NESCAC Baseball All-Conference Teams Announced
Tufts’ Nachmanoff Selected as Player of the Year

HADLEY, Mass. – Tufts senior Malcolm Nachmanoff (Boston, Mass.) is the NESCAC Player of the Year as voted by the league’s coaches. Nachmanoff is the second straight Jumbo to earn NESCAC Player of the Year honors and the fourth player in program history to receive the award, joining teammate Nick Falkson (2017), Dan Callahan (2001) and Steve Ragonese (2008). He helped Tufts advance to the NESCAC title game for the third straight year and was also named to the All-NESCAC First Team. Nachmanoff led the NESCAC in hitting (.412), slugging (.710), hits (54), doubles (16) and home runs (7).

First Team

C
Jack Arend
Bates
So.
Newfields, N.H.
OF
Alex Cappitelli
Wesleyan
So.
North Caldwell, N.J.
P
R.J. Hall
Tufts
Jr.
Marietta, Ga.
IF
Justin Han
Middlebury
So.
Vienna, Va.
OF
Ariel Kenney
Amherst
Sr.
Chula Vista, Calif.
IF
Matt Koperniak
Trinity
So.
Adams, Mass.
IF
Eric Mah
Bowdoin
So.
Newtonville, Mass.
IF
Cooper Mooney
Trinity
Sr.
Southbury, Conn.
P
Colby Morris
Middlebury
Jr.
Del Mar, Calif.
OF
Malcolm Nachmanoff
Tufts
Sr.
Boston, Mass.
IF
Tommy O’Hara
Tufts
Sr.
Glenview, Ill.

Second Team

IF
Nick Falkson
Tufts
Sr.
Dedham, Mass.
OF
Joe Gentile
Bowdoin
Sr.
Groton, Mass.
P
Ian Nish
Hamilton
Jr.
Cutchogue, N.Y.
IF
Harry Roberson
Amherst
Sr.
Arlington, Mass.
OF
Danny Rose
Wesleyan
Jr.
Ipswich, Mass.
P
Alex Shafer
Trinity
So.
Baltimore, Md.
C
Severino Simeone
Amherst
So.
Winston, Mass.
UT
Mike Stamas
Williams
So.
Northborough, Mass.
IF
Max Steinhorn
Amherst
Sr.
Washington, D.C.
OF
Matt Treveloni
Colby
Sr.
Ashland, Mass.
IF
Matt Zaffino
Hamilton
Fy.
New Canaan, Conn.

Player of the Year: Malcolm Nachmanoff, Tufts
Pitcher of the Year: Colby Morris, Middlebury
Defensive Player of the Year: Brooks Carroll, Middlebury
Rookie of the Year: Matt Zaffino, Hamilton
Coach of the Year: Brian Hamm, Amherst

! 2017 NESCAC Player of the Year
^ 2017 All-NESCAC First Team
% 2016 All-Conference First Team
$ 2016 All-Conference Second Team
# 2015 All-Conference First Team
& 2015 Rookie of the Year
Colby Morris (Del Mar, Calif.) of Middlebury was voted as the NESCAC Pitcher Year and is the first Panther to earn the accolade. The junior led all NESCAC pitchers with a 1.68 ERA in 64.1 innings. He earned five wins and tossed four complete games in 12 appearances. Morris averaged 7.41 strikeouts per nine innings this season.

Sophomore Brooks Carroll (Davidson, N.C.) of Middlebury is the first Panther to earn the NESCAC Defensive Player of the Year honor since the award was created in 2009. Carroll posted a .963 fielding percentage as an infielder. He handled 136 chances, making 44 putouts and 87 assists, while turning 11 double plays. Carroll tied for the team lead in doubles (7) and stole 17 bases on the year.

Nineteen players were recognized on the all-conference squad for the first time in their collegiate careers.

Amherst and Tufts paced all teams with four all-conference selections each, while Trinity had three players earn All-NESCAC recognition.

Bates catcher Jack Arend (Newfields, N.H.) earns his first All-NESCAC accolade as a member of the First Team this season. The sophomore helped the Bobcats earn the No. 2 seed in the East Division and qualify for the NESCAC Championship for the second year in a row. Arend threw out 13 runners for the Bobcats and posted a .996 fielding percentage. He ranked among the conference leaders and led the Bobcats in walks (30) and on-base percentage (.460).

Wesleyan sophomore Alex Cappitelli (North Caldwell, N.J.) is a First Team outfielder. He helped the Cardinals earn the second seed in the West Division to qualify for the NESCAC Championship. Cappitelli hit .367 for the season to rank among the league leaders. He belted out 12 doubles, drove in 34 runs, scored 40 runs and added four assists from the outfield to pace Wesleyan.

Junior RJ. Hall (Marietta, Ga.) finished the season with a 2.88 ERA for Tufts and is an All-NESCAC First Team pitcher for the first time in his career. He made eight appearances, all starts, and won five times. Hall struck out 54 hitters to rank second in the NESCAC and averaged 8.19 strikeouts per nine innings.

Justin Han (Vienna, Va.) of Middlebury makes his first appearance on an All-NESCAC team with a spot on the First Team. The sophomore infielder led the league in on-base percentage (.528) and stole a conference-best 22 bases. He hit .369 for the Panthers, scored 33 runs and drove in 20 runs.

Amherst senior outfielder Ariel Kenney (Chula Vista, Calif.) ranks among the top-10 hitters in the NESCAC with a .362 average. He is slugging .559 heading into the NCAA Tournament and has 25 RBIs and 27 runs scored. Kenney has hit four homers and registered 11 doubles this season for the NESCAC Champions.

Trinity sophomore Matt Koperniak (Adams, Mass.) ranked second in the league with a .388 batting average, while slugging .620 for the Bantams. He posted an on-base percentage of .483 and knocked out 47 hits, including five home runs, to go along with 20 RBIs and 26 runs scored. Koperniak’s All-NESCAC First Team accolade is the first of his career.

Eric Mah (Newtonville, Mass.) earns the first All-NESCAC honor of his career as a First Team infielder. Mah led Bowdoin with a .358 batting average. He pounded out 43 hits, including seven doubles, and scored 28 runs. Mah also stole 10 bases for Bowdoin this season.

Senior Christopher Mooney (Southbury, Conn.) earns his first All-NESCAC honor, and is the second Bantam on the First Team. Mooney teamed with Koperniak to provide a potent 1-2 punch for Trinity. Mooney ranks fourth in the conference with a .372 batting average. He registered 13 doubles among his 45 hits, while scoring 27 runs and driving in 24 RBIs.

Tufts senior Tommy O’Hara (Glenview, Ill.) is a four-time First Team honoree. The 2015 NESCAC Rookie of the Year, hit .347, while slugging .576 for the Jumbos. O’Hara led the league in runs (46) and RBIs (44). He also hit five homers, while recording three triples and 12 doubles for a potent Tufts offense that averaged 9.2 runs per game this season.

First-year Matt Zaffino (New Canaan, Conn.) of Hamilton is the NESCAC Rookie of the Year and is the first Continental to garner the honor. Zaffino led Hamilton with a .359 batting average and slugged .620 for the Continentals. He tied for the league lead in triples (4) and led Hamilton in doubles (7) and home runs (3). He scored 30 runs and drove in 22 runs in 92 at-bats.

Brian Hamm of Amherst was selected as the NESCAC Coach of the Year by his peers for the second time in his nine years at the helm of the Mammoths, having also garnered the accolade in 2011. Hamm guided Amherst to its first NESCAC Championship since 2013 and fourth overall, after posting a 8-4 record in the NESCAC West Division.