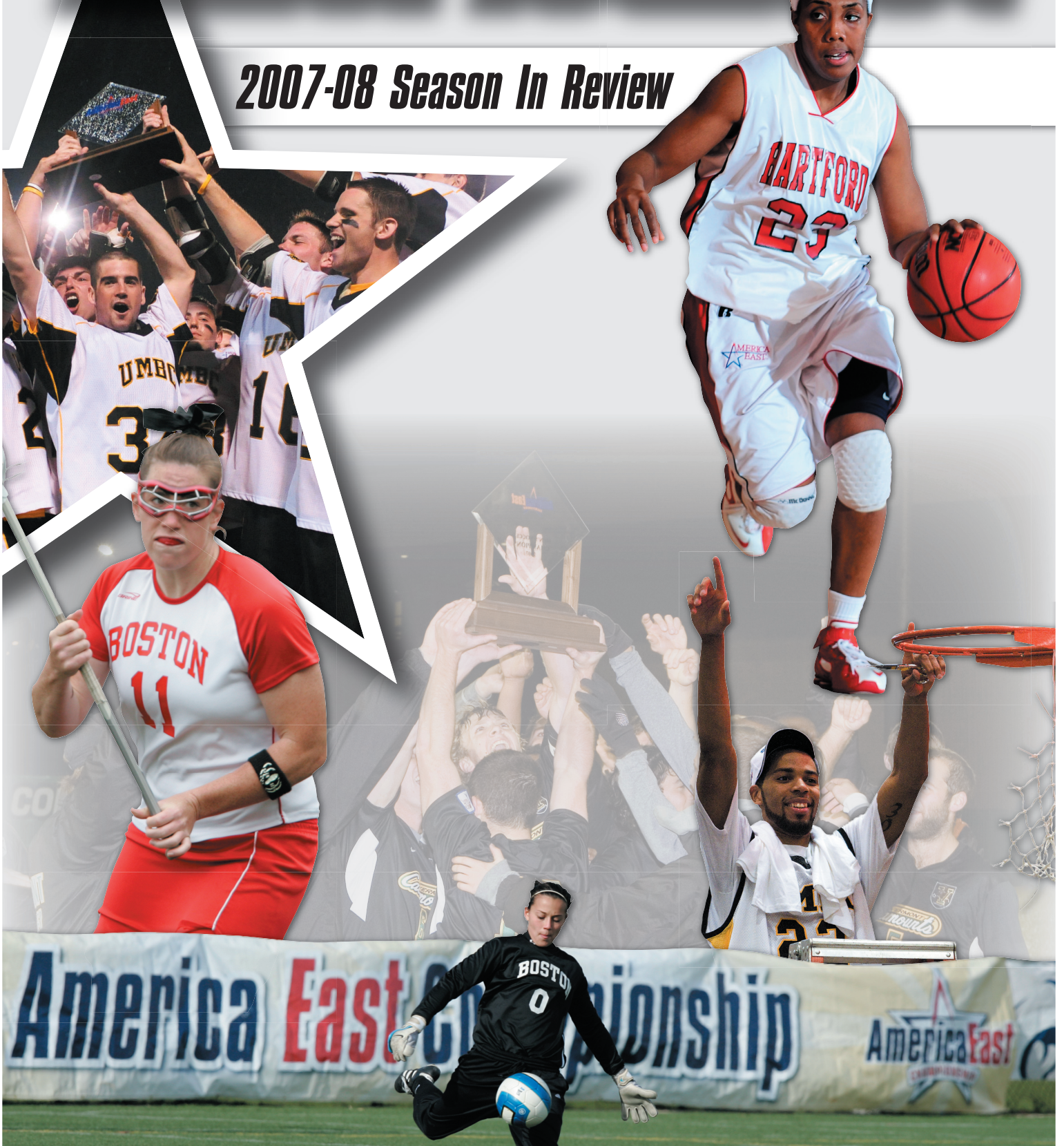


# AmericaEast

*2007-08 Season In Review*





# 2007-08 SEASON IN REVIEW

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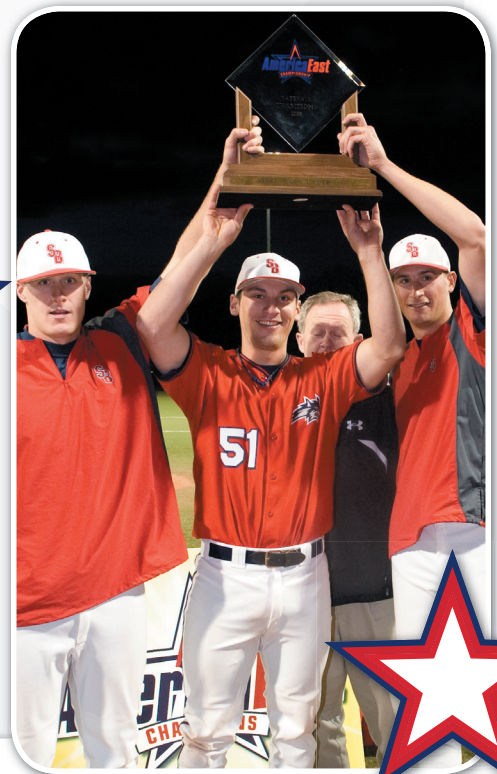
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- Five America East players were chosen in the Major League Baseball Draft, led by Stony Brook's Tom Koehler, who was selected in the 18th round by the Florida Marlins.

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# AMERICA EAST: SHINING STARS

# MEN'S BASKETBALL

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- Vermont's Marqus Blakely became only the fifth sophomore in conference history to earn the Kevin Roberson America East Player of the Year award. Blakely, who led America East in scoring (19.0 ppg) and was fifth in the nation in rebounding (11.0 rpg), was an AP All-America honorable mention selection.
- UMBC point guard Jay Greene was second in the nation in assist to turnover ratio (3.47) and fourth in assists (7.2 apg).
- UMBC head coach Randy Monroe was one of 10 finalists for the Hugh Durham award, given to the nation's top Mid-Major coach. Monroe was rewarded with a six-year contract extension following the season.
- UMBC, Hartford and Vermont all had attendance increases from 2006-07 while Binghamton (3,547) and Albany (3,031) continued to lead the way in average attendance.
- Albany was chosen to host the 2009 America East Men's Basketball Championship at SEFCU Arena.

## ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

Kevin Roberson Player of the Year: Marqus Blakely, Vermont

Defensive Player of the Year: Marqus Blakely, Vermont

Rookie of the Year: John Holland, Boston University

Coach of the Year: Randy Monroe, UMBC

Scholar-Athlete: Brian Lillis, Albany



2008 CHAMPIONS: UMBC RETRIEVERS

# WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

- Hartford defeated Syracuse in the first round of the NCAA Championship. It marked the second time in as many attempts that the Hawks had won a game in the NCAA Tournament.
- Vermont earned a bid to the WNIT and defeated Dartmouth, 69-50, in a first-round game at Patrick Gym. America East is one of only four non-Football Bowl Subdivision Conferences to have received multiple bids to the postseason in each of the last four years.
- Hartford won its third America East Championship in four years with a 61-45 win over Boston University in front of a crowd of 2,043 at Chase Family Arena.
- Hartford posted a school-record 28 wins, including victories over No. 23 Michigan State, Virginia, Brigham Young, Hawaii, Marist, Alabama-Birmingham and St. John's.
- Vermont (24) and Boston University (20) also reached the 20-win plateau.
- Hartford's Danielle Hood was selected in the third round (32nd overall) by the Atlanta Dream of the WNBA. Hood became the second America East player drafted by the WNBA, joining former first-round pick and current Maine head coach Cindy Blodgett.
- Vermont's Courtney Pilypaitis became only the fourth sophomore in conference history to win Player of the Year honors.
- Hartford enters 2008-09 with a 26-game home court winning streak, tied for the best in the nation.
- Hartford was selected to host the 2009 America East Women's Basketball Championship. It will mark the seventh time in eight years that the conference title will be decided at Chase Family Arena.

## ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

Player of the Year: Courtney Pilypaitis, Vermont

Defensive Player of the Year: May Kotsopoulos, Vermont

Rookie of the Year: Denise Beliveau, New Hampshire

Coach of the Year: Trina Patterson, Albany

Scholar-Athlete: May Kotsopoulos, Vermont



2008 CHAMPIONS: HARTFORD HAWKS

# MEN'S SOCCER

- Vermont and Boston University each earned bids to the NCAA Men's Soccer Championship. Vermont defeated Dartmouth in its first round game to give America East at least one win in the NCAA Soccer Championship in six of the last seven years.
- Vermont won its fourth America East Championship with a 1-0 decision over Binghamton before 2,087 fans at the Bearcat Sports Complex.
- Binghamton's Adam Chavez was named an NSCAA/adidas First-Team Scholar All-American. The America East Defender of the Year carries a 3.47 grade-point average in human development.
- Binghamton, New Hampshire and Vermont were all honored by the NSCAA with Team Academic Awards, given to squads boasting a 3.0 grade-point average or better.
- Eight players from four teams earned NSCAA All-Region honors, including Chavez, America East Striker of the Year Cameron Keith of Binghamton and Goalkeeper of the Year Matt Glaeser of Hartford, each of whom earned first-team accolades.

## ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

Striker of the Year: Cameron Keith, Binghamton

Midfielder of the Year: Neil Hlavtay, Boston University

Defender of the Year: Adam Chavez, Binghamton

Goalkeeper of the Year: Matt Glaeser, Hartford

Rookie of the Year: Aaron O'Neal, Boston University

Coaching Staff of the Year: Binghamton, Paul Marco (head coach)

Scholar-Athlete: Connor Tobin, Vermont



# WOMEN'S SOCCER

- Boston University made its third-straight appearance in the NCAA Women's Soccer Championship after winning the America East Championship with a 2-1 victory at New Hampshire.
- Hartford's Elizabeth Cook was named an NSCAA/adidas Third-Team Scholar All-American. The goalkeeper has a 3.73 grade-point average in marketing.
- Binghamton, New Hampshire and Vermont were all honored by the NSCAA with Team Academic Awards, given to squads boasting a 3.0 grade-point average or better.
- Stony Brook's Brooke Barbuto led seven players from America East who were named to the NSCAA/adidas All-Region team.
- Sarah McClellan, Alyssa Radu and Kwame Lloyd were selected as the new head coaches at Binghamton, UMBC and Vermont, respectively.

## ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

Striker of the Year: Michelle Sheehan, New Hampshire

Midfielder of the Year: Caitlin Whelan, New Hampshire

Defender of the Year: Casey Brown, Boston University

Goalkeeper of the Year: Christina Reuter, Boston University

Rookie of the Year: Teresa Boring, Albany

Coaching Staff of the Year: New Hampshire, Mike Jackson (head coach)

Scholar-Athlete: Elizabeth Cook, Hartford



2007 CHAMPIONS: BOSTON UNIVERSITY TERRIERS

# MEN'S LACROSSE

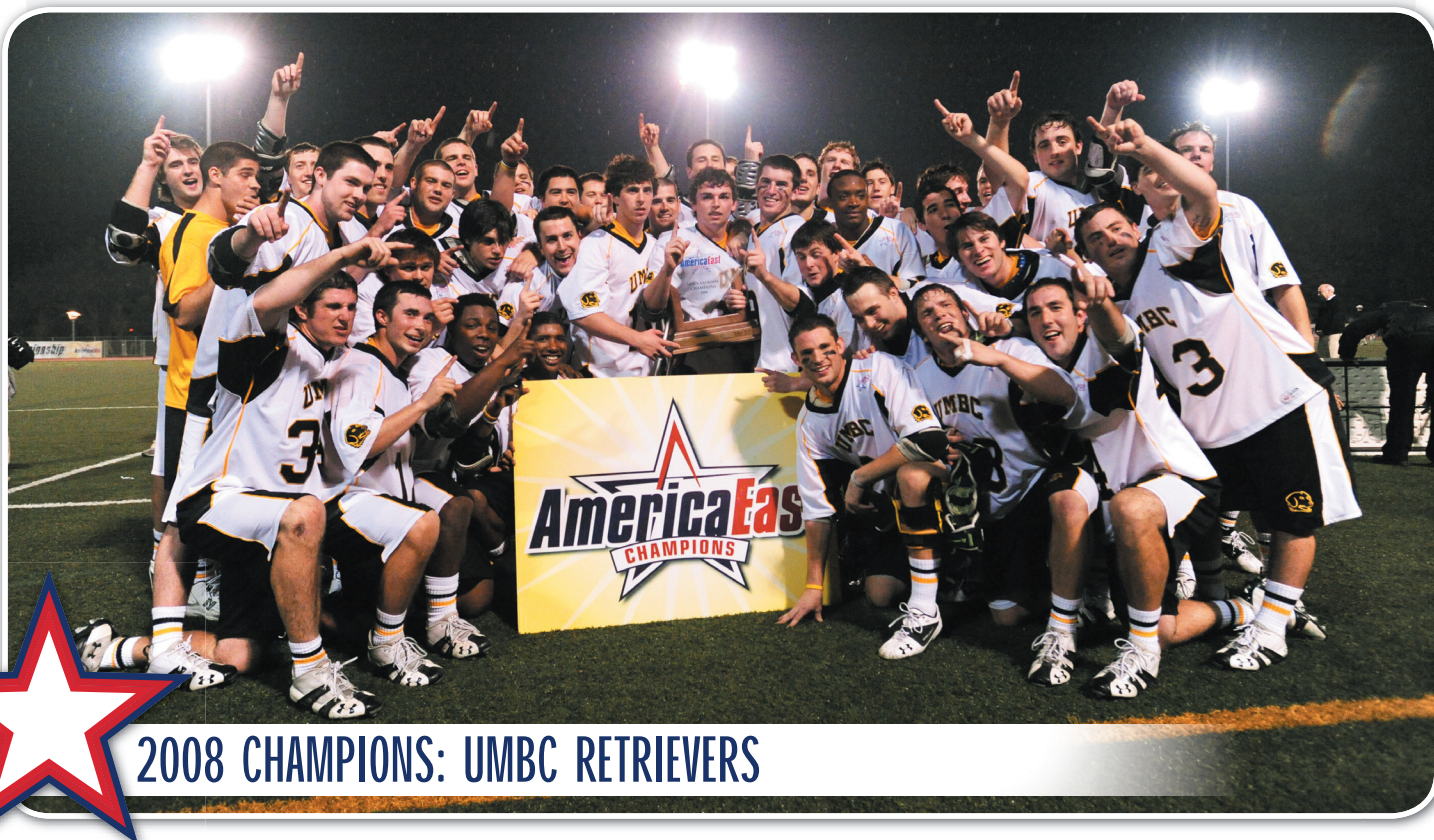
- UMBC played in the NCAA Men's Lacrosse Championship for the second-straight year where it dropped a 10-9 decision to Virginia in a first round game televised on ESPN.
- UMBC won a school-record 12 games and was ranked No. 6 in the final regular season USILA poll. UMBC was one of three America East schools (Albany and Stony Brook were the others) to be nationally ranked during the season.
- UMBC had advanced to the NCAA Championship after rallying from a nine-goal deficit to defeat Albany, 14-13, in the America East Championship game before a crowd of 2,080 at UMBC Stadium. Only the ACC had a larger championship game attendance.
- UMBC's Terry Kimener was named to the USILA All-America second team. Teammates Bobby Atwell, Jeremy Blevins and Ryan Smith received honorable mention accolades along with Albany's Jordan Levine and Stony Brook's Jordan McBride.
- Kimener and Blevins were two of the 22 nominations for the Tewaaraton Trophy, given to the nation's top player across all divisions.
- McBride, who finished third in the nation in goals per game, and Brian Caufield of Albany led the nation's freshmen in scoring with 3.93 and 3.69 points per game, respectively.
- Kimener was chosen 8th overall by the Chicago Machine in the Major League Lacrosse Draft. Levine was taken with the 10th pick by the New Jersey Pride. America East, the ACC and the Great Western Lacrosse League were the only conferences in the nation with two picks in the top 10. Albany's Brett Queener was selected in the fifth round by the Rochester Rattlers.

## ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

Player of the Year: Terry Kimener, UMBC

Rookie of the Year: Jordan McBride, Stony Brook

Coach of the Year: Don Zimmerman, UMBC



2008 CHAMPIONS: UMBC RETRIEVERS

# WOMEN'S LACROSSE

- Boston University met New Hampshire in the first round of the NCAA Women's Lacrosse Championship as America East placed two teams into the tournament for the first time since 2000.
- Boston University was the No. 7 seed in the NCAA Championship and advanced to the quarterfinals, where the Terriers dropped an 8-5 decision to NCAA runner-up Penn. It marked the second time in America East history that a team had been a national seed in the tournament. The Terriers tied a school record with 18 wins.
- Boston University (No. 7) and New Hampshire (No. 13) were both nationally ranked in the final regular season IWLCA Poll.
- Boston University's Sarah Dalton was one of 18 nominees for the Tewaaraton Trophy, given to the nation's top player across all divisions.
- Dalton was also named to the IWLCA All-American first team. She was joined by teammate Lauren Morton on the second team and New Hampshire's Michaela Hardy on the third team.
- Dalton (first team), Hardy (second), Morton (third) and Vermont's Kristen Millar (third) were named to the womenslacrosse.com All-America team.

## ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

Player of the Year: Sarah Dalton, Boston University

Rookie of the Year: Megan MacDonald, Vermont

Coach of the Year: Jennifer Johnson, Vermont



2008 CHAMPIONS: BOSTON UNIVERSITY TERRIERS

# FIELD HOCKEY

- Boston University advanced to the NCAA Field Hockey Championship quarterfinals with a 1-0 win over Iowa in the NCAA first round.
- The Terriers had earned the bid to the NCAA Championship by virtue of their third-straight America East Championship.
- Boston University had a program-best 18-6 record and was ranked No. 11 in the final NFHCA poll. Albany was ranked No. 19 after its 15-5 season. The win total was the highest in the Great Danes' Division I history.
- Boston University's Pam Spuehler was one of four finalists for the Honda Broderick Award for field hockey, given to the nation's top player. She was the first Terrier student-athlete selected as a finalist in any sport for the Broderick Award.
- Spuehler was named a first-team All-American by the NFHCA. Boston University's Suus Dekker and Albany's Michelle Simpson were chosen to the second team. Vermont's Danielle Collins and Boston University's Sarah Hudak were selected to the third team.
- Boston University's Sally Starr was named the Dita/NFHCA Northeast Coach of the Year.
- America East teams had wins over five nationally-ranked opponents during the season.

## ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

Offensive Player of the Year: Danielle Collins, Vermont  
Defensive Player of the Year: Sarah Hudak, Boston University  
Rookie of the Year: Kim Kastuk, Boston University  
Coach of the Year: Sally Starr, Boston University  
Scholar-Athlete: Sarah Hudak, Boston University



2007 CHAMPIONS: BOSTON UNIVERSITY TERRIERS

# VOLLEYBALL

- Albany defeated Cleveland State, 3-0, in the NCAA Women's Volleyball Championship, to become the first America East team to earn a win in the tournament.
- The Great Danes had earned the NCAA bid following their second-straight America East Championship and third in four years.
- Stony Brook's Jackie Ahlers, a unanimous selection as America East Player of the Year, was named to the American Volleyball Coaches Association All-America honorable mention team.

## ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

Player of the Year: Jackie Ahlers, Stony Brook

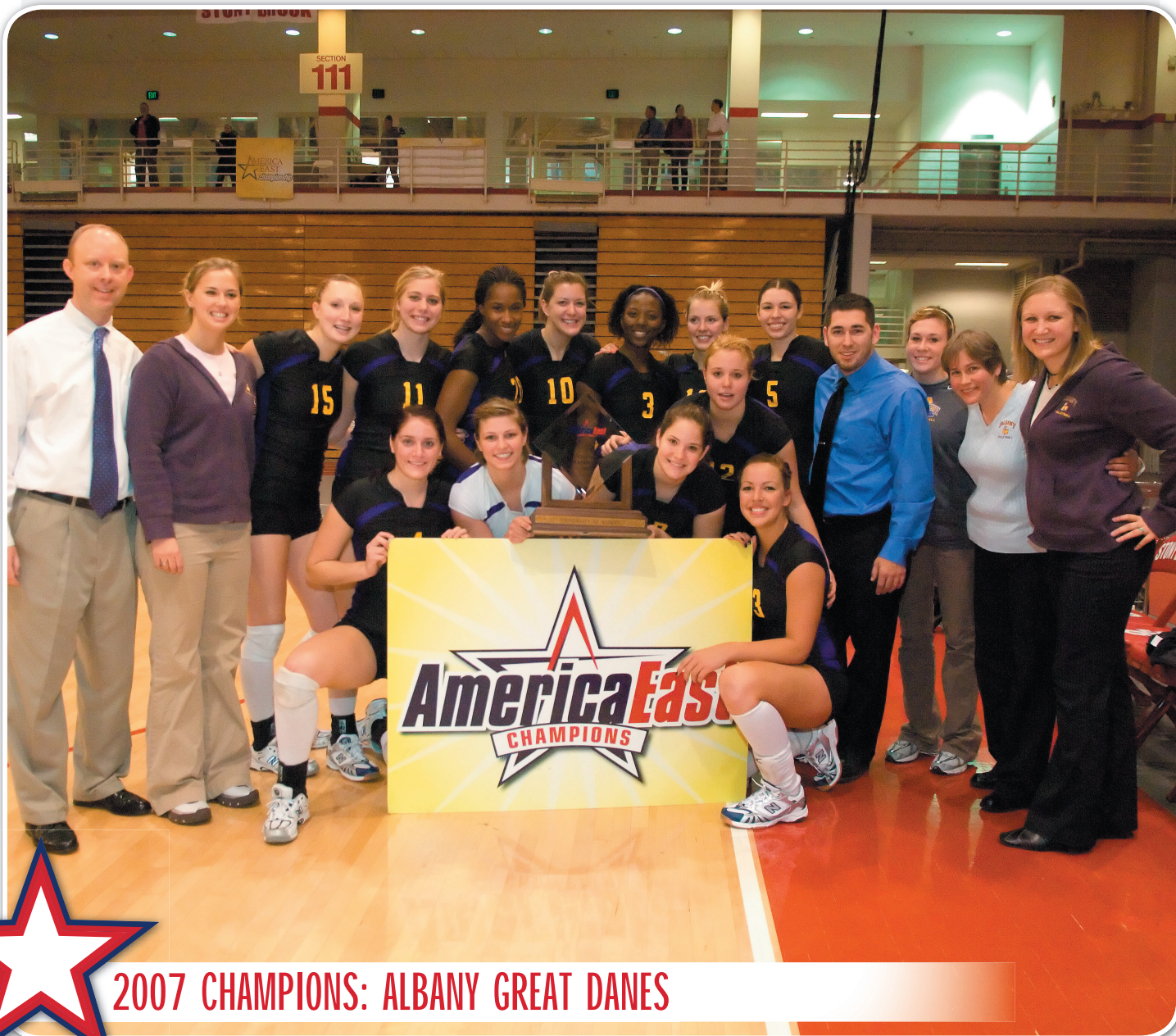
Setter of the Year: Kaitlyn Deutsch, Stony Brook

Defensive Specialist of the Year: Alyse Lahti, New Hampshire

Rookie of the Year: Amanda Cowdrey, Albany

Coach of the Year: Deborah Matejka-DesLauriers, Stony Brook

Scholar-Athlete: Jacki Kane, Binghamton



2007 CHAMPIONS: ALBANY GREAT DANES

# CROSS COUNTRY

- Stony Brook competed at the NCAA Women's Cross Country Championship in Terre Haute, Ind. The Seawolves had qualified for the event by finishing second at the NCAA Northeast Regional in Boston. It marked the first time Stony Brook had qualified for the national championship meet.
- Cathy Parker of New Hampshire earned one of two at-large bids to the NCAA Women's Cross Country Championship, where she won All-American honors after covering the 6,000-meter course in 20:53.4. It was the second-straight year that Parker had competed at the national championship meet.
- Stony Brook placed five runners in the top 10 in winning its first America East Women's Cross Country Championship. Boston University's Andrea Walkonen was the individual champion with a time of 17:27.2.
- New Hampshire won its second-straight America East Men's Cross Country Championship with a slim 35-37 edge over Stony Brook.
- Stony Brook's Alex Felce was the men's individual champion in 25:32.0.
- Parker and Stony Brook's Shaun Krawitz, Dana Hastie and Laura Huet were named to the U.S. Track and Field Cross Country Coaches' Association All-Academic Team. In addition, Stony Brook had both its men's and women's teams cited as All-Academic teams. Others honored were the women's teams at Binghamton, New Hampshire and Vermont.
- Stony Brook's Andy Ronan was named the NCAA Northeast Regional Women's Cross Country Coach of the Year.

## ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

Men's Individual Champion: Alex Felce, Stony Brook

Men's Coaching Staff of the Year: New Hampshire (Jim Boulanger, head coach)

Men's Scholar-Athlete: Alex Felce, Stony Brook

Women's Individual Champion: Andrea Walkonen, Boston University

Women's Coaching Staff of the Year: Stony Brook (Andy Ronan, head coach)

Women's Scholar-Athlete: Cathy Parker, New Hampshire



2007 WOMEN'S CHAMPIONS: SBU SEAWOLVES



2007 MEN'S CHAMPIONS: UNH WILDCATS

# INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

- Binghamton's Rory Quiller became the second National Champion in America East history when he won the pole vault at the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships in Fayetteville, Ark. Quiller won the event with a height of 18-0 1/2 (5.50 meters). It marked the third time in his career that he had received All-American accolades. Quiller posted a career best 18-6 1/2 at the IC4A Championships in March.
- Boston University's Marisa Ryan and Tahari James both set school records and earned All-American honors at the NCAA Championships. Ryan finished fifth in the 3,000 meters in 9:12.83 while James was sixth in the triple jump with a leap of 44-0 1/2 (13.42 meters).
- Ryan and Quiller were cited by the USTFCCCA for regional excellence. Ryan was named the Northeast Region's Most Outstanding Women's Track Athlete while Quiller was selected the Northeast Region's Most Outstanding Men's Field Athlete.
- David Parker, who set a new conference record in the heptathlon and was named Men's Most Outstanding Field Performer, helped lead Albany to its third-straight America East Men's Indoor Track and Field Championship.
- Ryan, who won both the mile and the 3,000 meters and was named Women's Most Outstanding Track Performer, helped lead Boston University to its third-straight America East Women's Indoor Track and Field Championship. It was the Terriers' 10th title overall.

## ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

Men's Most Outstanding Track Performer: Robert Edgerton, New Hampshire

Men's Most Outstanding Field Performer: David Parker, Albany

Men's Most Outstanding Rookie: Cazal Arnett, Binghamton

Men's Coaching Staff of the Year: Binghamton (Mike Thompson, head coach)

Men's Scholar-Athlete: Rory Quiller, Binghamton

Women's Most Outstanding Track Performer: Marisa Ryan, Boston University

Women's Most Outstanding Field Performer: Ashley Fauntleroy, UMBC

Women's Most Outstanding Rookie: Kaitlin Kwiecien, New Hampshire

Women's Coaching Staff of the Year: Boston University (Robyne Johnson, head coach)

Women's Scholar-Athlete: Carmen Lagala, Vermont



2008 WOMEN'S CHAMPIONS: BU TERRIERS



2008 MEN'S CHAMPIONS: UA GREAT DANES

# SWIMMING & DIVING

- Boston University's Tess Waresmith, the Women's Most Outstanding Diver at the America East Championship, competed on both the one- and three-meter boards at the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships in Columbus, Ohio. She was the first Terrier diver to qualify for the national championship meet since 1982.
- UMBC won both the America East Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships for the second-straight year. It was the fifth championship in as many tries for the men's team.
- UMBC posted a conference-record 929 points to win the men's championship. Brad Reitz, who won both the 100- and 200-butterfly, was named the Men's Most Outstanding Rookie. Justin Bronson (100- and 200-freestyle) and Rasmus Kutt (100- and 200-backstroke) were others to win multiple individual championships for the Retrievers.
- Tina Cantwell won both the 100- and 200-breaststroke to help lead the Retrievers to the women's title.

## ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

Men's Most Outstanding Swimmer: Brenno Varanda, Binghamton

Men's Most Outstanding Diver: Andre Watson, Boston University

Men's Rookie of the Year: Brad Reitz, UMBC

Men's Coaches' Award: Eric Skrabacz, UMBC

Men's Coaching Staff of the Year: Boston University (Bill Smyth, head coach)

Men's Scholar-Athlete: Brenno Varanda, Binghamton

Women's Most Outstanding Swimmer: Eve Kinsella, Boston University

Women's Most Outstanding Diver: Tess Waresmith, Boston University

Women's Rookie of the Year: Amy Perrault, New Hampshire

Women's Coaches' Award: Kary Goodman, New Hampshire

Women's Coaching Staff of the Year: Boston University (Bill Smyth, head coach)

Women's Scholar-Athlete: Tina Cantwell, UMBC



2008 MEN'S & WOMEN'S CHAMPIONS: UMBC RETRIEVERS

# TENNIS

- Francine Whu, Vanessa Steiner, Cori Lefkowitz and Danielle Abraham won their singles matches to lead Boston University to its 15th-straight America East Women's Tennis Championship with a 4-2 win over Binghamton. Whu, who won at No. 1 singles, was named the Most Outstanding Player.
- The Terriers appeared in their 10th-straight NCAA Women's Tennis Championship, traveling to No. 4 Stanford. Only Pepperdine has a longer active streak of consecutive NCAA appearances among teams from non-Football Bowl Series Conferences.
- Binghamton won the doubles point and Sven Vloedgraven, Sebastian Deitz and Arnev Jain secured singles victories as the Bearcats won the America East Men's Tennis Championship with a 4-3 win over UMBC. It was the fourth title for Binghamton in six years. The Bearcats earned their fourth NCAA appearance with the title.
- Whu was named the America East Women's Tennis Player of the Year while Binghamton's Anna Edelman was selected Rookie of the Year. Stony Brook's Artem Baradach, who was 20-5 in singles play in 2008, was named both the Men's Player of the Year and the Rookie of the Year.
- Cornelia Carapcea of UMBC was named to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America at-large team

## ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

Men's Player of the Year: Artem Baradach, Stony Brook

Men's Rookie of the Year: Artem Baradach, Stony Brook

Men's Coaching Staff of the Year: Binghamton (Adam Cohen, head coach)

Women's Player of the Year: Francine Whu, Boston University

Women's Rookie of the Year: Anna Edelman, Binghamton

Women's Coaching Staff of the Year: Albany (Elissa Kinard, head coach)



# GOLF

- Amanda McPhee and Corrin Conroy shared medalist honors and led Albany to a one-stroke victory at the America East Golf Championship at Simsbury Farms Golf Course in Simsbury, Conn.
- The Great Danes posted a team total of 657 over 36 holes, one shot ahead of runner-up Hartford. Boston University finished third with 687.
- It was the second championship for Albany, which also took home team honors at Blackledge County Club in 2004, the last time the event was held in Connecticut.
- McPhee and Conroy were joined by Hartford's Juliana Carillo at the top of the individual leaderboard. Each of the three shot a 36-hole total of 162 on the 5,826-yard course.

## ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

Medalist: Amanda McPhee, Albany; Corrin Conroy, Albany; Juliana Carillo, Hartford  
Coaching Staff of the Year: Albany (Richard Sauers, head coach)



2008 CHAMPIONS: ALBANY GREAT DANES

# SOFTBALL

- Stony Brook won its first America East Softball Championship, outscoring its opponents 14-2 in the tournament. The Seawolves advanced to their first NCAA Championship, playing in the regional at Tempe, Ariz. Stony Brook dropped a 2-0 decision to Arizona State, the eventual National Champion, which outscored its opponents 54-3 in its other NCAA tournament games.
- Alyssa Struzenberg, who pitched all three games in America East Championship, including two shutouts, was named the Most Outstanding Player. Struzenberg allowed just four hits in a complete-game 4-0 win over host Albany in the title game.
- Struzenberg was named the America East Pitcher of the Year after setting the Stony Brook record for wins (24) and posting the second-best single-season strikeout total (244).
- Albany's Amber Maisonet was named to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America softball team. She was the first UAlbany female student-athlete chosen to the first team at the Division I level.

## ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

Player of the Year: Ashley Waters, Maine

Pitcher of the Year: Alyssa Struzenberg, Stony Brook

Rookie of the Year: April Setterlund, Boston University

Coach of the Year: Chris Cannata, Albany



2008 CHAMPIONS: STONY BROOK SEAWOLVES

# BASEBALL

- Stony Brook posted back-to-back shutouts over Binghamton to earn its second America East Baseball Championship since 2004.
- Steve Mazzurco, who batted .455 in three games, was named the championship's Most Outstanding Player. Mike Errigo who pitched a complete-game, five-hitter in the championship game, was one of four Seawolves named to the all-championship team.
- Stony Brook made its second appearance in the NCAA Division I Baseball Championship.
- Five America East players were chosen in the Major League Baseball Draft, led by Stony Brook's Tom Koehler, who was selected in the 18th round by Florida. Other draftees included Maine's Bill Cather (Washington) and Curt Smith (St. Louis), Albany's Mike Konstanty (Cincinnati) and Binghamton's Jeff Dennis (Oakland).
- UMBC head coach John Jancuska was named Coach of the Year. America East was the fourth different conference to recognize Jancuska with its top coaching honor.
- Second baseman Chad Marshall of Stony Brook and shortstop Matt Duffy of Vermont were named Louisville Slugger Freshmen All-Americans by Collegiate Baseball.

## ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

Player of the Year: Curt Smith, Maine

Pitcher of the Year: Joe Serafin, Vermont

Rookie of the Year: Peter Bregartner, Binghamton

Coach of the Year: John Jancuska, UMBC



2008 CHAMPIONS: STONY BROOK SEAWOLVES

# OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD

- Three America East athletes earned All-American honors at the NCAA Division I Outdoor Track and Field Championships at Des Moines, Iowa. Marisa Ryan and Tahari James of Boston University followed up their All-America accolades in Indoor Track and Field by earning the same status in the Outdoor season. Luke Schoen of Albany was also named an All-American.

- Ryan closed her collegiate career by finishing fourth in the 10,000 meters with a time of 33:54.38. James finished ninth in the triple jump with a leap of 43-7 3/4 (13.30 meters) in the finals. Her jump of 44-10 3/4 (13.68 meters) in the preliminaries was a school record and qualified her for the Olympic trials.

- Schoen, a sophomore, was fifth in the pole vault with a height of 17-2 3/4. Only one athlete posted a better mark than Schoen in the championship.

- Boston University's Andrea Walkonen and Stony Brook's Dana Hastie joined Ryan in the 10,000 meters at the NCAA Championships. Walkonen finished 13th in 34:54.32 while Hastie was 15th in 35:19.73.

- Rita Ciambra of New Hampshire participated in the women's pole vault.

- Albany claimed its fourth-straight America East Men's Outdoor Track and Field Championship while Boston University won the Women's Championship for the first time since 1993.

## ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

Men's Most Outstanding Track Performer: Jordan Horwitz, New Hampshire

Men's Most Outstanding Field Performer: Luke Schoen, Albany

Men's Most Outstanding Rookie: Cazal Arnett, Binghamton

Men's Coaching Staff of the Year: New Hampshire (Jim Boulanger, head coach)

Women's Most Outstanding Track Performer: Allyson Howatt, Maine

Women's Most Outstanding Field Performer: Ashley Fauntleroy, UMBC

Women's Most Outstanding Rookie: Holly VanDalen, Stony Brook

Women's Coaching Staff of the Year: Boston University (Robyne Johnson, head coach)



2008 WOMEN'S CHAMPIONS: BU TERRIERS



2008 MEN'S CHAMPIONS: UA GREAT DANES

# 2007-08 COMMISSIONER'S CUP

Boston University captured the Stuart P. Haskell, Jr., Commissioner's Cup for the third straight year and sixth time in seven years. The Commissioner's Cup annually recognizes the strongest athletic program in America East as determined by a scoring system which rewards a school for success both during the regular season and championship competition in the conference's 21 sports.

Boston U., which won six league titles, three regular-season crowns and had four runner-up finishes, tallied 378 points, the most in three years under the current nine-member configuration. University at Albany placed second for the third straight year with 318 points just ahead of UMBC (314) and Binghamton University (291). University of New Hampshire and Stony Brook University tied for fifth with 278 points, followed by University of Vermont (250), University of Hartford (206) and University of Maine (147).

The Terriers won regular-season and tournament championships in field hockey, women's soccer and women's lacrosse, while also capturing titles in women's indoor track and field, women's outdoor track and field and women's tennis. Boston U. was also the runner-up in women's cross country, women's basketball and men's and women's swimming and diving.

Albany took home three titles, including its second straight in volleyball, third in a row in men's indoor track and field and fourth consecutive in men's outdoor track and field. The Great Danes also won the women's golf championship, its first since 2004, captured the regular-season crown in softball and was runner-up in field hockey, men's lacrosse and softball.

UMBC's third place finish was their best since joining the league prior to the 2003-04 season. The Retrievers won regular-season and tournament titles in men's basketball and men's lacrosse. In addition, UMBC swept the 2008 America East Swimming and Diving Championship and was runner-up in men's tennis.

Binghamton captured the men's tennis championship and earned regular-season titles in men's soccer and baseball.

The Bearcats were runner-up in four sports (men's soccer, men's indoor track and field, women's tennis and baseball).

New Hampshire, which improved two spots from a year ago, won the men's cross country title and was co-regular-season champions in women's soccer. The Wildcats also finished second in five other sports (women's soccer, women's indoor track and field, women's lacrosse, and men's and women's outdoor track and field), the most runner-up finishes of any conference member.



Stony Brook captured three America East titles, including its first-ever in softball. The Seawolves, who also won the women's cross country and baseball crowns, took home the regular-season title in volleyball and placed second at the men's cross country and volleyball championships.

Vermont won its first men's soccer championship since 2000 and also received significant points in women's basketball by earning the No. 2 seed for the America East Championship.

Hartford won regular-season and tournament titles in women's basketball and was runner-up in men's basketball and golf.

Maine earned points in women's soccer, after gaining a spot in the league tournament for the fifth straight season.

The Stuart P. Haskell, Jr. Commissioner's Cup is named in honor of the first commissioner of America East. Haskell served as commissioner of the conference from 1987 until his retirement in 1997.

The scoring system for the Stuart P. Haskell, Jr. Commissioner's Cup is as follows: In sports where regular-season round robin competition is conducted, the first-place institution in the final standings receives four points times the total number of teams involved in conference play. The second-place institution receives four less points; third place receives eight less points, and so on. Additionally, the America East (tournament) champion receives two points times the total number of teams participating in the championship. The second-place institution receives two less points; third place receives four less points and so on down to the last-place institution which receives two points.

In sports where regular-season round robin competition is not conducted (cross country, golf, tennis, track and field, swimming and diving), the first-place institution at the America East championship receives two points times the total number of teams participating in the championship. The second-place institution receives two less points; third place gets four less points and so on down to the last place team which receives two points.



# TERRIERS WIN THIRD-STRAIGHT CUP

# 2007-08 ACADEMIC CUP

For the fourth straight year, University of Vermont, whose student-athletes boasted a 3.14 cumulative grade-point average during the 2007-08 year, earned the America East Academic Cup. It ties the highest grade-point average in the 13-year history of the award, which the Catamounts set in the 2004-05 and 2005-06 campaigns.

The Academic Cup, established by the America East Board of Directors in 1995, is presented to the institution whose student-athletes post the highest grade-point averages during that academic year.

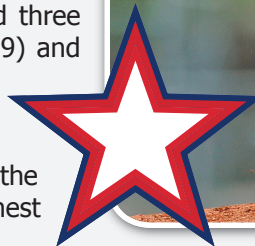
University of New Hampshire (3.12), University of Maine (3.10), Stony Brook University (3.06) and Binghamton University (3.04) were other institutions to compile grade-point averages of 3.00 or better in 2007-08.

A total of 13 of Vermont's 16 teams earned team GPA's of 3.0 or better this year. The field hockey team posted the best team GPA among all UVM athletic programs with a 3.44 GPA, while the men's outdoor track and field squad led all men's sports with a 3.12 mark. The Catamounts had three sports leaders: men's outdoor track and field, women's soccer (3.39) and softball (3.30).

Hartford's golf posted the highest team GPA (3.58) of any America East squad, while UMBC women's swimming and diving (3.29) was the lone program to win an America East Championship and post the highest grade-point average among the conference's teams.

Other sport winners were: baseball, Hartford (2.93); men's basketball, Albany (2.89); women's basketball, Maine (3.26); men's cross country, Maine (3.51); women's cross country, Maine (3.53); field hockey, Maine (3.49); men's lacrosse, Binghamton (3.10); women's lacrosse, Albany (3.38); men's soccer, Binghamton (3.35); men's swimming and diving, Stony Brook (3.18); men's tennis, Stony Brook (3.24); women's tennis, UMBC (3.49); men's indoor track and field, Binghamton (3.12); women's indoor track and field, Maine (3.34), women's outdoor track and field, Stony Brook (3.38) and volleyball, Maine (3.37).

More than 3,200 student-athletes competed at nine America East institutions in the 2007-08 season. The conference's student-athletes compiled an average of 3.02 on the team grade-point averages, which were calculated by dividing the total team quality points by the total credits completed for grade. The overall institutional GPAs were calculated using the same formula for all student-athletes at each respective school.



Vermont, which has won a conference-best five Academic Cups, also took home the award in its inaugural year (1995-96), while Hartford was the winner in 1996-97. New Hampshire won the Academic Cup in 1998-99 and 1999-2000 and Binghamton garnered the cup in its first two years in the conference (2001-02, 2002-03). Maine, which shared the cup with Vermont last year, also won the honor in 2003-04.



# 2007-08 WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Boston University field hockey standout Sarah Hudak was named the 2008 America East Woman of the Year. The honor recognizes the conference's senior female student-athlete who best exemplifies a commitment to service, leadership, athletics and academics during her collegiate career.

As the America East Woman of the Year, Hudak will be nominated for the NCAA Woman of the Year Award. Stony Brook's Dana Hastie, the America East runner-up, will also be eligible for the national award. The NCAA selection committee will choose the top 10 winners in each NCAA division (I, II and III). From among those 30 honorees, the selection committee will determine the top three in each division. Finally, the members of the NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics (CWA) will vote from among the top nine to determine the 2008 NCAA Woman of the Year.

"Sarah Hudak represents the epitome of a student-athlete who is a leader on the field, in the classroom and in the community. She is the very best America East has to offer," said Patrick Nero, Commissioner of America East.

Hudak, who earned a Master's of Science degree in occupational therapy with a 3.64 GPA, was an NFHCA All-America selection this past season. The 2007 America East Defensive Player of the Year, Hudak led the Terriers to their third straight conference title and a victory over Iowa in the first round of the NCAA Championship. A two-time all-conference selection, Hudak received first-team honors in 2007 and was also named to the All-ECAC first team.



Off the field, Hudak was tabbed an Academic All-American by the NFHCA and was the America East Field Hockey Scholar-Athlete. She was named to the conference's All-Academic squad in 2006 and 2007 and is a member of the America East Commissioner's Honor Roll. In the community, Hudak volunteers for numerous causes, including the Parkinson's Wellness Community Wellness group at Sargent College, autistic children in Boston's Public School system and the rehabilitation department at Newton-Wellesley Hospital. She was also active in Boston University's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, the University's Student Occupational Therapy Association and was a student delegate at the America Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) annual conference this year.

Hastie, a multidisciplinary studies major with a 3.78 GPA, earned All-Northeast Region honors in cross country each of past two seasons and helped the Seawolves capture the 2007 team title. She placed third and sixth at the 2006 and 2005 meets, respectively, to earn all-conference recognition. In track and field, Hastie placed second in the 5,000-meter run at both the America East Indoor and Outdoor Championships to garner all-league honors. She became the first Stony Brook track and field athlete to compete at the NCAA Championship and placed 15th in the 10,000-meter run at the national outdoor meet in Des Moines, Iowa in June.

In addition to her athletic achievements, Hastie has been named to the USTFCCCA and America East All-Academic teams, has been on the Commissioner's Honor Roll every semester and is a two-time recipient of the SUNY Chancellor's Scholar-Athlete Award. Additionally, she served an executive board member for SAAC and was a student commencement speaker, the first Stony Brook student-athlete in school history to gain the honor. Hastie, who received the Society of Distinguished Student-Athlete Award, also served as President of Brothers and Sisters In Christ (BASIC) and has been active with Read Across America.

The America East Woman of the Year and runner-up were selected from a pool of nine America East institutional nominations. To be nominated, student-athletes must have earned a varsity letter in an NCAA-sponsored sport and competed during the 2007-08 academic year, completed intercollegiate eligibility in her primary sport by the end of the 2008 spring season or received her undergraduate degree prior to the conclusion of the spring 2008 term and have a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.500 (4.000 scale).

In conjunction with the changes in the nomination process for the NCAA Woman of the Year award, the America East Woman of the Year award was established for the 2005-06 athletic season. Beginning in 2006, the CWA started receiving conference-designated nominees in lieu of the previous institution- and state-based nomination format.

# SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS

The America East Conference named UMBC men's basketball player Cavell Johnson (Fort Washington, Md.) and Hartford track & field athlete Latasha Jarrett (Ellington, Conn.) its 2008 Male and Female Sportsmanship Award winners. Johnson and Jarrett are now automatically eligible for the NCAA Male and Female Sportsmanship Awards to be determined by the NCAA Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct in July.

To be nominated, an individual or team must have demonstrated consistently the values of caring, fairness, civility, honesty, integrity and responsibility in his or her daily participation in intercollegiate athletics. The student-athlete or team nominees must be a member of an intercollegiate athletics team during the 2007-08 academic year.

Johnson, a member of the 2008 America East Championship UMBC men's basketball team, transferred to UMBC for his senior season after committing a transgression at another Division I institution. Johnson made the best of this second chance, becoming a team captain before even setting foot on the court for the Retrievers. Despite having to sit out the 2006-07 season because of NCAA transfer rules, he became immensely popular on campus for his school spirit and his attendance at nearly every other team's events on campus. During this past season, he quickly made an impact on the floor, but during a four-game funk, he willingly offered to relinquish his starting spot for the good of the team. Johnson came off the bench for the rest of the season while his team eventually won the America East title and played in the NCAA Championship.

Johnson received verbal abuse and specific negative attention at opponents' arenas because of his history at his previous institution. Rather than defending his character or fighting back, Johnson turned the other way and ignored these fans, never retaliating or escalating the situation. Near the end of the season, a reporter who covered Johnson's previous team wanted to interview Johnson on his past. Though given the option to decline the interview by University administrators, Johnson felt the need to speak out and explain how he had used that situation to his advantage and grown from it into a responsible citizen.

Off the court, Johnson worked at the Rising Stars camp as a summer counselor and became good friends with a camper, seven-year-old David Robinson.

Johnson encouraged David to come out to some UMBC games once the season rolled around, and when David did attend, Johnson gave him VIP treatment. David sat underneath the far basket so that during pre-game warm-ups and at the end of the game Johnson could give him high-fives. Johnson, who says he could easily see himself as a mentor or coach in the future, also had David walk out on the court with him on Senior Night. Johnson became a role model not only for his teammates, but also for a child that looked up to him.



While Jarrett's career which ended with the completion of the 2008 outdoor season was full of ups and downs, Jarrett was always positive and a constant motivator for her teammates. She struggled during much of her first three years with illness, injury and bad luck, but as team captain and "most valuable team member" her presence was still felt with the Hawks. Jarrett's hard work and attitude paid off during her senior year in 2008.

During the America East Indoor Championship, she placed second

in the high jump. Jarrett had a great season while also juggling a very tough class load as a first semester graduate student in physical therapy.



At the outdoor conference championship, Jarrett continued to thrive, winning the heptathlon. Her main event, however, was the high jump and it was an event she needed to win in order to reach her goal of qualifying for the NCAA Regionals. With an act of true honesty and sportsmanship, though, Jarrett may have lost that opportunity. At the opening height, she cleared 5'0" before excusing herself to run the heptathlon 800 meters. Once Jarrett finished that event, she returned to the high jump in time to hear the official call the contestants to the next height of 5'2" and skip her name. When Jarrett asked why her name was omitted, the official explained that she had already cleared that height. Jarrett could have accepted that answer and taken the extra rest, but she knew she had not cleared 5'2" yet and she admitted that. The official gave her the choice of jumping or not, and Jarrett did because it was the right thing to do even though it could have jeopardized her chances of winning. Jarrett did not win the high jump, finishing third and missing the NCAA Regionals.

Jarrett has impressed beyond the track as well, graduating as an undergraduate physical therapy major with a 3.12 GPA and also working at a specialty running shoe store to pay for part of her college education. In addition, Jarrett's mother was diagnosed with cancer in the fall of 2007 and Jarrett commuted often between school and home to visit and take care of her mother and her younger siblings. She still stayed connected to the Hartford community, however, involving herself in a project educating inner city elementary students on the importance of nutrition and exercise as well as participating in the Hartford chapter of SAAC. Jarrett also worked on the Hall of Fame banquet, and helped raise money volunteering at the Manchester Road Race and Hartford Marathon during her collegiate career.

America East began awarding a conference Sportsmanship Award to a male and female student-athlete for the 2005-06 academic year based on the same principles and criteria as the NCAA Sportsmanship Awards.

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