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## **A-10 ANNOUNCES MEN'S SOCCER ALL-CONFERENCE TEAMS**

**NEWPORT NEWS, Va.** – Nationally-ranked VCU's Jason Johnson was named the 2012 Atlantic 10 Conference Men's Soccer Offensive Player of the Year, while Xavier's Nick Hagglund and Charlotte's Donnie Smith were tabbed the league's Defensive and Midfielder of the Year, respectively, in voting conducted among the Conference's 16 head coaches.

In the same vote, Temple's Jared Martinelli was honored as Rookie of the Year and Mike McGinty of Saint Louis was selected as Coach of the Year.

In his first year in the Atlantic 10, Johnson made quite the impression, pacing the league in four statistical categories, including points (32), points per game (1.88), goals (13) and goals per game (0.76). The junior forward was twice named A-10 Player of the Week. In his A-10 debut, he posted a goal and an assist to help the Rams upset 13th-ranked Charlotte, marking VCU's first win over a ranked opponent since 2006.

Hagglund, a junior defender, started all 18 games for the Musketeers this season and helped bolster a tenacious defensive that shutout six opponents and limited its foes to a 0.90 goals against average. The two-time All-Conference first team selection was also named to this year's MAC Hermann Trophy watch list.

Smith directed the Charlotte midfield throughout the season, playing in 16 of the 49ers' contests, while registering 11 points off four goals and three assists. He finished the regular season tied for third among A-10 leaders in game-winning tallies, as the senior recorded the golden goals in Charlotte's victories over SEC foe South Carolina, along with league rivals Richmond and Saint Louis.

Johnson, Hagglund and Smith are joined on All-Conference first team by Charlotte's Tyler Gibson (MF), Thomas Allen (D), Klay Davis (GK); Duquesne's Adam Clement (D); Robbie Kristo (F) of Saint Louis; VCU's Romena Bowie (MF); along with Xavier's Luke Spencer (F) and Matt Walker (MF).

The second team in comprised of Butler's Zach Steinberger (MF); Charlotte's Giuseppe Gentile (F); Duquesne's Joshua Patterson (F); La Salle's John McCarthy (GK); St. Bonaventure's Emmett O'Connor (F); Alex Sweetin (MF), Jon Roeckle (D) and Anthony Manning (D) of Saint Louis; Temple's Cody Califiore (MF); VCU's Dennis Castillo (D); and Xavier's Will Walker (MF).

Martinelli was the key component to Temple's offensive success this season. With 28 points on the year, including nine goals and 10 assists, he is currently ranked third in the nation among all rookies in scoring and is tied for eighth all-time at Temple for points in a single season. He leads the A-10 in shots (88), shots per game (4.89) and game-winning goals (5).

Martinelli headlines the 11-member All-Rookie team, which also consists of Butler's Jeff Adkins; Charlotte's Biko Bradnock-Brennan; Dayton's Maik Schoonderwoerd and Chris Froschauer; Fordham's Kyle Bitterman; La Salle's Joe Farrell; Tim Lazorko of Saint Joseph's; David Graydon of Saint Louis; along with VCU's Dennis Castillo and Devon Fisher.

McGinty collected his first A-10 Coach of the Year citation after guiding Saint Louis to a 7-2-0 league mark and its second Conference Championship appearance in three years. McGinty currently owns a 28-21-4 career record in his third year with the Billikens.

The 2012 Atlantic 10 Conference championship begins this Thursday, Nov. 8 at 11:00 a.m. ET, as #2 Saint Louis takes on #7 La Salle, followed by game two at 2:00 p.m., as #3 Xavier squares off with #6 Dayton. Fourth-seeded VCU and #5

Temple take the pitch at 5:00 p.m.; and #1 Charlotte and #8 Duquesne will close out quarterfinal round action at 8:00 p.m.

The two semifinal contests will be played on Friday, Nov. 9 at 5:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., while the league championship is set to air nationally on CBS Sports Network on Sunday, Nov. 11 at 4:00 p.m.

All seven matches (weather pending) are scheduled to be webcast free of charge through the A-10's online home -- Atlantic10.com. Fans are reminded to check back with the Atlantic10.com throughout the week for all updated information regarding the 2012 A-10 Men's Soccer Championship as well as to check out the Championship Central page on the website.

## **2012 ATLANTIC 10 MEN'S SOCCER ALL-CONFERENCE TEAMS**

### **ALL-CONFERENCE FIRST TEAM**

Robbie Kristo, Saint Louis - F  
Jason Johnson, VCU - F  
Luke Spencer, Xavier - F  
Tyler Gibson, Charlotte - MF  
Donnie Smith, Charlotte - MF  
Romana Bowie, VCU - MF  
Matt Walker, Xavier - MF  
Thomas Allen, Charlotte - D  
Adam Clement, Duquesne - D  
Nick Hagglund, Xavier - D  
Klay Davis, Charlotte - GK

### **ALL-CONFERENCE SECOND TEAM**

Giuseppe Gentile, Charlotte - F  
Joshua Patterson, Duquesne - F  
Emmett O'Connor, St. Bonaventure - F  
Zach Steinberger, Butler - MF  
Alex Sweetin, Saint Louis - MF  
Cody Califiore, Temple - MF  
Will Walker, Xavier - MF  
Anthony Manning, Saint Louis - D  
Jon Roeckle, Saint Louis - D  
Dennis Castillo, VCU - D  
John McCarthy, La Salle - GK

### **ALL-ROOKIE TEAM**

Jeff Adkins, Butler  
Biko Bradnock-Brennan, Charlotte  
Maik Schoonderwoerd, Dayton  
Chris Froschauer, Dayton  
Kyle Bitterman, Fordham  
Joe Farrell, La Salle  
Tim Lazorko, Saint Joseph's  
David Graydon, Saint Louis  
Jared Martinelli, Temple  
Dennis Castillo, VCU  
Devon Fisher, VCU

### **ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM**

Brandon Fricke, Butler  
Tyler Gibson, Charlotte  
Jonathan Nelson, Dayton  
Joshua Patterson, Duquesne  
Simon Gomez, Duquesne  
Carter Poe, Duquesne  
Tim Brennan, Saint Joseph's  
Adnan Gabeljic, Saint Louis  
Vaughn Spurrier, Temple  
Andrew Wells, VCU  
Sean Ryan, Xavier

**OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR:** Jason Johnson, VCU  
**DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR:** Nick Hagglund, Xavier  
**MIDFIELDER OF THE YEAR:** Donnie Smith, Charlotte  
**ROOKIE OF THE YEAR:** Jared Martinelli, Temple  
**COACH OF THE YEAR:** Mike McGinty, Saint Louis