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ALL-TCCC MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM ANNOUNCED

- **Gordon's Aaron Trigg Honored as Player of the Year and Senior Scholar Athlete of the Year**
- **Gordon's Ben Gaskill and University of New England's Quentin Thompson Named Co-Defensive Players of the Year**
- **Colby-Sawyer's Jason Chevretils Honored as Rookie of the Year**
- **Wentworth's Tom Devitt Recognized as Coach of the Year**
- **Gordon College Claims Team Sportsmanship Award**

A total of 12 different institutions from The Commonwealth Coast Conference were represented on the 2009-10 All-TCCC Men's Basketball Team and the list of major individual award winners, it was announced today by Commissioner Gregg M. Kaye. In addition to the all-conference team, Gordon College senior **Aaron Trigg** was named TCCC Player of the Year and Senior Scholar Athlete of the Year, Gordon College senior **Ben Gaskill** and University of New England sophomore **Quentin Thompson** were chosen as TCCC Co-Defensive Players of the Year, Colby-Sawyer College freshman **Jason Chevretils** was tabbed TCCC Rookie of the Year, Wentworth's **Tom Devitt** was named TCCC Coach of the Year, and **Gordon College** captured the Team Sportsmanship Award. Voting for the All-TCCC team and each of the major awards was conducted among TCCC men's basketball coaches.

Joining Trigg on the first team were **Brady Bajema** (Gordon), **Jon Chaloux** (Colby-Sawyer), **Sam Herrick** (Wentworth), **Jarrell Jackson** (Curry), and **Mark Mastrullo** (Curry).

Second team selections included **Matt Abbott** (Wentworth), **Chima Ezeigbo** (Eastern Nazarene), **Rick Johnson** (Western New England), **Bryan Riley** (Nichols), **Dan Royce** (Salve Regina), and **Shane West** (Wentworth).

Joining Chevretils and Thompson on the third team were **Phil Alibrandi** (Regis), **James Cooper** (Regis), **Lance Greene** (Endicott), **Anthony Johnson** (U. of New England), and **Graham Whitelaw** (Endicott).

Trigg, a senior guard from Overland Park, Kan., is the leading scorer on a Gordon team that enters TCCC Championship play as the number one seed after posting a 21-4 overall record, including a 12-1 mark in conference play. He averaged a consistent 17.5 points per game in both overall and conference-only play, which ranks third among all TCCC players in both categories. Among TCCC players, in all games played, Trigg currently ranks sixth in free-throw percentage (.784), eighth in TCCC in assists (84) and ninth in TCCC in three-point field goals made (50).

During conference play, Trigg also ranks ninth in the league in free-throw percentage (.773). He also leads all Gordon player with assists per game and 1.0 steal per game. In addition to his outstanding exploits as a team leader on the court, Trigg is a shining example of excellence off the court. He has served the past two years as President of the TCCC Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), a role he was selected to fill by SAAC representatives from all 14 TCCC member institutions. Trigg sports a 3.80 GPA as a Business Administration, Finance and Pre-Law major, and was recently recognized as a 2010 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District first team selection.

Gaskill, a senior forward from Columbus, Ohio, played a key role on the Fighting Scots' front line all season long. He averaged a team-high 9.2 rebounds per game in all games played, and an even-better 10.0 rebounds per game mark against TCCC opponents, which was second in the conference. He did lead all TCCC players in 130 rebounds in league play. Gaskill's play was a key reason that Gordon led all TCCC teams in scoring defense and field goal defense, allowing just 61.2 points per game, ranking 17th in NCAA Division III, and 37.6% in shooting, 12th-best in the nation, over the entire conference season. The Fighting Scots were also TCCC's top squad in rebounding margin, holding a +12.4 advantage in league play, the second-highest rebounding margin in Division III.

Thompson, a sophomore forward from Austin, Texas, topped all TCCC players with 2.5 steals per game in all games played, and an even more robust 3.4 thefts per game in conference play. Thompson, who ranks 21st in the country in steals per game, is a key reason that UNE ranks 11th among NCAA Division III teams in steals per game. His ability to shut down opposing guards was a key element in the Nor'easters holding TCCC opponents to a league-low 27.9% shooting percentage from behind the arc, a slight improvement over the 30.0% shooting mark that opposing three-point shooters posted against UNE during all games, also a league standard. Thompson is no stranger to individual accolades, as he was previously recognized at TCCC Rookie of the Year during a solid freshman campaign a year ago.

Chevretils, a freshman forward from Manchester, N.H., has been an outstanding addition to a Colby-Sawyer squad that earned the number four seed in the upcoming TCCC Championship after registering a 14-11 overall record and a 7-6 mark in TCCC play. Chevretils ranked second on the team in scoring with a 14.0 points per game average, but stepped up his play during conference play, averaging a team-best 14.7 points per game, which ranked 10th in the league. His 6.2 rebounds per game during TCCC play earned a spot in the league's top-20 and ranked second among Colby-Sawyer players and was nearly half a rebound better than his overall average (5.8). He ranked fourth in the conference with 3.5 offensive rebounds per game during league play. Chevretils also ranked 12th among TCCC played in conference-only field goal percentage (.507).

Devitt, in his eighth season as head coach at Wentworth, is being recognized for the second time as TCCC Coach of the Year, having previously been selected by his peers in 2007. His Leopards enter the upcoming TCCC Men's Basketball Championship as the number two seed, sporting a 14-10 record and a solid 10-3 TCCC mark after being selected to finish fourth in a preseason poll of TCCC coaches. During regular-season conference play, Wentworth featured one of the league's stoutest defenses, topping the conference in offensive rebounds (42.0), ranking second among TCCC teams in scoring defense (64.9 points per game), scoring margin (+8.7), field goal defense (.395), defensive rebounds (33.4), and rebounding margin (+8.6). Wentworth also ranked third in three-point field goal defense (.285) and fourth in field goal percentage (.448) and three-point field goal percentage (.348). The team's impressive rebounding margin ranked sixth among all NCAA Division III teams in the most recent national rankings.

2009-10 ALL-TCCC MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

FIRST TEAM

Pos.	Student-Athlete	Institution	Class
G	Brady Bajema	Gordon	Senior
F	Jon Chaloux	Colby-Sawyer	Senior
F	Sam Herrick	Wentworth	Junior
G	Jarrell Jackson	Curry	Sophomore
G	Mark Mastrullo	Curry	Senior
G	Aaron Trigg	Gordon	Senior

SECOND TEAM

Pos.	Student-Athlete	Institution	Class
F	Matt Abbott	Wentworth	Senior
F/C	Chima Ezeigbo	Eastern Nazarene	Sophomore
G	Rick Johnson	Western New England	Senior
G	Bryan Riley	Nichols	Senior
F	Dan Royce	Salve Regina	Junior
F	Shane West	Wentworth	Senior

THIRD TEAM

Pos.	Student-Athlete	Institution	Class
F	Phil Alibrandi	Regis	Junior
F	Jason Chevrefils	Colby-Sawyer	Freshman
G	James Cooper	Regis	Senior
G	Lance Greene	Endicott	Freshman
G	Anthony Johnson	U. of New England	Sophomore
G/F	Quentin Thompson	U. of New England	Sophomore
G	Graham Whitelaw	Endicott	Senior

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

PLAYER OF THE YEAR	Aaron Trigg, Gordon
DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR	Ben Gaskill, Gordon Quentin Thompson, U. of New England
ROOKIE OF THE YEAR	Jason Chevrefils, Colby-Sawyer
SENIOR SCHOLAR-ATHLETE OF THE YEAR	Aaron Trigg, Gordon
COACH OF THE YEAR	Tom Devitt, Wentworth
TEAM SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD	Gordon College