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BINGHAMTON AND VERMONT TAKE HOME THE FIRST 2009-10 SWIMMING AND DIVING AWARDS

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Binghamton University's junior Jason Chen (Livingston, N.J./Livingston) and University of Vermont's junior Kate Weaver (South Burlington, Vt./South Burlington) capture the first 2009 male and female Swimmer of the Week awards, respectively. Vermont sophomore Lauren Colby (Andover, Mass./Andover) joins her teammate in receiving weekly honors garnering the female Diver of the Week award while Chen's teammate sophomore Nick Turner receives the male Diver of the Week honor for the week ending October 11.

Showing his versatility, Chen placed in the top-three in four events in Binghamton's season opening meet at the WNY Invitational against Niagara, St. Bonaventure, and Buffalo. Chen, who placed sixth at the America East Championship in 200 IM, touched first on Saturday in a time of 1:57.67. He also won the 100 fly and claimed third in the 100 breast and 100 free.

Weaver led the Catamounts to a 3-0 weekend, helping Vermont defeat Boston College, Army and America East rival Stony Brook to start their season. A top contender at last year's Championship in the 200 IM and the 100 and 200 back, Weaver started out her season with a victory in all three events on Friday.

The Vermont 2008-09 Diver of the Year, Colby helped the Catamounts start their season 3-0 for the first time since 2006-07. Colby was the top Catamounts finisher in the one-meter dive on Friday, placing fourth with a score of 195.70. She also placed eighth in the three-meter dive, scoring 173.40.

Adding to the Binghamton win count on Saturday, Turner captured the three-meter diving title. Turner, who placed fourth at the America East Championship in both the one and three-meter dive, won the three-meter at the WNY meet with a zone qualifying score of 322.00. He also came in third on the one-meter board with a score of 253.65.

Binghamton — The Bearcats opened their 2009-2010 season at the Western New York Invitational where the Binghamton men's and women's teams claimed 12 individual titles combined. Freshman David Gleason (New York, N.Y./Robert Louis Stevenson) captured the 200 and 500 freestyle titles while sophomore Joe Perez-Rogers (Woodstock, N.Y./Woodstock) and Jason Chen also claimed two titles at the meet with Perez-Rogers winning both the 50 free and the 100 back and Chen claiming the 200 IM and the 100 fly. Freshman Tin Wai Siu (Hong Kong, China/S.T.F.A. Leung Kau Kui College) was the only Bearcat woman to earn two victories, garnering first in the 100 and 200-yard fly. Sophomore Nick Turner (Westchester, N.Y./Pelham) captured the lone Binghamton diving title, winning the three-meter.

Boston U. — The Terriers start their season at Massachusetts on October 17.

Maine — The Black Bear women start their season on October 17 in Boston against Northeastern and Central Connecticut State, and the men first compete against Bryant on October 23.

UMBC — The Retrievers started their season with an exhibition meet against Bucknell on Sunday. On the men's side, sophomore Nour Saad (Columbia, Md./Oakland Mills) swept the 50, 100 and 200 back events while teammates junior Eric Jones (Gambrills, Md./Arundel) and sophomore John Mendenhall (Cherry Hill, N.J./Cherry Hill East) captured the 100 and 200 fly and the 100 and 200 breaststroke, respectively. Senior Lindsay Sherman (Bethany, Conn./Amity) led the women sweeping the 50, 100 and 200 butterfly. Senior Tereza Kaplanova (Prague, Czech Republic/Gymnazium J.G. Jankovskeho) and sophomore Kathryn Moorby (Cape May, N.J./Lower Cape May Regional) also posted wins, capturing the 100 back and 50 back, respectively, while senior Sam Maccherola (Woolford, Md./South Carroll/Tennessee) and sophomore Ashley Sippel (Rockville, Md./Thomas Wootton) won the two heats of free. Freshmen Amy Fay (Haverhill, Mass./Haverhill) and Tara Morrisette (Somersworth, N.H./Saint Thomas Aquinas) also posted wins in their first races for UMBC.

New Hampshire — The Wildcats women's team begins its season on October 17 at Siena.

Stony Brook — In the Seawolves season-opener at Army, the women claimed five individual titles but lost to Vermont, Boston College and Army in the quad meet. Freshmen Julie Policht (Mississauga, Ontario/Michael Power) and Jane Kim (Fresh Meadows, N.Y./Bronx High School of Science) claimed their first victories as Seawolves, winning the 200-yard butterfly and the 200 breaststroke, respectively. Junior Maja Gudelj (Split, Croatia/General Secondary), senior Maeve Leong (Forest Hills, N.Y./Mary Louis Academy) also posted wins, touching first in the 100 free and the 200 backstroke, respectively. The women captured the 400 free relay by more than 37 seconds to claim their fifth win. The men fell to Army and Boston College. Freshman Ivan Kopas (Kikinda, Serbia/Technical School Kikinda) captured two titles, posting wins in the 100 and 200-yard back. Junior Lukasz Ochmanski (Lodz, Poland/Kosciusko Memorial) also claimed a first-place finish for the men in the 200 free. The women next compete on October 24 at Fairfield while the men return to action on October 31 at Massachusetts.

Vermont — The Catamounts women swept their season-opening meet this past weekend, defeating Army (171-129), Boston College (159-141) and America East rival Stony Brook (183-117) to start their season 3-0 for the first time since the 2006-07 season. Kate Weaver led Vermont posting three wins in the 200 IM and the 100 and 200 back. Senior Colleen Clark (Unionville, Conn./Farmington) also earned two victories for the Catamounts, touching first in the 100 and 200-yard free. In her first race for Vermont, freshman Kailey Gardner (Ithaca, N.Y./Ithaca) claimed two wins in the 500 and 1,000 free. The Catamounts also posted seven second-place finishes, in the 500 and 1,000 free, the 100 and 200 butterfly, the 100 breast and the 200 medley and 400 free relays. Vermont returns to action on Saturday, October 24 when the team hosts Siena.