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WATERS AND GRAY TAKE HOME FIRST TWO WEEKLY AWARDS OF THE SEASON

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — University of Maine junior infielder Ashley Waters (Amesbury, Mass./Amesbury) is the first America East Softball Player of the Week of the 2008 season. UMBC senior Ashley Gray (Pasadena, Md./Northeast/Delaware State) also took home an honor for the first week of the season, earning the conference's Pitcher of the Week award.

Waters batted .667 for the week in nine at bats. The junior swatted two extra base hits, including a double and a two-run blast in a 2-3 loss to host East Carolina on Saturday. Waters also drew two walks and avoided a strikeout. The Black Bears went 0-5 at the East Carolina Tournament for the week.

Gray pitched two beauties, but was a hard-luck loser at the UNC-Greensboro Spartan Classic as her offense could not get going behind her. She pitched two complete games, allowing just two earned runs, and four total runs. Gray struck out eight batters in 12 innings pitched, walked three and posted a 1.50 ERA. On the weekend, Gray held batters to a .234 average. The Retrievers went 1-3 on the week, including a win over James Madison on Sunday.

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