



# News Release

P.O. Box 3 Centerville, Massachusetts 02632

508/771-5060 508/771-9481 (fax)

www.ecac.org

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Tuesday, December 2, 2003

Contact: Heidi Kravchuk  
Assistant Commissioner for Communications

### **ECAC ANNOUNCES DIVISION I FIELD HOCKEY ALL-STARS**

**CAPE COD, Mass.** -- Northeastern junior Mari Creatini (Newton, Mass.) has been tabbed the 2003 ECAC Division I Player of the Year by a vote of the ECAC Division I coaches. She was recently named an STX/National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) First Team all-American after she led the nation in points (72) and goals (29). Creatini was a First Team America East all-Conference selection and named the 2003 America East Offensive Player of the Year. She was also just named a finalist for the Honda National Field Hockey Player of the Year. The three-time defending America East champion Huskies finished the season with a 17-6 record.

Joining Creatini on the first team was her teammate Leigh Shea (Ipswich, Mass.). Shea tied for 13th in the nation in assists (13). She was a first team America East all-Conference selection and named the 2003 America East Defensive Player of the Year.

The University of Connecticut honors two players on the ECAC First Team. Junior Lauren Henderson (Avondale Harare, Zimbabwe) earns the award after finishing the season as the nation's third-leading scorer. She was recently tabbed an STX/NFHCA First Team all-America select. Senior Mary Jo Malone (Water Mill, N.Y.) notched 15 goals and seven assists to help Connecticut to the NCAA Quarterfinals and a 17-6 overall tally.

A junior from Princeton University, Natalie Martirosian (Richmond, Va.) led the squad with seven assists in 2003 and helped the Tigers to a 10th straight Ivy League championship. Senior Princeton co-captain Claire Miller, (Scarsdale, N.Y.) the Ivy League Player of the Year and a first-team all-league pick, was also placed on the ECAC First Team.

Harvard University adds junior Shelley Maasdorp (Harare, Zimbabwe) and senior Jen Ahn (Cockeysville, Md.) to the First Team while Boston College also adds two with sophomores Sara York (Watertown, Mass.) and Kristen Madden (Concord, N.H.). Madden was named the BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Year.

Delaware's Jesse Balmer (Telford, Pa.) and American University's goaltender Laura Miller round out the 2003 ECAC First Team. Balmer finished the season with 27 points. Miller was tabbed the Patriot League Defensive Player of the year after finishing first in the nation with a .856 save percentage.

The ECAC Division I Field Hockey All-Star team is comprised of five seniors, five juniors and two sophomores.

#### **ECAC DIVISION I ALL-STARS**

##### **Player of the Year**

Mari Creatini	Northeastern	Jr.
---------------	--------------	-----

##### **Forwards**

Mari Creatini	Northeastern	Jr.
Lauren Henderson	Connecticut	Jr.
Mary Jo Malone	Connecticut	Sr.
Natalie Martirosian	Princeton	Jr.

##### **Midfielders**

Shelley Maasdorp	Harvard	Jr.
Claire Miller	Princeton	Sr.
Sara York	Boston College	So.

##### **Defenders**

Jen Ahn	Harvard	Sr.
Jesse Balmer	Delaware	Jr.
Kristen Madden	Boston College	So.
Leigh Shea	Northeastern	Sr.

##### **Goalkeeper**

Laura Miller	American	Sr.
--------------	----------	-----