



WOMEN'S LACROSSE

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BOSTON UNIVERSITY'S DALTON NAMED WOMEN'S LACROSSE PLAYER OF YEAR PAIR OF CATAMOUNTS CLAIM ROOKIE AND COACH OF YEAR HONORS

BOSTON - Boston University's Sarah Dalton (Cornwall, Vt./Taft School) was named America East Player of the Year, while Vermont's Megan MacDonald (Wayland, Mass./Wayland) was selected Rookie of the Year at the conference's annual women's lacrosse awards banquet on Thursday evening. UVM's Jennifer Johnson was tabbed the league's Coach of the Year to round out the major individual honorees. All awards were determined in a vote by the league's head coaches.

Dalton, a first-team all-conference selection in 2007, ranks second in America East with 3.78 goals per game totaling 53 scores in 14 games. A junior attack, Dalton has racked up 60 points on the season and ranks second in the league with 4.29 points per game. Dalton, who also ranks among league leaders with 2.64 draw controls per contest, is a nominee for the Tewaaron Award, which recognizes the national player of the year.

MacDonald, a four-time America East Rookie of the Week honoree including each of the past three weeks, leads all newcomers with 36 points on 27 goals and nine assists. MacDonald, who set Vermont's all-time freshman scoring record this season, ranks among league leaders in conference play with 20 points and 16 goals.

Johnson, who is in her fourth season at the helm of the Catamounts, led her squad to a program-best 5-1 mark in conference play, the No. 2 seed for the America East Championship and an 8-8 overall mark. Vermont's second-place finish in the standings is its best finish in the 12 seasons America East has sponsored the sport and its 8-8 record is the program's first non-losing mark since 1994.

Joining Dalton on the first team is Albany's Kayla Best (Schenectady, N.Y./Guilderland) and Nikki Branchini (Guilderland, N.Y./Guilderland), Boston University's Kelly Munroe (Westwood, Mass./Westwood), UMBC's Ali Levendusky (Baldwin, Md./John Carroll), New Hampshire's Allie Duclos (South Windsor, Conn./South Windsor), Michaela Hardy (Reading, Mass./Reading), Ashley Milley (Sudbury, Mass./Lincoln-Sudbury) and Sarah Von Barga (East Setauket, N.Y./Ward Melville), Stony Brook's Diana Caroleo (North Babylon, N.Y./North Babylon) and Kaitlin Leggio (Bay Shore, N.Y./Bay Shore) and Vermont's Kristen Millar (Whitby, Ontario/Sinclair Secondary) and Jessa Merrill (Kennebunk, Maine/Kennebunk).

Along with MacDonald, the second team consists of Boston University's Erica Baumgartner (Silver Spring, Md./Our Lady of Good Counsel), Molly Collins (Winchester, Mass./Winchester), Traci Landy (Seaford, N.Y./Seaford), Lauren Morton (Glenside, Pa./Gwynedd Mercy), Katie Nichols (Medford, N.J./Shawnee) and Rachel Klein (Forest Hill, Md./Roland Park), UMBC's Maggie Chizmar (Bel Air, Md./Bel Air), New Hampshire's Ashley Durepo (Concord, N.H./Concord), Shaunna Kaplan (Framingham, Mass./Framingham) and Beth Sabiston (Bay Shore, N.Y./Bay Shore), Stony Brook's Jenna Spenard (Cicero, N.Y./Cicero-North Cicero) and Vermont's Sara Buxton (Northfield, Ill./New Trier).

Joining Branchini, Nichols, Duclos and MacDonald on the all-rookie squad are Binghamton's Ali Castiglie (Middle Island, N.Y./Longwood) and Lisa Illig (Cornwall, N.Y./Cornwall), UMBC's Megan Linkous (Jarrettsville, Md./North Harford), New Hampshire's Susie Piotrkowski (Franklin, Conn./Norwich Free Academy) and Stony Brook's Melissa Cook (Bay Shore, N.Y./Bay Shore) and Samantha Djaha (East Islip, N.Y./East Islip).

The 12-member All-Academic team, which honors the conference's top athletes with a 3.0 grade-point average or higher was highlighted by first-team selections Hardy, Von Barga, Leggio and Millar and second-teamers Baumgartner, Landi, Durepo, Merrill and Spenard. Nominees Katie Neer (Baldwinsville, N.Y./C.W. Baker) and Rory Redmond (Baldwin, N.Y./Baldwin) from Albany, as well as Daryl Baughman (Rush, N.Y./Rush-Henrietta) from Vermont were also selected.

The All-Academic team is a product of the June 2005 Athletics Director meetings. Faculty representatives and athletics directors from each of the conference's nine member institutions decided to honor some of the league's top athletes that are also quality students.

The All-Academic Team has been selected based on the student-athlete's academic and athletic accomplishments. Academic achievement for consideration requires student-athletes to have a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 3.00 entering the season. Athletically, student-athletes are required to be a nomination on the postseason awards ballot, which is determined by the league's head coaches. Team size for team sports is based on the number of athletes that participate in a contest at one time (e.g., 12 on the field for women's lacrosse). Freshmen are not eligible for the all-academic teams and grade-point averages are taken from the semester prior to the competing athletic season.

Twenty-one of the 26 all-conference sections will be in action at the 2008 America East Women's Lacrosse Championship beginning on Friday, April 25 at Boston University's Nickerson Field. For more information on America East women's lacrosse, including links to live stats and video for all three games of the tournament, log on to the conference's official website www.AmericaEast.com.

2008 AMERICA EAST WOMEN'S LACROSSE ALL-CONFERENCE TEAMS

First Team

Position	Name	Cl.	School	Hometown/High School
Attack	Sarah Dalton (1)	Jr.	Boston University	Cornwall, Vt./Taft School
Attack	Ali Levendusky (2)	Sr.	UMBC	Baldwin, Md./John Carroll
Attack	Sarah Von Bargaen (3)	Jr.	New Hampshire	East Setauket, N.Y./Ward Melville
Attack	Diana Caroleo	Sr.	Stony Brook	North Babylon, N.Y./North Babylon
Midfield	Kayla Best (4)	So.	Albany	Guilderland, N.Y./Guilderland
Midfield	Michaela Hardy	Jr.	New Hampshire	Reading, Mass./Reading
Midfield	Kaitlin Leggio (5)	Jr.	Stony Brook	Bay Shore, N.Y./Bay Shore
Midfield	Kristen Millar	Jr.	Vermont	Whitby, Ontario/Sinclair Secondary
Defense	Nikki Branchini	Fr.	Albany	Guilderland, N.Y./Guilderland
Defense	Kelly Munroe (4)	Jr.	Boston University	Westwood, Mass./Westwood
Defense	Allie Duclos	Fr.	New Hampshire	South Windsor, Conn./South Windsor
Defense	Jessa Merrill	Jr.	Vermont	Kennebunk, Maine/Kennebunk
Goalkeeper	Ashley Milley	Sr.	New Hampshire	Sudbury, Mass./Lincoln-Sudbury

Second Team

Attack	Erica Baumgartner	So.	Boston University	Silver Spring, Md./Our Lady of Good Counsel
Attack	Ashley Durepo (4)	Jr.	New Hampshire	Concord, N.H./Concord
Attack	Shaunna Kaplan	So.	New Hampshire	Framingham, Mass./Framingham
Attack	Sara Buxton	So.	Vermont	Northfield, Ill. /New Trier
Midfield	Molly Collins (6)	Sr.	Boston University	Winchester, Mass./Winchester
Midfield	Traci Landy	So.	Boston University	Seaford, N.Y./Seaford
Midfield	Lauren Morton	Sr.	Boston University	Glenside, Pa./Gwynedd Mercy
Midfield	Megan MacDonald	Fr.	Vermont	Wayland, Mass./Wayland
Defense	Katie Nichols	Fr.	Boston University	Medford, N.J./Shawnee
Defense	Maggie Chizmar (1)	Sr.	UMBC	Bel Air, Md./Bel Air
Defense	Beth Sabiston	Jr.	New Hampshire	Bay Shore, N.Y./Bay Shore
Defense	Jenna Spenard (3)	Jr.	Stony Brook	Cicero, N.Y./Cicero-North Syracuse
Goalkeeper	Rachel Klein	So.	Boston University	Forest Hill, Md./Roland Park

All-Rookie Team (10 regardless of position)

Defense	Nikki Branchini	Fr.	Albany	Guilderland, N.Y./Guilderland
Attack	Ali Castiglie	Fr.	Binghamton	Middle Island, N.Y./Longwood
Attack	Lisa Illig	Fr.	Binghamton	Corning, N.Y./Corning
Defense	Katie Nichols	Fr.	Boston University	Medford, N.J./Shawnee
Defense	Megan Linkous	Fr.	UMBC	Jarrettsville, Md./North Harford
Defense	Allie Duclos	Fr.	New Hampshire	South Windsor, Conn./South Windsor
Attack	Susie Piotrkowski	Fr.	New Hampshire	Franklin, Conn./Norwich Free Academy
Attack	Melissa Cook	Fr.	Stony Brook	Bay Shore, N.Y./Bay Shore
Midfield	Samantha Djaha	Fr.	Stony Brook	East Islip, N.Y./East Islip
Midfield	Megan MacDonald	Fr.	Vermont	Wayland, Mass./Wayland

All-Academic

Rory Redmond	Jr.	Albany	Baldwin, N.Y./Baldwin
Katie Neer	Jr.	Albany	Baldwinsville, N.Y./C.W. Baker
Erica Baumgartner	So.	Boston University	Silver Spring, Md./Our Lady of Good Counsel
Traci Landy	So.	Boston University	Seaford, N.Y./Seaford
Ashley Durepo	Jr.	New Hampshire	Concord, N.H./Concord
Michaela Hardy	Jr.	New Hampshire	Reading, Mass./Reading
Sarah Von Bargaen	Jr.	New Hampshire	East Setauket, N.Y./Ward Melville
Kaitlin Leggio	Jr.	Stony Brook	Bay Shore, N.Y./Bay Shore
Daryl Baughman	Jr.	Vermont	Rush, N.Y./Rush-Henrietta
Jessa Merrill	Jr.	Vermont	Kennebunk, Maine/Kennebunk
Kristen Millar	Jr.	Vermont	Whitby, Ontario/Sinclair Secondary
Jenna Spenard	Jr.	Stony Brook	Cicero, N.Y./Cicero-North Syracuse

Rookie of the Year: Megan MacDonald, Vermont

Player of the Year: Sarah Dalton, Boston University

Coach of the Year: Jen Johnson, Vermont

(1) First team, 2007

(2) First team, 2006; Second team 2007

(3) First team, 2007, Second team 2006

(4) Second team, 2007

(5) First team, 2006, 2007

(6) Second team, 2006