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## MATYAS CONTINUES DIVING DOMINANCE IN 2010, EARNING SEVENTH WEEKLY ACCOLADE

**CAMBRIDGE, Mass.** — Boston University freshman diver Melinda Matyas (Budapest, Hungary/Eotvos Jozsef Gimnazium) has captured her seventh female Diver of the Week honor after winning the platform event at the Princeton Invitational and qualifying for Zones Diving Championship over the weekend. Fellow Terriers junior Tanner Knorr (San Diego, Calif./Valhalla) and senior Arik Seiler (Portland, Maine/Deering) captured the first 2010 male Diver and Swimmer of the Week accolades after helping the Terriers defeat Dartmouth on Sunday. University of Vermont Swimmer junior Kate Weaver (South Burlington, Vt./South Burlington) garnered the female Swimmer of the Week award for the week ending January 10 after capturing six titles this past weekend to lead the Catamounts over Dartmouth and Central Connecticut State.

Matyas has dominated conference diving this season, topping the America East performance list in both the one and three-meter dives and capturing seven weekly awards. Over the weekend, Matyas competed at the Princeton Invitational where she won the platform event with a score of 259.85. The score qualified Matyas for the Zone Championship in March. The top divers from each Zone Championship will then qualify for the NCAA Diving Championship.

Knorr earns his sixth honor of the season after helping the Terrier men defeat Dartmouth. Knorr posted a win in the one-meter and placed second in the three-meter with scores of 284.10 and 300.90, respectively. He also holds the top spot in both events in the conference standings.

Seiler earns his first weekly accolade of the 2010 season after capturing two titles and a second-place finish on Sunday. Seiler raced to a first-place finish in the 200 free with a time of 1:42.96. He already boasts the top spot in the performance list for the event. Seiler's second victory came in the 400 free relay that touched first in 3:08.67. For his third top finish of the meet, Seiler placed second in the 100 free in 47.27, only .01 seconds out of first.

Weaver led the Catamounts, winning six titles against Dartmouth and Central Connecticut over the weekend. On both days, Weaver posted wins in the 100 and 200 back. Her best times over the weekend were against Central Connecticut where she won the 100 in 59.22 and the 200 back in 2:07.00. Weaver also swam legs of the victorious 200 medley relay that touched first in 1:51.35 and the winning 400 free relay that placed first in 3:38.14. This is Weaver's second weekly award of the season.

**Binghamton** — The Binghamton women ended 2009 with a 4-4 record in dual meets while the men finished 2-3. After training in Florida, the Bearcats will return to action on Saturday, January 16 at St. Bonaventure.

**Boston U.** — The Terrier men's and women's teams swept Dartmouth on Sunday with the men beating the Big Green 131-112 while the women won 154-88. Senior Emily Munday (Butte, Mont./Butte) led the women first swimming a leg of the 200 medley relay that started the meet with a win for the Terriers. The relay team won in a time of 1:47.47. Munday then captured an individual win in the 200 fly, posting a time of 2:06.89 which moves her into the top-10 in the performance list. She rounded out her day by capturing another relay victory in the 400 free that won in 3:33.61. Freshman Lauren Drake (Wuerzburg, Germany/Heidelberg) and sophomore Kristen Connors (Mansfield, Mass./Bishop Feehan) also each captured a pair of titles for the Terriers. Drake touched first in the 100 free in 53.95 and swam a leg of the victorious 400 free relay. Connors opened the meet swimming a leg of the winning 200 medley relay and later led a sweep of the 200 breast. Connors, who won the race in a time of 2:24, already holds the top spot in the conference standings. On the men's side, junior Kyle Ernst (Seekonk, Mass./Seekonk), Arik Seiler and sophomore Jackson Hill (Naperville, Ill./Naperville North) each posted a relay and an individual win to lead Boston over Dartmouth. Ernst started the meet swimming a leg of the 200 medley that won in 1:34.67. He then claimed an individual title in the 200 breast in 2:08.23. Seiler first won the 200 free in 1:42.96 before wrapping up the meet with a victory in the 400 free relay in 3:08.67. Both Ernst and Seiler hold the top spot in the performance list for their respective individual events. Hill raced to a first-place finish in the 50 free with a time of 21.73 and then swam a leg of the victorious 400 free relay. On the boards, Tanner Knorr won the one-meter and placed second on the three-meter with scores of 284.10 and 300.90, respectively. Over the weekend, diver Melinda Matyas competed at the Princeton Invitational where she placed first on the platform event with a score of 259.85. Matyas' score qualifies her for Zones. Boston U. returns to action on January 16 against Brown.

**Maine** — The Black Bears ended 2009 on a high note, claiming both Swimmer of the Week honors. After winter training in Florida, Maine will return to the pool on Friday, January 15 against Providence.

**UMBC** — In their first meet of 2010, the Retriever men's and women's squads both downed Drexel and Howard on Saturday. Junior Eric Jones (Gambrills, Md./Arundel) led the men, capturing a relay win and two individual titles at the meet. Jones swam the opening leg of the 200 free relay that touched first in 1:24.93, setting a new UMBC pool record. The UMBC relay moves to second in the conference standings. Jones claimed his individual titles in the 50 and 100 free with times of 21.55 and 47.96, respectively. Sophomore Nour Saad (Columbia, Md./Oakland Mills) also posted two wins for the men, sweeping the back events. Saad placed first in the 100 in 52.63 and the 200 in 1:55.31. Both Jones and Saad already hold top spots in their respective individual events. On the women's side, senior Sam Maccherola (Woolford, Md./South Carroll/Tennessee) continued to lead the women, capturing all four events in which she competed. Maccherola started the meet swimming the final leg of the 200 medley relay that won in 1:50.33. She then captured individual titles in the 50 free in 24.57 and the 500 free in 5:18.52. Maccherola's final victory came in the 200 free relay that touched first in 1:38.39 and moves into third in the conference standings. Classmate Tereza Kaplanova (Prague, Czech Republic/Gymnazium J.G. Jankovskeho), who swam the opening leg of the 200 medley relay, captured two individual titles, sweeping the breast events. She won the 100 breast in 1:08.63 and the 200 breast in 2:26.42. Sophomore Abbey McKenney (Wilmington, Del./Brandywine) also turned in a strong performance for the Retrievers, picking up individual victories in the 100 and 200 free with times of 53.02 and 1:57.05, respectively. McKenney also swam the final leg of the victorious 200 free relay. The UMBC women next compete at the Rutgers College Swimming Carnival on January 22-23 before both Retriever squads compete at Marist on January 24.

New Hampshire – The Wildcats will look to improve on their 5-0 dual meet record when they host Northeastern and conference foe Boston U. on Monday, January 18.

Stony Brook – The Seawolves ended 2009 with wins over St. Francis (N.Y.) and look to start 2010 off with wins over Lafayette on January 16.

Vermont – After returning from Florida where the Catamounts placed third in the Orange Bowl Classic, Vermont defeated Dartmouth and Central Connecticut, improving to 8-4 in dual meets. On Saturday, senior Colleen Clark (Unionville, Conn./Farmington) led Vermont to a win over the Big Green, capturing three individual titles. Clark won three free events, touching first in the 50 (25.40), the 100 (54.67) and the 200 (1:55.46). Kate Weaver also captured three wins for the Catamounts. Weaver placed first in the 100 and 200 back in times of 1:00.20 and 2:08.26, respectively. She also swam the opening leg of the 200 medley relay that won in 1:51.35. Freshman Kailey Gardner (Ithaca, N.Y./Ithaca) also turned in a strong performance for Vermont on Saturday, picking up two victories. Gardner remained undefeated in the 1,000 free, touching first in 10:47.93. She also led the squad in a sweep of the 200 IM, winning with a time of 2:12.23. On Sunday, Clark and Weaver remained top swimmers for the team each posting two individual wins and one relay victory to help Vermont beat Central Connecticut. Both Clark and Weaver swam legs of the 400 free relay that won with a time of 3:38.14. Clark again posted individual wins in the 100 and 200 free, placing first in 54.18 and 1:55.90, respectively. Weaver swept the back events, touching first in the 100 and 200 back in 59.22 and 2:07.00, respectively. Senior Molly MacMillian (Doylestown, Pa./Central Bucks West), who also swam a leg of the 400 free relay, posted another individual title for the Catamounts, winning the 500 free with a personal season-best time of 5:01.22. Vermont returns to the pool on Saturday, January 16 against Navy.

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