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Midwest Conference Men's Soccer

Carroll Puts Nine On All-MWC Team, Repeats Sweep of Awards

RIPON, WIS. -- Carroll University followed up its successful season by placing a league-high nine players on the 2008 Midwest Conference Men's Soccer All-Conference Team. After winning its first ever MWC Tournament title last season, Carroll repeated that feat in the tourney and also captured its first Conference Championship. Regular season runner-up St. Norbert had an impressive seven student-athletes picked while Grinnell, who was the No. 3 seed in the Tournament, had four honorees. Lawrence earned the final berth into the tourney and has three players represented tying it with Lake Forest who also added three. Beloit, Illinois College, and Monmouth each have two All-MWC selections while Knox and Ripon finish with one.

For the second consecutive season Carroll will also be represented by the MWC Player of the Year. Junior midfielder **Craig Carlson** becomes the first non-senior to capture the award since its inception in 2000 and headed a unit that led the league in nearly every statistical category including: shots (16.86 spg), points (8.86 ppg), goals (3.05 gpg), assists (2.77 apg), goals against average (0.94), shutouts (0.45 spg), and corner kicks (6.32 cpg). The 2008 Player of the Year and two-time All-Conference selection finished with eight goals, seven assists, 23 points, and 39 shots while also going 2-for-2 in penalty kicks.

Carroll Head Coach **Rick Mobley** won his third-straight and fourth overall Coach of the Year award after taking home that hardware in 2004 and 2007 while sharing it in 2006. The ten-year coach led the Pioneers to becoming the third Midwest Conference team to advance past the first-round of the NCAA Tournament with a 3-2 victory over Wittenberg University. Carroll eventually fell to Ohio Northern University 2-1 in double overtime in the second-round. Mobley's team finished the year with an 18-4-0 overall record giving the 2008 Carroll squad the most overall wins in a single season in conference history. The Pioneers 9-0-0 MWC record is only the third perfect season in league history as well. Mobley also moved himself into fourth place on the MWC all-time career wins list (93), one spot ahead of former St. Norbert Coach Dales Rhodes.

Four other Pioneers joined Carlson on the All-Conference First Team: senior midfielder **Derek Marie**, a four-time all-MWC performer; senior defender **Nate Lembke-Windler**, a two-time honoree; junior midfielder **Marc Hieptas**; and junior goalkeeper **Stas Miaskowski**. Grinnell again has a trio of first teamers in junior midfielder **Alex Exarhos**, junior defender **J.P. Prouty**, and senior forward **Andrew Walsh**. Exarhos and Prouty have both been named All-MWC for the third consecutive season with Walsh being recognized for a second time. The four remaining players are each representing a different institution and were all second teamers a year ago: junior midfielder **Bo Wilkins** (Beloit), senior defender **Rob Palutsis** (Lake Forest), junior defender **Nico Walker** (Lawrence), and junior forward **Adam Sanchez** (St. Norbert) round out the First Team All-Conference list.

--2008 MWC Men's Soccer All-Conference Teams--

MWC Player of the Year

Craig Carlson, Carroll University, Junior, Midfield

MWC Coach of the Year

Rick Mobley, Carroll University, 10th year

All-Conference First Team

Bo Wilkins	MF	Jr.	Beloit College
Craig Carlson	MF	Jr.	Carroll University
Marc Hieptas	MF	Jr.	Carroll University
Nate Lembke-Windler	D	Sr.	Carroll University
Derek Marie	MF	Sr.	Carroll University
Stas Miaskowski	GK	Jr.	Carroll University
Alex Exarhos	MF	Jr.	Grinnell College
J.P. Prouty	D	Jr.	Grinnell College
Andrew Walsh	F	Sr.	Grinnell College
Rob Palutsis	D	Sr.	Lake Forest College
Nico Walker	D	Jr.	Lawrence University
Adam Sanchez	F	Jr.	St. Norbert College

All-Conference Second Team

Ben Chrischilles	D	Sr.	Beloit College
Bram Daelemans	D	Sr.	Carroll University
Dona Lado	MF	Sr.	Carroll University
Andy Prentice	F	Jr.	Carroll University
Justin Ziegler	D	So.	Carroll University
Andrew Mullins	D	So.	Grinnell College
Nils San Martin	MF	Sr.	Illinois College
Cameron Stuart	D	Jr.	Illinois College
Clint Moore	MF	Sr.	Knox College
Trevor Pontillo	GK	Fr.	Lake Forest College
Steve Stavropoulos	MF	Sr.	Lake Forest College
Nick Dufficy	MF	Sr.	Lawrence University
Tristan Lipe	MF	Sr.	Lawrence University
Joe Howell	D	So.	Monmouth College
Owen Robinson	GK	Jr.	Monmouth College
Chris Quillman	F	Sr.	Ripon College
Donny Baloun	MF	Jr.	St. Norbert College
Aaron Benson	D	So.	St. Norbert College
Ryan Doucette	D	Jr.	St. Norbert College
Eric Natwick	MF	So.	St. Norbert College
Greg Schmidt	MF	Jr.	St. Norbert College
Ben Vanden Avond	MF	Sr.	St. Norbert College

