



## **WILLIAM & MARY'S THORNTON SELECTED AS CAA MEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

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RICHMOND, Va. (March 5, 2015) – William and Mary senior guard **Marcus Thornton** was selected as the Colonial Athletic Association men's basketball Player of the Year in voting by the league's head coaches, media relations directors and members of the media.

Also receiving top honors were UNCW's **Kevin Keatts** as the CAA Coach of the Year, Elon freshman guard **Elijah Bryant** as the CAA Rookie of the Year and William and Mary junior guard **Terry Tarpey** as the CAA Defensive Player of the Year. Northeastern junior guard **Caleb Donnelly** and William and Mary senior forward **Tom Schalk** were the co-recipients of the Dean Ehlers Leadership Award.

Thornton is the first W&M player to ever receive CAA Player of the Year honors. The senior guard ranks second in the conference and 21<sup>st</sup> in the nation in scoring with 19.4 points per game and has tallied double figures in 35 consecutive contests dating back to last year. He became the Tribe's all-time leading scorer on Feb 25, breaking a mark that had stood since 1950, and is currently 11<sup>th</sup> in CAA history with 2,081 points. Thornton is also the most prolific three-point shooter in W&M history and ranks fifth on the CAA's all-time treys list with 308. A three-time all-conference selection, Thornton is one of 16 finalists for the Jerry West Shooting Guard of the Year Award, presented by the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. He's currently one of only four players in Division I to be shooting better than 45 percent from the floor (46.4%), 40 percent from 3-point range (40.9%) and 80 percent from the free throw line (81.6%) this season.

In his first season at UNCW, Keatts guided the Seahawks to a share of the CAA regular-season title for the first time since 2006. After being picked to finish ninth in the league's preseason poll, UNCW surpassed expectations with a 12-6 mark in CAA play, which was its most conference wins since 2007-08. The Seahawks started the year 5-7 before winning 12 of their final 17 games. Keatts is the third UNCW coach to be honored as CAA Coach of the Year, joining Jerry Wainwright (1997, 2001) and Brad Brownell (2003, 2006).

Bryant received Rookie of the Year accolades in Elon's first season as a member of the CAA. The freshman guard ranked eighth in the league in scoring with 13.9 points per game, which led the Phoenix and was best among all CAA rookies. He tallied double figures in 25 of 31 games and was the team's top scorer 13 times. Bryant was also second on the team in rebounding (4.2 rpg) and assists (2.8 apg), and was eighth in the conference with a team-high 40 steals.

Tarpey is W&M's first CAA Defensive Player of the Year honoree after contributing in nearly every phase of the game. The junior guard leads the conference and ranks 51<sup>st</sup> nationally with 8.4 rebounds per game, and is also first in the CAA in steals (50) and blocked shots (40). He grabbed 10 or more caroms in 11 games, recorded nine double-doubles and posted the first triple-double in Tribe history on Jan. 10. Tarpey also leads W&M with 89 assists and is third on the team in scoring with 12.0 points per game.

Donnelly is the second Northeastern player in the past three seasons to receive the Ehlers Award, which is presented annually to the men's basketball student-athlete who "embodies the highest standards of leadership, integrity and sportsmanship in conjunction with his academic athletic achievement." Donnelly, who has a 3.99 grade point average while majoring in chemical engineering and minoring in mathematics, was selected as a class representative to the 2016 American Institute for Chemical Engineers and was a Huntington 100 Award winner, which recognizes the 100 most influential students at Northeastern University. He volunteered for six months as a teacher through the Citizen Schools Program and taught an inner-city, sixth-grade class how to build solar-powered toy cars.

Schalk is the fourth William and Mary player in the past six years to receive the Ehlers Award. He has a 3.7 grade point average while majoring in accounting and has already been accepted to graduate school in W&M's Masters in Accounting program. Schalk is a three-time recipient of the William & Mary Provost Award, is a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, and was chosen to represent the College in the 2014 Grant Thornton Program for emerging leaders. Schalk is involved with the Williamsburg Community Chapel where he works with local teens leading bible study groups and mentoring.

Joining Thornton on the All-CAA first team were Northeastern senior forward **Scott Eatherton**, Hofstra junior guard **Juan'ya Green**, Drexel junior guard **Damion Lee** and UNCW senior guard **Addison Spruill**.

Eatherton received first-team honors for the first time after earning a spot on the All-CAA second team a year ago. The senior forward ranked fifth in the league in scoring (14.7 ppg), third in rebounding (6.6 rpg) and third in blocked shots (1.2 bpg). He shot 58.7% from the floor, which is the 13<sup>th</sup>-best percentage in Division I. Eatherton recorded a team-high five double-doubles this season.

Green earned a spot on the All-CAA first team in his first year at Hofstra. The junior guard was third in the conference in scoring with 17.0 points per game and reached double figures in all 31 contests. He also topped the CAA and ranked ninth in Division I in assists with 6.5 apg. Green posted eight double-doubles in 2014-15 and had the first triple-double in Hofstra history with 15 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists against LIU Brooklyn.

Lee bounced back from a season-ending knee injury in 2013-14 to gain a spot on the All-CAA first team. The junior guard led the conference and ranked fifth in the nation in scoring with 21.4 points per game. He topped the 20-point mark 14 times and had five 30-point performances. He was also sixth in the CAA in rebounding (6.1 rpg), fourth in steals (1.5 spg) and ranked 13<sup>th</sup> in Division in free throw percentage (88.7%).

Spruill garnered all-conference honors for the first time. The senior guard topped the Seahawks and was seventh in the CAA in scoring with 14.5 points per game and also led UNCW and was fourth in the league in rebounding with 6.5 per game. He shot 45.4% from the floor, which was seventh-best in the conference. Spruill scored double digits 23 times and recorded three double-doubles.

Earning second-team All-CAA honors were James Madison junior guard **Ron Curry** (13.8 ppg/4.4 apg), UNCW senior guard **Freddie Jackson** (13.2 ppg/5.8 rpg), Hofstra junior guard/forward **Ameen Tanksley** (16.7 ppg/5.6 rpg), William & Mary's Tarpey (12.0 ppg/8.4 rpg) and Northeastern junior guard **David Walker** (13.3 ppg/3.3 rpg).

Named to the All-CAA third team were Delaware senior guard **Kyle Anderson** (14.6 ppg/4.1 rpg), Elon's Bryant (13.9 ppg/4.2 rpg), James Madison sophomore forward **Yohanny Dalembert** (11.6 ppg/5.9 rpg), Towson sophomore forward **John Davis** (11.9 ppg/8.1 rpg), and William & Mary sophomore guard/forward **Omar Prewitt** (13.0 ppg/4.2 rpg).

The CAA Men's Basketball Postseason Awards Show will air across our many of our Comcast SportsNet regional partners from March 5-8. For broadcast days and times in your area logon to [CAASports.com/tvinfo](http://CAASports.com/tvinfo) or download the Postseason Awards Show clearance sheet.

## 2014-15 CAA MEN'S BASKETBALL AWARD WINNERS

<b><u>First Team All-CAA</u></b>	<b><u>Cl.</u></b>	<b><u>Pos.</u></b>	<b><u>Ht.</u></b>	<b><u>Wt.</u></b>	<b><u>Hometown/High School</u></b>
Scott Eatherton, Northeastern	Sr.	F	6-8	234	Hershey, Pa./Hershey
Juan'ya Green, Hofstra	Jr.	G	6-2	195	Philadelphia, Pa./Archbishop Carroll
Damion Lee, Drexel	Jr.	G	6-6	200	Baltimore, Md./Calvert Hall
Addison Spruill, UNCW	Sr.	G	6-4	225	Currie, N.C./Pender
Marcus Thornton, William & Mary	Sr.	G	6-4	190	Upper Marlboro, Md./Bishop McNamara

<b><u>Second Team All-CAA</u></b>	<b><u>Cl.</u></b>	<b><u>Pos.</u></b>	<b><u>Ht.</u></b>	<b><u>Wt.</u></b>	<b><u>Hometown/High School</u></b>
Ron Curry, James Madison	Jr.	G	6-4	190	Pennsauken, N.J./Paul VI
Freddie Jackson, UNCW	Sr.	G	6-4	185	Wilmington, N.C./New Hanover
Ameen Tanksley, Hofstra	Jr.	G/F	6-5	230	Philadelphia, Pa./Imhotep Charter
Terry Tarpey, William & Mary	Jr.	G	6-5	210	Stamford, Conn./Fairfield Prep
David Walker, Northeastern	Jr.	G	6-6	196	Stow, Ohio/Stow-Munroe Falls

<b><u>Third Team All-CAA</u></b>	<b><u>Cl.</u></b>	<b><u>Pos.</u></b>	<b><u>Ht.</u></b>	<b><u>Wt.</u></b>	<b><u>Hometown/High School</u></b>
Kyle Anderson, Delaware	Sr.	G	6-3	195	Newark, Ill./Newark
Elijah Bryant, Elon	Fr.	G	6-4	225	Gwinnett, Ga./New Hampton School
Yohanny Dalember, James Madison	So.	F	6-8	225	Port-au-Prince, Haiti/Lower Merion (Pa.)
John Davis, Towson	So.	F	6-5	215	Philadelphia, Pa./Ss. Neumann-Goretti
Omar Prewitt, William & Mary	So.	G/F	6-6	190	Mount Sterling, Ky./Montgomery County

**2014-15 CAA Player of the Year – Marcus Thornton, William & Mary**

**2014-15 CAA Coach of the Year – Kevin Keatts, UNCW**

**2014-15 CAA Rookie of the Year – Elijah Bryant, Elon**

**2014-15 CAA Defensive Player of the Year – Terry Tarpey, William & Mary**

**2014-15 Dean Ehlers Leadership Award – Caleb Donnelly, Northeastern and Tom Schalk, William & Mary**

<b><u>CAA All-Rookie Team</u></b>	<b><u>Cl.</u></b>	<b><u>Pos.</u></b>	<b><u>Ht.</u></b>	<b><u>Wt.</u></b>	<b><u>Hometown/High School</u></b>
Elijah Bryant, Elon	Fr.	G	6-4	225	Gwinnett, Ga./New Hampton School
Chivarsky Corbett, Delaware	Fr.	G	6-7	195	Tampa, Fla./Tampa Catholic
Kory Holden, Delaware	Fr.	G	6-2	180	Salisbury, Md./J.M. Bennett
Mike Morsell, Towson	Fr.	F	6-5	190	Fort Washington, Md./St. John's College
Jordon Talley, UNCW	Fr.	G	6-0	180	Richmond, Va./Henrico

<b><u>CAA All-Defensive Team</u></b>	<b><u>Cl.</u></b>	<b><u>Pos.</u></b>	<b><u>Ht.</u></b>	<b><u>Wt.</u></b>	<b><u>Hometown/High School</u></b>
Yohanny Dalember, James Madison	So.	F	6-8	225	Port-au-Prince, Haiti/Lower Merion (Pa.)
Scott Eatherton, Northeastern	Sr.	F	6-8	234	Hershey, Pa./Hershey
Freddie Jackson, UNCW	Sr.	G	6-4	185	Wilmington, N.C./New Hanover
Damion Lee, Drexel	Jr.	G	6-6	200	Baltimore, Md./Calvert Hall
Terry Tarpey, William & Mary	Jr.	G	6-5	210	Stamford, Conn./Fairfield Prep

<b><u>CAA All-Academic Team</u></b>	<b><u>Cl.</u></b>	<b><u>Pos.</u></b>	<b><u>Ht.</u></b>	<b><u>Wt.</u></b>	<b><u>Hometown/High School</u></b>
Kyle Anderson, Delaware	Sr.	G	6-3	195	Newark, Ill./Newark
Canyon Barry, Coll. of Charleston	So.	G	6-6	195	Colorado Springs, Colo./Cheyenne Mountain
Dimitrije Cabarkapa, James Madison	So.	F	6-10	240	Novi Sad, Serbia/High Medical School
Caleb Donnelly, Northeastern	Jr.	G	6-1	181	Hudson, N.H./Alvirne
Luke Eddy, Elon	So.	G	6-0	170	Charleston, W.Va./George Washington
Christian Hairston, Elon	So.	G/F	6-7	190	Greensboro, N.C./Greensboro Day School
Kevin Hickson, UNCW	Jr.	F	6-8	215	Charlotte, N.C./Wofford
Damion Lee, Drexel	Jr.	G	6-6	200	Baltimore, Md./Calvert Hall

Four McGlynn, Towson	Jr.	G	6-2	180	York, Pa./Dallastown Area
Dion Nesmith, Hofstra	Gr.	G	6-1	215	Union, N.J./Union
Timajh Parker-Rivera, Towson	Jr.	F	6-7	215	Milford, Conn./St. Joseph
Tom Schalk, William & Mary	Sr.	F	6-8	225	Burnsville, Minn./Apple Valley
Michael Schlotman, William & Mary	R-Fr.	G	6-6	200	Munster, Ind./Munster
Rodney Williams, Drexel	So.	F	6-7	220	Richmond, Va./St. Christopher's
Ryan Winters, Elon	Sr.	F	6-7	210	Denver, Colo./Regis Jesuit

## VOTE TOTALS

### ALL-CAA TEAMS

Marcus Thornton, W&M	551
Damion Lee, Drexel	543
Juan'ya Green, Hofstra	461
Scott Eatherton, NU	428
Addison Spruill, UNCW	399

Ron Curry, JMU	389
Terry Tarpey, W&M	371
Ameen Tanksley, Hofstra	307
David Walker, NU	256
Freddie Jackson, UNCW	226

Omar Prewitt, W&M	168
John Davis, Towson	148
Kyle Anderson, Delaware	142
Yohanny Dalember, JMU	134
Elijah Bryant, Elon	81

Kory Holden, Delaware	44
Canyon Barry, CofC	34
Joe Chealey, CofC	22
T.J. Williams, Northeastern	17
Tanner Samson, Elon	16
Quincy Ford, Northeastern	14
Craig Ponder, UNCW	14
Cedrick Williams, UNCW	8
Tavon Allen, Drexel	7
Daniel Dixon, W&M	5
Dion Nesmith, Hofstra	5
Adjehi Baru, CofC	4
Marvin King-Davis, Delaware	3
Four McGlynn, Towson	2
Chivarsky Corbett, Delaware	1

### ALL-ROOKIE

Elijah Bryant, Elon	164
Kory Holden, Delaware	163
Jordon Talley, UNCW	106
Chivarsky Corbett, Delaware	59
Mike Morsell, Towson	34

Sammy Mojica, Drexel	21
Rokas Gustys, Hofstra	15
Joey McLean, JMU	14
Byron Hawkins, Towson	9
Rashann London, Drexel	8
Greg Malinowski, W&M	3
Cameron Johnson, CofC	2
Hari Hall, JMU	1
Dmitri Thompson, Elon	1

#### **ALL-DEFENSE**

Terry Tarpey, W&M	175
Scott Eatherton, NU	68
Yohanny Dalembert, JMU	64
Freddie Jackson, UNCW	62
Damion Lee, Drexel	46

Jordon Talley, UNCW	34
Cedrick Williams, UNCW	25
Adjehi Baru, CofC	21
Ron Curry, JMU	15
Timajh Parker-Rivera, Towson	13
Quincy Ford, Northeastern	12
Tavon Allen, Drexel	8
John Davis, Towson	7
Daniel Dixon, W&M	6
Omar Prewitt, W&M	6
Kevin Blake, Elon	4
Juan'ya Green, Hofstra	4
Craig Ponder, UNCW	4
Rodney Williams, Drexel	4
Cameron Johnson, CofC	3
David Walker, Northeastern	3
T.J. Williams, Northeastern	3
Joe Chealey, CofC	2
Moussa Kone, Hofstra	2
Addison Spruill, UNCW	2
Zach Stahl, Northeastern	2
Dion Nesmith, Hofstra	1
Ameen Tanksley, Hofstra	1

#### **PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

Marcus Thornton, W&M	21
Damion Lee, Drexel	19

#### **COACH OF THE YEAR**

Kevin Keatts, UNCW	35
Matt Brady, JMU	2
Tony Shaver, William & Mary	2
Bruiser Flint, Drexel	1

**ROOKIE OF THE YEAR**

Elijah Bryant, Elon	21
Kory Holden Delaware	16
Chivarsky Corbett, Delaware	1
Mike Morsell, Towson	1
Jordon Talley, UNCW	1

**DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

Terry Tarpey, W&M	32
Yohanny Dalembert, JMU	4
Adjehi Baru, CofC	2
Freddie Jackson, UNCW	2