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2012 Commonwealth Conference Men's Lacrosse All-Conference Teams

Annville, Pa. – The Middle Atlantic Conference has announced the 2012 All-Commonwealth men's lacrosse teams. Lycoming College's Stephen Romano earns Player of the Year honors. Albright College's Bryan Smith was awarded Rookie of the Year and his coach Jake Plunket earned Coach of the Year.

Romano becomes the first repeat conference player of the year in the MAC since Elizabethtown's Frank Puzangara in 2006-07. He joins Messiah's Jono Linebaugh (2004-05) and Puzangara as the only players in conference history to win the award twice. The dynamic attackman finished the regular season in the Commonwealth Conference in goals (2.57) and third in points (3.50). He posted seven-goal games against Messiah, scoring the game-winner in overtime, and SUNY Geneseo. During the season, he won three Commonwealth Conference Men's Lacrosse Player of the Week awards, giving him seven in his career. Amazingly, despite consistently drawing double teams and the opponent's best defender, he still managed to post six hat tricks during the season.

Smith ranked sixth in the conference in scoring, totaling 31 goals, 22 assists and 53 points on the season. He also picked up 54 ground balls. He had three games with four goals or more, including a five-goal, six-point effort in a win over Richard Stockton. Smith had three man-down tallies on the year.

In his first season as a head coach, Jake Plunket led a brand-new varsity program to a 16-3 mark and the #1 seed in the MAC tournament. His team, which comprised of 26 freshmen and three sophomores, was ranked nationally in scoring offense and upset defending champion Widener on the road in the regular season before falling to the Pride in a hard-fought Commonwealth championship game. His inaugural recruiting class featured the conference Rookie of the Year, three All-Conference selections, and eight Player of the Week nods.

First Team

Position	Name	School	Year	Hometown/High School
ATT	Johnny Casey	Widener	Junior	Glenside, PA/Abington
ATT	Malik Pedroso	Lebanon Valley	Sophomore	Binghamton, NY/Chenango Valley
ATT	Stephen Romano	Lycoming	Junior	Sewell, NJ/Washington Twp.
MID	Cory Boushell	Elizabethtown	Junior	Chambersburg, PA/Chambersburg
MID	Robert Clemens	Widener	Sophomore	Aston, PA/Sun Valley
MID	TJ Holston	Albright	Freshman	Gambrills, MD/Arundel
MID	Heath Kupecky	Messiah	Junior	King of Prussia, PA/Upper Merion
DEF	Andrew Kruter	Lebanon Valley	Sophomore	Bellmore, NY/John F. Kennedy
DEF	Victor Marchetti	Lycoming	Senior	Cortland, NY/Homer
DEF	Nick Thompson	Elizabethtown	Junior	Wallingford, PA/Strath Haven
LSM	Charlie Bytheway	Widener	Junior	Glen Mills, PA/Garnet Valley
SSP	Scott Sutton	Lebanon Valley	Junior	Laurel, MD/Reservoir
GK	Brendan Corcoran	Elizabethtown	Senior	Hershey, PA/Western Reserve Acad.

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Second Team

Position	Name	School	Year	Hometown/High School
ATT	Josh Fox	Widener	Junior	Wynnewood, PA/Lower Merion
ATT	Ethan Payne	Lycoming	Senior	Farmington, NY/Victor
ATT	Phillip Potter	Albright	Freshman	Cortland, NY/Cortland
MID	Mark Kane	Widener	Senior	Morton, PA/Ridley
MID	Ryan Shewell	Widener	Senior	Ellicott City, MD/Loyola Blakefield
MID	Bryan Smith	Albright	Freshman	Adams, NY/South Jefferson Central Adams
MID	Kyle Sproles	Messiah	Junior	Lititz, PA/Manheim Township
DEF	Jacob Buzby	Alvernia	Senior	Cochranville, PA/Bishop Shanahan
DEF	Drew Cortese	Messiah	Sophomore	Lancaster, PA/Manheim Township
DEF	Jared Nies	Messiah	Senior	Jamesville, NY/Jamesville De-Witt
LSM	Sean Keiper	Messiah	Junior	Allentown, PA/Parkland
SSP	Matt Emerson	Messiah	Junior	Brookeville, MD/Sherwood
GK	Mac Nestler	Widener	Sophomore	Chatham, NJ/Chatham

Player of the Year: Stephen Romano, Lycoming

Rookie of the Year: Bryan Smith, Albright

Coach of the Year: Jake Plunket, Albright