games and totaled 10 points on three goals and four assists from her midfield position.

Middlebury head coach Katharine DeLorenzo was selected as the NESCAC Coach of the Year by her peers. DeLorenzo earns the honor for the second straight year and was also honored in 2012. DeLorenzo, who is in her 18th season at the helm of the Panthers, led Middlebury to its sixth NESCAC title and fifth championship in the last seven years. Middlebury is headed to the NCAA Tournament for the 16th consecutive season and 19th overall and will host a regional on November 10-11.