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ECAC Announces 2009 Division III New England Women's Soccer All-Stars

CAPE COD, Mass. - The ECAC has announced the ECAC Division III New England Women's Soccer All-Stars. Meg Gearin of Westfield State picked up Offensive Player of the Year honors. The senior forward scored 19 goals and tallied four assists for 42 points while leading her team to an NCAA Tournament berth. Defensive Player of the Year went to Middlebury's Lauryn Torch. Torch helped the No. 12 Panthers to an NCAA berth. She had a NESCAC leading eight shutouts, with a 0.81 goals against average. Nichols freshman Samantha Abro nabbed Rookie of the Year honors. Abro had an impressive collegiate debut, scoring 22 goals and five assists for 49 points.

This year's first team forward selections put up impressive numbers, with two players eclipsing the 60-point plateau. Lesley's Jodi Fralick led the charge with 32 goals and four assists for 68 points. The senior led her squad to an undefeated conference record, and an ECAC Championship berth. MCLA's Jess Tietgens was not far behind, tallying 30 goals and four assists for 64 points, also leading her squad to an ECAC Championship berth. Rounding out the forward selections is Castleton's Courtney Chadburn with 23 goals and six helpers for 52 points. Midfielder selections were Westfield State's Kate MacLellan, with eight goals and 15 assists for 31 points, Emmanuel's Kate McKenna with 21 goals and six assists for 48 points and Eastern Connecticut's Sarah Swann with 14 goals and five assists for 33 points.

Joining Torch as first team defensive selections are William's Kara Duggan, Wheaton's Lyndsey McManus, and Springfield's Courtney Price. Duggan helped the second-ranked Ephs hold opponents to a NESCAC best 0.45 goals per game. McManus helped the Wheaton College defense become the best in the NEWMAC, while also contributing seven goals and nine assists. Price led Springfield to the second best goals against average (0.86) in the NEWMAC, while chipping in offensively as well, with four goals and three assists.

2009 ECAC Division III New England Women's Soccer All-Stars

Offensive Player of the Year	Defensive Player of the Year	Rookie of the Year
Meg Gearin, Senior, Forward, Westfield State	Lauryn Torch, Junior, Goalkeeper, Middlebury	Samantha Abro, Freshman, Forward, Nichols
<u>First Team All-Stars</u>	<u>Second Team All-Stars</u>	
Meg Gearin, Senior, Forward, Westfield State	Samantha Abro, Freshman, Forward, Nichols	
Jess Tietgens, Junior, Forward, MCLA	Caitlin Flynn, Senior, Forward, Endicott	
Jodi Fralick, Senior, Forward, Lesley	Lindsay D'Andrea, Junior, Forward, Emerson	
Courtney Chadburn, Junior, Forward, Castleton	Katie Bradford, Junior, Forward, Keene State	
Kate MacLellan, Junior, Midfielder, Westfield State	Meg Murphy, Senior, Midfielder, Amherst	
Kate McKenna, Senior, Midfielder, Emmanuel	Sara Wild, Junior, Midfielder, Williams	
Sarah Swann, Senior, Midfielder, Eastern Connecticut	Lauren Hernley, Junior, Midfielder, MIT	
Kara Duggan, Junior, Defender, Williams	Emily Hough, Junior, Defender, Wheaton	
Courtney Price, Junior, Defender, Springfield	Alicia Chandler, Senior, Defender, Westfield State	
Lyndsey McManus, Senior, Defender, Wheaton	Caitlin Peters, Freshman, Defender, Endicott	
Lauryn Torch, Junior, Goalkeeper, Middlebury	Cait Witham, Senior, Goalkeeper, St. Joseph (CT)	

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